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LIVING LIFE WITH PASSION

By Timothy Breen, Ph.D., Head of School

CC Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

- HOWARD THURMAN



This issue of *Echoes* is filled with stories of people following their passions, combining their work lives with their inner lives. Our students, alumnae/i and teachers provide truly inspiring stories as we read of their experiences. Whether it's Elliot Murphy '14

exploring his world through photography, Dan Shugar '81 following his dreams of alternative energy, Ellen Waterston '64 living through her writing and helping others find their voice, Caroline Cheng '81 expressing her love of ceramics and cultural history through her art and teaching, Peter Doucette '98 following his passion for the mountains around the globe, Abigail Hiltz '13 exploring her love of marine biology, Technology Director Ben Moss sharing his excitement for the stars, or dance teacher Kathy Kohatsu sharing her love of dance with the next generation. Each of these lives speaks to the power and beauty of following a passion.

Back here on The White Mountain School campus, we help students find and follow their passions.

I begin with a story. A couple of years ago I was talking with a parent whose daughters were students at a day school outside of Boston. She was generally happy with their experiences, but made one comment that struck me. She noted that her daughters were so busy that they didn't have time to think about what *they* were interested in. In other words, they were spending all of their time following instructions from others—jumping through hoops set by others. Here at WMS, we do have a number of hoops set by the school. But we also make time and space for students to explore their own interests ---to build their own "hoops" to jump through. It was in this spirit that, last spring, the faculty adopted a new graduation requirement. Beginning with the class of 2015, all students must complete an independent project to be eligible for graduation. This requirement is our way of saying that passion matters, and that we believe each and every student has a spark that we want to help kindle, a fire we want to help focus. We call this the LASR project. LASR stands for Leadership, Arts, Service and Research. These are the general categories that students can pursue for their projects. The independent project is important for three reasons. First, it is good for your heart and soul to explore something you love. Second, it is good for college admission. These projects help colleges understand our students' talents and capabilities. Finally, the skills you develop in projects like these (research and communication, time management, handling ambiguity) are the skills needed for success in college and life.

We know that our students will bring many different passions with them to WMS. And it would be unusual for students to settle on a "life passion" at this age. However, we also know that if students do not experience the excitement of pursuing something they love, they may settle into lives that have little direction or purpose. We are here to give them a sense of possibility for their lives.

One person with passion is better than forty people merely interested." - E.M. FORSTER

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Conversations

WELCOME NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Join us in welcoming new members of the WMS community! The 2012–13 year brought us full-time teaching faculty, new staff members and an intern.



Rob Constantine, our new Director of Advancement, comes to us from Unity College, where he was the Vice President of College Advancement and Annual Fund Director for four years. Rob is looking forward to assistant coaching basketball at WMS this winter. **Shane MacElhiney** earned his B.A. at Yale University and received his M.A. in educational leadership, with a concentration in private school leadership, from Columbia University. Shane comes to us from The Columbus Academy (OH) where he served as the head of the upper school for four years. Shane also teaches Geometry. **Megan Sweeney**, a recent graduate of Mount Holyoke College (B.A. in English), joins WMS as our advancement and communications associate and Hill House dorm parent.

Jeff Bush, math teacher, grew up in Minneapolis, MN with skis on his feet and carried that passion with him to Bowdoin College where he competed on the varsity Nordic ski team and earned his BA in environmental science. He is coaching mountain biking and Nordic skiing along with his duties as a dorm parent in Burroughs. Promise Partner '99 has returned to campus to teach English and religion after having taught at the Olney Friends School (OH) for five years. Promise is completing her M.A. at the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College. Talitha Shi, born and raised in rural Pennsylvania, recently earned her B.S. from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania. She joins WMS as a chemistry teacher and as the assistant girls' soccer coach, girls' basketball coach, and a dorm parent in Carter. New music teacher Rachel Spector is a classically trained singer and has a Masters of Music from The University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In addition to teaching music classes at WMS, Rachel gives private voice lessons, directs a capella and other music-related extracurricular activities, coaches Farm and Forest and is a dorm parent in Carter. Carl Stagg has been teaching high school math for a number of years in both public and private schools, most recently at The Oliverian School (NH), where he taught for seven years. In addition to teaching math at WMS, Carl runs the Work Job program, coaches Hiking and Fitness and is a dorm parent in Burroughs. Our new Director of Outdoor Education, Ted Teegarden, taught outdoor education at the college level for four years, was the Program Director for Adventure Links and has led numerous outdoors trips for adolescents and young adults. He has professional experience in rock climbing, mountaineering, expeditionary white water rafting, expeditionary backpacking and canyoneering and his personal experience extends into backcountry skiing, ice climbing and whitewater kayaking.

Additionally, we welcome intern Miguel Reyes-Zaragoza, a recent graduate of Bowdoin College who is working in both the Outdoor Education Department and the Learning Center. As well as coaching and tutoring, Miguel is a dorm parent in Solar dorm.

Photo: (front, I to r) Bill Brusseau, Miguel Reyes-Zaragoza, Megan Sweeney, Laura Kathrein, Rachel Spector, and Talitha Shi; (back, I to r) Jeff Bush, Carl Stagg, Rob Constantine, Shane MacElhiney, Promise Partner '99 and Ted Teegarden.

LIVING THE LIFE YOU LOVE... WHEN PASSIONS & CAREERS COLLIDE

two faculty and four alumnae/i perspectives

a great day to dance

Kathy Kohatsu, Dance Instructor: Kathy Kohatsu has been educating students of all ages in dance for more than ten years. After receiving a BA in Economics and Performing Arts from Colby College, she earned her MFA in Contemporary Dance from Case Western Reserve University. As an MFA candidate she worked with numerous choreographers and teachers, performed in multiple concerts and venues, taught classes, and directed the undergraduate dance collective. Kathy now owns and teaches at Creative Edge Dance Studio (CEDS) in Bethlehem, N.H., a studio that serves 200 young dancers in northern N.H. Kathy has been involved with dance at The White Mountain School for nine years.

I wasn't one of those kids that knew right away I was going to be a dancer. My parents never enrolled me in dance class and I never asked. I didn't dislike dancing; I just didn't pursue it. I was a soccer player, artist, lacrosse player, but most prominently I was a gymnast. That was my childhood dream, my childhood passion.

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When I found dance in my teenage years, I found my place. It was so obviously right. Its combination of physicality and artistry bundled together just worked for me. - KATHY KOHATSU, DANCE INSTRUCTOR me. While speaking on stage would send me into a panic attack, dancing on stage in a performance would take me to a place of complete confidence and ownership. I had found something that quite literally made my heart soar. It was exciting!

As the WMS dance instructor, I can pass on that excitement. Students come into the studio with vastly different movement portfolios. Some have years of dance training, while others are true beginners. Dance is not a requirement for graduation, so students who choose to take dance do so because they want to. The one common thread linking them together is the curiosity to explore their movement potential.

Every day I walk into the studio, I try to go in with the sentiment that "today is a great day to dance." Even if things outside of the studio are in a downward spiral, the dance space has always been one to lift my spirits. I hope to give my students that same experience. For me, this means encouraging students to fill their movement with boldness and energy.



When I see even the shyest student develop the self-confidence to explore and appreciate both the physical and artistic side of dance—that is pretty amazing.

Sometimes communicating my passion for dance to students and its inspirational effect on me is hard to articulate. It is difficult to pinpoint to others exactly what it is that makes dance 'my thing.' But what I do know is that I made the right choice by taking the risk to follow my passion for movement. The career that it led me to has broadened my understanding of dance. It has allowed me not only to keep doing what I love to do, but to continue to share that love with others. Sharing dance through teaching is quickly becoming a new passion of mine.

My journey to becoming a dance teacher was not a planned one but one that I uncovered as I kept following this strong desire to dance. I am thrilled when a student takes the risk to step into the dance studio. Who knows what they might find? -KK

second star to the right

Benjamin Moss, Director of Technology: Ben Moss has been at WMS for five years where he serves as the director of technology and teaches photography and astronomy. Ben has been the faculty leader of various clubs at WMS, including Astronomy, Electronics, Film Photography and Rocketry. Prior to coming to WMS, Ben and his wife, Liz, taught at the Hoosac School for ten years.

Lately, I've been hearing differing opinions about whether or not to combine your passion and your job. Some people say, "Do what you love and the money will follow." Others say you should keep your passions separate from what you do for a living, so you don't end up losing interest in the things you care about.

One of my earliest memories is of being with my parents on the Northern California coast, parked near a cliff overlooking the ocean, looking up at the moon and being told, "Benjy, there are men walking on the moon tonight!" Later, the photographs from the Voyager mission sparked my interest in astronomy these incredible images of Saturn, Jupiter and their moons covered the walls of my adolescent bedroom. It is not surprising that when I started teaching in '98, I formed an astronomy club.

