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Our students lead by inspiring. And taking risks. They lead by exploring, competing, creating and empowering others. From formal roles such as Cicerones, Big 7 and Little 4 to individual acts of compassion and activism, leadership is fundamental to Walker's mission and our students' everyday experiences. Leaders emerge in ways that are both subtle and overt, in groups and one on one, in situations ranging from the unexpected to the mundane. Walker's defines leadership in personal terms: here, every girl can discover her innate strengths, take them to their highest levels, and learn to lead in a way that is authentic and comfortable for her.

In the fall, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Meera Viswanathan the next Head of The Ethel Walker School effective July 1, 2016. Meera joins Walker's from Brown University, where she is Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and East Asian Studies. She will bring to the School a wealth of talent and experience as a teacher and scholar, as well as a passion for educating young women. She and I are working closely together to ensure a smooth transition. Please join us in welcoming Meera and Eric to Walker's!

This year's Family Weekend was one of the best in recent years. The tremendous attendance was marked by high levels of energy, engagement, and excitement for all that is happening in classrooms, on the campus, and within our community. Thank you, parents, for your critical role in helping Walker's to thrive.

As part of its 10-year reaccreditation, and after a year of intensive self-study and preparation, the School welcomed the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Visiting Committee for three days in early November. The Committee met with every member of the faculty and staff, as well as with students, and affirmed that Walker's is fulfilling its mission. Collectively and individually, committee members lauded our community and commitment to our students. While several opportunities for improvement have been identified, we can all feel proud of the strength with which the School is living its mission every day.

If you have not been to campus in a while, I encourage you to read the Campaign section of this issue. The Centennial Center embodies the qualities of confidence, courage and conviction, essential principles from our mission. While pictures cannot convey the beauty and magnitude of this new space, we have included a few photos in hopes of enticing you to come see it for yourself! Our goal is to close the \$50 million Centennial Campaign by June, and we need you to help us cross the finish line. Your participation will ensure that today's and future Walker's girls will benefit from the best that a girls' education has to offer.




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Thank you for all the ways in which you continue to support this great School. We could not do what we do without you.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Dunn
INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL

A large, modern atrium with a high ceiling and a curved glass facade. The space is filled with natural light. Several people are standing in the foreground, looking out towards a large red brick building visible through the glass. The architecture features a combination of dark wood and metal framing.

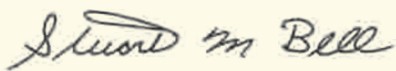
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Note from the Board Chair

Last October, I shared the Board's excitement about having selected our new Head of School. Dr. Meera Viswanathan's appointment was the culmination of a nearly year-long national search, and signals the powerful pull of the Walker's community. Having spent most of her career in higher education, Meera was drawn by the warmth and dedication of our faculty, our entire community's commitment to lifelong learning, and not surprisingly, by the poise, confidence, and camaraderie of our students. She believes that the School's future is rooted in its history and mission, and she will undoubtedly take us to even greater heights once she arrives with her husband, Dr. Eric Widmer, on July 1. We look forward to her arrival, and offer our thanks to Interim Head Stephen Dunn and the entire Walker's community for their efforts to ensure a seamless transition and orientation for Meera. She has already begun getting to know our community members—both on campus and off—and we are thrilled by her enthusiasm and engagement.

It seems that positive impressions of Walker's abound. Regarding Walker's reaccreditation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), I want to recognize the positive feedback that Walker's received from the NEASC Visiting Committee. Thank you to the many alumnae, parents, and Trustees who provided feedback as part of the self-study. We are so grateful to Language Department Chair Jenna Dunn P'19, '20 for her exceptional leadership of the Self-Study process, and to every member of the faculty, staff, and administration, whose full participation and insights were essential to delivering such a thoughtful and thorough report. The report affirms the solid foundation upon which we stand, and provides a roadmap for areas in which we will continue to improve.

I also want to commend our parents, students, alumnae, faculty, staff, and Trustees for your early and impressive support of the Fund for Walker's this year. Last year, 100 percent of our parents contributed to the Fund for Walker's. We are striving to repeat this amazing accomplishment this year, and hope this inspires our other constituents to participate in the Fund for Walker's as well. Every single gift to the Fund for Walker's, regardless of size, is immediately put to use in service to our students. From supporting faculty salaries and professional development to providing equipment, learning tools and transportation, your gift helps our girls to thrive in all aspects of their education. Thank you for your commitment. We are all in this together, and every one of us has a role to play in helping the School to deliver on its mission.



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Darrell W. Crate P'19

Darrell Crate has been involved in both public and private companies in the financial services industry for 25 years. Most recently, he founded Easterly Capital, a financial services private equity company. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Easterly Government Properties, Inc. (NYSE: DEA), and of Easterly Acquisition Corp. (NASDAQ: EACQU). He is also a Managing Principal of Easterly Partners Group. Previously, he served as Treasurer, Executive Committee Member, and Senior Advisor to the Mitt Romney presidential campaigns in 2008 and 2012. Darrell is a Trustee of Bates College, the Vice Chairman of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and a steward of the Westminster Kennel Club. He is on the Advisory Board of the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. Darrell earned his M.B.A. from Columbia Business School and his B.A. from Bates College. He is the father of four active teenagers—including his daughter Emma who is currently in the 9th grade at Walker's—and lives in Hamilton, MA.



Frederick “Derek” Wierdsma P'18

Derek Wierdsma is a Corporate Account Executive for RR Donnelley, a Fortune 500 company. He has been with the company for 21 years and currently works in the Business Communication Services division. Prior to that, Derek was a loan officer for Chemical Bank in NYC. Derek's parents both work in education. His mother, Missy Swan GP'18, is a longtime employee at Rippowam Cisque School in Bedford, NY. His father, Fred Wierdsma GP'18, founded the Putnam School (now the Putnam Indian Field School), a preschool in Greenwich, CT. Derek graduated with a B.S. from Bowdoin College in 1990. He lives with his family—including Margaret “Garet,” a current sophomore at Walker's—in New Hartford, CT.



Leander Altifoils Dolphin '95

Leander Dolphin is an attorney at Shipman & Goodman. She represents educational institutions in education and employment matters. She also represents private and nonprofit clients in employment litigation matters, and provides counseling in employment law to clients in both the private and public sectors. Leander previously served as Vice President, Human Resources and General Counsel at the Girl Scouts of Connecticut. She regularly provides training locally and nationally on issues related to education law. She is a member of the Governor's Prevention Partnership, and was a member of Walker's Alumnae Board from 2010 to 2015. Leander received her B.A. from Wesleyan University and her J.D. from Howard University. She lives in Hartford, CT with her husband, Raymond and daughter, Maya.



Renée A. Alexander P'13

Renée Alexander is a Courtroom Deputy/Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Alfred V. Covello of the United States District Court in Hartford, CT. She is also the Executive Assistant to the Director of the William & Alice Mortensen Foundation. Renée is the Chair of the Board of Directors of Horizons at The Ethel Walker School. She served as President of Walker's Parents Association and a Trustee Ex-Officio from 2012 to 2014. She has also volunteered as an auction committee member, an auction general volunteer, a parent solicitor, and a host parent. Renée has a B.A. from Augustana College and a Paralegal Certificate from Morse School of Business. In 2016, she will complete the Federal Judicial Center's Executive Leadership Program. Renée has a son and a daughter; her daughter Emilee graduated from Walker's in 2013 and is currently a junior at Furman University. Renée lives with her family in Wilbraham, MA.



Curtis A. Mewbourne P'18

Curtis Mewbourne joined the Board in January. Look for his bio in the next issue of *The Sundial*.

A MESSAGE FROM

Sarah Gates Colley '75

TRUSTEE AND CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Dear Alumnae, Parents, and Friends,

What a wonderful year it has been at Walker's!

I have been on campus frequently during this school year, and I have been amazed by the progress on the Centennial Center. It has grown beautifully into its spot behind Beaver Brook. Each time I take a hard-hat tour, I am reminded of the transformational nature of the building. While invisible from Bushy Hill Road, it is stunning when viewed from the East. Inside, picture windows look out onto Talcott Mountain and what will become the Centennial Lawn. By adding this impressive new facility to our campus, we are furthering the School's mission and securing our place as a leader in girls' education and athletics.

As this capstone project progresses every day, so does our Centennial Campaign, and it is thrilling to be within 10 percent of our overall goal of \$50 million! I am confident that while the construction crews labor to complete the building, our strong Walker's community will continue to offer their gifts as we endeavor to meet and exceed our goal.

During 2015, I had the privilege to serve on the Head of School Search Committee. The process was extensive and exhilarating as we dove deeply into what it means to be part of this School. Watching candidates fall in love with Walker's was one of the most moving experiences of all my time as an alumna. The strength of our community was a common theme of praise and admiration. I am eager for each of you to meet Dr. Meera Viswanathan.

Now is the time to elevate and celebrate Walker's. Our Centennial Campaign bridges tradition and transformation, the past century and the new century ahead, our alumnae, and our future students. We all have an opportunity to be part of this moment as we close one chapter and open a new one with the next Head of School and our revitalized campus.

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I ask you to please join us and invest in our School to successfully complete the Campaign for The Ethel Walker School. Please contact Director of Development Marion Paterson P'17, '19 to discuss giving opportunities. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do in support of our School. Finally, get ready to celebrate the opening of the Centennial Center, the closing of the Campaign, and Meera's installation as Walker's 18th Head of School.

With great appreciation,

Sarah Gates Colley '75
TRUSTEE AND CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN CHAIR

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Together, we can have a transformational impact. Please help us complete our Centennial Campaign!



For more than 100 years, graduates of The Ethel Walker School have helped to shape and improve the world. Walker's mission has never been more critical. We believe the continued education and empowerment of women leaders—at every level of society—is essential to answering the world's toughest challenges.

We invite you join us as we advance Walker's mission for the 21st century, and prepare new generations of young women to lead with integrity, courage, confidence and conviction.

The Centennial Campaign empowers us to do this. It is a Campaign that has involved careful planning, bricks and mortar, steel and glass; all the manifestation of a higher academic purpose rooted firmly in our mission.

A Walker's education integrates the social, athletic, artistic, and personal dimensions of a student's life. Just as learning takes place outside the classroom, expression, friendship and maturity are the result of a challenging education. The Centennial Campaign will enable us to create a more holistic approach to education, securing our position as a leader in girls' education.

With less than 10% left to raise, our goal is within reach.

This Campaign represents a critical moment in the School's history.

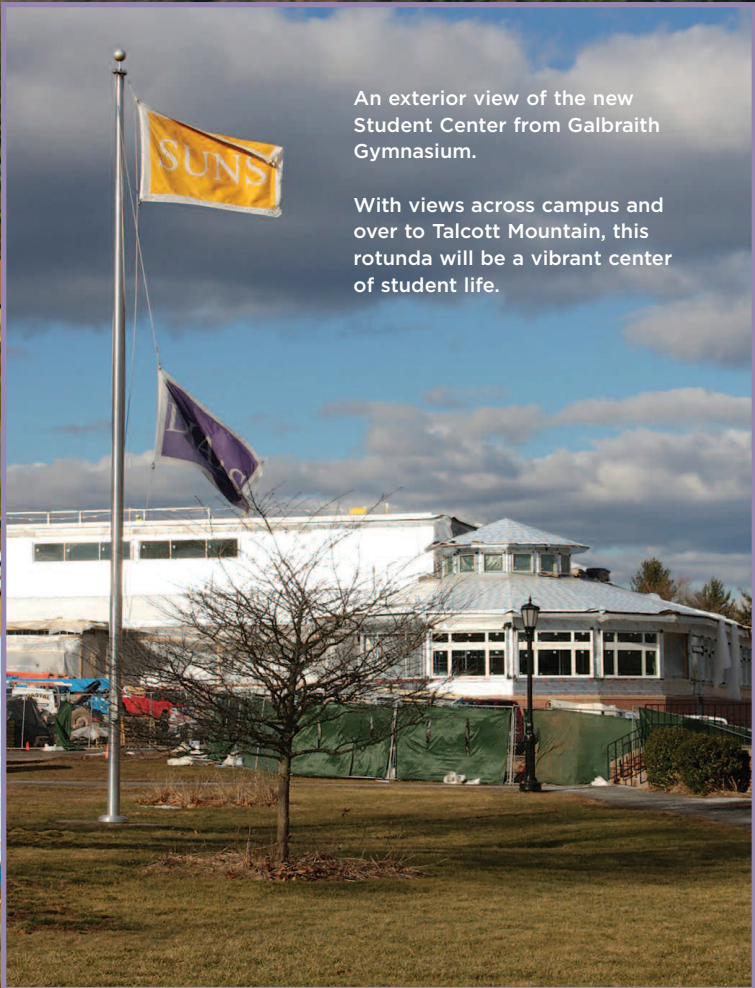
Now is the time.

Invest in the future of Walker's.

The Centennial Center continues to take shape!
Alumnae tours are planned for Reunion Weekend;
all graduates are welcome to attend.

September's topping off ceremony marked the installation of the last support beam, signed by Trustees, alumnae, students, faculty, staff and Campaign supporters.





An exterior view of the new Student Center from Galbraith Gymnasium.

With views across campus and over to Talcott Mountain, this rotunda will be a vibrant center of student life.



Visitors entering from the Sand Hill Road entrance will be greeted by a dramatic view of the new facility.



Redefining Leadership

Leadership, when practiced by women, often means something different than what traditional definitions suggest. It does not necessarily mean standing in front of a large group of people and saying, “Follow me,” or setting records, or being first. It is broader and more inclusive; it is relational, contextual, inspirational, and frequently transformational.

Now more than ever, the world needs women leaders in every sector and at every level of society. Walker’s girls select their own path. We prepare them to walk it, and to lead with integrity, courage, confidence, and conviction.

Walker’s girls lead by creating. And exploring. They lead by empowering and influencing others, inspiring, and by competing. Whatever path a Walker’s girl chooses to forge or follow, she will discover for herself how to lead from her individual strengths.

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FINDING AND USING ONE’S UNIQUE VOICE

We want to challenge and broaden traditional notions of leadership and for every girl to see herself as a leader. In the following stories and images, we illustrate the myriad ways in which leadership happens every day at Walker’s.

LEAD BY CREATING

EXCERPT FROM LIAN NICHOLSON'S '16 FAMILY WEEKEND SPEECH

“It’s Family Weekend, and so it would make sense that this speech would be about the importance of family. However, for some reason, I find myself wanting to talk about ceramics—so stay with me.

When I was in eighth grade, I took a ceramics class. We made bowls, cups, plates—anything we wanted to create. My favorite part was using the wheel. I loved the feeling of molding something with my bare hands. I’d sit at the wheel with the clay between my fingers and I knew that the clay could turn into something beautiful. There is something exciting about the beginning of things; the beginning only lasts for a few seconds or moments, but in that time period, anything can happen. While the clay was in its beginning stages, it could become something, anything that I wanted.

During my ceramics class, I realized that making pottery takes time, patience, and energy. In my eagerness to use the wheel, the pressure that I used ended up crushing the sides of the cup I was trying to make. The next time, I was overly cautious and the sides of the cup were extremely thick and bulky.

Being a senior, and inevitably reflecting on my years at Walker’s, I realized that just like the cup I made in eighth grade, as students and members of society, we are constantly being shaped and modeled by the artists around us. When we walk through the doors of this School every day, we are in the beginning stages that the clay was in. Each and every day, we have the potential to become anything and do everything. I think it is important to realize that we are each unique because we are sculpted by different people in our lives—our coaches, teachers, siblings, and parents all have a different impact in our lives and an effect on how we will grow and transform.

I remember that in eighth grade, I had just finished making the prettiest bowl. Within a matter of seconds, I dropped the bowl. It broke, and needless to say, I was upset. But, I was able to make another one and it was better than my first. I even have it to this day.



Student Body President Lian Nicholson '16

Unlike bowls that are inanimate, we get to have a say in who shapes us and how we form. We can choose the colors that we are decorated with and the designs that adorn our outsides.

However, there is an integral step before bowls are finished—they must first enter the kiln to be fired and hardened. The word ‘ceramic’ comes from a Sanskrit word that means ‘to burn,’ and oftentimes, when we hear the word ‘burn,’ we associate it with fire, which we then associate with destruction. However, I challenge you to think of fire not as an agent of destruction but as an agent of renewal and rebirth.

Fire and rebirth may seem contradictory, so let us look at the mythological bird the phoenix. This bird is said to burst into flames, die, and then rise from the ashes. Phoenixes are a symbol of rebirth; this rebirth is only possible because of the fire, the burning. When we make a score on our own goal in a soccer game, or we get a D in precalculus, you can say that we are being fired—just like a bowl is fired in a kiln. We may crack and break because it feels like the heat is too much to bear, but what’s important is the fact that we are able to rise afterwards—and the people who help us to rise are in this very room. Moms, dads, grandparents, family, friends—you are some of the most dedicated sculptors. You constantly form, reshape, and chisel away the rough edges. You are tasked with quite a difficult and demanding job of creating masterpieces—us. You sacrifice the time, you put in the effort, and you put in the love to make sure that we become the best people that we can be. You help give us the confidence, strength, and determination we need in order to fulfill our potential.

If I want to make a cup that can hold water, I won’t shape it to be flat and short. I’d make it tall and wide. Similarly, you help us see what we can be and what we can do through the way you sculpt us. Thank you for sculpting us, and not giving up when we crack, but instead, going back to the wheel in order to make us better than before.”

LEAD BY EXPLORING

BY CAITLIN COWAN, SCIENCE FACULTY

Over the summer, I traveled with four students through Costa Rica for 22 days. Brianna Silva '17, Olivia Sica '17, Clara Cano '17, Theresa Jo '18, and I crossed the country and ocean to immerse ourselves in Costa Rica to better understand urbanization, biodiversity, and sustainability.

Our itinerary took us to five key areas: San José, Corcovado, Isla Chira, Guayabo, and Monteverde. Other girls' schools from the National Coalition of Girls' Schools joined us, and together, we dedicated time and energy to soaking up the country's biodiversity, discovering ways to conserve nature, and learning how to live sustainably.

It didn't take long for us to fall in love with the warmth and happiness of the people, and the spirit of the land and water that enveloped us. Olivia said, "My favorite moment during this experience was snorkeling in the coral reefs where fish passed only inches from my body. This underwater world is not one that many people get to see and swimming in the blue waters opened my eyes to why we need to be conscious of the earth and sustain biodiversity. It is our responsibility for future generations."

In exploring the rainforests, we hiked for hours throughout lush greenery. Theresa said about her experience in the rainforest, "Being so close to the wildlife in its natural habitat made me feel connected to it. This new feeling is something I now hold very close to my heart."



Theresa Jo '18

"One of the most amazing experiences of my life was watching a female humpback whale with her calf. The female breached out of the water in front of our boat. It was breathtaking. To see such beauty and grace in a gigantic marine mammal was incredible."

—CAITLIN COWAN



(L-R) Olivia Sica '17, Theresa Jo '18, Caitlin Cowan, Clara Cano '17 and Brianna Silva '17



Clara Cano '17

LEAD BY INFLUENCING

BY KRISTIN FLYNTZ

Eighty students from seven Connecticut independent schools came together at Walker's in November for the inaugural SPHERE Summit. The Summit, created in recognition of the unique needs and experiences of students of color at predominantly white schools, provides a collaborative space where students can learn from each other about identity, leadership, and activism. It seeks to unite, inspire, and empower students of color with the goal of enhancing their overall experience at SPHERE schools.

Lizzie Turner '14, who was Walker's Student Body President her senior year, came back to campus to deliver the keynote address. Lizzie was selected as one of *40 Women for the Next 40 Years* by the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund, an honor given to 40 women ages 16-40 who plan to help pave the way as leaders for the next 40 years.

Twelve Walker's students planned and facilitated the Summit. One of the organizers, Lian Nicholson '16, who has attended Walker's since sixth grade and is now Student Body President, said, "The Summit meant the world to me because it provided students of color the opportunity to discuss the various issues we face going to predominantly white schools. We were able to come together and empower one another through our personal stories and perceptive insights. It was a time to unite, inspire, and empower one another. The Summit was an acknowledgment that students of color need a safe space to talk about problems with people who share similar experiences."

The one-day conference was entirely student-facilitated. The day included interactive activities, group discussions, 'open mic,' performances, and more.

In addition to Walker's, six of the 11 Connecticut SPHERE schools participated in this year's event: Avon Old Farms, Loomis Chaffee, Miss Porter's School, Suffield Academy, Watkinson School, and Westminster School.

SPHERE is a consortium of independent schools from the greater Hartford area that first came together in the early '70s because of a common commitment to diversity, originally expressed through summer enrichment programs for students from Hartford. Today, the Consortium consists of 11 member schools, including Avon Old Farms, Cobb School Montessori, The Ethel Walker School, Kingswood Oxford School, Loomis Chaffee, Miss Porter's School, Pomfret School, Renbrook School, Suffield Academy, Watkinson School, and Westminster School.

Twelve Walker's girls participated in the inaugural SPHERE event.



Lizzie Turner '14



LEAD BY INSPIRING

EXCERPT FROM JOHN MONAGAN'S FAMILY WEEKEND SPEECH

“Life is hard. Middle school is hard. High school is hard. The college application process is hard. Being the youngest group of students in a school is hard. Calculus is hard. Unfortunately, girls, there will always be things in life that will be hard. There isn't an Easy Button, but there is an answer, and I learned that from Walker's.

I turned 21 during the fall of my senior year at college, and as I did, one of the last places I would've guessed I'd end up less than a year later would be standing in front of a class of sixth graders at an all-girls school in Simsbury, talking about the Fertile Crescent and Ancient Mesopotamia.

It's difficult to pinpoint exactly what it is that has kept me here for 10 years, because it goes way beyond simply saying the things I love about this School, like the campus on beautiful fall days, watching as departing seniors sing the School Song, brunch on Saturdays and Sundays, or Middle School Night of Excellence. I love Dance Chapel and Dogswood Day. But those are all just things I love. My love for this School is more than just things.

So, I tell you, it is the way I feel when coming to our community every day that has made Walker's my home. This place inspires me. Outside of Walker's, inspiration isn't a feeling that shows itself every day. But on this campus, it's everywhere. It's in the girl who gets honored for being a National Merit Scholar in the morning, a few hours later runs a meeting to better the lives of girls worldwide in CHANGE Club, captains a soccer team in the afternoon, and organizes orchestra rehearsal in the evening. Inspiration radiates off of the 15-year-old girl who teaches a history teacher how to play African drums during club block, harmonizes perfectly with the Grapes in the evening, tries to match her Puerto Rico National Soccer Team uniform with her cleats while in her dorm room, and finds time to share headphones to watch Lilo & Stitch with one of her best friends during free blocks. Inspiration is in the way these girls talk, the way they cheer, the way they argue. It is in the way they laugh and learn and lead.

Parents, you've seen a lot over the last 24 hours, but what you need to know is that this is a place where, yes, your daughters will hopefully be moved by lessons in *To Kill a*



Director of Athletics John Monagan

Mockingbird, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, and other novels. They can find a passion in ceramics or on a horse in the riding ring. They will find motivation in songs by Drake and music videos by Drake and Vines with Drake and, well, just Drake in general. But they will also find inspiration in the people at Walker's.

Inspiration will come from that teacher who makes your daughter think in a way she never thought she could. It will come from a roommate who in September is a stranger and by May is a best friend. It will come from the teammate who works harder than everybody to be the best she can be, the one who smiles through tears amidst failure, who finds a way to laugh while

sitting on the bench, and who is the first to help her teammates up. Inspiration comes with the ear-to-ear smile that comes when she scores her first goal.

Inspiration will come from a classmate, a suitemate, a friend, a fellow Sun or Dial who stands in Morning Meeting and wows the audience. It will come from an Old Girl Show performance, a sophomore seminar speech, or a quiet conversation that tells your daughter a story of perseverance from a peer that she never knew before. It's the stories that unfold in front of us every single day that push us and urge us to be better than we were the day before.

Walker's is a place where a 30-year-old who never thought he'd still be here can't leave, because each day, there is a new source of inspiration from a different incredible girl. It's a place that never stops surprising and never stops amazing. It's a place where girls are not only inspired by each other but are inspirational to each other, and that right there ... inspirational women ... is what Walker's sends out into the world. And today, more than ever before, inspirational women are what the world needs.

So, yes, life will be hard, girls; those tough times will come. Parents, you know this is inevitable.

But this is the place that prepares your daughters for those times. It is the inspired moments provided by the girls who sit here today that will help your daughter understand that, amidst difficult times, success is always possible.”

LEAD BY COMPETING

BY KRISTIN FLYNTZ



Veronica Garcia '18

Walker's sophomore Veronica Garcia '18 was selected to play for the U17 Puerto Rico National Soccer Team in three matches during November, with the hope that the team would qualify for the CONCACAF Women's U17 Championship, which was played in March in Grenada.

"It's an honor and a thrill to have a Walker's soccer player on the world stage," said Walker's Varsity Soccer Coach Todd D'Alessandro. "Veronica consistently demonstrates and models the values the coaching staff looks for: a never-say-die attitude, belief in herself, and support for her teammates. No matter the score or situation, Veronica can be counted on to lead on the field, and show empathy and understanding toward not only her teammates but to her opponents as well."

"I have this overwhelming sense of gratefulness," reflected Veronica. "I get to do something I love at such a high level and represent the place I'm from, and it gives me a surreal feeling because this is one of my biggest dreams. I have such a strong

support system coming from friends here at Walker's. I feel very blessed that this opportunity has presented itself, and that my parents are 100 percent there for me through this process because I would not be here without them. I now have the chance to give back to them and let them see that all the sacrifices they have made for me will pay off."

Garcia has been a student at Walker's since the seventh grade and a member of the varsity team since the eighth grade. She has been a staple of the team's midfield and offensive attack for the last two years, using her footwork and speed to throw off opposing defenses.

Puerto Rico is a member of the Caribbean Football Union (CFU) and placed in Group A in the CFU. Garcia competed alongside her new teammates in qualifying matches against Jamaica, Cuba, and Bermuda. Despite their best efforts, they did not qualify for the March games. All November matches were played in Puerto Rico.

Mollie Stark Eckelberry '48, P'82

BY DEB PERCIVAL

Creativity Is In Her Nature

One of the great gifts that alumnae offer is the ability to open a window in time, reminding us that some of our best 'new' ideas are the old ideas that may have been set aside for a time.

Mollie Stark Eckelberry '48 is one such alumna. Current news on climate change may remind us of the importance of caring for the natural world: for Mollie, it has always been a way of life. She is interested in conservation and environmental issues, has published books on the natural world, is an avid equestrienne and nature lover, a horse trainer, and an artist. Her art and her writing reflect years of first-hand observation.

While at Walker's she was a Dial, a member of the Athletic Council, Glee Club, and Art Club. She won the Noble-Uihlein Trophy for the rider who showed most improvement in 1945. After graduating in 1948, she studied life drawing and anatomy at the Art Students League of New York.

Mollie married John Eckelberry and they had four children, one of whom, Emily Eckelberry Johnson, graduated from Walker's in 1982.

Mollie stayed active with Walker's, volunteering as a Class Agent and Reunion Committee Volunteer. In 1998, she hosted a Walker's Long Island Reception over Reunion Weekend.

When she wasn't raising children, helping Walker's, working with her animals, riding, drawing, or painting, she wrote. She wrote, illustrated, and published four books: *Vest Pocket Farm*—an equestrian memoir about her 65-year love affair with horses, people, pets, and wildlife; *The Foxes of Kirby Hill*—a picture story about riding, wild life, and land preservation, which she illustrated herself; *Willie*—part introduction to guiding-eye dogs, part love affair with her dog, Willie; and *The Cat Burglar of Castor Bay*—a mystery book for children, with a cat at center stage.

Mollie has been invited to read the last three books at schools or nurseries, and says she appreciates when the children laugh in the right places, but really feels fulfilled when they grasp her messages about the importance of caring for animals, appreciating nature, and conserving land.

"I hope my books gently give children an awareness of the fragile balance between land use by humans and the conservation of land for natural uses," says Eckelberry. "Hopefully they help readers realize that when land is taken away from its natural state it is changed forever, so we must cherish and protect land while it is still here."

Many of Mollie's nature drawings have been reproduced on notecards and paperweights, which are carried by stores in Long Island, including Think Long Island First.



Sapphire the cat and Jenny the dog are just two of the many animal friends Mollie's had over the years (circa 1996).



Mollie at 17, and Judy (a mare on loan from Walker's) win the jumper class on Nantucket.



Mollie's pastel rendering of an Arizona Wren.

Equestrian Team Finishes First in Folly Farm IEA Show

Walker's equestrian team finished first in the Folly Farm Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) show on Sunday, January 10. Individual results included: (Varsity Open Division) Emily Peairs '16 first over fences and Sheriden Beard '16 second over fences; (JV Novice Division) Lauren Gaddis '18 first over fences and second on the flat; (JV Beginner WTC Division) Quincy Maynard '19 first on the flat and Addie Friedlander '18 first on the flat; (Future Novice Division) Em Jones '21 fourth over fences and fifth on the flat.



Quincy Maynard '19, Em Jones '21, Laurel Gaddis '18, and Addie Friedlander '18



Freshman Named Champion in Prestigious Wellington Equestrian Festival

Walker's equestrian Emma Crate '19 was named Champion in the 12-14 Equitation division at the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), one of the most prestigious equestrian events in the world. She also placed third in the 14 and under Taylor Harris Medal on her horse Maximus.

Equestrians Compete at Old Salem Farm

Walker's equestrian team traveled to North Salem, NY on February 18-20 to compete in the Old Salem Farm Horse Show, where they placed consistently in very large and competitive classes.

In the Modified Children's/Adult Hunter Division, Julia Luciani '20 was 6th over fences and 5th in the hack; Gracie Romanik '18 was 8th over fences and 1st in the hack. In the 3' Low Hunter Division, Becky Morris '19 was 8th over fences, and 5th in the hack.



Gracie Romanik '18 placed 1st in the hack in the Old Salem Farm Horse Show on February 18-20



Great Showing by Ava Rodgers '16 at the CT Finals.



Walker's equestrian team with their reserve champion ribbon at Regionals on February 27-28 at Oak Meadow Farm in East Windsor, CT. The team qualified for Zones on March 25 & 26.

First Place Awarded at Terry Allen Farms IEA Show

Walker's equestrian team rode home with a 1st place finish out of 16 teams at the Terry Allen Farms IEA Show on November 22. In the Varsity Open division, Sheriden Beard '16 was 1st over fences and 1st on the flat. In the JV Novice division, Isabel Lardner '18 was 2nd over fences and 1st on the flat, and Joyce Liu '16 was 6th over fences and 1st on the flat. In the JV Beginner WTC division, Alexis Berard '19 was 4th on the flat.

Varsity Field Hockey Coach Mimi Duran P'18 Inducted into Hall of Fame

Mimi Duran P'18, Walker's Varsity Field Hockey coach and a successful high school coach for more than 30 years, was one of seven women inducted into the Connecticut Field Hockey Hall of Fame in September.

Mimi, who also serves as Walker's Assistant Athletic Director, was honored at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on September 27.

She began coaching field hockey at Wamogo High School in Litchfield, where her teams won six Berkshire League championships and made six CIAC semifinal appearances. She continued her success at Cheshire High School, dropping a heartbreaking 1-0 decision to Greenwich in the 2005 Class L title game, before coming to Walker's in 2007.

A Coach of the Year recipient from both the Connecticut High School Coaches Association and the Connecticut Field Hockey Coaches Association, Mimi is also a National Field Hockey Coaches Association 200 Victory Club Award recipient, and has been selected to membership in the New Agenda: Northeast Women's Hall of Fame.

"Over the course of my 30-year career, there are too many highlights to mention," Mimi said about the top highlight of her coaching tenure. "Each day brings new opportunities for 'the moment' to experience another first, another highlight. I have three decades full of those moments, both on the field and off. If forced to choose, however, lifelong relationships with my students have helped to define my career as a coach. Recently, I attended a wedding where I saw 10 former players and had the chance to catch up on what's happening in their lives. There have been so many of these milestones—weddings, wakes, funerals—that demonstrate the bonds I have been fortunate to build and share with countless players over the years."



Mimi reflected on the numerous great coaches who have influenced her work with players. "When I think about my induction, I think back to when I was 24-years-old and coaching JV for Mary Wollenberg," she said. "She brought me with her everywhere, including to an All-State Committee meeting at Pat Small's house. It was there that I first met Babby Nuhn, and fellow inductees Sue Schwerdtle, Joan Gauthey, and Arlene Salvati. These women were icons. At the time, I had no idea what it was all about, but 30 years later, I can tell you that they became my mentors, and instilled in me the values that I saw in them: ethics, compassion, hard work, and humility. They all talked about their teams, their players, and I knew how much they cared—not just about the plays and the wins, but about the players themselves. Not many coaches stay for 30 years anymore, but these women did. I was, and am, fortunate to have had their examples and mentorship to guide me all these years. To be honored with them is an unexpected thrill."

Mimi Duran P'18 Varsity coach and Play4theCure organizer





Lexi King '17 Takes Gold in Junior Olympic Field Hockey

Lexi King '17 was among 126 of the country's best U16 field hockey players selected to compete in the AAU Junior Olympics in Virginia Beach held August 4-8 at the former training facility for the U.S. Women's National Team.

Lexi quickly connected with her fellow teammates, and spent the week playing against athletes from around the United States. Her team was coached by Paul Lewis, a former member of the U.S. Men's National Team.

A 6-1 win during the third game made Lexi's team the No. 2 seed going into crossovers, and a 3-2 win the following day against the No. 3 seed in the B pool put the team in a position to automatically win an overall medal in the tournament. During the final day, wins against two undefeated teams resulted in a victorious gold medal placement for Lexi's team.

"I will definitely see a lot of those girls again at various events, and I'll probably play against some of them in college. But no matter what happens, I think we will always hold that week in Virginia Beach in a special place in our hearts. To enter the week as strangers and to leave it as gold medalists is truly a rare and memorable experience, and frankly, I'm just glad I was able to be a part of it," Lexi said.

Lexi was also selected to compete in the Junior Olympics in 2013 and has participated in a number of other USA Field Hockey events at the national level.



Lexi King '17



Family Weekend

October 23-24

Here's to another fabulous Family Weekend, with families flocking to campus from all over the world to spend time with their daughters.





Mountain Day!

October 9



Academic Snapshots

Take a peek inside today's Walker's classrooms!
Students and teachers have been hard at work this fall and winter.

Week-long Learning Immersion



Trash to Fashion



Story Telling and Illustrating



Archaeology

Advanced Studies



Honors Physics grades 11-12



Global Ethics class with boys from Avon Old Farms School



Honors Physics engages in hands-on learning

Microsoft Designer Emily Sappington '06 Shares Her Journey with the Walker's Community

Alumna Emily Sappington '06 visited campus to speak to the Walker's community about her role as a User Experience Designer at Microsoft. Emily shared details of her journey from Walker's to Microsoft, which included eight internships in fields ranging from art history to design, advertising, and PR. At Microsoft, Emily works for the Windows and Cortana design teams, designing the ways users interact with technology, including touchpad gestures and voice commands.



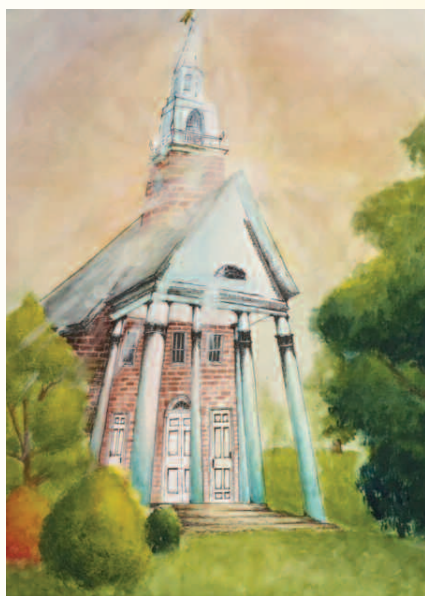
Emily Sappington '06 with students after her presentation



English teacher Tom Deeds; Emily Sappington '06; Carol Clark-Flanagan P'93, '97, english and history teacher; and Julie Greshin P'12, science teacher

Student Awarded First Prize in Juried Art Show

A painting by Bow Kumtae '16 was selected for the 2016 East Granby Juried Art Show. Bow earned first prize in the 18-20 age group for the watercolor painting, a depiction of The Ethel Walker School Chapel as inspired by Georgia O'Keefe's "Lake George Window."