One of my first teaching experiences was working with our school's small, four-inch telescope. My students and I purchased

some solar filter film to view the sun. On our very first look, we were wowed by the presence of a few large, blotchy, dark spots on the surface. The following day the big sunspot we had seen erupted into a solar flare pointed at the Earth! Communication satellites were knocked out and we watched the news reports about this event on TV together. That night I called a special club meeting because we were told our area might see the Aurora Borealis. We did see it, giant curtains of light to the South that looked as though the universe was an immense theater. Glowing greens and reds in the North lit up the sky.

These events inspired my students, and me, to continue to learn more about astronomy and the universe. Over the years, my little club became a class and my knowledge of the subject grew.

Two years ago, I had an opportunity to collaborate with a newly built observatory in Peacham, VT. The Northern Skies Observatory is operated by the Northeast Kingdom Astronomy Foundation (*www.nkaf.org*). It houses a 17" Planewave telescope that is computer controlled and can be utilized either from the observatory in Peacham, or remotely over the internet. After several training sessions, I was given the title of docent teacher, and then later, operator. I now have on my key ring the key to the observatory! Last year, our astronomy class had the good fortune to be on site during some clear dark nights in Peacham. We were able to take beautiful photos of deep sky celestial objects, including the Orion Nebula, with great detail and resolution.

The wonderful thing about teaching astronomy is that it just doesn't get old. The wow factor students get when seeing the rings of Saturn, or the moons of Jupiter for the first time is the type of mind-expanding moment that teachers find the most satisfying part of the work we do.

It is my great fortune to be present as students' brains stretch and start to comprehend the scale of the universe around them. It's an educational adrenaline rush that keeps me, and many of my students, coming back for more. So, to answer the question of whether to keep your passions separate from your work: for me the answer is *no*. I think a big reason why my students enjoy my classes and club activities is because I love it, and they can tell, and it is contagious. **-BM**

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> WMS astronomy students, Jodie Clark '13 and Allison Riley '12, took this photo of the Orion Nebula (in the constellation of Orion) during a field trip to the Northern Skies Observatory in Peacham, VT.



driven to create

Caroline Cheng '81: After graduating from The White Mountain School, Caroline studied fine arts at Michigan State University. Since then, she has established herself as a premier artist and art educator in China. In addition to creating and showing her own artwork, Caroline manages and has significantly expanded the reach of The Pottery Workshop in Hong Kong and mainland China. She lectures and exhibits her work around the world.

It is strange that I cannot get away from making things. A week without creating anything drives me crazy. I need to make things with my hands. Even at the beach as a child, I would be obsessively making castles and canals and planning to defend the structure against the next big wave. I carried this love with me through high school and into my adult years, always working with my hands, always creating, always trying to do something new and better. I love my work and hope that even in the last moment of my life I am able to make artistic work.

You cannot spend your life, from childhood to those final moments, working at a job that you hate. You cannot succeed that way and you cannot be happy that way. Real love for your work is vital to becoming truly great at it and to letting a childhood interest become a consuming passion and a way of life. You should not wander into a profession that you don't love. You should wake up each morning excited to discover what you will create and how you will change and grow. You should take immense pride in a job well done. You should smile to yourself sometimes because deep down there's still a

part of you that can't quite believe you are going to spend your life on something that you love this deeply and with this much passion.

In my work, I strive to capture the spirit of my home country. China is filled with people with all kinds of differences and diversity packed densely together. From a distance, China appears to be just one big country. But living in China, one experiences the wide array of changes, stimuli and distraction. This is what I want to explore, the people and places that feed my passion.

As the director of The Pottery Workshop (www.potteryworkshop.com.cn), I strive to preserve history and educate others in the hopes of awakening this same passion in others. In my own work, I seek to move forward and provoke change, introspection and discussion. This year the British Museum, Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge UK as well as Boston MFA are all planning on exhibiting and collecting my work. I see this as a success of my passion and hope that WMS students who read this can also be inspired to do something they like to do. -CC



Peter Doucette '98 and Jim Wismer climb the Palisade Traverse in the Eastern Sierra Range. PHOTO BY: Gabe Rogel

stepping outside ourselves

Peter Doucette '98: A WMS Linda Clark McGoldrick '55 Scholar and Mountaineering Award recipient, Peter later received a B.S. from the University of Maine, Orono. Since then, he has established himself as a world-class mountaineer and guide (www.mountainsenseguides.com). His credentials are impressive, as he is a UIAGM/IFMGA Licensed Mountain Guide, an AMGA Certified Rock, Alpine and Ski Mountaineering Guide, and an AMGA professional member. He claims first ascents from New Hampshire to Asia, and he plans to begin guiding in Europe next summer, specifically in the Italian Dolomites and the French Alps. Peter has also recently begun training US Special Forces teams in mountain travel, high angle rescue and cold weather operations.

I started hiking and backpacking with my family, and on my father's shoulders in the White Mountains of NH, which served as our extended back yard. My father was and still is an avid hiker. His interest definitely sparked mine. Alongside him, I came to love exploring new places and understanding my surroundings better by traveling through them.

I started to look at climbing and more specifically guiding and outdoor education as a professional endeavor during my participation in the National Outdoor Leadership School's Instructor Course. I was encouraged to take the course by Chris Quinn, Mark Vermeal, Mickey Landry and others at The White Mountain School as part of a senior project during my last semester at WMS. I was inspired by the talented and committed individuals working in the outdoor program at WMS and at NOLS. In all cases they shared their personal passions for outdoor pursuits with me on a very even level, where there wasn't a radical difference in student and faculty's desire to go do a certain climbing or paddling endeavor. We were all being challenged, while risks were being acknowledged and managed, but not eliminated.

For me, time spent climbing and mountaineering is an opportunity to share an interesting and unique experience

with someone. It's always memorable, but the quality of experience is exceptional. Most climbs are more about who you are climbing with, than the climb or movement itself. It's a chance to interact with your environment in a very direct and "unfiltered" way. This means stepping outside of a world that is padded or contrived for use by humans, to a place where we, through decision making and skill, decide what our goals are, what is acceptable risk, essentially how we want to be in that place—as climbing has very few rules. As a reward of sorts, we share experiences and situations that are our own, and hopefully, though engagement, teach us about ourselves and our relationship with the world around us.

My advice to you is this: if you want to pursue your passion, connect with those who can teach you to grow, improve and live that passion as a lifestyle. Early on, when I spoke to professionals in my field, I hesitated to reach out, feeling intimidated or like I wasn't ready for the next steps. Ask those professionals what they value most about what they do and what is the hardest part about living their career choice. Find out from them what it takes to be really good at that thing you're passionate about.

Often we're our own harshest critics. Just taking a step in any direction is more educational than wondering about it. **-PD**



To be passionate about something means that you can't not. That double negative, it seems to me, is the central organizing principle of passion.

- ELLEN WATERSTON '64

common thread

Ellen Waterston '64: Award-winning author and poet Ellen Waterston's most recent title is *Where the Crooked River Rises*, a collection of personal and nature essays about Oregon's high desert. She is also the author of two collections of poetry, *I Am Madagascar* and *Between Desert Seasons*, and a memoir, *Then There Was No Mountain*. She lives in Bend, Oregon and is the president of the Writing Ranch, which since 2000 has offered retreats and workshops for emerging writers. In 2001 she founded and, until June of 2012, directed The Nature of Words, a literary arts non-profit. She is currently helping launch the Oregon State University-Cascades low-residency MFA in creative writing. *Via Lactea*, a third collection of poetry, is due out in 2013 and a second collection of essays titled *Twelve Mile Flat* in 2014. She is at work on a second memoir.

My love of writing and the literary arts is what has stitched my life together. That sturdy thread has been my life's common denominator, helping me make sense of what has made no sense in my life, illuminating what was worthy of celebration, leading me on wonderful adventures, nurturing me creatively and sustaining me professionally. So often we take for granted what comes naturally to us, failing to realize it is a gift, a road map to a rich and full life. One of the first to make me aware that I held such a map in my hands was my Saint Mary's-inthe-Mountains' English instructor, Donald Miller. This is a woefully belated acknowledgement of what a profound influence he had on me.

My writing has manifested through my prose and poetry, fiction and non-; as a teacher of creative writing through

the Writing Ranch *(www.writingranch.com)* at retreats at wideranging locations, from Mexico to Alaska to the Cancer Care Center in Bend; as the founder/director of a literary non-profit, The Nature of Words; and now, as the author of the feasibility study for a low-residency MFA in creative writing at Oregon State University-Cascades campus slated to get underway in 2013.