Mary Melvin Fleming '75 Book Reading

Author and Walker's Alumna Mary Melvin Fleming '75 visited the School in November to give a reading and discuss her book *Someone Else*. The event was co-hosted by the Alumnae Relations Office and The Ethel Walker School Parents Association. It was enjoyed by parents, alumnae, faculty, and local residents. Mary also met with students the following day to discuss her work and answer questions.

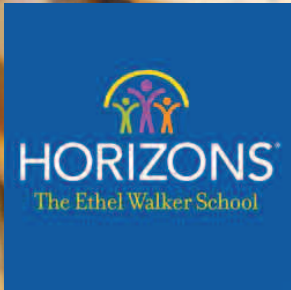
Mary Melvin Fleming '75 with Amy Paul P'16, '18, EWSPA President and Lori-Jean Foster P'17, EWSPA Vice President



WALKER'S OBSERVES MLK DAY THROUGH STUDENT-FACILITATED WORKSHOPS

The Walker's community observed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by spending a day immersed in student-facilitated workshops that centered around the theme "The March Continues...When Will You March?"





Private School, Public Purpose— Horizons at The Ethel Walker School

BY KRISTIN FLYNTZ



“It makes me feel like the giantest person in the whole world,” said Anairah Feliciano, a first grader in the inaugural summer session of Horizons at The Ethel Walker School. The six-week summer academic and cultural enrichment program kicked off with Governor Dannel P. Malloy declaring June 29 through July 3 “Horizons at The Ethel Walker School Week in Connecticut.” Thirty kindergartners and first graders from Hartford Public Schools enjoyed a summer of learning, bonding, swimming, and other new experiences at the nation’s first all-girls Horizons program.

Based on a national model with a 50-year track record of success, Horizons programs help to reduce the two to three months of learning loss, often referred to as “summer slide,” that typically occurs among low-income students during the summer months. This year, 93 percent of Horizons’ students had reading gains based on mCLASS:DIBELS Next reading assessments, and 96.5 percent had gains and/or maintained based on mCLASS:DIBELS Next reading assessments.

In addition to a focus on maintaining and building literacy, a key component of Horizons is swimming, which helps to build



confidence that extends into the classroom. This past summer, Horizons at The Ethel Walker School partnered with Farmington Valley YMCA for swimming. According to the 2015 Horizons Swim Survey, conducted by the Aquatics Director, 29 out of 30 (97 percent) students had no swim skills upon entering the program. After six weeks of daily swim instruction, all students showed signs of beginning swim skills, 24 out of 30 (80 percent) students developed deep water swim skills, and five out of 30 (17 percent) students demonstrated advanced swim skills. “Swimming not only addresses water safety issues, but it also serves as an early opportunity for

success. On day one, when our girls got in the water, they were timid and fearful. Fast forward six weeks, and we couldn’t get them out! They were confident and brave, jumping off the diving board—that’s the magic of Horizons,” said Isabel Ceballos, Executive Director of Horizons at The Ethel Walker School.

The summer program is augmented by Saturday Academies throughout the year. These half-day sessions keep students and families engaged, and are an essential part of the long-term commitment to help ensure that each Horizons student comes back every summer through the eighth grade.



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Celebrating Holiday Traditions





Fishers Island, NY, September 2015

Alumnae, current parents, past parents, and friends gathered on Fishers Island for an event in support of the Centennial Campaign. The festivities included golf followed by dinner and cocktails. All monies raised from the event support the Centennial Campaign.



Liss Couch-Edwards '07, Whitney Edwards '11, Sarah Gates Colley '75, Margot Campbell Bogert '60 and Kathy McCarthy Parsons '75



Board Chair Stuart Bell and Interim Head of School Stephen Dunn



Athletic Director John Monagan (right) and his foursome



Kevin Chessen P'17 (second from left) and his foursome

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Jim Clark P'13 (second from left) and his foursome



Bryan and Sarah Gates Colley '75, Kathy McCarthy Parsons '75, and Ged Parsons



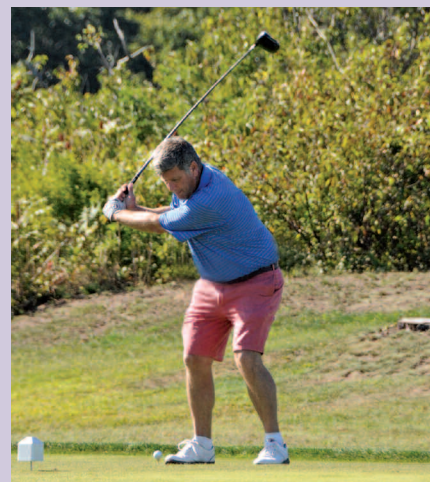
Tony Ranaldi P'18, '20, friend Patrick McGovern, Bob Bel Bruno P'18 and Darrell Carrington P'02



Ken Edwards GP'11, Whitney Edwards '11, Margot Campbell Bogert '60, and Jerry Bogert



Chad LaBonte, Roland LaBonte GP'16, '18, '19, Jackson LaBonte, Scott LaBonte P'16, '18 '19, and friend Rob Gengras



Board Chair Stuart Bell

Greenwich, CT, October 2015



Kimberly Bourne Fisher '77 and Lela Schaus Philip '79



Hilary Sweeny Karst '89 and Amanda Pitman '90



Jim and Nancie Magee Bourne '53, P'77, '82



Staff members Elizabeth Bellingrath and Heidi McCann with Emily Eckelberry Johnson '82 and Kelly O'Connor Pasciucco '79



Lela Schaus Philip '79, Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan and Courtney Massenberg '96



Libby Grant '71 and Swan McLean Grant '39, P'71



Lisa Danforth Hurst '79, Victoria Falk Michaelis '78, Sarah Gates Colley '75, and Kit O'Brien Rohn '82



Interim Head Stephen Dunn and Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan with event hosts Helen Hummer Feid '78, Letitia McClure Potter '55, P'85, Leila Howland Wetmore '82, P'18, Lela Schaus Philip '79, Kit O'Brien Rohn '82, and Kelly O'Connor Pasciucco '79



Back Row, L-R:
Interim Head Stephen Dunn, Kit O'Brien Rohn '82, Sarah Gates Colley '75,
Cecily Chilton Matthai '77, Katharine O'Brien P'82, '84

Front Row, L-R:
Letitia McClure Potter '55, P'85, Harriet Bleses Dewey '60, P'86, Incoming Head
Dr. Meera Viswanathan, Elsie Truebner Henning '61



Suzanne Korff de Gidts '00 and
Courtney Massenberg '96

San Francisco and Newport Beach, CA, January 2016



Tahra Makinson Sanders '86 and Kelly Pasquan Drury '86



Sarah Elting Doering '65, Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan, Alan Airth, Alex Badger Airth '83, Kit O'Brien Rohn '82, and Interim Head Stephen Dunn



Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan, Alex Badger Airth '83, and Dr. Eric Widmer



Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan, Tania Whitman Stepanian '60, Harriet Bles Dewey '60, P'86, and Margot Campbell Bogert '60



Harriet Bles Dewey '60, P'86, Liz O'Brien Paxton '73, Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan, Kit O'Brien Rohn '82, Christine Chesson P'17



Margo Hanlan '01 and Emily Rosen Stone '02 with daughter, Madison

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Christine Chessen P'17, Kit O'Brien Rohn '82, Dolly Reynolds Tavasieff '82, and Shelley Marks '81



Cindy Higgins Roby '64, Holly Hulburt '67, and Tania Whitman Stepanian '60



Kelly Pasquan Drury '86, Tahra Makinson Sanders '86, and Courtney Blair Hornberger '01



Shelley Marks '81, Harriet Bles Dewey '60, P'86, and Dolly Reynolds Tavasieff '82



Back Row, L-R: Margo Hanlan '01, Tahra Makinson Sanders '86, Holly Hulburt '67, and Tania Whitman Stepanian '60

Front Row, L-R: Courtney Blair Hornberger '01, Dolly Reynolds Tavasieff '82, Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan, Shelley Marks '81, and Kelly Pasquan Drury '86

Florida Receptions, February 2016

Walker's in Palm Beach and Hobe Sound, Florida! On February 10, Kate Crichton Gubelmann '67 and K.C. Wideman Pickett '77 hosted a reception in Palm Beach. The following day, Anne and Christopher Reyes P'16 hosted an evening in Hobe Sound. Both events gave alumnae, current parents, past parents and friends the opportunity to meet Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan.



K.C. Wideman Pickett '77, Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan, and Kate Crichton Gubelmann '67



Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan chats with Harriet Bles Dewey '60, P'86, and Briar Mewbourne P'18



Ann Turnbull Hokanson '61, Sam Warriner, Susie Kleinhans Gilbertson '53, Contessa Coleman '07, and John Hokanson



Lynn Allegaert '64 and Abra Prentice Wilkin '60



Anne Reyes P'16 and Missy Turnbull Geddes '56



Stefan Laporte, Linda Trimmingham Warriner '61, Lynn Allegaert '64, Briar Mewbourne P'18, and Kim Brooker

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Kim Conway Coleman '70, Stefan Laporte, and Barbara Hillman Laporte '75



Alita Weaver Reed '60, Harriet Bles Dewey '60, P'86, Anne Reyes P'16, and Kathy McCarthy Parsons '75



Cate Lord '69, P'96, Kit O'Brien Rohn '82, and Wendy French Nolan '67



Kathy McCarthy Parsons '75, Mary Gorter Krey '77, and Sarah Gates Colley '75



Gail Sheppard Moloney '56, Alita Weaver Reed '60, and Susie Fairchild Kovner '86



Bill and Renee Lickle P'70, '78, '79 meet Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan and her husband, Dr. Eric Widmer

Baltimore, MD, February 2016

Mary Gibbs Piper '57, Cecily Chilton Matthai '77, Carolyn Pouch '88, Alden Byrholdt Reith '84, Suzanne Grinnell Thompson '77, Melissa Timbers '05, Jean Brune GP'17, '19 and Director of Development Marion Paterson P'17, '19 gathered at the home of Cecily and Bruce Matthai on February 16.



Young Alumnae Pizza Party, Simsbury CT, January 2016

Designed to reconnect recent graduates with faculty and friends the Young Alumnae Pizza Party was another success. Alumnae from the classes of 2015 and 2014 caught up with former teachers, coaches, and advisors at the pizza party in the New Dormitory and then joined Walker's seniors for a dessert reception in Cluett Pit, sponsored by the College Counseling Office. Members of the class of 2015, all currently in their first year of college, shared their wisdom about the transition to college with the current seniors.



L-R: Enajite Igbo '15, Spanish teacher Isabel Ceballos, Claire Graham '15, Taylor Clark '15, Nikaya Manley '15, and Katelyn Jo '15



Olivia Aker '14 and Clarie Graham '15

A MESSAGE FROM

Amanda Pitman '90

ALUMNAE BOARD PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Alumnae,

What a school year it's been at Walker's so far! On September 25 the School held a topping-off ceremony for the Centennial Center, marking an important milestone in the construction of the building. In the beginning of this issue, you saw construction pictures of the new center. While impressive, I assure you they pale in comparison to seeing the bricks and mortar up close and personal. What a pride point for our School!

The biggest news this fall, of course, was the announcement of Walker's new Head of School. Dr. Meera Viswanathan has been an inspiration, traveling around the country to meet many of us and is eager to hear about our hopes for Walker's. She has certainly gotten a jump start on her start date of July 1!

The Alumnae Board rolled out a new event this winter: ice skating in the heart of New York City at Wollman Park. We wanted to introduce a family-friendly event where everyone—even children (perhaps future Walker's girls!)—could participate. For those who could attend, I hope you enjoyed the fresh, crisp winter air while catching up with fellow Walker's alumnae.

As we look towards the final stretch of the year, the biggest event on the mind of the Alumnae Board is Reunion Weekend! This spring, at Reunion Weekend (May 13-14), we'll welcome back to campus alumnae who graduated in classes ending in 1 and 6. Meera will attend as well, so please come and meet her. Last year's Reunion Weekend had the strongest attendance in years—let's keep that momentum going!

Hope to see you on campus this May.

Amanda R. Pitman

Amanda R. Pitman '90
PRESIDENT, ALUMNAE BOARD



Alumnae Board members enjoying a hard hat tour to witness the amazing progress on construction of the Centennial Center.

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Suns & Dials Challenge



What began as a conversation about charitable giving and gratitude blossomed into our newest Suns versus Dials challenge on November 18, Walker's Wednesday. In addition to Walker's Wednesday, faculty spirit leaders, Caitlin Cowan, science teacher and Brooke Haynes, history teacher, will work with student spirit leaders throughout the year to create interactive activities so that a greater number of girls can earn points for their spirit teams on Dogswood Day. "We found that the tug-of-war only offered a very small number of girls the chance to participate in earning the win for their team," said Haynes. "By offering activities throughout the year, including Walker's Wednesday, girls can earn team points and we'll be able to have more girls involved in helping their teams on to victory. Walker's Wednesday was a great way for us to combine a lesson in philanthropy and engage all of the girls in building team spirit at the start of the new school year."

In the weeks leading up to Walker's Wednesday, Suns and Dials both on and off campus were encouraged to make gifts to the Fund for Walker's. Each gift equaled a point for the donor's respective spirit teams. Donors included alumnae, faculty, staff, parents, and Trustees along with students. The spirit team with the most points earned one "team point" toward Dogswood Day in the spring.

Caitlin and Brooke worked with Suns student spirit leaders, Candace Qian '16 and Kayla Graham '17 and Dials student spirit leaders, Kallie Laspesa '16 and Ames Gillies '17, to generate excitement on campus. "Our goal for Walker's Wednesday was to engage our alumnae and parent communities with the competitive spirit of our on-campus Suns and Dials to raise awareness and involvement in the Fund for Walker's," said Brooke. Caitlin added, "As students begin to give annually on Walker's Wednesday, the tradition of giving will carry on as they graduate from Walker's."

On campus, students, faculty, and staff were asked to make a minimum \$2.00 donation to receive a wristband that allowed them to wear spirit colors on November 18. The girls met by grade where members of the staff shared information about the importance of the Fund for Walker's as it typically contributes close to 10 percent of the School's annual operating budget. Comments were also shared as to why it is important to be a life-long contributor to Walker's.

Overall, the goal for the event was participation and the girls rose to the challenge with 142 gifts to the Fund for Walker's on Walker's Wednesday. Girls in the middle school had the best showing with 86 percent participating. In addition to individual gifts from students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumnae, Trustees offered a \$10 challenge for each student gift. Overall, more than \$22,000 was raised as a result of this inaugural event. The Dials earned the win by a mere two gifts to the Fund for Walker's! *Hooray Sunray!*

WHAT IS THE FUND FOR WALKER'S?

You've heard so much about the Fund for Walker's but what is it and why is it important? The Fund for Walker's is our annual giving program and it provides close to 10 percent of the School's operating budget. The Fund supports many school activities including: scholarships; professional development for faculty and staff; athletic equipment and transportation; sets, lighting and technical support for art exhibits, music concerts and plays; heat, electricity and so much more. All gifts made to the Fund for Walker's are unrestricted, meaning we can use the funds for any purpose most needed at the time the gift is received, thereby offering immediate impact on the outstanding teaching and learning happening here each day. Gifts made to the Fund are used during the fiscal year in which they are received. Walker's fiscal year is July 1 through June 30 or generally a school year.



YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW



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I just recently discovered we lost
our classmate **Alice Gahagan
Murphy** several years ago. She
was a fine athlete, a cup-winning
horswoman, and a Varsity
Basketball player as well as a Dial.
I believe she is survived by a son.

My former roommate senior year,
Charlotte Wright Osgood,
now lives at the Kendal, a
retirement home in Kennett
Square, PA. She has two
daughters; one in Concord, MA,
and one in Yarmouth, ME, plus
three grandchildren. At this point
in her life, she has decided to let
them visit her rather than the
other way around. My other
senior year roommate, **Penny
Hall Porter**, writes with her usual
enthusiasm about how Walker's
teachers and education enabled
her to become a writer and a
teacher. She also reminisced about
the fourth in our room,
Meredith Pettit Barrueto,

whom we lost last year. Penny
hopes to finish the sixth book in
her *Pocketful of Pennies* series.
Penny is very close to her large
family of sons and daughters
ranging in ages from the 40s to
the 60s not including
grandchildren.

Julia Jackson Young says she is
still going strong in Washington,
D.C. and the Eastern Shore of
Maryland near all of her family.
She lives in Ingleside, an abode of
apartments for seniors with lots to
do. She also writes of the
excitement of the Pope's visit to
D.C.

Dottie Hirsch Loeb spent
a wonderful nine days in
Copenhagen in July with two
daughters and a son-in-law
visiting old friends. The Danes are
hospitable and fun-loving and
Copenhagen is a storybook. She
also visits **Hannah Griffith
Bradley** quite frequently.
Hannah has several health
problems but is a terrific sport
and does not complain. She adds
that **Janice Tompkins Spurr**
and **Amey Amory Defriez** both
visited their homes in Maine this
summer. Dottie also visited **Jane
Cole Graves** in Palo Alto in July.

Both Dottie and Jane have
daughters in Palo Alto who have
become friends.

Freddie Schaeffer Wright

writes to say that there is not
much to report. She is still
involved in her projects,
sculpture, and creative knitting,
but no more tennis.

Gracie McGraw Parr says she is
still hanging in there and does her
pastels, working mostly from
photographs, she says, out of
laziness. She spent August on a
very interesting boat trip to
Northern Canada and Greenland.
She also sees **Sally Whiteley**
(Thumper affectionately to us).

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Classmates Ruth Cummings Mead '47 and Peggy Plunkett Lord '47 enjoy meeting Incoming Head Dr. Meera Viswanathan and her husband, Dr. Eric Widmer



Susie Kleinhans Gilbertson '53 celebrates her birthday with family.

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We will really miss **Mary Schwerin Ritter! Bobbie Gerstell Bennett**, my stepson, Mark, and I attended a small gathering of family and friends on the beach in Bay Head, NJ, the Friday of Labor Day weekend to celebrate Mary's rich and creative life. She was so fondly remembered by her two girls,

Nina and Maria, with poems, and then her two beautiful granddaughters, Morgan and Brita, sang to her. It was a beautiful day, and there was a lot of love in the air!

As for me, summer was catching glimpses of grandchildren on weekends when they were off from their jobs, swimming, reading, and dinners at the beach with friends and family. And I confess to binge watching of Netflix—such fun. And now on to that fall career of doctor appointments, ugh!

Rusty Hodgman Huff says "Hi" to everyone. She has moved to Trillium Woods, a retirement community in Plymouth, MN. She enjoys it very much. Her phone is (763) 559-6552 and address is 5855 Cheshire Parkway, Plymouth, MN 55446. She says, "Love you all!"

Molly Goodyear Gurney is busy packing and throwing as they are about to move permanently back to NYC after many years of weekends and summers in Connecticut. It

makes sense as Pete is not about to put down the pen, and no one wants him to. He always loved to have his plays produced off-Broadway, but popularity is demanding Broadway these days. *Sylvia* is opening there very soon, following closely behind the footsteps of *Love Letters*. You may or may not recall that America's own Sarah Jessica Parker starred in the very first production. Molly called and was ecstatic recounting the opening night of *Sylvia*. She gathered up practically their whole family for the occasion and, best of all, it opened to rave reviews. How exciting for all of them!

Q. Bloch Cook writes: I guess all of us—some sooner than others—have celebrated our big 80th birthdays. My best celebration was the present I gave myself, which was to take my children and grands on a Seabourn cruise of the Greek Islands at the end of June. We started in Athens with the Parthenon, then visited six islands, ending in Istanbul and all that it has to offer. It was so much fun; everyone had a good time

with everyone else, and Phil and I loved it. Feeling very blessed.

Missy Kitchell Lickle had a great visit with **Bobbie Gerstell Bennett**, who went to Wilmington for Bessie's installation as Head of School at Tower Hill. Everyone there is very excited that Bessie is "the one." Missy expects she will do a dynamite job, and we can all join in on that. And last but not least, "Bobbie looks wonderful."

Suzy Patterson joined "resplendent" **Q. Bloch Cook** and her husband, Phil, in Paris in a recently revived old favorite restaurant, Allard. They also enjoyed their tour of the renovated Picasso Museum.

Jeannie Ballentine Riegel's big news is that she will be a great-grandmother in January—"so excited!" She also had a wonderful birthday celebration with her four daughters in Antigua.

1954

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Summarizing her year, **Glenn Shannon Whipple** and **Oggie** began with a week's trip this past November. On a small cruise ship they traveled from Baltimore's Inner Harbor down Chesapeake Bay to Yorktown—where they toured Williamsburg—returning along the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Along the way, they visited small fishing villages and quaint towns, and enjoyed beautiful autumn leaves.

Thanksgiving, spent in Houston with her son and his family in their lovely new home, was followed soon after by a five-day hospital stay in Fort Worth for a second hip replacement. They had a lovely time at Christmas in Denver with Glenn's daughter and her family, although she was still recuperating and could not go out. "Three weeks post-op, I was no longer on a walker...just using a cane!"

Glenn's annual mother/daughter trip took them to Santa Barbara in March, a lovely area where

Glenn found a lovely retirement community in Montecito, noting it as a possibility for the future. Next year will be the big year for their annual trip since they will be 80/50 respectively. Any suggestions for a stateside extra special trip? Please let Glenn know.

Glenn notes that in June, her family of 11 returned for the eighth year to the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. "Beautiful accommodations and grounds...and had a fabulous time with all our children. Rest of the summer was quiet and relaxing. Now that fall is here, I've geared up again with our college community choir, facilitating a Community Bible Study at our church...and then the usual working out at the gym and other necessary body maintenance activities!"

"We are still loving living in our mountain town...the climate is wonderful and the relaxed pace is such a nice change from a big city. I do keep up with all my Fort Worth friends, though (after all, I lived there for 66 years before moving up here), which makes it really nice when we go back for doctor's checkups, etc. And get some shopping done!"

Like many of us, **Elodie Huntley Tilney** and her husband, Bud,

have slowed the pace of their lives. Elodie says that "most of our old friends at Sea Oaks have moved out to assisted living places or nursing homes. Many of their houses have been bought by much younger people in their 50s and 60s who love it here, and we have met some very delightful 'new' people."

Betsey Barrett Phillips writes, "Chuck and I put our house on the market last November and finally completed the sale and moved in September. That process pretty much consumed our lives for the 11 months that it took. We had lived in the same house for 26 years, and although we loved all of it, we had created a monster that needed to be taken care of. Too many gardens and too much maintenance, so we're now in a townhouse and someone else does the outside work. That leaves us free to travel in our RV or out west to see our two daughters and grandchildren. One of our daughters just moved with her family from Maine to Montana. They were an hour away from us, but now they're on the other side of the country. We'll go out to ski with them in February and will spend next summer out there in our RV. We just returned from three weeks in Tanzania doing work with the Precious Project Children's Home

that we've been connected to for about five years. So far, we're still healthy and active. Lots to be said for that, and we're grateful."

The good news from **Jane McCurrach Talcott** is that she and her husband and all their family are well.

As for me, the compiler of these class notes, October has turned into a mini-reunion time. Yesterday, **Frannie Haffner Colburn** and **Maria Salome Casanova Aguero** left here after visiting me to continue Salome's autumn foliage trip in New England. What a treat it was for me to see Salome, the first time since EWS graduation in 1954. Salome's life since then has probably had more changes and challenges than any of the rest of us. But that has not slowed her down or made her any less glamorous and interesting. Before heading home to Florida, Salome had a lively lunch with Frannie and **Jane McCurrach Talcott** in Boston.

Recently, I joined **Frannie Haffner Colburn**, **Karen Bisgard Alexander**, **Helen Harvey Mills**, and **Barbara Mayer Marks** in Chicago at a gathering of Barbara's siblings, cousins, and old friends. The idea originated with Barbara's three wonderful sons, who thought a visit to Chicago, where Barbara grew up, would provide a much deserved respite after the sadness of her husband, Fillmore's, recent death. Helen came into the city from her home in nearby Park Ridge, Frannie came from Manchester, MA, and I from Stonington, CT.

I was fortunate to stay with **Karen Bisgard Alexander** in her Mies van der Rohe designed apartment overlooking Lake Michigan. We were kept so busy at luncheons, teas, dinners, and museums that there was little time



Reunion Weekend 2015 Maypole dance



Debby's House (Head's House)

to linger and enjoy the view! Karen and I agreed that each event was suffused with warmth and caring—and usually consuming dark chocolate candies, which Barbara had taught us to prefer during our EWS days. Being with EWS friends was an added treat.

Here it is in Helen's words: "A magical mini-reunion with Barbie and Karen and Frannie and Betty. It was timeless, ageless, and fun. Barbara's sister, Susie Wood, and Rob—the best hosts for tea at the Racquet Club (remember EWS teas and us pouring?). Barbara's son, Will, planned it all along with Brad and Doug Marks, with Susie's urgings. I miss everyone from Walker's. Doesn't anybody else come to Chicago? Good doin's here."

In closing, all those who knew Barbara's husband, Fillmore Marks, were greatly saddened by his death. Fillmore was the ultimate gentleman, known for his kindness, generosity of spirit, as well as a wonderful sense of humor. I was fortunate to have been the recipient of all this on my many visits to their home in Hillsborough, CA.

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My thanks to all of you who wrote a note; truly, email has been our "saving grace," for written correspondence back and forth would have been much more difficult. Thanks, too, for your good book suggestions.

Phoebe Haffner Andrew reports that she had a relaxing summer in Canada. We were sorry that our visit to Seattle didn't coincide with Phoebe's dates. She plans to be in New York in October for a mini Vassar reunion, and in February will join her sister, **Frances Haffner Colburn '54**, on a trip through the Panama Canal and then on to Brazil to visit colonial cities and towns.

Travel. Travel seems to be the catchword for **Peg Peck Blosser** and her husband, Denver. They enjoyed several "golf-related" stays, including playing on courses in Florida and Hilton Head, SC, followed by trips south and west for graduations and visits with children and grandchildren. (The Blossers have a large blended family throughout the country and manage to spend time with many of them, while they are in school, college, and several now out on their own.) Last September, Peg and Denver enjoyed a Viking River "cruise on the Elbe River, water level very low." Peg said that the Berlin Wall is very moving. They landed in Prague as their final destination. While in Germany, the Blossers enjoyed side trips to Wittenberg, and the fortress of Königstein, a complete walled town high above the river. "Weirdest was a church that was filled with statues, panels, and pillars all made of human bones and skulls of the thousands murdered by the Nazis...really astounding and horrifying at once." Peg and Denver plan to be in Hilton Head at Thanksgiving for their annual family gathering.

As you know, I have been in touch with **Nancy Lanphier Chapin** from Chatham, IL, just outside of Springfield. We talked on the phone for a long time in September. Nancy remains very busy in the Springfield community. She and her late husband, Chick, were active throughout his long life, and Nancy continues to be involved with some of their historical projects.

Much as we all despair if our email account is hacked, I have to say that "out of lemons comes lemonade!" We received a note purporting to be from **Diana Forman Colgate**, and I quickly wrote to Diana and got a very thoughtful note right back. She wrote: "We have had the best summer—lots of family time (14

The Class of 1956 recommends the books that they enjoyed reading:

Peg Peck Blosser:

The Obituary Writer by Ann Hood; *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman

Barbara Bidwell Manuel:

You Have a Brain by Dr. Ben Carson; *And the Good News Is* by Dana Perino; *Things That Matter* by Charles Krauthammer; *The Third Target* by Joel Rosenberg; *City of Tranquil Light* by Bo Caldwell; *The Hour I First Believed* by Wally Lamb

Serena Stewart:

A Prison Diary, a series of three books written by Jeffrey Archer during his time in prison following his convictions for perjury and perverting the course of justice.
Volume 1: *Bellmarsh: Hell*
Volume 2: *Wayland: Purgatory*
Volume 3: *North Sea Camp: Heaven*

A. Massie Hill:

Toscanini by Harvey Sachs;
Lisbon by Neill Lochery;
Leonard Bernstein by Meryle Secrest; Four true stories of agents/double agents during WWII by Ben Macintyre: *A Spy Among Friends*, *Agent Zigzag*, *Operation Mincemeat*, *Double Cross*

grands) and we are going to Sun Valley at the end of September. I am keeping busy with the North Shore Health System here (Long Island), serving on the Board of Trustees. I also serve on the Advisory Board of our hospital in Glen Cove. We now have an apartment in New York which is so much fun as we try to go in once a week for a play or an event—John is hugely active, and it is a

Take Note

challenge to keep up with his many activities—we see a lot of the Geddeses and often play bridge with them.”

Missy Turnbull Geddes wrote that she and Max had a busy summer last year. They traveled to Ireland in June and then to Scotland in September, a welcome break from the nasty, hot weather at home. Missy is very enthusiastic about all the changes at School; new buildings, and a new Head of School. Me, too. Missy and Max live very near the Colgates on Long Island.

Gail Sheppard Moloney sent an adorable electronic birthday message to me in September. She moves gracefully between Vero Beach, FL, and Greenwich as the seasons change. She and **Gigi Pearson Smithers** see each other when both are in Florida for the winter.

Barbara Richards Pitney has been very thoughtful in keeping the Hills informed about two mutual friends in Bernardsville, NJ. Thank you, Barbara.

Evie Lisle Rooney wrote from Washington, D.C., where she and her husband, Fred, have lived for many years. Evie remains active on the board of the Bach Choir in Bethlehem, PA, which has a splendid music festival every year in May. (We hope to go!) She is also very involved with Christ Church in Georgetown, and for many years has been on the board of the Bishop Walker School, a school that began with K1, added a grade a year, and has now reached the fifth grade. The school is for underprivileged boys in the poorest part of the city. “It is doing well and is quite exciting that so far it has been sustainable because, as you know, church schools don’t get city funding. All three of our kids live here in the city, and we have seven grandchildren, so that is great fun. That is it!” Mal and I enjoyed a

great evening with the Rooneys here in Atlanta several years ago when they came to visit other friends.

Carol Stanwood wrote from Boulder, CO, where she continues to enjoy the many activities and resources of the University of Colorado. She especially wants to send fond good wishes to all of our classmates.

Last September, **Serena Stewart** and a friend from Hope Lodge in New York, where Serena continues her faithful service, traveled to Santa Fe, and had a lovely evening with **Dorothy Doubleday Massey**. Instead of dinner out, Dorothy, an excellent cook, served them a lovely dinner in her charming house. Serena said that Dorothy’s bookstore is thriving, and as we found a few years ago when we were visiting in Santa Fe, it is staffed with well-informed and attractive people and located in the heart of the city.

When at home in New York, Serena writes, “Hello to all. My life continues to be fun and productive, but I have no ‘new news’ at the moment.” Serena is an active volunteer at American Cancer Society NYC Hope Lodge. She does anything and everything there and has for many years.

Sara Cavanagh Schwartz from West Chester, PA, and **Kiki Judd** from Larkspur, CA, each wrote a thoughtful note. Thank you both.

Gigi Pearson Smithers wrote that their “beloved old dog (Henry-Higgins) who was almost 17” died at the end of September. I know from past conversations with Gigi that both she and Kip enjoyed their friend very much. The Smithers divide their time between the Cape in the summer and Vero Beach in the winter.

My husband, Mal, and I had a

very enjoyable stay in Seattle for three weeks last summer. “We think of it now as our ‘summer home’ and plan to return this coming summer. The weather was absolutely beautiful, not any of the hot, humid Eastern air around, and we visited with friends in small groups so that by the time we came back to Atlanta, we felt ‘caught up.’”

Seattle, like Atlanta, is growing and thriving; with all of the commercial activities, both cities are choked with automobile traffic, and there do not seem to be any immediate plans for remediation. Mal and I continue to sing in the Cathedral of St. Philip choirs and are so grateful that our voices have held up! Our music director, Dale Adelman, whom **Barbara Bidwell Manuel** knows from working with him in England, has presented us with quite a few new anthems and service music written by living English composers. It’s exciting to think of composers in their 20s and 30s who are so talented. They could be our children!”

Each year at this time, we remember those classmates who are no longer with us. They are: **Constance “Connie” Irwin Bray, Caroline “Cookie” Schutt Brown, Patricia “Pat” Pfaff Gonset, Emily “Bonnie” King Harrison, Elaine Humphreys Hewitt, Evie Bardeen Leach, Nancy Sherwood O’Hearn, Anne Machold Rooks, Jean Fonda Shank, Mary Laird Silvia, and Lynn Fentress Underhill**. They are not forgotten.

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Phyllis Richard Fritts writes, “My news is sad, yet not. My wonderful Dad, almost 101 years old, passed away August 27th after a great life. I was certainly lucky to have him for so long.” Many classmates shared their memories of him, including **Mimi Moore Rosenwald** and **Bea Vander Poel Banker**, who had known him from our shared grammar school days, to those who remembered him during our Walker’s years. Thanks to all who sent good wishes and especially to my classmate and second cousin, **Carroll Townsend Tickner**,



Daughter Tanya and Susan
Shierling Riegel Harding '60

who traveled with her husband, John, to Maine for his funeral.

Other news from **Carroll Townsend Tickner**: “Now that summer is over and life has calmed down a bit, we took a trip to Lima to visit our son, Jared Miller, and his wife, Gisele. We had a fantastic trip with them and also ventured to Arequipa and the Colca Canyon area, which, on top of being magnificent, is the deepest canyon in the world! We wrestled with the high altitude but survived. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving with family and are hoping to have all of our six children with their families, including our six granddaughters, who range in age from 8 months to 10 years. Should be fun.

Cynn timer Kirkland Kellogg emailed that she and Peter will be going on the same barge/golf trip to Bordeaux in May as **Phyllis Richard Fritts** and her husband, Guy...a wonderful coincidence.

Susan Shierling Riegel Harding is “busy with bridge, book club, lots of committee work for my Unitarian Universalist Church, knitting, sewing, and working with succulents by making wreaths and propagating them. I turned my lawn (in San Diego) into succulents 18 years ago and now with the drought, everyone is finally coming around to doing the same. Daughter Tanya Riegel’s grandmother will be 106 in January and we are going to visit her in Virginia for Christmas to celebrate a bit early. I’m very content having turned 74 this past summer. I have good energy and pay no attention to my lymphoma!”

From **Harriet Blees Dewey**: “All the excitement around the announcement of Meera as our next Head of Walker’s has been keeping me busy. She is an amazing woman and Walker’s is

truly on the move. I have loved getting involved and meeting the Walker’s women of today and the dedicated faculty who guide them. Bob and I are enjoying all 15 of our grands. We have three out in the real world and employed, fortunately. They are all helping to keep us young but find us hopeless in the areas of tech, current movies, and music!”

Margot Campbell Bogert is still working hard at the Frick Collection in NYC and is eager to meet the new Walker’s Head.

Abra Prentice Wilkin reminisces about our 55th Reunion, where the idea of honoring Tom Speers P’16, spearheaded by **Caryl Van Ranst Dearing**, came to fruition. “Bessie’s husband, Tom, who has done so much for EWS and is probably the only Head husband who actually lived full-time on campus in the School’s 100 years, had a front row Chapel pew named for him. He was touched and pleased. Also in tow for our Reunion: **Gen Miller Elkus, Marilyn “Hodge” Hodges Wilmerding, Bea Vander Poel Banker, Caryl Van Ranst Dearing, Harriet Blees Dewey, and Virginia “Dinny” Jones Bush**, with **Cynn timer Kirkland Kellogg** popping in for Friday lunch. It was terrific seeing other alums who have shared Reunion years and EWS board terms with me, like members of the Class of 1955 **Liz Nash Muench ’55, Terry Treman Williams ’55, and Tisha McClure Potter ’55 P’85**, plus **Donya Nagib Soriano ’90 and Brooke Gaffney Redmond ’90**. I also see **Holly Legler Cortes ’91 and Elizabeth Borland Blodgett ’91** in Chicago as we all serve on the Woman’s Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital. There is never a trip to NYC without dinner with **Serena Stewart ’56. Merry Bragonier Bouscaren** popped in for a long overdue overnight during the Pope’s visit.