I live in and frequently write about Oregon's high desert, or "Outback" as the vast, remote Great Basin territory is sometimes called. This sagebrush ocean, this gnarled, dry, sometimes cranky landscape, is my muse. Increasingly, I feel an obligation to do what I can to conserve its wildness through my writing, to do the same for other locations that figure in my biography of place, from Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts to Twelve Mile Flat in eastern Oregon. Inspired by author Robert Michael Pyle's now famous quote: "People who care, conserve; people who don't know, don't care. What is the extinction of the condor to a child who has never known the wren?" I hope my stories encourage others to expand their personal biographies of place. If there is a school anywhere that understands and underscores the importance of a close relationship to nature better than The White Mountain School, I'd like to know where it is.

To be passionate about something means that you can't not. That double negative, it seems to me, is the central organizing principle of passion. For me, the call to write is my anchor tenant. The doing and consuming of it, the spreading and sharing of the literary arts' particular and unique form of fairy dust, will never cease to inspire me and to give me pleasure. **-EW**



(above left): Dan hiking with his sons. (above): Dan dedicates the new Solaria factory. Also pictured: Gov. Jerry Brown and Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom.

building the future

Dan Shugar '81: Dan has spent the last 25 years reinventing the renewable energy industry. Currently the CEO of Solaria Corporation, Dan's work has brought advanced solar photovoltaic modules to businesses around the globe. Dan received his BS in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and his MBA from Golden Gate University.

As a boy growing up near Albany, NY, I was drawn to the outdoors. When driving past wooded areas with my parents, I would look out the window and imagine hiking and camping in forests and exploring uncharted areas. Later I was an unhappy freshman in a large, traditional public school. I knew I needed a change. I found half a dozen schools in New England, and my mom and I spent spring break visiting them. We selected The White Mountain School (WMS) which had the best combination of scholastic and extracurricular programs, combined with an intimate small size, wonderful setting and access to world class skiing and other outdoor activities.

My sophomore and junior years at WMS transformed my life. Small, wonderfully enriching classes with engaged educators passionate about teaching opened new worlds for me in mathematics, literature, history and biology. Many enduring friendships evolved over this time, including WMS alumni Bart Trudeau, Casey Fletcher, David Iseri and Bob Brown, and we had amazing adventures hiking on orientation, winter camping at Lonesome Lake, climbing and skiing Tuckerman's Ravine, skateboarding, swimming in the Pond, skiing insanely fast down Cannon Mountain, and pushing every imaginable boundary. My friends and I built core values at WMS that would carry us forward. After two years at WMS I was ready to reengage at my old huge public school and had a fantastic senior year, empowered with stronger character and confidences advanced during my WMS years. Subsequently I pursued an electrical engineering degree and an MBA. I moved to San Francisco and began working in solar power and alternative energy, which really appealed to the environmental values cultivated at WMS. My business partner and I built a company that designed, manufactured, and installed the largest solar power plants in the world. Since 2008, I have become very active in The Sierra Club, serving on its Foundation board, also drawing on WMS roots.

Just as a great home has a strong foundation, I believe successful people have strong foundations in character and values. In addition to enriching academic studies, WMS helps students build core values to help them pursue their interests and be happy. My friends and I are fortunate to have attended WMS and are appreciative of those who created and sustained this exceptional school. We all must do what we can to ensure the school continues to provide an environment for future young adults to receive the same benefits we enjoyed. **-DS**































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- KENNETH KLOTHEN, ESQ., P '02 AND HONORARY TRUSTEE,

COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

The world is crying out desperately for new perspectives on, and new solutions for, the problems that beset us. And for that reason you have a duty to apply the perspectives you've learned here as you go forward into your chosen fields of study and work."

AWARD & Scholarship Winners

THE ETHEL W. DEVIN PRIZE for excellence in English Ingrid Tomljanovic '13

THE VALPEY PRIZE for excellence in History Maegan Martinez '12

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to the girl in the graduating class who has shown the greatest perseverance in her studies and life at The White Mountain School Junya Wei '12

THE LT. MICHAEL S. PIERCE '82 AWARD

to the student who has achieved the most in one year's time at WMS in academics, athletics and personal maturity Will Fleming '13

THE BISHOP'S PRIZE

to the student who has the highest scholastic standing Ingrid Tomljanovic '13

THE FACULTY AWARD

to the student who has, in the opinion of the faculty, demonstrated excellence in both attitude and performance in scholarly and athletic endeavors Penelope Durand '12

THE HEAD'S AWARD

to the student who best personifies the Mission of The White Mountain School Bianca Lora '13

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And here you are...having done local organizing for 350.org events, or participated in the Green Cup Challenge, or done community service in the Dominican Republic, or raised funds for Relay for Life, and much more. Admit it, weren't there times when you would rather have done an extra run on the mountain, or hopped on your bike, or just read a magazine? Guess what? You grappled with this great freedom vs. obligation issue, and you made a decision on what the balance should be, and you sought to persuade others that you were right. In doing that, you made the world a better place. And you learned how to keep on making the world a better place. Just like the students at St. Mary's, and previous classes at WMS, have done before you, you stepped into the tradition and carried it forward."

- KENNETH KLOTHEN, ESQ., P '02 AND HONORARY TRUSTEE, COMMENCEMENT SPEECH



By Abigail Hiltz '13

Seventy percent of the Earth's surface is made up of water. That water is home to millions of creatures and organisms hidden away in the corals and the denizens that thrive amongst the kelp. All of these organisms fit economically and socially into our culture in some way or another. I have always had a passion for anything having to do with water, but especially marine biology.

Growing up on an island with a lobsterman as a father definitely sparked my interest in the sciences. I remember sitting on the stern of my dad's lobster boat playing with the little creatures my dad would pull up in the trap, which were useless to him, but a learning opportunity for me.

I love being on the water, I love exploring what's beneath the depths of the blue ocean and, most of all, I love learning about and having hands-on experience with all of the organisms beneath that ocean.

This year, I am doing an independent study on seaweed. One of the best things about The White Mountain School is that there is space in the curriculum to do an independent study if you choose, and the teachers are eager to support you and be your project advisor for whatever it is that you want to research. I decided to take advantage of that opportunity and study a subject in depth that interests me. Gabe Boisseau, my biology teacher, agreed to help.

So far my seaweed project has gone smoothly and I've learned a lot already. In the fall, I spent most of my time identifying and pressing different types of seaweed. Next, I will examine, compare and contrast the cell structure of brown, green and red seaweed. A part of this phase will be to create permanent microscope slides to accompany the pressed seaweed display from earlier in the fall. Hopefully, the observational work I am doing this semester will lead me to more research-based work next semester in a second Independent Study project.

Even though I grew up surrounded by water and all of these creatures I find so interesting, without the opportunities and support I have gotten at The White Mountain School I would have never pursued my passion to such depths and with such enthusiasm. As far as my future goes, I do plan to study marine biology in college and also pursue it as a career. I mean, why not spend your life doing something you love, right?

> You can watch Abigail's study progress at: www.awaywiththetide.wordpress.com

WRAPPING UP THE 125TH

It's hard to believe that our year-long 125th Anniversary Celebration has come to an end. We highlighted Summer and Fall 2011 events in the last Echoes. Here are some highlights from our 125th celebrations in the Winter and Spring of 2012!



COLORADO SKI WEEKEND

Organized by David Budd '86, Former Trustee Left Photo (I to r): Nancy Van Vleck Von Allmen '60, Sarah Hawkins Jones '59, Charlotte Clark Stewart '60, Joan Jordan '65, Betsy Jordan Hand '60. Right Top Photo (clockwise): Julie Yates (alumnae/i director), Nancy Van Vleck Von Allmen '60, Sally Case Park '60, Charlotte Clark Stewart '60, Sarah Hawkins Jones '59, Linda Fisher '60, Betsy Jordan Hand '60, Joan Jordan '65, Kitty Houghton '60, Justin Solomon (former director of advancement), Dana Thompson '70, Tim Breen (head of school), Tori Breen. Right Photo (I to r): Sarah Hawkins Jones '59, Charlotte Clark Stewart '60, Sally Case Park '60.









NEWBURYPORT, MA Hosted by David and Birdie Waterston Britton '55, P'74, Former Trustee

Above Left (I to r): Jeff Gilbert, Penny Walsh Gilbert '68, Dennis Grubbs (trustee, former head of school), Maurice McCarthy '03 (former faculty). Above (I to r): Christine Loebel Sandulli '65, Janice Duquenne Handley '65, Carolyn Davis '65. Above Right: View from David and Birdie's home.











ALUMNAE/I SKI RACE AT CANNON

In this revival of a long treasured event, we hosted over 60 WMS/SMS alumnae/i, trustees, families and faculty/staff for a fun-filled weekend of skiing and other outdoor and indoor activities. The 29 ski racers ranged in age from 3 to 81 years old. The overall alumnae/i winner was Grover Daniels '74!