Ashley Norton, with her mother, Abra Prentice Wilkin ’60 and Merry Bragonier Bouscaren ’60

She is godmother to my daughter, Ashley. Time marches on as my eldest grandchild is looking at prep schools and I’m happy nesting, downsizing, and catching up with my scrapbooks. I stopped sorting and pasting in 1990, and what will we do with all those digital photos we never bothered to get printed?”

For **Patty Connors Warrender**, “The highlight of 2015 was a pack trip with my granddaughter, Hope, to the Chinese Wall in Montana. She wanted to climb it with me as she knew that I had done it several years ago. We rode about 100 miles in three days and did climb it to the top. Quite an achievement at my age! It is a trip we will cherish forever...just the two of us and a guide. Just showed my dog, Maggie, at the Terrier National Specialty and she was one of three girls to get an award in best of breed. I was the only nonprofessional to get an award. It was very competitive this year with 105 Norwich Terriers. So proud of her! I’ve missed seeing my EWS classmates but hope all are hale and hearty.”

Clara Perkins Stites says, “As for my news, nothing earth-shaking except grandkids, border collies, and a little house in Sebastian, FL, near my sister’s Ashram. We bought the house on a whim in hopes of escaping

another winter like the last one. Probably means there will be no snow at all in 2016, but that is OK, too!”

Ellen Corroon Petersen “rented half of a chateau in the Dordogne for a week this past June. Everyone in the family came, including a friend for Ethan, my best friend from Wilmington, her French husband, and grandson. It was absolutely wonderful. The baby learned to eat foie gras and apricots and only once did we spend more than 10 euro on a bottle of wine—all delicious. Mademoiselle Peretmere has stood me in good stead over the years! I love speaking French, not that I do it very well. My grammar would have her turn in her grave, but usually I can understand and make myself understood. My older son, Richard, moved from Brooklyn to Mill Valley, CA, in August. I hate having my grandchildren so far away. Fortunately, son Max, Radhika, and Finn, who is 14-months-old, still live in Brooklyn. It is so much fun having a baby in the family again. I’m still involved in horticulture, from getting dirty in my garden most days, to serving on boards of public gardens.”

Bea Vander Poel Banker had a “fun lunch at **Emily Eckelberry Johnson ’82**’s with members of the Class of 1982 and, of course,

Mollie Stark Eckelberry '48, Emily's mom. The Class of 1982 is wonderful. Many thanks to **Kit O'Brien Rohn '82**, who chaired the search for our exciting new Head of School. I am in contact with **Patty Connors Warrender**, **Marilyn Hodges Wilmerding**, and, of course, **Gen Miller Elkus** and **Alita Weaver Reed**."

Caryl Van Ranst Dearing wrote: "Summer on Martha's Vineyard was wonderful. I made close to 40 jars of beach plum jelly and swam every day; I continue to play golf, tennis, bridge, and mahjong along with teaching the knitting of socks. Since Reunion, I have been keeping up with Walker's and the hiring of a new Head of School. **Harriet** was part of the committee that interviewed all the candidates along with helping make the Tom Speers P'16 award possible. Over the summer, I was in contact with **Gen**, **Bea**, **Dinny**, **Abra**, **Hodge** (Hey Hodge, I didn't forget...to all of you, I left her out in the previous *Sundial*), **Patty Kelsey Schultz**, and **Patsy Kelly McCornack '54**. I was on campus in November for an Alumnae Board meeting...the Centennial Center is on its way. It's so thrilling to walk through and think about a campus building housing a 25-yard pool, squash courts, rooms for dance, etc., along with a gathering area with lots of glass overlooking the athletic fields, mountain, and gorgeous sunsets! When and if any of you are in the Simsbury area, please stop by and have a tour...it will make you so proud to be a Walker's graduate. I also went to a couple of classes and had the opportunity to ask how the girls felt about learning at Walker's. All were enthusiastic about the academics, the variety of subjects, and how the teachers are teaching, with very little lecturing and more student involvement and working together in groups. Think about

five years from now and celebrating our 60th. Can't wait to see all of you. Let's keep in touch!"

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Sage Dunlap Chase: "Hope some of you have been enjoying **Harrah Lord**'s blog as she and her husband, John, recently explored the U.S. for six months in their Airstream named Maxine! They visited several classmates along the way: **Susan Rand Whitlock** in Florida, **Quinta Symonds Bodin** in Oregon, **Suzy Fox** in Washington, **Betsy Balis Goodyear** in Wyoming, and, most recently, **Lisa McCluney Delafield** and me in New Hampshire! They have had an enviable experience meeting all kinds of people and observing new lifestyles from the comfort of a totally uncluttered home!"

I have had several visits this summer with **Mary Goodyear Glenn**, who has weathered one knee replacement and is gearing up for the second. I also stay in phone and email contact with **Marcia Corbin**, **Sara Hall Fargo**, and occasionally, **Linda Hale Bucklin**. I am excited about seeing Quinta's new house in Portland after Thanksgiving when



Gwendolyn Wood Wisely '96 and **Caryl Van Ranst Dearing '60** at last year's Reunion Ba-Na-Na

we are visiting our West Coast families.

I hope many of you are continuing to stay connected after our Reunion—having lost two classmates, **Penny Johnson Wartels** and **Diana Daggett**, since then, we cannot take each other's presence in our lives for granted. Sending love to all.

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The alumnae office received news from **Celeste Royall Niarchos**: "2015 has been a year of 'firsts': first year of full retirement, first time at Augusta, first time at Pebble Beach, and first grandchild (a girl! and future Sun?)."

1965

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Diana "Duffy" Dyer Watson writes: "Husband Andy and I visited **Eliza "Bunny" Hicks Wheelwright** in her home overlooking the World Trade Center plazas on the weekend of Sept. 11, 2015. Andy and I went to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, which is quite moving, and each detail is extremely well thought through with respect to sensitivity and impact. The visit with Eliza was wonderful! We caught up on family news and where we are these days in our lives. Eliza is very busy with a choral group that she heads up. Andy and I are also very busy, having just moved into a larger home on Amelia Island, FL. That's right, we upsized. Who does that at this age? Well, we did because our kids are younger than a lot of our peers and we just welcomed our first grandchild, Owen, who is 18 months old. We also have a place in Hendersonville, NC, where we

spend the summers. Our son lives in San Francisco, and our daughter is moving from Alexandria, VA, to Thousand Oaks, CA, in two months. So, California will definitely be in our travel plans for the foreseeable future.”

Last January, I invited **Betsy Peabody Miles** and **Peggy Sullivan McShane** to come and visit us in Florida. We had a blast going over our memories of Walker’s people and events. We hope to do it again some time soon. I don’t think I had seen Betsy since 1969. Both Betsy and Peggy looked just the same. Amazing! Sorry to have missed everyone, but next time, we hope to make it.

A note from **Lacey Neuhaus Dorn**: “I hated to miss our Reunion and will only hope such a crowd gathers for the next one. Tucker and I still live in San Antonio, but I now commute to Houston for my art business, brokering private sales and advising a few collectors and the estates of collectors. Suddenly, seeing a bucket list opportunity, I optioned a book on the fall of the Soviet Union focusing on the work of my first bosses, George H.W. Bush and James A. Baker, III. We are now in the final stage of script development for a movie we will then market. However far we get, it is an intriguing journey. Daughter Lacey left the investment business soon out of college and makes films. She writes, acts, and directs, and we are very proud of her. Will keep you posted.”

Nancy Sargent McGrath Green wrote, “**Judy Coburn Klein** and I were together in Dalles, OR, participating in a funeral for my Bishop. Bishop Kimsey was the babysitter for Judy and her siblings when Judy’s dad was Dean of Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge. Judy looked exactly the same. I

could see her in the EWS athletic uniform flying down the field hockey field. I am still active in full-time ministry in an ecumenical congregation. All was great until I slipped on stairs, went down on my artificial knee that does not bend well, and forced the flexion. The knee would not bend and I fractured my femur on each side and ripped it from the knee appendage! Yuck. Surgery was required, and then in non-weight-bearing mode for 6-8 weeks. This, too, will pass.”

Judy Coburn Klein wrote, “**Nancy Sargent McGrath Green** and I ran into each other unexpectedly last spring in Eastern Oregon—what a curious location for two friends who carpoled to EWS from the Boston area! Within the few minutes that we were together, we exchanged more news than my husband, Jim, thought humanly possible. Nancy is unchanged in her tremendous enthusiasm for life! What a wonderful treat for me!

My husband, Fred, and I went to our 50th and are so glad we did. It was such fun to see old faces which have not changed that much. **Linda Vander Poel Duryea, Anita Pagliaro, Nancy Brookfield Burke, Posie Sides Cowan, Rusty Foley, Lucia Bryant Blanchard, Helen Frederick, and Louise Knapp Page** were there, too. We agreed to make it a priority to come back for our 55th, so let’s all make an effort.

Fred and I went on a special Tauck musical cruise in October on the Danube and loved it. Lots of concerts and walking tours; I highly recommend this trip. Retirement is fantastic, so I finally have time to do these things as well as having a ball with my two little granddaughters.

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The alumnae office received news from **Gurukirn Paulus Khalsa**: “I am very excited about Meera being hired as the next EWS Head of School. My daughter, Guru Dev, was a student at

Deerfield when Eric and Meera were there. Since my daughter had gone to school in India, she and Meera developed a close bond. I found Meera delightful! Good job!” Gurukirn attended the Parliament of the World’s Religions in Salt Lake City, UT, as a delegate and presenter for the Arizona Interfaith Movement in October. She also had a watercolor painting accepted into the Arizona Watercolor Association’s Fall Show.

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Jean Hamilton has stepped down as Class Correspondent, and the job will now be shared by **Betsy Ballenger, Debbie Seaman, and Cynny Smith Evanisko**. In 2013, Jean retired from her job at Marathon Oil and spends most of her time traveling from her home base in Houston. "I usually hit the Caribbean each February with friends, spend a month on the northern Outer Banks every May-June, and all of December and January on St. George Island in Florida," Jean reports. "These are fun road trips with the dogs and lots of friends. (Walker's friends need to be added to the mix!) I've been leasing two very nice, roomy homes in each place over the years. We celebrate Christmas in the St. George Island house. It's just my siblings now, as we lost Mother at the end of March. This was a release, as she had been in poor health mentally the last couple of years. Sadly, I also lost my 15-year-old Jack Russell, Marie Galante, in April. I didn't want my other one to be lonely, so added a new baby at the beginning of May." Jean was, at this writing, planning a trip to Italy (Tuscany/Sestri Levante) for about 10 days, then a 15-day cruise on the Star Flyer clipper ship in November, starting in Barbados and sailing through the Windwards, Dutch Antilles, Cartagena, and then the Panama Canal. That will be followed by a trip to St. George Island and, in March, a cruise from Sydney to Fiji and back. Jean adds that she still rides, doing only dressage since EWS.

Betsy Ballenger reflects, "When we were at Walker's, I always looked with amazement at the alumnae who came back for reunions. Who were those ancient crones? Well, now we're heading for our 45th, with the 50th not far behind. I hope more of us will show up, and I for one would love to see everyone. I've kept in touch with a few of us, and I would like to hear more news. **Liza Felder** comes for about a week almost every year in September to my family house on the North Fork of Long Island, and we stay in touch throughout the year. She is still in Dallas, planning a move into the family duplex with her sister living on the other side. Last year, she lost her big toe (and no, she hasn't found it yet) from complications of diabetes, but she still gets around fine. Her third Wheaten Terrier, Pellinore (who comes after Paddington and Percival), keeps her company.

"While I still haven't seen her in the flesh, my old roomie, **Charlotte Smart Rogan**, is living in Connecticut, working on her next book," Betsy continues. "I'm sure most of you know she had quite a success with *The Lifeboat*, which came out in 2012. I've also heard that a movie is in the works, with Anne Hathaway.

"And speaking of books, **Aki Busch** has written quite a few herself, as well as pieces I see in *The New York Times*.

Leila Baroody has sold her house in Lakeville, CT, and is renting a place in nearby Sharon until she decides if she wants to buy again or continue to rent. (Stay tuned!)

For those of you who do not know, our class president, **Cynthia Elliott**, has been president and CEO of Symphony Space in NYC since 2009.

"As for me, Betsy, my husband, Chris Beale, and I are living in Charlottesville, VA, with three

rescue cats. We moved here from the San Francisco Bay Area in 2012 and bought a house last year. I'm working part time doing research for a retired William & Mary religious history professor who is writing a novel, and I'm trapping feral cats for a local rescue group and contemplating getting my real estate license in a third state for some income on the side. It's also a great way to see some of the beautiful old houses in the area. Once I got here, I discovered that my seventh great-grandfather lived in the next county, and his second wife (from whom I'm descended) traces her ancestry back to Jamestown. If I had more time, I'd do more genealogy."

Donna Williams reports the sad news that her mom passed away January 24, 2013, having suffered from dementia and having been in a nursing home the last 11 months of her life. An earlier tragedy was a house fire at the Williams' home in Brooklyn in 2010, and Donna has taken on the renovation of the house from top to bottom. "Well, let's just say that I won't be retiring any time soon," Donna remarks wryly. "I'm still working in publicity and enjoying it. In May, I celebrated my 10th anniversary at WNET (Channel 13), the New York PBS station. Before WNET, I was at PBS for 27 years, until they downsized and closed their New York press office." Romantically,

Donna is still with her beau, Kevin Boyce, whom Debbie has met and pronounces "a great guy."

Jane Orndahl writes, "Still commuting to the city for work at J.P. Morgan. My oldest daughter, Alexa, is a freshman at James Madison and loving it. My youngest daughter, Niki, is a sophomore at New Canaan High School. Looking forward to our reunion in May!"

Debbie Seaman is trying to write a novel and doing some French tutoring and substitute teaching amidst some major renovations of her house in New Canaan, CT. The family will travel to Australia over the Christmas holidays to visit her husband, Warren Lancaster's, family. In mid-May, Debbie and Warren will divide a weekend between their twins' graduations: Cameron's from George Washington University, and Lachlan's from Carnegie Mellon University. Meanwhile, Cameron is currently a photo intern with the *Hill* in Washington, and Lachlan has co-published a paper on theoretical cosmology.

1972

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Rick Hatry, Joanna Betts Virkler '72 and Beryn Frank Harty '72 enjoy their visit at Joanna's home in Charlotte, NC.



Susie Churchill Bowman '72 and Jane Hadden Geisse '72 entertain classmates after dinner at the October 14 Class of '72 Reunion on Pawleys Island, SC.

Joanna Betts Virkler reports: “Just a reminder that it’s not at all too late to sign up for our October 2016 Walkerfest in Pawleys Island. Dates right now are probably Oct. 26-30. Just let me know when you can! We have 15 signed up, so plenty of room for more.

“Meanwhile, this has been a crazy year for me. We do have a huge family, so that roller coaster ride never really quits. The six kids range in age from 30-43, eight grandchildren from 4-19. Two adult children in the last year have had serious mental illness issues. One is stabilized and living on his own again. Our youngest daughter is MIA. Our daughter in Denver (with 15-year-old twin boys and husband in Winter Park) has breast cancer. Biff had a significant health glitch over the summer, but he is doing fine and still enjoying retirement on his lovely boat. Our stay-at-home-dad son in Charlotte continues to do a great job with his precious four-year-old daughter and two teenage stepsons. His wife is a Navy officer on a ship in Bahrain. Our State Dept. daughter is now in Guinea, West Africa, for two years. Another son and his family are living in Singapore. He is there working for his big pharma company. With the Colorado family, Biff and I were able to visit

Asia for a month last summer. We loved Cambodia! And being with the kids and five grands for so long was a rare treat. **Karen Brooks** visited us in Charlotte last spring. Rick and **Beryn Frank Harty** were here in the fall (we saw them over the winter in Key West), and **Aimee Gilleaudeau Lundy** and her husband, Mark, also spent time here with us. I have found much happiness and support, too, in my renewed friendships with my Walker’s sisters since our first long reunion on Martha’s Vineyard three-plus years ago. I really encourage all of you to consider joining us in Pawleys Island in October!”

Anne Boynton Hilton wrote: “Not much new from me. Accumulating grandchildren—number six was born in January—Savannah Marie Brown. Still working at Oliver Wight Americas. Still horsing around now and then—recently came back from a fantastic guest ranch in Granby, CO. Also attended a family member’s wedding in August in England and met one of **Sandy Pfleuger Phillip’s** equestrian friends. My youngest daughter is now an orthopedic surgeon in Chicago; **Aimee Gilleaudeau Lundy’s** daughter is in Chicago, so we are going to plan a mother/daughter weekend

out there this winter some time. Looking forward to Pawleys Island again next year.”

Jane Hadden Geisse shared: “I’m back at work part time. I got a phone call from one of the big horse show barns in the area asking me to teach riding and train horses. So, since bike racing is on the back burner, I thought why not? I’m still at our animal shelter five to seven days a week and am now on the board. We just doubled the size of the building to nearly 20,000 square feet and have a surgical clinic that rivals some small hospitals. Very exciting. My daughter, Ali, in Denver is crazy busy with four children, a full-time job, and a rental property. It makes me tired just talking to her! They visited for two weeks this summer (note to self: never do that again!), and I have never in my life been that tired, not even when I climbed Mt. Rainier. I don’t know how she does it. Other daughter, Boo, is Program Director for a nonprofit called Cleveland Scores, a writing and athletic program for at-risk kids K-12. She also teaches yoga and rides horses, so she is super busy, too. My husband,

Tim, retired and is trying to perfect his golf game while running his family’s foundation part time. We love the log home we moved into shortly after last year’s Reunion—some of you saw photos. And we have two new cats from the shelter who decorate it and chase the occasional ‘sky raisin’ (or fly). So, we feel very blessed. Hope a ton of people come to the next Reunion! It was a blast—especially because of the dorm-like rooms. Shades of Beaver Brook past. Sign up!”