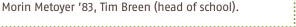
Photos (top left, clockwise): Callie Philips Pecunies '90 (fastest female racer) // This strong start led to a strong finish for Oliver Fosterfell '91 // (I to r) Starr Jordan Moore '58 and Jack Middleton '76 // (I to r) Bruce Plate '85, Ben Lincoln '85 and Damon Cramer '85 // (I to r) Judy Butler Shea '58 (former trustee), Kitty Houghton '60 (trustee), David Britton, Birdie Waterston Britton '55, P '74 (former trustee) //

JOIN US!

Alumnae/i Ski Weekend: January 26–27, 2013 There is still time to register for the 2013 Alumnae/i Ski Weekend! For more information contact julie.yates@whitemountain.org.







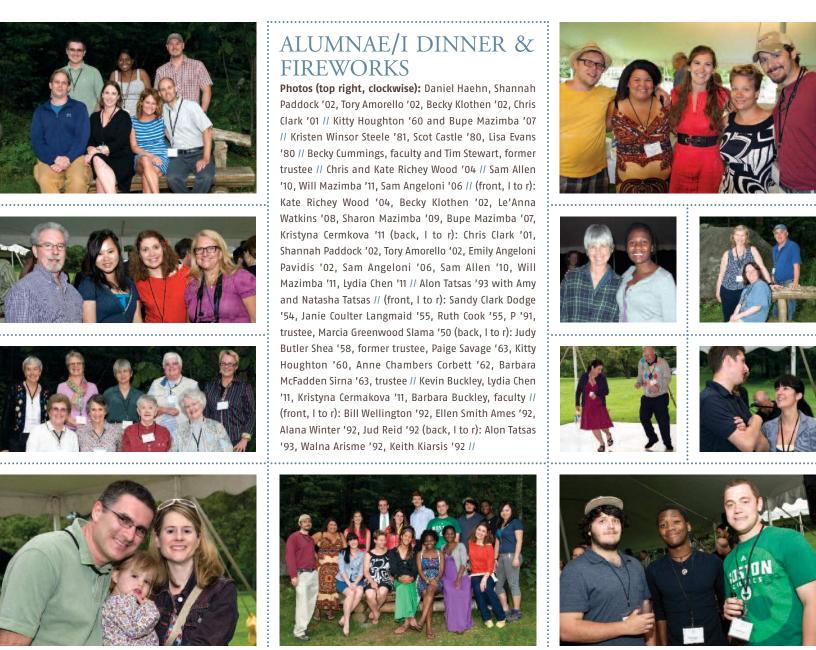






ALUMNAE/I WEEKEND 2012 THE GRAND FINALE!

Last spring more than 60 alumnae/i and their families returned to campus to reconnect with each other and to celebrate the end of our year-long 125th Anniversary Celebration.





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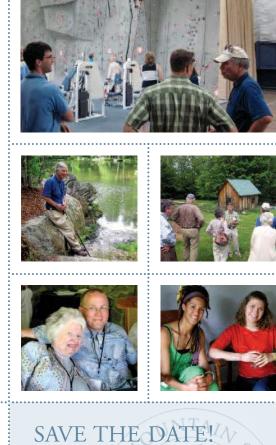


ALUMNAE/I AWARDS

Photos (above, I to r): Ruth Cook '55, P '91, trustee, received the *Linda Clark McGoldrick Alumnaeli Award*. Ruth has worked tirelessly for the School for more than 20 years, fundraising, housing students, nurturing board members, alumnaeli and faculty/staff alike and pitching in to lend a hand whenever and wherever needed! *II* Cally French Judson '45 was awarded the *Sylvia A. Dickey '54 Prize* in honor of her longterm generosity to the School. She has supported the Annual Fund nearly every year since her graduation in 1945—think of all of the lives she has touched through her consistent giving!



Photos (top right, clockwise): Pictured is Le'Anna Watkins '08 on the wall-she sure hasn't lost it! // Henry Valliant, former trustee, Will Ruhl, P '09, trustee and Ben Mirkin, Director of Summer programs led a group on a campus and grounds tour. // Alumnae/i of all ages gathered for refreshments at the Head of School's house after a busy day: Le'Anna Watkins '08 and Krystina Cermakova '11. // Marcia Greenwood Slama '50 and her son, Fred. // Alumnae/i and their families got ready to head off in different directions during the day on Sunday. Some went on hikes, attended classes or played in the golf scramble. // (front, I to r): Walna Arisme '92, Ellen Smith Ames '92, Keith '92, Sara, Audrey Kiarsis (back, I to r): Bill Wellington '92 and Maria. // A fun group that spanned the decades got together for dinner in town the night before the on-campus festivities began! (front, I to r): Kitty Houghton '60 (trustee), Sharon Mazimba '09, Julie Yates (alumnae/i director), Lisa Evans '80, Meredith Hebben '77, Niffer Stackpole '78, Sam Angeloni '06, Becky Cummings (faculty), Betsy Hess, Ellie Commo McLaughlin '53 (back, I to r): Tim Breen (head of school), Daniel Haehn, Becky Klothen '02, Bupe Mazimba '07, Emily Angeloni '02, Maurice McCarthy '03 (former faculty), Shannah Paddock '02. //







Event Highlights: Harvest Dinner // Alumnae/i vs. Students Soccer Game // Student panel // Class visits // Performances // Signature Alumnae/i Dinner and Awards

Alumnae/i Weekend 2013: October 11–13, 2013



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BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AROUND the WORLD

Whether recruiting new students or spending time with current families, WMS takes a global view.

Working with partner programs, educational consultants, and through our extensive internet and personal outreach, our Admission department actively seeks to ensure we have diverse international representation in the student body. In 2012-2013, we are proud to have students from Afghanistan, Canada, China, England, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Kenya, Kuwait, Russia, Slovakia and Taiwan. Our small School truly does represent the big world.

Throughout the year we happily welcome WMS families to campus formally during our two Family Weekends or informally at any time. Head of School Tim Breen and other faculty members also travel to visit WMS families and share news from campus. This fall, Tim and trustee Kitty Houghton '60 made the School's first formal visit to our families in China. Their trip included stops in Beijing, Shenzhen and Shanghai, where they met with as many families as possible. WMS hopes to continue to visit with our international families and international alumnae/i in the years to come!





It was particularly meaningful to me to meet the families of some of our students who live so far away. Their decision to send their children to us, half a world away, is not an easy one. I want them to know their sons and daughters are fully embraced by The White Mountain School family."

- TIM BREEN, HEAD OF SCHOOL





. This fall Admission Director Allison Kimmerle was invited to attend the Saudi Aramco Boarding School Fair in Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia.











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Our School's 125th Anniversary celebration events built new connections and strengthened old. School and alumnae/i outreach during this celebratory year also brought significant fundraising success. The generosity was inspirational and speaks to the deep love and support of so many for their School. **Thank you for setting the stage for another 125 years of excellence in education at The White Mountain School.**

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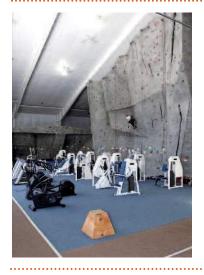
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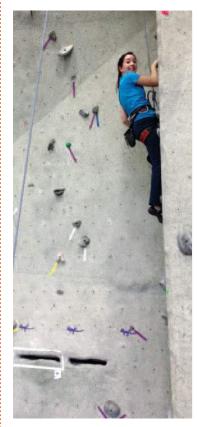




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The 2012-2013 school year marks the 10th anniversary of the Buder '42 Climbing Wall! Funded by the generous support of Beverly Selinger Buder '42 and built by Leading Edge Climbing Walls (LECW) in 2003, the Buder '42 Climbing Wall quickly became a vital resource to WMS Outdoor Education, athletes and the School at large. At 3000 square feet, the Wall is an invitation to a challenge, stretching the full length of two of our gym walls. Our partnership with USA Climbing and the formation of a WMS Sport Climbing team means that the Wall now sees more action than ever before. In the ten years that we've enjoyed it, it's become as much a symbol of WMS as the mountains, embodying the unique, challenging and progressive atmosphere of our School. Our School Climbing Wall remains one of the top indoor walls in the northeast. This is just another example of the lasting impact of gifts to WMS.









Class Notes



Please see **Priscilla Heath Barnum's '38** sister, **Molly Heath Morgan's '47**, class note which includes an update about Priscilla.

1939 Scribe: Mary (Muffin) Bacall Hester 1 Harvest Circle, Suite 223 Lincoln, MA 01773 781.430.6167

Muffin Bacall Hester '39 writes, "Eli, my adopted cat, and I seem to have settled in pretty well at *The Groves.* It's hard to believe that this large retirement community used to be "Bethany" where, when I was younger, I frequently picked up some of the nuns to drive them to St. Anne's for Sunday Services! I am still volunteering at the hospital and the church when I can."

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1944 Scribe: Mary Ann Peckett Canan 2241 Remington Square Billings, MT 59102-2489 406.252.4050

Mary Peckett Canan '44 writes, "We had our first snow in early October after a very hot summer! The forest fires this summer were close by, but, thankfully, not in Billings. The smoke, though, has been heavy. We weren't able to see the Saw Tooth Mountains for two whole months!"