Regina “Reggie” Scruggs wrote that she was an adjunct professor in the winter of 2015 in the Mass Communications Dept. at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX. She taught beginning radio broadcasting to three class sections, despite having no formal teaching experience! Regina is now moving on to giving lectures in film in the Houston area. Her latest called “Hotels in the Imagination” was on famous hotel scenes in movies.

From **Beryn Frank Harty**: “As you know, this has been a difficult year for me. My third round of cervical spinal surgery, fusion, and



Victoria “Tori” Reeve Spaulding '72 with her longtime beau, John Winder, and Tori’s three grandchildren, Athena Spaulding, and twins, Bodie and Wyatt Spaulding. John’s mother, Mary Studebaker Winder '44, is an EWS graduate; John’s father designed Cluett!

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hardware installation took place in late December of 2014. I spent months in a brace 24/7 during my recovery, a process made no easier by having endured it twice previously. Then, my mother died unexpectedly almost exactly one week after my 'thumbs up' check-up and progress approval from my orthopedic surgeon. The past several months have mostly been occupied with estate-related activities and going through mom's belongings. It is a life transition that many of our classmates have already experienced. On a positive note, though, my husband and I were able to visit his mother for her 95th birthday recently, and were able to coordinate a visit with Biff and **Joanna Betts Virkler** on our way to Kentucky. **Aimee Gilleaudeau Lundy** and her husband, Mark, plan to stop over and have a short visit with us in the Keys before they start their cruise. They'll visit Joanna and Biff in Charlotte on their way home."

Good news from **Aimee Gilleaudeau Lundy**: "I finally retired in early January! Since then, I have been reading, relaxing, playing tennis almost daily, and traveling some. For any of you who enjoy tennis, the ATP tournament here in Cincinnati is fabulous! Come and visit during the tournament! Last fall, I planned a visit with **Beryn Frank Harty** and **Joanna Betts Virkler**, as well as a cruise to the Caribbean. One of our daughters, Michaela, lives in the Cincinnati area, so we get together fairly frequently. Our other daughter, Meghan, lives in Chicago. We visit her on a regular basis. **Anne Boynton Hilton**'s daughter has just moved to Chicago, so Anne and I are hoping to do a mother/daughter weekend in the near future. Miss you all and really looking forward to Walkerfest 2016."



Jill Englund Jensen '72 with her son, Adam, at his wedding

Sarah House Denby reports: "We are new grands—Charley's daughter, Mari, had a son, Tighe Owen Leahy, on February 20, 2015, and we are over the moon! He is happy and healthy and not too far—Brooklyn Heights. We see him at least every other month. My son, Ted (32), and wife, Katie, are back in Minneapolis after two and a half years in Switzerland (talk about downers! But everything is much cheaper here). He is still at Medtronic with pain-control implants and she's at General Mills (Pillsbury). So nice to have them back in the U.S. Charley's youngest, Owen, and wife, Katherine (both 30), will be moving to London in February with their respective law firms for two years, so it looks like we'll be 'crossing the pond' for another few years! My daughter, Lisa (34), loves her neat house in the Germantown area of Philadelphia and just finished her second master's at Penn in Educational Public Policy. She's determined to change the system from within! She has now been in Philadelphia for 15 years!"

"My son was married last fall, and he and his bride honeymooned in Greece," shares **Jill Englund Jensen**. "They will be living in

California, where Adam is assigned to Naval Air Station LeMoore. My daughter, Emily, was at the wedding with her two children, Joshua, who was the ring bearer, and Ethan, 4 months, who smiled through the entire event. Now that I have my doctorate, I am looking for part-time work teaching nursing at the University of Delaware. I am still working full time in the Emergency Department Observation Unit but anticipate being able to decrease to part-time hours next year and start teaching. The 12-hour rotating shifts from days to nights and back again are tough, and I am looking for something that I can do in retirement. I'm ready for a more 'normal' life. I am looking forward to the return to Pawleys Island and catching up with everyone."

Susie Churchill Bowman reminisces, "As I sit down to write this, I think back to exactly a year and a half ago when I was with many of you at the Pelican Inn on Pawleys Island. And it was just over three years ago that we had our first off-site reunion here on Martha's Vineyard. What an absolutely wonderful tradition we've begun!"

"As for news, I do have some! After 15 years as teacher/naturalist at the Vineyard's Audubon sanctuary, I retired at the end of December '14 to have more focused time to pursue my music and art. Unanticipated were the major medical crises that happened to four loved ones during the first four months of the new year, including my mother's death at 92. Since then, probably in response to all the stress, I've been struggling with serious to severe pain and spasms in my neck. Beryn, I truly feel your pain and it's really challenging! It's made it hard to play my violin, or do much of anything at times, but thankfully painting is therapy. On a very happy note, Woody and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary at the end of May with a quick trip to Bermuda. My mother was a native Bermudian, and we were able to spend time in the Cathedral in Hamilton on June 3, 72 years to the day that my parents were married there (my father ran the radar station there during WWII). We then walked to a parish church a mile away to visit the graves of my grandparents and great-grandparents. How is it that the last time we went to Bermuda was long ago with my parents for their 50th?! More trips back to this special island are in our future, especially to research family history (my mother is descended from one of the first English settlers c. 1625). Love to all and see you on Pawleys in '16!"

Mimi Mead Hagen says: "I am looking forward to joining the EWS gathering again, and I believe that **Peggy Hellebush** is coming this time—now that she is retired! I just stayed with her as my son is in college near her. I have been very busy as our younger son is applying to colleges, and we believe he will be recruited to colleges for squash."



Leo, grandson of Babbie Epple Melka '72

Babette “Babbie” Epple Melka shares, “OK. It is hard as a grandmother not to think that your grandchild is special. But... Leo was born Halloween 2014. His father, a doctor in the Navy, was deployed seven days later. The next six months before daddy came home were interesting for my daughter, Madeline, and Leo. All is good now with another on the way. My son, Alex, was married at his father’s home on Lake Coeur d’Alene over Labor Day weekend. Terry and I are building a home ‘Over the Hill’ in Idaho for a more relaxing environment. After 40 years, Jackson has just become a little too crazy.”

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Leslie Reskin Neilan wrote, “My daughter, Melanie Neilan, will be returning to Steppenwolf Theatre this winter to perform in the play *Domesticated*. Melanie’s first feature film, *Henry Gamble’s Birthday Party*, has been showing in film festivals around the country. My own feature film, *The Book of Leah*, will film during the summer of 2016. The cast, directors, and filming location will be announced soon. (Follow *The Book of Leah* film progress on Twitter and on Facebook.) My oldest son, Sean, keeps busy with his own successful software engineering company and has nine employees. Spencer, our middle son, graduated with an electrical engineering degree from MSOE in 2014 and has been working in machine vision at ShopperTrak for nearly a year. My husband, Paul, and I are now empty nesters, but we do hope to be blessed someday with lovely grandchildren.”

Connie Klipstein Bruno wrote, “I’m happy to raise four children and am currently watching my youngest daughter get ready for the work world as she graduates from Clemson University this year with a degree in food science. My oldest daughter is breaking barriers for women in the work world as she just recently took a position as construction manager for one of the top real estate development firms in New York City. Our middle son has recently graduated and is in sales. Our younger son is in the Army, stationed at Fort Stewart, GA, near Savannah. Between the two youngest, we make many trips to the south. Hoping to relocate there in the future!”

After getting a degree in nursing and going back later in life to get my master’s, I am vice president of operations for a marketing agency for the pharmaceutical industry. My husband is in commercial real estate property management. While work is demanding for both of us, we spend any free time we have on our 30-foot boat in Atlantic City, NJ, and travel to places like Turks. I almost lost my husband to a widow-maker heart attack last year, so we have learned to cherish life to the fullest!”

Nyoka Browno Woods continues her work in Orangeburg, SC, and like all teachers, she is looking forward to the days of retirement. Her sons, Kevin and Ian, both got married this year.

Debbie Bell Spoehel wrote: “I’ve moved to Hobe Sound, FL, where my mother, **Connie Lavino Bell ‘48**, and youngest brother, Stuart Bell, both have homes. I’m sure to see classmates **Kathy McCarthy Parsons**, **Sarah Gates Colley**, **Helen Potter Wagner**, and **Hilary Walker Hotchkiss**, who spend time here, too, as well as many other Walker’s ‘girls.’ My daughter, **Elizabeth Spoehel**

’14, is at Samford University in Birmingham, AL and son, Jay, is a junior at Berkshire School.”

As for me, I witnessed the birth of my fourth granddaughter in April. Rachel Marie was born on April 30 in Athens, GA. She is my seventh grandchild. Over the summer, I hosted a two-week “Cousins Camp” at my home. Six of my grandchildren, ages 3-10, joined me for fun, food, and learning. I recently began a new leg of my journey as a literacy consultant for Kentucky Department of Education. In August, I released my third book, *All Your Words Are True: Reminders of God’s Promises*. Check it out at www.amazon.com.

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Staley Cayce Sednaoui continues her work in nutrition. She has a private practice and is also preparing to launch her new website, www.endsugarcravings.com, which focuses on regaining health through correcting blood sugar

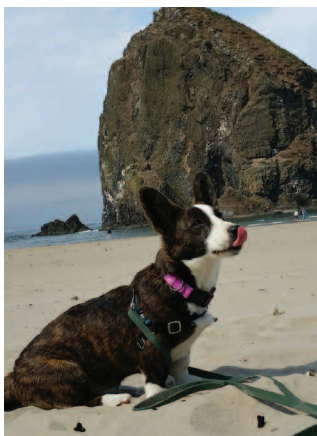


Staley Cayce Sednaoui '76 and family

imbalances. She is looking forward to completing her M.S. in Nutrition and Functional Medicine in winter 2016. Her children are all growing up. Her oldest daughter has graduated and moved to Austin, TX, her middle daughter is a junior at UVA, and her son is a junior at Taft in Connecticut. She and her husband, Carter, marvel at how time flies by like a speeding bullet train.

Here is a note from **Meg McKee**: “Still practicing law and loving it! Hate the ‘empty nest.’ Finding I miss the chaos. My two sons have abandoned me—James, the eldest, is teaching history in Micronesia and Will, the youngest, has moved to New Zealand to work at a luxury resort in Hawke’s Bay on the North Island. I guess Jamie and I will have to put our backpacks and traveling shoes on again if we want to see the boys! Really looking forward to the 40th in May. Hope everyone will come back. However, I dread being one of the ‘old ladies’ we used to look at during Alumnae Weekends wondering how anyone could get that old!”

Shelley Cole: “We also added a new member to our family: Coedwig’s Fire-Jade’s Pixel, a Cardigan Welsh Corgi. Hope to see you at our 40th.”



Shelley Cole '76 welcomes a new family member

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Carolyn Evans Gallagher is an RN in Southern New Jersey. Sadly, her husband passed away five years ago from cancer. Her son, Michael, is finishing his Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. He helped the Fire Behavior Assessment Team with the California fires last summer. Her son, Jeffrey, has just begun his pursuit of Doctor in Physical Therapy. Carolyn also volunteers with Animal Rescue.

Sheba Veghte has returned to painting and her current works of oil on aluminum focus on “house and the meaning of Home.” They can be seen on her website: www.bathshebaveghte.com.

Suzi Grinnell Bodnar Thompson loves her work as a Learning Specialist at Calvert Hall College High School in Baltimore where she has been for 11 years. She grows beautiful flowers on her farm in Fallston, MD.

Stephanie Economu is part of the team that made the documentary, *The Speed Sisters*, which has already won several awards. Official trailer: www.speedsisters.tv.

Nancy Smith Klos has been involved with art and the art world since she left Walker’s. She is currently working on art inspired by the Lan Su Chinese Garden in Portland, OR, where

she will have a one-person show for the Chinese New Year. Works will include paintings using the Sumi-E Chinese brush painting method, photography, and poetry. Her website, www.ateliernangallery.com, showcases her many art pursuits.

1978

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As I write this, fall is finally here, and it feels strange to have no one in our house going back to school. I work at Barnard College and serve on the school board in Tarrytown, NY, so I stay connected to the school calendar. Our daughter, Hannah, who graduated from Smith in 2015, has been living in Barcelona with her Catalan boyfriend and his parents (though hopefully they have found their own apartment by now!) and has taken the intensive course to get her certification in TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) to give her a marketable skill and hopefully a job in a country with a bad economy and a high unemployment rate. She has found that she really loves teaching and is good at it, so we look forward to seeing what she does with it. Our son, Adam, and his girlfriend moved to Nashville last year for her job, but they moved back to New York in September and are living with us. Robin stayed with the same company, so has been working in NYC since their return, and Adam is interviewing for jobs. Jordan and I really enjoy having them around and are happy we can give them our support in this way while they are in transition. They are both considering graduate school, so who knows where that might take them. We

miss Hannah, but we are so proud of her for taking the risks she is taking, and not a little jealous of the adventure she is having in a spectacular city. It is nice to be young and have the world at your feet.

Dolly Hall submitted the following poem that “pretty much sums up the feelings [of the fall season] for me. I have progressed some, and yes, my hair is now highlighted.”

SCHOOL DAZE

What was that strange sound? Was that the alarm?

Why can't I have drunk the coffee before I wake up?

When did I forget to get him new shorts?

Where is the email that tells me everything I need to know?

What is my password for the school website?

When was I supposed to have got him sneakers? Why are the old ones two sizes too small?

Why do all the other moms have their hair highlighted?

Why can't I find the forms I printed out yesterday?

Where are the crisp white shirts that I forgot to iron the night before?

It's going to be fine.

We only live three blocks away.

We'll be early, we don't want to miss a moment of the first day of school.

Barbi Heimbach Webber was thrilled to report that she, an eating disorder survivor and mentor, and her co-author, Carrie Thiel, a licensed clinical professional counselor, released their first book in August, *Surviving Disordered Eating: One Bite at a Time*. They “have been working together on behalf of their clients for over five years and are now sharing their knowledge and experiences with readers. Carrie helps readers to understand the unique forces at work in their



Barbi Heimbach Webber '78

lives and minds that produce disordered eating and/or distorted body image so they can make more positive choices and regain health. Barbi serves as a role model for recovery, and shares with readers how to navigate the day-to-day struggles that come with incorporating healthy eating and body behaviors back into their lives."

Hoping all are well, and please consider sharing your notes the next time around.

1979

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This in from **Ashley Smith Washburn**: "A lot has been happening with my family and foundation this year. My oldest son, Jack, spent the winter teaching skiing in Jackson Hole, WY, and the summer working for my foundation, Asante Sana For Education (ASFE), in Tanzania. He will soon be headed back to Wyoming for one final fun season while he continues to help the business end of ASFE. My second son, Sam, graduated from Ithaca College this past spring and is moving to Portland, OR, hoping to find an internship or job working in crisis counseling. My third son, Ben, a senior at Union College, studied abroad this fall in Fiji. He also spent the summer doing research for his senior thesis and working for ASFE. My fourth and final son, Nate, graduated from Kingswood Oxford School and is now loving Elon University. He also spent three weeks working with me in

Tanzania this summer. Both Ben and Jack ended their summer in Tanzania by climbing and summiting Mount Kilimanjaro.

My husband and I have been so busy with his work as a teacher at Glastonbury High School and our combined work with ASFE and various school boards in Hartford, CT.

This past May, while most of us were in Tanzania, JacksGap, British twins with a large following on their YouTube channel, spent a week filming our work and doing a short documentary for Skype. It recently went live and has already had over 106,000 views. Our hope is to get more schools throughout the world to connect with our students in Tanzania. Here is the link:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=JN65b3hZQ8.

If any EWS alumnae, students, or teachers want to travel with us or volunteer for ASFE, they can contact me through our website: www.asantesanaforeducation.com."

Nancy Mack von Euler writes: "I continue to walk and raise funds for suicide awareness. My

husband, Peter, and I were quoted in a Minuteman News Center article about their most recent walk—you can see the article here:

www.minutemannewscenter.com/articles/2015/10/13/westport/news/doc561d4113e8b80480045413.txt.

And a quick update from yours truly, **Karen Polcer Bdera**: I have traveled to San Jose and Aruba since my last update. I've also done a bit of racewalking (slowing down—I want to keep the original equipment in my left leg, so I need to ease up a bit on racing to preserve the knee), I continue to volunteer at God's Love We Deliver (where I used to work), and completed my 17th AVON 39 The Walk to End Breast Cancer. Nick and I are still happily retired.

1980

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Victoria McCain Carson writes: "During a brief break in training, my daughter, Emily, married Rex Atwood in Newport, RI. She is a budding neonatologist; he, a Navy surgeon."

Lué McWilliams has been busy on stage this year with back-to-back shows and says the most fun was playing the muse of epic poetry, Calliope. She has one film doing well in film festivals around the country (*The Brief, Existential Crisis of a Young Underwear Model*) and one in post-production. She is currently writing a one-woman show she hopes to put up in the next year.

Marion Leger Murphy writes: "We live in New Canaan, CT. The twins are both in college, and we are empty nesters! Lexi was



Back row, L-R: Bernard (a student), Nate, Jack, Ashley Smith Washburn '79, Tuma (ASFE Tanzania Director), and Grace (a KO student traveling with us). Front row, L-R: Finn Harries, Greg, Josh, and Jack Harries



Ashley Smith Washburn '79 with sons, Jack and Ben, and a friend on the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro

Take Note



Emily Carson, daughter of Victoria McCain Carson '80, weds Rex Atwood in Newport, RI.

recruited by SMU for the equestrian team. She started the Grand Prix this summer and rides with Frank Madden at Old Salem Farm. Connor was recruited to play baseball at Union College and is studying engineering! We just attended parents' weekend, and he seems to be adjusting well.



Connor Murphy, son of Marion Leger Murphy '80, at Union College in New York



Lexi Murphy, daughter of Marion Leger Murphy '80, at the Talent Search Finals, held at the U.S. Equestrian Team facilities in New Jersey. She placed in the top 25.

I am happy to finally have some 'me' time after years of showing on the A circuit and baseball tournaments. I was never home. Now, I am going to try to do photography more professionally, and I just returned from a trip to Bermuda, where I had a wonderful time with my sister,



Yve Larrieu '80 at the YNHH Smilow Closer to Free Ride for cancer research and care

Veronica Leger '81, and EWS classmate Heather Holmes."

Yve Larrieu reports: "I'm loving life in Branford. I found the most amazing spouse, and we've been together almost 29 years, although the laws only changed a few years ago to make it legal. I'm hoping to join Cari in retirement as soon as possible and continue traveling. Susan Knapp Thomas played the harp at our civil union 10 years ago. I recently took part in the Yale-New Haven Hospital Smilow Closer to Free Ride and, thanks to awesome friends, raised over \$10,000 for cancer research and care. I'm also running for local public office again after thinking I had managed to get away!"

Stephanie Smith Breed writes: "I saw Blair Leisure in Golden, CO, while visiting my daughter in Denver. I also saw Marion Leger Murphy and her sister, Veronica Leger '81, in Dorset, VT, when Marion's daughter attended a horse show. I keep in touch with Alice Hargrave, who is now an acclaimed photographer in Chicago. My daughter is a sophomore at Boston University,

and my youngest is a senior in high school. I'm looking forward to skiing this season since the *Farmers' Almanac* predicts an epic snowy winter."

Stephanie Davison lives in Bozeman, MT, and works at Montana State University. She has two daughters: Amelia, 21, and Grace, 17. She saw Alice Hargrave last summer in Yellowstone National Park and a number of other EWS classmates in Nantucket this past September at the home of Tracey Mueller Biedron.

Jennifer Hetzler writes: "I moved out to Columbus, OH, almost 12 years ago, when I was offered a job as the sales manager for a company called Equus Now! I must say I have a hard time telling people I'm a Michigan fan—something you never mention in the land of the Buckeyes! My job is never boring. Aside from being the sales manager, I go out to barns to fit saddles and design custom tack rooms for horse shows. I also run our mobile unit, which goes to shows around central Ohio. I've heard from our customers that I have become quite famous via the company's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts! Although I don't have any children and am



Gracie Lou Freebush, beloved dog of Jennifer Hetzler '80, spreading sunshine at a horse show



Blair Leisure '80 with her husband, Jack, and son, Ted, in Colorado

still in search of Mr. Right, I'm very happy to share my life with my wonderful dog, Gracie Lou Freebush. Gracie is an Australian Shepherd who was born deaf. She is the most amazing dog and can light up anyone's life. Currently, I'm working on getting her certified as a therapy dog and look forward to seeing how many more lives she can touch."

Elizabeth Dinkel writes: "My son, Nicholas, is a freshman at Bates. He is loving being on the other coast. My daughter, Isabel, is in ninth grade here in Los Angeles. I'm still doing the design stuff and travel all the time for work. I see **Marjorie Goodson-Cagle** from time to time and love that we've reconnected. I also saw **Ann Carey '81** last month in Long Island. Would love to see all of you again."

Madeleine Tappe Empey reports: "My husband and I have moved to Palm Desert, CA, and I'm enjoying an easy life with lots of golf. My girlfriends and I joke that we feel like we're at adult camp. So much going on here, and it's all so fun. My stepdaughter has been living in Vienna for six years now with a great career at an international research company. My dad is still in France, and we get to visit him on occasion. I'd love to see my Walker's friends

and catch up; it's why I love Facebook!"

Blair Leisure writes: "I am a wetland scientist/native plant restoration specialist on projects all over Colorado. I have a small environmental consulting company, and we have been in business for nine years. I live in Golden with my husband, Jack, and son, Ted, who just started kindergarten. Life is busy but great. I got to see **Stephanie Smith Breed** last spring with her daughter and have been staying in touch with many EWS pals through Facebook—so fun. My mom still lives in NYC, so we visit there often. All the best to our class!"

Julie Williams Wagoner writes: "I continue my career of commercial lending at Bath Savings, where I work with business owners and real estate investors and am now learning more about affordable housing. My 21-year-old, John, is trying out independence and living on his own. My 18-year-old, James, is a senior in high school with some special needs but also a new driver's license. My husband, Larry, and I just celebrated our 29th anniversary in beautiful Lubec, ME. Last summer, I was lucky enough to see **Dana Carter Lange '79** and former EWS staff

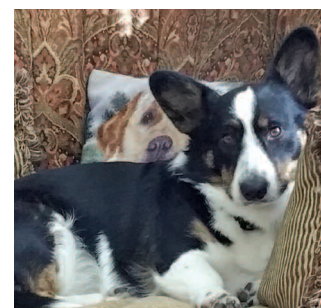
member Warren Erickson, who came to Bath to take me to a surprise lunch! I highly recommend Dana's blog, *Less Dana, More Good*."

Jennifer Kimmel Walther writes: "My mother recently delivered an old *Sundial* with all of our matriculation news—it brought back memories, and I can't believe it's been 35 years. I am back to working full time in marketing at Verisign (ever heard of .com and .net?). I am married, and my older daughter is a second-year student at the University of Virginia. My younger daughter is a senior in high school and an accomplished ballerina; she's making the very difficult decision of whether to try the professional apprentice dance route or go to college. If anyone heads to D.C., I'd love to see you!"

Susan Knapp Thomas reports: "I have this crazy life in Connecticut and Stuart, FL, since my husband, Brad, got a job down here during the recession. I teach, perform, and live in both places—life is never dull! Not blessed with kids, but harp students return after graduating, help me with harp camp, and come back for competition coaching, so they are good surrogates. We have an Australian Shepherd that I could swear is

Jennifer Hetzler's dog, Gracie's, fourth cousin, as they look very much alike from the pics I see on FB. If you are hungering for sunshine, come down and visit!"

Heather Holmes writes: "I have lived all over the country—Washington, D.C.; Boulder; Denver; Hartford; Nashville; Scottsdale; Phoenix—and now, for the past five years, just outside of Philly on the Trenton border. I have no children, but I do have a sweet Cardigan Corgi named Jewel. I spent most of my career in medical devices and equipment, working with hospitals, but six years ago, I started my own company, P2 Probiotic Power. Our soil-based probiotic technology plays a very important role in the elimination and prevention of a microscopic plaque called biofilm, which protects the viruses and harmful



Heather Holmes' '80 sweet Cardigan Corgi, Jewel



Heather Holmes '80 (middle) and Roni Leger '81 (right) with a friend during a trip to Bermuda with Marion Leger Murphy '80

Take Note

superbug bacteria that cause infections and many disease states. My goal is to make people healthier by making our environments healthier with the use of probiotics. You just might see me on national television as a biofilm expert and educator in the near future as we align with the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through physicians, integrative health practitioners, and organizations such as Mothers Against MRSA and FearlessParents.org.”

Hope Thurston Carter writes: “I have just recently wrapped up exhibiting at ArtPrize, a global art competition based in Grand Rapids, MI. Three of my ‘Frozen Bubble’ photos (www.hopercarterphoto.com) were on display there for a little over two weeks—a wonderful (but at times exhausting!) experience that I was grateful to have been accepted into. Life in Michigan continues to be so kind to me and my family, and for that, I am very thankful.”



Hope Thurston Carter's '80 “Sunset Bubble”—one of her entries to the global art competition ArtPrize

Susan Lierle reports: “I am in Los Angeles working for the television studios at Fox. My three girls are adventurers and all over the place—currently, Berlin, NYC, and Dallas.”

Drika Hubbell Constantino writes: “Life is quiet with husband, Anthony, and Tonka, our American Bulldog. I’ve been working as a legal secretary to the firm’s managing partner for the past 15 years and enjoy all the challenges that brings. The changing seasons in New England



Drika Hubbell Constantino '80 and her husband, Anthony, in Venice, Italy

are a constant joy, especially after four years in California. No kids, but a 95-lb. puppy is plenty—he keeps me on the move and out in all weather. Anthony and I gutted and renovated our house a couple of years ago, but there’s always work that needs to be done. We had a great trip to Italy with my family this summer and enjoy traveling, whether it’s on the motorcycle or otherwise. There’s always something to go and do!”

Jayne Wasley Koistinen writes: “I’m living in Noank, CT, and am celebrating 30 years as co-owner of Giabonni’s Riverside Salon & Spa (www.giabonnishairsalon.com) in downtown Mystic. I’m a master colorist and stylist, as well as a certified educator and master extensionist for SHE by So Cap USA Hair Extensions. I’m knee deep in hair every day and love helping clients create their signature style and feel great about themselves. I’m very happily divorced and living the dream with my second love of 10 years, Neil. I have three grown stepchildren and a two-year-old step-granddaughter. We love boating, and one of my favorite accomplishments is having skied 50 mountains worldwide by age 50. I have a burning desire to do it all over again. I welcome

anyone to stop in if you ever visit Mystic, CT.”

Denise Morales Richardson writes: “I’ve lived in California for the past 33 years and rarely get back East, but I enjoyed connecting with **Mary Bebel Schinke '81** back in August while I was in Washington, D.C., supporting my older daughter, Christyn (26), aka Miss Black California USA, who was competing in Miss Black USA. She didn’t win, but she performed well, and Mary was there to help cheer her on. Christyn is in her third year of law school at UC Irvine. My son, Chas (24), is studying psychology at Cal State Chico, and our daughter, Lauren (20), is attending Berkeley City College and will be transferring to a branch of UC next fall. Lauren also works at Apple and does commercials and modeling on the side. For the last 14 years, I’ve worked in education—12 years teaching political science and the past two years as a dean of academic and student affairs at Laney College in Oakland. My husband, Brian, is a neurologist in Berkeley, and we just celebrated our 30th anniversary. **Yvette Blake O'Connor** and I talk at least once a year. She and her husband live in Florida. I still sing every now and again.”



A Class of 1980 mini-reunion in Nantucket. Back row, L-R: Stephanie Davison, Katharine Bowring Coyle, Ruthann Bowers, and Tracey Mueller Biedron. Front row, L-R: Laura Priebe Luker, Brooke Hummer, Elliott Buck, and Cassandra Sperry Ordway

1981 REUNION

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My sister, **Marion Leger Murphy '80**, is now an empty nester with her twins off at college. Lexi is at SMU on the riding team, and Connor is at Union on the baseball team. Instead of being sad, Marion decided to do a girls’ week in Bermuda at Tucker’s Point to



Mary Beth Rettger '81 with her family, Roy Lurie, Daniel Lurie, and Emma Lurie

celebrate her newfound freedom. So, of course, I joined in, as did **Heather Holmes '80**. I hadn't seen Heather in probably 25 years, so it was great to catch up and spend time together. The issue now is that she has made me a cleaning fool! Her company (www.p2probioticpower.com) makes cleaning products that contain probiotics. Everything in my house is now cleaner than ever. Check it out, and you, too, can walk around your house spraying everything.

Mary Beth Rettger is also making her way slowly to being an empty nester. Her son, Daniel, started as a boarding student at Concord Academy (with much love and gratitude to **Pam**

Safford for coaching them both through the prep school process).

Shelley Marks was at her house in Wingersheek Beach this past summer, so we got to hang out. She was here with her four older brothers, who hadn't been in the same room since her wedding! During our visit, I got to hear all about her month-long family vacation through Europe in August. She went to Vienna, Prague, Budapest, and the Croatian coast by boat.

Lisa Levis von Braun writes that she is hosting two male exchange students for the school year. One is from Hong Kong (16), and one is from Germany (15). We'll all get to meet them



Heather Holmes '80 and Roni Leger '81



Shelley Marks '81 with her family in Croatia



Back row, L-R: Caitlin Nammack Weissman '82, Courtney Callahan '82, Kit O'Brien Rohn '82, Trustee, and Bea Vander Poel Banker '60, P'82; Front row, L-R: Emily Eckelberry Johnson '82, Emily's mom, Mollie Stark Eckelberry '48, P'82, and Leila Howland Wetmore '82

since she plans to bring them to Walker's in the spring for Reunion. Do we even allow boys? Lisa started a new job as a psychiatric nurse practitioner on the New Hampshire seacoast and says it is going great. She is, of course, still singing in a choir.

Narda Boughton writes that she has a solo art show next summer at the Bell Street Gallery on Madeline Island, WI, from June 18 to July 2, 2016. I know I've mentioned before that she is an amazing artist, but don't trust me; check her work out: www.leonardaboughtonart.com. Find out which Russian President had her artwork in his private collection!

Don't forget, our Reunion is this spring! I can't wait to see everyone and what the campus will look like with the new buildings!

Claudia Ingam writes, "After a year-long review process, I was promoted in June to Senior Instructor at Oregon State University. Conan and I took a trip to San Diego to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary in August."

Emily Eckelberry Johnson sent in a great photo from Long Island and wrote: "Check out this Sun/Dial photo taken today! I wouldn't let **Leila Howland Wetmore** use my plastic Dial mug for coffee. Walker's is thriving!"



Ashley Bourne Dewey '82, Meg Filoon '81, and Whitney Williams Jones '81 at Middlebury College

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Brenda Crowe was recently promoted to Vice President at the Plexus Groupe (employee benefits) in Dallas, TX.

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Flowers bring everyone together! As a European Master Certified (EMC) florist, **Carrie Viko Wilcox** attended a photo shoot in Atlanta, GA. Also in attendance was **Eleanor Hall Clevenger '66**, Director of Cut Flowers for David Austin Roses. After a few minutes of conversation, they made the connection that they were both Suns at EWS.



Eleanor Hall Clevenger '66 and Carrie Viko Wilcox '88 in Atlanta, GA

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From **Kerry Heneghan Tharpe** and the clan in Farmington, CT: "Maggie started ninth grade and is enjoying crew and Special Olympics. Hollis started seventh grade and adores football, especially his fantasy team. Colin started sixth grade and is continuing to enjoy school, soccer, and reading.



Sisters Kerry Heneghan Tharpe '91 and Tara Heneghan Law '96 on Memorial Day weekend at a nephew's baptism

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Toan Huynh sent an update to the Alumnae Office: "I am now on the board of an insurance firm and continue to lead our insurance practice and cloud advisory practice at Cloud Sherpas."

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Tara Heneghan Law wrote from the Law clan in Whidbey Island, WA: "Katie started third grade and is an avid bike rider. Izzy started first grade and is an avid scooter rider."



Frances Fernanda, daughter of Fernanda Gilligan Jess '96

Fernanda Gilligan Jess writes, "Thrilled parents of a healthy little girl! I'm more in love and more exhausted than I ever thought possible! Frances Fernanda Jess was born on Friday, September 18."

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This year I took a position with Alliance of Resident Theatres/ New York (A.R.T./New York), a nonprofit that assists more than 360 nonprofit theaters in NYC with critical funding, training, and advocacy so that they can focus on the art. Outside of work, I have been enjoying living in Manhattan, volunteering, and spending time with friends and family both in and out of the city.



Lindsay Martin Mancuso's '98 sons Bruno and Leo

Lindsay Martin Mancuso writes: "I am thrilled to report that my third boy was born on October 29. Vincent Joseph Mancuso joined big brothers Bruno, 7, and Leo, 3. I work from home as both a mom and an online curriculum builder for educational websites, and my husband, Joe, and I just celebrated our 11th anniversary! We are one happy, busy, loud, and crazy family, but we wouldn't have it any other way! This May, we are taking our wild crew on their first Disney cruise! Life is good."

1999

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I hope life is treating everyone quite well! I currently live in New Jersey, but commute to Brooklyn, NY, to support the academic achievement of early college students. I love being back on the East Coast, as it gives me more time with family, and I get to catch up with EWS women in person.

Recently, I've reconnected with **Meaghan McLean Boisfeuillet**, who is keeping busy with lots of volunteer work. She is especially proud of "Bras for a Cause," where you decorate a bra and the community votes on its favorite bras to raise money supporting the treatment and early detection of breast cancer. Mine was nautical themed, which I titled "Shove off, Cancer."

Traci Brinling is happy to share that she is working full time as an animator/editor for a production company.

Sheng Weng Davis writes, "We are still here in Alexandria, VA. Our girl is three now! My mom just recently retired, so that's a huge thing in our life! She is able to visit more and help out—which is nice!"

2000

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Samara Khalique wrote: "This summer, I moved from New Orleans to Virginia for a

fellowship in rheumatology. I miss New Orleans, but it is nice to see mountains again.

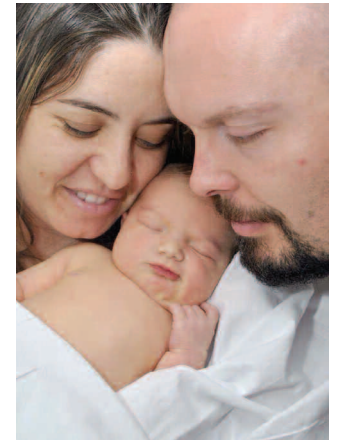
2001 REUNION

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Emily Rosen Stone and her husband welcomed their first child, Madison Borbon Samantha Stone, on September 24, 2015.



Madison Borbon Samantha Stone, daughter of Emily Rosen Stone '02

Brooke Helburn wrote to say that she was married September 19, 2015! "My wife, Lauren, and I will fully bring our marriage celebration to a close in February, when we will be honeymooning in Thailand! Until then, we are killing the power couple game in New York City. She is a television writer and I am a digital/social



Brooke Helburn '02 (left) with her wife, Lauren Smith, on their wedding day

strategist at iced media, an agency in NYC. (Happy to talk marketing/social media internships with any college students in the NYC Metro area.) I have connected with a few Walker's alumnae in the last year and hope to see more of them! Shout out to **Crystal Ward**, **Maggie Schwartz**, **Cerra Cardwell**, and **Holly Jackson**."

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Shari McKenzie Jeune married Gyslin Louis Jeune on August 22, 2015. Two additional EWS alumnae attended the wedding: **Ebony Moses** and Shari's younger sister, **Shonelle McKenzie '09**. Shari lives in Brooklyn, NY, and is a nurse at Lenox Hill Hospital on the Upper East Side.