Mary Ann Peckett Cannan '44 heard from Jessie Pennoyer Snyder '44 who has moved to a continuing care retirement community overlooking her beloved Lake Champlain. Jessie walks every day and her only issue is vision loss. Her daughter and three grandchildren live close by in Shelburne, VT. Sadly her husband, Frank, passed away in 2006.

1945 Scribe: Edith Williams Swallow

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1947

Scribe: Marian Benton Tonjes 900 Solano Drive NE Albuquerque, NM 21663 505.268.5023 mtonjes@unm.edu

Marian Benton Tonjes '47 reports that Molly Heath Morgan '47 has a grandson, Eric Sarmes Morgan, who married Julia Louise McMillan on June 16th in Stockton, NJ. Molly's sister, **Priscilla** Heath Barnum '38, celebrated her 91st birthday this past summer. Mrs. Dorothy McLane was her headmistress at SMS. Molly mourned the passing of our **Ann Dodge Middleton** '47, recalling her bright, brave spirit and her black and white buffalo plaid shirt from Pinkham Notch.

Marian Benton Tonjes '47 heard the following from Mary Page (Pagie) Seamans '47, "I appreciated being within a reasonable driving distance to North Conway and was able to attend the service for Ann Dodge Middleton '47. The church was packed, as one might expect, with people standing in the aisles and at the back of the church. It was a very nice tribute to Ann. I still miss her. Tillie, my husband Gus, and I enjoyed hiking in the Alps with a favorite guide and also traveling to their kids' distant homes."

1949 Scribe: Katherine (Kate) Gulick Fricker 1010 Waltham Street, Apt. 220 Lexington, MA 02421-8062 781.862.8868 kfricker@alum.swarthmore.edu

Elizabeth Heard Lufkin '49 writes, "When I was back east in June, I had lunch with **Newkie '49** at her new home in Kennebunk, Maine!"

1951 Scribe: Harriette Wallbridge Ward 76 Clive Street Metuchen, NJ 08840-1038 732.548.7642 Wardhc@aol.com Scribes needed for the following classes: 1940, 1946, 1948, 1950 & 1952

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Judy Butler Shea '58 reports that Lucille Wheeler Vaughan '52 is doing well after a hip replacement this summer. She was soon up and about and even walking 9 holes on the golf course!

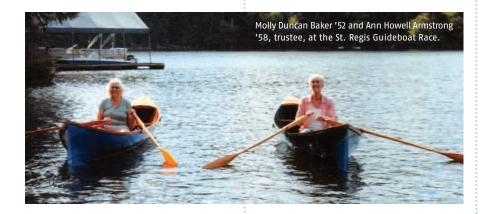
Ann Howell Armstrong '58 sent in a wonderful picture of Molly Duncan Baker '52 and herself in the Adirondacks this summer. Molly, we're also so happy to have your wonderful grand-nephew JJ Berkun '12 here with us now at WMS!

1953 <u>60™ REUNION!</u> OCT. 11-13, 2013 Scribe: Dine Webster Dellenback PO Box 8610 Jackson, WY 83002-8610 307.690.1648 Ddellenback@aol.com

Beaty Young Blain '53 writes, "I would love to have seen all of you at the 125th anniversary in fall of 2011. Judd is gradually improving and, hopefully, travel will be possible again. I belong to two book groups, one for fiction and the other for non-fiction. I also help at the local elementary school library, and Judd and I work with a group that helps kids who are in trouble with the law. I also sing in a community chorus; I cannot imagine life without singing. And I go to a Pilates class once a week. Six of my grandchildren live in the area, and we try to go to their various sports events on the weekends."

Lucy Sisson Brown '53 writes, "I almost don't know where to start except that I have tons to be grateful for and appreciate classmates, fabulous friends and family and excellent health! Three adult children, ten grandchildren, and one great granddaughter! I love my home-based business as an independent representative of American Power & Gas (NAP). NAP is right on target with the onset of the deregulation of energy industry, a development that will provide consumers with alternative sources of energy from the US and international markets. I do love this industry as it keeps me around happy, motivated, ambitious, young people! I'm so sorry to have missed seeing everyone at the reunions, but always think that I will make it, and then life gets in the way! Sure would love to connect in person! Hugs to you all!"

Dine Webster Dellenback '53 writes, "Jackson Hole continues to be a wonderful place to live. There is so much to do, we have wildlife all around us and beauty everywhere. I continue to take Spanish classes and I play Mah Jongg when I am able. I'm also still busy with the Davey Jackson Chapter, NSDAR! We recently distributed copies of the Constitution to local fifth graders as well as information about our essay contests. Our chapter actively raises college scholarship money for graduating



seniors, helps interested people learn about genealogy, and recently sponsored a Special Project Grant, with funding help from the National Trust Historic Preservation and private donors, to complete restoration of the White Grass Ranch, which was homesteaded in 1913 by two men from Philadelphia. Bob and I are still doing well. He exercises, and I need to. There has been so much smoke for most of the summer that my outdoor activities have been limited."

Jessie Cookson Drysdale '53 writes to say, "David and I spent a wonderful Christmas and New Year last year with our daughter Beth and her family in La Mesa, CA. Two summers ago, David and I flew to North Carolina to attend the ordination and installation of our son, David II, as pastor of Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Dallas, North Carolina on Saturday, August 11th. I was asked to participate in the service to process with clergy and take part in the laying on of hands in the ordination ceremony. Tad (our family nickname for David II) asked me to assist him serving the chalice at communion. This past summer, we had all our family at East Grand Lake."

Jebba Mortelitto Handley '53 has this to say, "Looking back on 2011, I'm glad I didn't know what was in store for me the last six months of the year. In June, I got a brand new titanium shoulder. After much diligence in the exercise department, it is absolutely terrific. I had a fabulous birthday party in California with my children and old friends, but then in the fall cancer visited me again in my left breast. A really dirty trick after 18 years! I am finally on the mend, I am told. Larry and I became part of



Joan Howard '53 and Beaty Young Blain '53.

the nationwide J-1 Host housing program this summer. Our two Russian law students were dear young people and it was lovely to have them and get to learn more about Russia besides what's printed in the New York Times. I became an uncharacteristic TV junkie these last few months. It began with the Olympics, then the US Open tennis tournament, followed by the Democratic National Convention, and then the Massachusetts Senate Race. I'm totally worn out from beach volleyball (all those falls in the sand), high dives from boards (it gives me acrophobia to even contemplate), and five-hour matches of powerful serves, ground strokes and net games I could only dream of but which I felt like I was doing! Whew! And, elections go on way too long in this country, funded by outrageous sums of money that I wish were going to help the middle class with all its woes instead of into endless TV commercials. We had summer visits from all four of Larry's children who live in Connecticut and Rhode Island; my California girls all visited this fall!"

Joan Howard '53 shares, "I went cross-country skiing out my front door in Lexington last winter. Downhill skiing is so expensive with lift ticket prices sky high. To celebrate my retirement, I took a two-week cruise to Hawaii last winter. In July, I was off again to the Baltic Sea on a HAA cruise, including a day in Helsinki, where I will met a Finnish friend. Her husband was a UN Project Manager, and we spent two years together in the early '70s. Janet Lovejoy '50 and I attended an Evensong at Trinity Church in Concord, Massachusetts last winter. Beaty Blain '53, Judd Blain and Hattie McGraw '53 were here for dinner last February. Millie Duncan '52, my roommate at Hill House, moved from 140 acres in Northern New Jersey on a horse farm, where she fox hunted, to a smaller farm in Virginia. They still own horses, and she continues to hunt and lives in the same town with her daughter, son-in-law, and numerous grandchildren. This coming January and February I will spend twenty days on Cunard's Queen Mary 2, cruising from Dubai to Hong Kong. The ports of call sound exciting. I seem to be addicted to travel. Let's try to encourage our fellow classmates to return to The White Mountain School



Beaty Young Blain '53 and Hattie Burroughs McGraw '53.

for our 60th reunion next year. Happy New Year to you all."

Ann Kennedy Irish '53 wrote to say the following, "My sister Susie and I recently returned from ten days in Sydney, Australia. Our cousin Patricia Earhart lived there for about 30 years; so this was a return visit for us, not a first-time. As large as Sydney is, there is something for everyone to enjoy. My family is well. We're still living in beautiful northern Michigan, and we would welcome any visitors who want to brave travel all the way to our Midwest area. Irish Boat Shop has a nice website; if you don't believe my propaganda, check out their website at *IrishBoatShop.com* and see for yourself."

Peggy Munchmeyer Lehman '53 shares the following, "I've done a couple of nice trips this year-to St. John with a son's family in June and a river cruise (GCT) from Basel to Antwerp in August. I've been having sciatica, and so I have given up tennis, and my dog died. So my main exercise lately is water walking and just getting from one activity to another here at Shannondell. I see a lot of movies and concerts, and I play bridge several times a week. I'm just back from a lovely Road Scholar trip to Sequoia, Kings Canyon, Yosemite and Death Valley. Yosemite had the wonderful rock formations we have all seen pictures of, but there was little and sometimes no water in the falls. Death Valley was surprising. Many movies were made there, both Westerns and Science Fiction. Hope you are all well."

Sally Millar Marlow '53 writes, "Last winter I enjoyed a week of skiing at Meribel. And the great news is that it was free! (The bad news is that you have to be over 75 to get it!). Wonderful sun and snow, but why are skis getting heavier and heavier each year? We are still fighting the insurance company over our claim on our burnt down farm. Slowly, slowly moving to a court date, but so slowly!! Tony's heart continues to cause concern, but we continue to test and try new things. I'm loving my room-guiding at the National Trust 1686 Fenton House. If any classmates can cross the pond, I'll give you a tour! Our eldest grandson has only a month more in Afghanistan.

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Judy Shea '58, former trustee, Bishop Gene Robinson, former trustee, and Nancy Van Vleck VonAllman '60 at the Sundance Film Festival.

Hattie Burroughs McGraw '53 wrote to update all with her new address of 1521 Beacon Street. She likes that the Green Line is across the street and in April, marathon runners run right by.

Ellie Commo McLaughlin '53 writes, "When an Episcopal priest retires from being Rector of a parish, one must find somewhere else to attend church. Here in the North Country of New Hampshire, there are few choices of Episcopal churches within driving distance. Therefore, you will find me, on Sundays at noon, as the Celebrant for a congregation of inmates of the Northern New Hampshire Correctional Facility, the New Hampshire State Prison in Berlin. Both those men and myself seem to have discovered a Spirit-filled relationship. Frankly, I have never experienced such open, lively, serious, honest response to the Faith, filled with flashes of humor and howls of pain, as in the Berlin State Prison. Yes, I miss music, but I've lost so much of my upper range that I sing with the men easily and strongly. Of course, I miss the Church's wonderful canon, Byrd, Vaughn Williams and Benjamin Britten, whose Ceremony of Carols we sang in my last and only year at dear St. Mary's, but in the North Country that kind of music is not generally found, nor does the Berlin parish church have stained glass windows. But the depth and vigor of the prayer and love of these 'inmates' sustain joy in my heart. What a blessing in my 77th year! Yes, my one and likely only, grandson Benjamin, now a toddler, is also a rich blessing, along with his parents, my daughter, Hannah, and Victor in Hawthorne, CA. Still another is the happiness of newly married Rebecca, my eldest, with Evan, a native Portland (Oregon) Westerner. Betsy and I rejoice in them all!"

Pauli Wauters Muir '53 let us know that she and Sandy are firmly re-rooted in Berkeley, CA after having given Oregon a try. They simply love where they are!

Franny Bailey Pinney '53 wrote to say the following, "Last winter I basked in good weather in Puerto Rico. I am now renting a small condominium in the same building that I lived in for 17 years with my

mother and late husband. I love the smaller place. For fun, I play bridge and have fun painting watercolors. My daughter has returned to work after being a stay-at-home mom for 16 years. She is working for Planned Parenthood in Norwich, Connecticut,'

Lucy Niles Silva '53 tells us the following, "Don and I stayed in Funchal in the Madeira Islands for two months. I hiked in the mountains with Kristina from the Aaland Islands and Don preached in Holy Trinity Anglican church here on the Sunday before Lent. Don's latest historical fiction book was published this fall, A Trail of Dreams - Thoreau in love."

Audrey Thomas '53 let us know the following, "I continue to split my time between Victoria and Galiano. I have finally sold my Africa novel, which I finished over three years ago. A small press, Dundurn Press, in Ontario is scheduled to publish it in Fall 2013. Meanwhile, I am working on short stories and two novels. I discovered "flash fiction" (400-1000 words). My eldest grandson just passed his bar exams and is up in the interior of British Columbia doing his year of articling. My little granddaughters (all adopted from China, and are children of oldest and youngest daughter) are now eight, six, and five. They are a delight."

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Anne Prescott Buell '54 writes of her wonderful trip to the Baltics. Her oldest granddaughter graduated from high school in NYC this spring and is a freshman at Vassar and loves it. Anne is going to have a knee replacement-good luck Anne.

Sandy Clark Dodge '54 writes, "Attending our school's 125th in June was wonderful, per usual. Reuniting with Brad and Janie Coulter Langmaid '55, Mary Sherman '70 and longtime friend Marcia Greenwood Slama '50 was special. Best of all for me was my husband Bob saying he wanted to attend the reunion with me this year. I was so proud showing Bob the campus, attending classes, meeting many alumnae/i, present students, board members, school staff and seeing our dear friends Tim and Julie. It was also great seeing so many other spouses. A group of us had the privilege of listening to Henry Valliant as he provided us with so much history of St. Mary's-in-the-Mountains and he humored us with

stories of his mother with some of the students. I remember going to his house and visiting with his mother. He also took us on a historical hike showing us many points of interest and the stories behind each, including all the renovations done at school this past year. Kudos to all who participated in the 125th celebration."

Sandy Clark Dodge '54 reports that Barbara Dunn Roby '54 is continually improving from her stroke and enjoying "tooting around" in her Cooper. She and David visited with Sally Parsons Sayre '54 and Ford this summer on Cape Cod.

Sally Parsons Sayre '54 has been sharing the blogs she has received from her grandson on his fabulous sailing journey. Some mighty hairy moments, but what a wonderful experience.

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Janet Coulter Langmaid '55 writes, "I was sorry to have missed our 55th reunion in October of 2010. Brad and I will make every effort to be north for our 60th. Thanks to Joce, I have a photo of the stalwart representatives of the class of '55. We did make it back to the school for the June 2012 Alumnae/i Weekend. We continue to enjoy our grandchildren: Virginia, 12, Sarah, 10, Coulter, 8, and Adam and Emmy's foster child, Savannah, 2, whom they hope to adopt."

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Scribe: Judith (Judy) Butler Shea 40 Signal Hill Road Lake Placid, NY 12946 518.523.9815 jshea@northnet.org

Ann Howell Armstrong '58 sent us a wonderful picture of Molly Duncan Baker '52 and herself at guideboat races in the Adirondacks this past summer (see page 27)! We are also thrilled, here at WMS, that Ann recently joined our Board of Trustees.

Karen Naess Budd '58 writes, "I leave for Nepal/Tibet on Sept. 11! I will be trekking into Tibet from the northwest corner of Nepal to do the pilgrimage around Mt. Kailash (most sacred mountain in the world) at 18,500 feet. In a tent for 4 weeks! Yikes!"

Stella Brewster Hall '58 shares the following, "Our oldest daughter, Sonya, is a French teacher and headed a trip to France with 40 students for 3 weeks last summer! Our second daughter, Elizabeth, participated in a triathalon last summer. Our son, Sohier, started his own business in March and has rowed in the 40 and older group at the Head of the Charles the last three years. Our daughter, Lindley, is teaching biology and environmental studies at Burke Mountain Academy. She has a 22 month old, Stella, and a 4 year old, Linden. Steve and I have 5 grandchildren in Washington State and 5 grandchildren in New England. We all gather in August at our camp on Thompson's Point in Charlotte, VT."

Judy Butler Shea '58 wrote with the following, "While spending time in Park City, Utah babysitting for my son, Jimmy's, family, I attended the Sundance Film Festival screening of the documentary *Love Free or Die* which features the former NH Bishop Gene Robinson and also has appearances from Ellie Commo McLaughlin '53. I highly recommend this film! We had a healthy relaxing summer in Quebec. We "visir" Lake Placid; the last trip was for Jim's induction into the Lake Placid Hall of Fame, a happy family/friends event which we all enjoyed immensely! I'm looking forward to Alumnae/i Weekend in the fall of 2013—our 55th!

1959 Scribe: Barbara Hamilton Gibson PO Box 193 Chatham, MA 02633 508.945.3633 barbgibson53@comcast.net

Carolyn Dorr-Rich '59 is enjoying Thanksgiving with 27 family members this year and then is off to Florida in mid-December. She plans to stay at a life enrichment center—a Methodist Convention Center—and volunteer to help with grounds and events. It is in Leesburg near the Villages. Sarah Hawkins Jones '59 writes, "Life is sweet in Montana. We love the great out-of-doors and especially Glacier Park. Skiing, kayaking, rafting and hiking keep us fit year round. A fall trip to Europe included the Tour de Mont Blanc which is a 105 mile trek around the massif, up and down for some 30,000 vertical feet. Our 2 daughters and grandchildren make us proud with important work in education and the arts. One granddaughter is studying to teach autistic children; another is at Rhode Island School of Design. A highlight of the year was skiing with members of **SMS class of '60** at Copper Mountain, CO and renewing old friendships."