Ebony Moses lives in Newark, NJ, and is a high school writing teacher at Newark Collegiate Academy, a KIPP High School. She also is the lead planner for the

ninth grade writing curriculum, coaches KIPP New Jersey AmeriCorps teaching fellows, advises the step team, and leads a professional learning community whose work focuses on establishing a cohesive vision and curriculum for honors classes at her school. Since EWS, Ebony graduated from Boston College with her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction and moved back to her hometown to be closer to friends and family. Ebony is excited to reunite with her fellow Suns and Dials at her 10-year Reunion in May 2016. Go Suns!

Jin Sun Choi writes: "Hello, Walker's girls! I'm very glad to write an update for *The Sundial* magazine for the first time. Since my college graduation from Carnegie Mellon University in 2010, I've been staying in Korea with my family and friends. Last May, I attended the wedding ceremony of **Christina Kim '08**, where I met Korean Walker's girls, **Seung-Won "Sarah" Lee '08**, **Minjung Kim '04**, **Selena Choi '07**, and **Kate Lee '11**. I'm currently working at KPMG

Korea on the strategy consulting team, where I provide strategy consulting services to Korean local companies on go-to-market strategies and new business feasibility analysis, among other services. I truly miss all the girls and the good old days! **Lyndsay Forrest** and **Marielle Vigneau-Britt**, who video recorded me shouting 'Bluebook! Bluebook!' in my sleep, and **Reema Dedania**, my lovely roommate! I also miss



Andrea Coggins Toivakka '06 and Adriane Brown '06 see Pope Francis. Adriane is also recently engaged!



Shari McKenzie Jeune '06 with her husband, Gyslin Louis Jeune



Julie Welles '06 winning first, second, and third (yes, all three!) in the \$30,000 *Manchester & the Mountains Grand Prix* in August

Dr. Julia Sheldon, who always supported me as my advisor."

Julia Howles Johnson is living in Brooklyn with her husband, Henry, and dog, Miles. She started culinary school at the International Culinary Center (formerly the French Culinary Institute) in NYC and she has a wonderful food blog, www.littlethingsbyjulia.com, with recipes ranging from no-bake cheesecake with caramelized figs to garlic scape pizza—plus mouthwatering pictures.

Diane LaPosta '06, **Emily Sappington '06**, **Andrea Coggins Toivakka '06**, and **Reema Dedania '06** traveled to Santorini and Mykonos, Greece, for an EWS girls trip.



EWS summer in Greece! Diane LaPosta '06, Emily Sappington '06, Andrea Coggins Toivakka '06, and Reema Dedania '06

2007

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Annie Richey writes: "Hello, ladies! I am currently working as a CNA at McLean in Simsbury. I am also taking classes and applying to nursing school for fall '16! I currently live in West Hartford, CT, but am moving to North Carolina next summer. I hope you all are well! XO

Taylor Davis reports: "Hi, everyone! I got engaged in March and have moved to Norwalk, CT, to live with my fiancé. I am

getting married in August of 2016 in Rhode Island, and am so excited! I started a new job teaching pre-kindergarten with New Haven Public Schools, and I just began my fifth year of teaching!"

Mallory Moore shares that she is currently living in Lakeland, FL, and started a new job in February at the Golf Channel in Orlando as a digital product coordinator. "I hope you all are doing well!"

Amy Ramirez writes: "After getting my Master's from UConn in Social Work in 2014, I worked in Massachusetts for a short time. I am currently a clinical therapist working in mental health and I am a newly Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)! I still reside in Connecticut, but am now living and working in New Britain. Hope all is well!"

Posey Daves is living in West Palm Beach, FL (alongside **Sarah Puckhaber** and **Contessa Coleman**). "Recently, I started working for Gast Construction Group, Inc. in West Palm Beach as the project coordinator. I also help with marketing and I am the in-house photographer at the company. I still have Design by Posey as a side business, which keeps me creative. Before working at the construction company, I worked for a local politician while she ran for mayor of West Palm Beach. I was her personal chef and assistant, which was stressful yet fun! I graduated from Lynn University in August 2014 with a master's in mental health counseling. Hope all is well with everyone! (P.S. Come visit the Florida EWS girls anytime: **Raleigh Mark**, **Pucky**, **Tessa**, **Mallory**, **Veronica Victor '08**, and I are all here!)"

Sarah Barton just started her M.B.A. at UCLA Anderson, a top-tier business school. She writes, "I am happy to be back in LA, and having fun back in the classroom!"

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Katia Charov lives in San Diego, CA, and she graduated in May 2014 from Johns Hopkins University. Katia reports that she spent the winter in Aspen, CO, working as a snowboard instructor. She then moved out to San Diego during summer 2015. Katia is currently in her first year of school as a Ph.D. student in chemistry at UCSD. (Dr. Julia Sheldon's alma mater!) There, she creates synthetic molecules to study protein-protein interactions.

Chelsea Keyes lives in New York, NY, and is working as an assistant account executive at Marina Maher Communications on the COVERGIRL account. "I currently live in the Upper West Side, and would love to connect with EWS alumnae in the NYC area! I travel to Chicago whenever possible to visit my boyfriend, Evan, and spend time with my

Take Note

parents at my family home in Connecticut. I also volunteer with the Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in Harlem.”

Sydney Satchell reports that she lives in Massachusetts and has been “doing really, really well considering a serious car accident in January 2015. I’m strutting around with my new prosthetic leg and thanking God for every step!”

“Last year, I taught Modern World History to sophomores, coached basketball, soccer, and lacrosse, was a dorm parent, and worked in the learning center at a coed boarding school, the Berkshire School. This year, I will be an advisor, dorm parent, coach, and work in the learning center. Last summer, I was coaching a club lacrosse team, the Dodgers (which is **Alexis Stephan’s** mom’s club team), all over the East Coast that is based out of Connecticut but has players from all over the country. Coaching lacrosse is what I want to do full time, so getting back on my feet and coaching feels really good. Also, I have started to do speaking engagements, which have been really exciting and fulfilling.”



Mahori Shigeta '10 with Prince Edward at St. James's Palace

Stephanie Schwartz is currently living in Delray Beach, FL. She writes, “I am a Business Channel Marketing Specialist at the global headquarters of ADT Security Services. I have been living in Florida since 2011 and love the Sunshine State! I graduated *magna cum laude* in 2014 with a degree in Strategic Communication and Marketing from High Point University and immediately dove into my career in corporate marketing. I spent my first post-grad year working at the global headquarters of Office Depot and made the switch to ADT in May 2015. Outside of work, I have a passion for fitness

and spend a lot of time exercising. I love yoga, Pilates, spinning, and Xtend Barre. I plan on getting certified to teach barre classes this winter!”

Mahori Shigeta graduated from the University of Bath (UK) in July 2014 and majored in Chemistry for Drug Discovery. She joined Japanese pharmaceutical company Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd. and has been working at its headquarters in Tokyo for a year. She reports, “Every day is hectic, but very enjoyable.”

Mahori continues to enjoy dancing ballet and traveling. In February 2015, she was invited to attend the Royal Reception with Prince Edward at St. James's Palace in London!

Kristen Hardy Grimes lives in Unionville, CT, and is a preschool teacher at the Goddard School in Farmington, CT. She was married on July 5, 2015 and moved back to Connecticut a month later after living in Richmond for a year.

2011 REUNION

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Samantha Sorbaro reports, “I just finished some summer classes at Harvard University and I’m now back at George Washington University to finish my senior year as a Journalism and Mass Communication major. I’m currently interning at Fox Century Film and Nat Geo Wild.”

Alison Jackman writes to share that “...the past year has been unbelievably eventful! Two



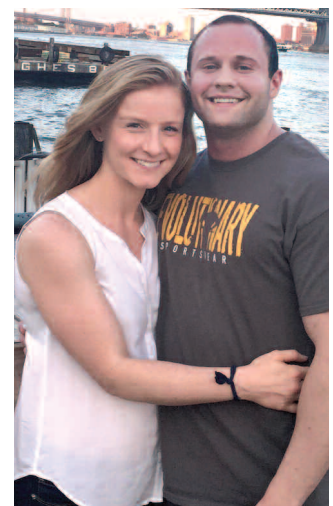
Stephanie Schwartz '10



Kristen Hardy Grimes '10 with her husband, Philip Grimes, on their wedding day



Kelsey Ballard '11 and Ema Graham '12



Alison Jackman '11 with her fiancé, Joey Redmond



Samantha Sorbaro '11 in Washington D.C.

months into my senior year at Whittier College, I got engaged to my boyfriend of a year. Things came full circle when he proposed to me on one of the lookouts on the Heublein Tower/Mountain Day hike. I could see Walker's from that very spot! I returned to California and finished the school year, graduating *summa cum laude* with a B.A. in Environmental Science. One week after graduation, I moved back to the East Coast and have permanently settled in East Hartford with my fiancé, Joey Redmond.

"I worked this summer waitressing at the Northampton Brewery while I searched for a job in my field and was so grateful to find a position quickly. I now work in the energy efficiency department at Eversource Energy doing outreach for Energize Connecticut programs. I'm getting to meet amazing people involved in town and state governance and have been traveling all over the state for events. Meanwhile, I'm planning our wedding for fall 2016 and, after picking up a serious gym hobby in the last two years, am working with a trainer to prep for a Women's Figure Competition in the spring.

I hope everyone is well and I can't wait for Reunion!"

Kelsey Ballard reports that after graduating from UConn in May, she started work this fall on her M.S. in Healthcare Administration at the University of New Haven (UNH). "I was very fortunate to have been hired for a graduate assistantship at the UNH Accessibility Resources Center, where I manage cases for students with learning disabilities. In addition, I teach a first-year experience class for which **Ema Graham '12** serves as a teaching assistant. It's certainly a small world! It's been great to see a familiar face on campus and also to catch up with her and reminisce about our Walker's days. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion!"

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Sage Tourigny '15 and Jess Brighenti '15



Talia Basch '15 and Victoria Gawlik '15 in Barcelona, Spain

Births & Adoptions

- 1996 **Fernanda Gilligan Jess**
Frances Fernanda Jess
September 18, 2015
- 1998 **Lindsay Martin Mancuso**
Vincent Joseph Mancuso
October 29, 2015
- 2002 **Emily Rosen Stone**
Madison Borbon Samantha Stone
September 24, 2015

Marriages & Unions

- 2002 **Brooke Helburn**
To Lauren Smith
September 19, 2015
- 2006 **Shari McKenzie**
To Ghyslin Louis Jeune
August 23, 2015
- 2010 **Kristen Hardy**
To Philip Grimes
July 5, 2015

In Memoriam

- 1936 JOAN FILLEY COX
- 1939 JANE MILLER
- 1939 VERA RICHARD WOOD
Niece: Phyllis Richard Fritts '60
Sister-in-law: Sallie Cronkhite Richard '41
- 1940 ANNE CUNNINGHAM McCLURE
Daughter: Wells Downey Hamilton '66
- 1941 THERESE FROELICHER
McKINNEY
- 1941 JANE ILL VAN DUYNE
- 1944 ELSIE HILLIARD HILLMAN
Niece: Mimi Mead Hagen '72
- 1944 ELIZABETH MIDKIFF MYERS
- 1946 NANCY STRAUS LIPSKY
- 1947 MARY DOYLE FOSTER
Daughter: Shelley Rorick Bennett '68
- 1950 HELEN WETMORE BRANN
- 1950 ANN GREGOR SEWALL
- 1951 MARIAN HOLBROOK KENT
- 1953 MARY SCHWERIN RITTER
- 1959 JUDITHE LANGE BIZOT

In Sympathy

- JAMES A. BAKER, Father of Sarah Baker
McConnell '87
- FREDERICK W. BRUNE, Jr.,
Father of Marion Paterson P'17, '19,
EWS Staff, Grandfather of Idabelle
Paterson '17 and Emma Paterson '19
- WILLIAM CALLAHAN, Uncle of Kelly
Nedorostek, EWS Staff
- LOIS COLLEY, Mother-in-law of Sarah Gates
Colley '75
- ROBERT COX, Husband of Laura Mattes
Cox '78
- MARIAN CRATE, Mother of Darrell Crate
P'19, Grandmother of Emma Crate '19
- P. McEVOY CROMWELL, Father of
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THOMAS M. FLANAGAN, M.D., Father of
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'97

JOYCE FULLER, Stepmother of Mark Fuller,
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Grimes '10 and Taylor Hardy '11

LYDIA CLARKE HERKIMER, Mother of
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JEROME KOHLBERG, Father of Pam
Kohlberg P'10 and Grandfather of
Nancy Vinal '10

FILLMORE MARKS, Husband of Barbara
Mayer Marks '54

DOLLY MARTIN, Great-Grandmother of
Brittany Ross McClernon '06

NEIL MUELLER, Father of Heather Mueller
Fahy '85

LEONARD PASCIUCCO, Father-in-law of
Kelly O'Connor Pasciucco '79

JOHN HENRY QUINLAN, Father of John
Quinlan P'16, Father-in-law of Sandra
Quinlan, EWS faculty, and
Grandfather of Kathleen Quinlan '16

HAROLD RICHARD, Father of Phyllis
Richard Fritts '60, brother of Vera
Richard Wood* '39 and Brother-in-law
of Sallie Cronkhite Richard '41

FRANK SMITH, Father of Coriene Smith '13

DAVID VILMAR, Son of Dorothy Snow
Vilmar '58

INGRID WAGNER, Mother-in-law of Helen
Potter Wagner '75

MUHAMMAD ASHRAF YAQOOBI,
Brother of Sweeta Yaqoobi '16

**deceased*

*Names reflect those received
through December 31, 2016*

The first half of the year has been a busy and exciting one for the Parents Association.

Family Weekend is traditionally when the EWSPA has its first real opportunity to meet and welcome new parents to the School. An impressive number of parents joined our reception and their enthusiasm about becoming members of Walker's community was palpable. With such great energy, we will accomplish great things this year!

I invite local parents who have not yet joined our Book Club to do so. These informal gatherings are a fun way to share conversation about a common topic while also getting to know each other better. Check Walker's Weekly for Book Club dates and current titles. We would love to see you.

Speaking of books, it was a pleasure to co-host author Mary Melvin Fleming '75 with the Alumnae Relations Office in November. We had a lovely turnout of parents, alumnae, local residents, and faculty to hear Mary read from and discuss her book, *Someone Else*. The following day, she visited an English class to speak with some students about her work. Walker's women truly are amazing.

The annual Barnes & Noble Book Fair was once again a success. We extend our thanks to everyone who participated in-store and online by making purchases during the fair. A portion of each sale went to the EWSPA. Plans are ongoing to use that money to bring an author to campus next year to speak to the girls, as well as have an evening event with the author for parents. Many thanks to the students who spent the day at B&N, providing marvelous musical entertainment and face painting for shoppers. What a wonderful way to publicly showcase the talent that lives and learns at Walker's!

The annual Holiday Ride is a treasured Walker's tradition, and the EWSPA was happy to send the girls over to the barn with a steaming cup of warmth from our hot chocolate bar—a treat that made the evening even sweeter!

To parents who have not been on campus recently, I wish you could see the Centennial Center! With each day of progress, the ways in which this building will enhance our daughters' experiences grow more real. By this time next year, we will be cheering our girls' efforts in the pool and gym, on the squash courts, and in the dance studios. The prospects for social events in the new building are also very exciting! Our daughters are fortunate to be at Walker's, and we are fortunate to have such a generous and committed community of parents. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,



Amy Paul P'16, '18
PRESIDENT, EWSPA 2015-2016



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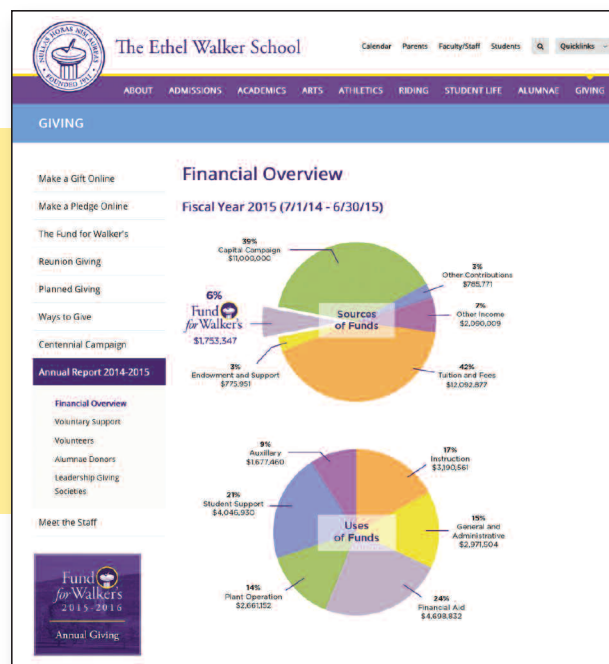
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and Sally LaBonte P'16, '18
- 2017 Elizabeth Hariprasad P'17
and Jennifer Sica P'17, '21
- 2018 Renata Ranaldi P'18, '20
and Sherry Lang P'18
- 2019 Mary Duba P'19 and
Kelly Majka P'19



EWSPA-hosted events L-R: Barnes & Noble Book Fair in November; Alumna Author event with Mary Melvin Fleming '75; Mid-term exams snack break

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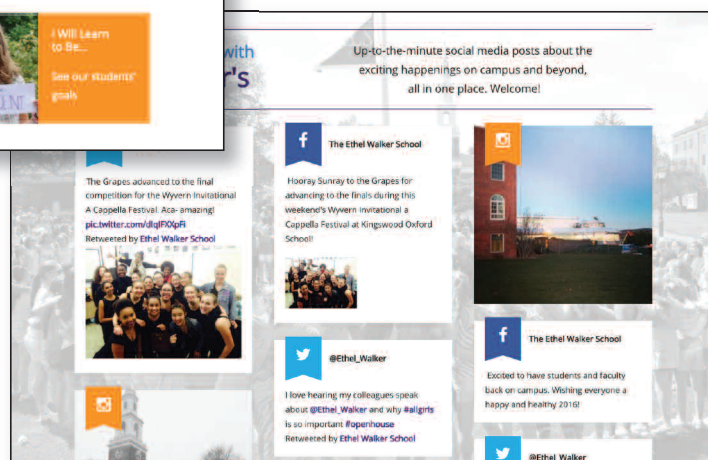


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Letitia McClure Potter '55, P'85,
Trustee Emerita, with her
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daughter, Lissa '85

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