1960 Scribe: Sarah Hawkins Jones P0 Box 625 Whitefish, MT 59937-0625 sarahj@bresnan.net

Ann Staples Dixon '60 reports, "I am still working as a travel agent, which gives me flexible hours and an opportunity to go to new places. Our big news is our daughter Kathryn married a wonderful man from Chennai, India. She met him when teaching at the American International School there. We had a small Christian wedding here and then his parents had a Hindu one in Chennai. His mother insisted that I have a proper sari for the festivities, so I am now all set for future celebrations. Bob and I visited them last January in Chennai as he had not been able to go for the Indian wedding due to a back operation, and we explored several more places in that fascinating country. We will try to get together every 6-12 months -it's just SO far! We have continued to enjoy cruising on our sailboat this past season, but have decided that after 26 years it is time to sell it. Loved getting together with many of you in Boulder and hope if any of you are near Essex, CT, you'll stop by.

Salome Blodgett Hancock '60 writes, "Post St. Mary's, I went to college for 2 years, then quit and went out West by bus with a friend. I traveled and worked on both coasts, met my husband, David, and had two sons. We then traveled and worked in Afghanistan and England, then back to the east coast, then on to Texas-mostly for documentary filmmaking. I got very into photography. David died in 1976-and I went back to school, got my Masters in Education. I worked in special education with students of all ages for a number of years. I have now settled in San Francisco to be near my sons. I have taken up painting, shown my work and won awards! I have also come down with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome-an immune dysfunction condition that I have been dealing with for 12 years. I now have two three-year-old grandchildren too! I love San Francisco -my older son and I are avid San Francisco Giants baseball fans."

Kitty Houghton '60 shares the following, "Since leaving the Foreign Service and coming back to the

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U.S., I've been flying and supporting aviation, working on a few overseas projects including documentary films in Nepal and China, serving on several local and international boards, singing in a chorus, and in the last year, being a WMS Trustee. The past three years I joined friends to sail a small boat in Italy, Greece, Turkey, and the Caribbean, to ski in the Wasatch and the Rockies, and this summer, to backpack (two different trips) in the High Sierra. Next year—a little less board and committee work and more books, theater and music, I hope. It's been nice seeing St. Mary's classmates recently, and we of the class of '60 thank **Sarah [Hawkins Jones]** of the class of '59 for agreeing to be one of us and be our scribe."

Priscilla Hatch Jones '60 writes to say, "This summer Class of 1960's Nancy Wakeman, Penny Randall Erik, Susan Fischer Spencer and I met for lunch in Boston. I have seen Penny and Nancy in the recent years but Susan and I have not been able to get together since our 25th, so it was a real treat for me to see her. Our waitress couldn't believe we had known each other for over 50 years. On January 17th or 18th, '60ers Nancy Wakeman, Kitty Houghton, Linda Fisher, Sally Blodgett Hancock and I plan to get together in San Francisco. If any other classmates are going to be in the area, please let me know either by calling 603-569-7818 or email *NHPriscilla@gmail.com.*"

Susan Abernathy Pliner '60 had this to say about the new faculty music position at WMS: "...the importance of music then and now! I was in the choir for 2 of my 3 years at SMS. And then in a church choir for years, and now last year joined a group of local singers. I hadn't sung in years and had forgotten the particular kind of concentration that is required in learning a piece of music, how good all that breathing makes you feel, not to mention creating a whole other thing with a group."

Bertha Simpkins '60 writes, "Well, I am alive and so is my 93 year old Mother! I was busy this summer and fall working with members of my sorority to register people for the election. I am also a member of the league of women voters in the Rochester Metro Area.

Charlotte Clark Stewart '60 reports, "I am busy with grandkids. The older they get, the more time is needed for heres and theres. I see Betsy Jordan '60, Sally Case '60 and Joanie Jordan '65 a lot. They are all doing well. Betsy and I celebrated Astrid's [Naess] 70th birthday this fall. She is a young one; I have been 70 for months! Kitty [Houghton] '60 stopped by last weekend for a few hours as she was returning from an airplane conference. She is a busy lady. I also saw Ingrid Andersen '60 and her dignified dogs in Portland recently. If anyone is in Colorado, please call or come and stay."

Nancy Van Vleck Von Allman '60 writes, "Our class recently gathered twice in Colorado and both

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times were outstanding. We had a really superb class, didn't we? It means a lot to get together and pick up where we left off so many years ago. Not one of us has changed much, which is amazing. It's great to feel 16, 17, 18 again! Skiing together at Copper was enriching too. We were fast, stylish and filled with laughter! My year has been crazy hectic, highlighted with 2 superb grandchildren (from Heidi in San Francisco, age 1 and 3), volunteering to create a Nature Park, running a successful travel business, and building two chalets in husband Beat's car-free village of Murren perched high in the Swiss Alps. The chalets have 4 apartments so holler if you 1) wish to rent one and enjoy world class summer hiking and winter skiing, or 2) wish to convene there for a class reunion! The views are over to the Eiger North Face and the Jungfrau Massif! Daughter Erica just got engaged to a superb guy from Maui. All's well except that's a long way from Salt Lake City! Feel lucky to be alive and healthy."

Sarah Noble Wiehe '60 wrote to say, "My news is that I am retired after 20 years of private practice teaching and counseling recovering abuse survivors using hypnosis, guided imagery and Core Shamanic Healing techniques along with various Energy Healing protocols including Energy Psychology, Energy Medicine and Reconnective Healing. Even though I say I am retired, I still see a few clients. My husband, Baird, and I have been married 47 years and are still enjoying being together due to lots of love, filled with humor and commitment to our growth. In the last 45 years, we have had many challenges: financially, physically, emotionally, including several near death experiences. And through it all, we, as a family, have grown spiritually, recognizing there is always a lesson to be learned, and a greater plan of which we may not be aware. For me personally, that belief has helped me heal many of the childhood traumas and to cope with the other opportunities for growth that life hands out. We have two sons, who are 46 and 44. Both are married and we have 6 grandchildren! We love being grandparents!"

1961 Scribe: Frances (Lee) Montgomery 108 1/2 Kinnaird Street, Cambridge, MA 02139 617.547.3530 lee.montgomery976@gmail.com

Lee Ware Bryan '61 received a Vermont Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service in June. She was honored for her work with the Lamoille County Court Diversion Restorative Justice Programs and applauds her advocacy for restorative justice practices and her volunteer work as a mediator, reparative panel volunteer, and court diversion restorative panel member. Congratulations, Lee!



Scribes needed for the following classes: 1962 & 1964

Kit Cooke '63 wrote the following, "I'm now quite happily retired from almost 40 years of teaching, the last 20 at Johnson State College here in VT, and living with my brother, Jim (now divorced). We keep a terribly messy abode, share it with our last remaining little feline, and look out onto Lake Champlain to be reminded of how lucky we are to live where we do."

Cyndy Saliba Eames '63 wrote to say that while she and Bob have enjoyed retirement for over 12 years they never have trouble keeping busy. She skis each winter in CO. Boating has become a big part of their time in FL. They are currently working on trip to Spain & Portugal in May.

Jan Mellor Horn '63 reports that she and Jim are currently in Blaine, Washington. She had enjoyed downsizing and walking in snow and ice free conditions!

Martha Ritzman Johnson '63 writes, "We had a wonderful summer with family visiting here (5-yearold, twin grandchildren!), a terrific trip to Alaska with Tom, Sarah and our granddaughter Siri, and a great birthday with Charlie and his family. We are making plans for Doug's retirement, which might be soon or maybe in another year. Time will tell! Despite some continued back issues, I am able to golf and do yoga. I remain an avid reader and still play a little music! I am very much looking forward to our 50th and sure hope we can get a big crowd together!"

Jill Britton Lovejoy '63 writes that she is still in the greater Boston area after 40 years of marriage. Her three children and their families also live close by.

Anne Zopfi '63 reports that she is in Utah for the winter chasing her favorite white things—the steep and deep. After 30 years I retired and spend the winters in Utah—skiing Alta—and the rest of the year I am between CT and VT. Emery is still working 12 hours a day and flying all over the world on a weekly basis. At 73 he shows no signs of slowing down. For those of you who remember my mother, she is now 101 and going strong.

1964

Barbara McFadden Sirna '63 reports the following from Jane Parsons Klein '64: Jane and Chuck's daughter, Libby, had a wonderful wedding in Jackson this past summer. And, after many months of work, they were able to move into their NYC apartment! Both Jane and Chuck are doing well.

1965

Scribe: Thane Stimac Butt

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Thane Stimac Butt '65 writes, "I am still teaching at Champlain College—my 31st year—and will be on sabbatical for the spring semester of 2013. If there is anyone in the Palm Springs, Seattle, WA or Olympic peninsula area who would like to meet for lunch, dinner, whatever, please contact me! I have



Janice Duquenne Hanley '65 and her husband, Tom, in India.

four grandchildren: one 7 year old, two 4 year olds and a 1 year old who all live in Washington State. Peter and I still live in Vermont and the fall always reminds me of starting at St. Mary's in the Main House room with Loomis and Mrs. McNeil trying to keep track of where we all were after lights out, crying nonstop until Christmas break with others (who will remain nameless), especially in morning prayers and when called on in French by Mr. Sharpe, hearing boos when girls chose the little climb on surprise Mountain Day and playing soccer as a Dark with Mr. Kilde."

Joanne Parmenter Debold '65 writes, "Widowed early in my marriage, I have been living since 1988, close to where I grew up in Hopkinton, NH. Retired from teaching in 2008, I have been working a part-time, seasonal job at the Canterbury Shaker Village close by. During the winter, life is a bit quieter though I volunteer at a local elementary school and also, year round, at NARAL-Pro Choice. I am getting back into theatre a bit by performing in local historic society cemetery walks and helping back stage at the Concord Community Players. My daughter, Beth, is in her final year of graduate school at UNC, Chapel Hill studying Information/Library Science. Her passion is rare books and archives. I only see her occasionally and that is hard, but I have become a little ol' cat lady and also have a loving, rescued pooch. One idea of late was to learn if anyone of those involved in the 1965 production between SMS and Holderness of "Guys & Dolls" would be interested in some kind of reunion gathering. So call or email me if that appeals to you and maybe we can get that show "on the road"."

Nancy Hand Higby '65 happily married David Higby in 1986. In 1988, they were graced with healthy James Aaron Higby, who graduated from Clark University in 2010 with a Geography degree and is now a Peace Corps Volunteer, teaching in Matizda, South Africa and writes about his experience at *http://higbysafrica.wordpress.com*. In 1990, they were graced again: healthy Margaret Higby, who graduated from Kenyon College in 2012 with an American Studies degree and then worked to re-elect Obama. She is searching for the right job in public radio production. David works for The Nature Conservancy. In a meandering sort of way, Nancy returned east from California (UC Berkeley, Landscape Architecture) and established a garden design



Wendy Hand '69

business, where the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains meet the west slope of the Green Mountains in the upper watershed of the Hudson River. All's well.

Janice Duquenne Hanley '65 writes, "After teaching English for nearly forty years, it was time to retire from the Williston Northampton School. Both my daughters have good jobs with health insurance and steady boyfriends. So last January my husband, Tom, and I rented a car and driver for a month to explore northern India. We sprinkled some of my sister-in-law's ashes in the Ganges, walked nearly all of Varanasi, and then headed to Rajasthan. We saw the havalis of Mandawa and stayed in the hotel in Jodhpur that serves as a "club" in the movie "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel." Of course, we saw the Taj but our favorite city was Udaipur where they buried the man who died in the "Marigold" movie. Actually, that movie showed the real Rajasthan. Then onto Nepal where we fended for ourselves, taking a public bus from Katmandu to Pokara, a city on a lake where we parasailed. The Himalayas really are majestic. I was only sorry that we never got to live there with all our overseas work. I returned to Northampton to find my yoga teacher offering the last two slots for a yoga retreat in Tulum, Mexico. My old Canadian friend, Anne, met me there for a week of snorkeling, stretching and relaxing. Tom traded my Mexico for Alaska where he was going for a fishing trip in June. But as his trip grew near, he invited me to fly up to Anchorage to meet him. We tented all over Denali and the Yukon, took the inland ferry from Haines to Bellingham Washington, and then drove home, tenting most of the way. We are spending the fall gardening, working at our various projects, and planning our next trip to Southeast Asia. No tours or cruises, just hoofing it with backpacks."

Priscilla Schoepf Jackson '65 writes the following, "I'm still at Ethel Walker after 26 years—gads! Daughter Holly spent one year in Chicago, didn't much care for it and is now in NYC, which she loves. I'm happy she's a whole lot closer than a plane trip away. Things are changing so rapidly at school that sometimes I feel a bit out of sorts. We have gone "all iPad," which I thought the students would take to joyfully and easily, but it's not necessarily so. Some still come to me and ask for books in print as in "on paper." It's not that I'm not just as enthralled by the digital world as everyone else, but sometimes I wonder what would happen if someone pulled the plug? Hope to see everyone at the 50th in a few years (50th? Yikes!)"

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Penelope McIlwaine '68 writes, "After 35 years in my beloved Santa Cruz, I have moved to Solana Beach in San Diego County. My first grandchild arrived in June and my second arrived in November. Many blessings!"

1969

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Anne Donahue Allen '69 sent in the following, "Six years ago, I had a stroke. It was a long haul but I got better. The rehab center did a video on me called *Remarkable Outcomes Contest: Blink Once for Yes; Twice for No*, which can be found on YouTube. It won People's Choice Award for 2008. Both our sons are married and both are in the video, our youngest with his new bride. They did a re-enactment at the rehab center for me. We have 3 grandchildren. I go to an Adult Day Care Center four days a week so Sherm can go to work. He is still working, making custom furniture and beds for Kids Supply Company.com. We celebrated our 38th anniversary on the 12th of November. I do crosswords and word jumbles and

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Valle Patterson, Cindy Gale-Harris and Carol MacEwan Powers, Class of 1969, spent some time together in FL this fall.

would love to hear from my classmates and friends at e-mail: *allensa@pshift.com.*"

Nancy McCouch Davis '69 reports, "After living in England and India for several years, my husband Steven and I retired to Chester, VT in 2010. We love living in a rural area and have met a lot of interesting people. Both of us find ourselves busier than ever in retirement with endless opportunities for volunteering: our Unitarian Universalist church, Rotary Club, The Nature Museum, tax preparation for low income families and so on. We have great gardens and manage to grow most of our vegetables organically and do a lot of canning, freezing, and drying, to get us through the winter months. I love my flower gardens and they are always changing and developing. Our son lives in Whitefish, MT and our daughter lives in Lebanon, NH and both are doing well. Last summer the four of us had a great camping trip together in the Adirondacks, canoeing out to a campsite on a point on Taylor Lake."

Wendy Hand '69 sent in the following, "Life is good. Four years after a diagnosis of MS, I probably feel better than I have in 30 years, all thanks to a wonderful homeopathic doctor I happened upon. We've had a very busy 10 months. My partner Claudine had been working for FEMA, helping to put the northeast back together after Hurricane Irene came through last August. That left me to do a lot around home as well as work at my job with NY State, and take care of my mom. She turned 91 this year and has lived with us for 6 years! We look forward to retiring in 4 more years, when we hope to head to a warmer climate for part of the year. How can it be time to think about all of this already? I'm on Facebook, sporadically if anyone would like to get in touch."

Valle Patterson '69 writes the following, "Carol [MacEwan Powers] and I had a wonderful reunion with Cindy Gale-Harris '69, who visited us for a week from Colebrook, NH. Cooler weather arrived, just in time for a lot of outside activities. I'm glad that I decided to be a scribe with Carol for our class. It's been very enlightening to hear from a number of our classmates, and to correspond via e-mails, phone calls, and of course, Facebook. For this issue of Echoes, I am especially grateful to hear from Anne Donahue-Allen '69. Her husband Sherm has been sending e-mails back to me for her. I encourage

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all of you to watch the YouTube video about her story of a remarkable and courageous recovery. Sherm tells me her mental alertness, cognitive skills and long term memory are very good. Her computer skills are continuing to improve. She was excited to hear from me, and expressed that she would love to hear from her classmates and friends. Anne, we all join in to wish you continued recovery, and send you our hugs!"

Carol MacEwan Powers '69 writes, "My husband and I have been living in Jacksonville, FL since May and am enjoying being so close to, Valle [Patterson]. I love being able to see her frequently! My husband is woking from home and I am spending my time selling the beautiful paintings my father left. If anyone is interested in purchasing a work, contact me! I know he would be pleased and honored!"

Elizabeth Wiesner '69 writes, "I can't remember the last time I wrote something for Echoes, but it is time as Carol [MacEwan Powers] keeps reminding me. Since 1994, I have been disabled with chronic fatigue syndrome. In 1997, I moved back to Tamworth, NH where my family spent summers for many years. By 2006, I began to feel better and was able to resume some of my activities, including my two mile walks. So I got a wonderful dog, Brogan, who looks like a black golden retriever and is truly a gentle giant. Over the past few years I have had both a knee and shoulder replaced, so I am now the bionic woman! In April 2012, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and luckily it was caught early and I am fine. So now I am taking lots of really healthy stuff from my naturopath and enjoying my walks with Brogan again. I have also become a child sitter for an incredible 8 year old several days a week while his parents are at work. He is a wonderful, self-sufficient child and has filled up my life in ways I never before imagined. I have also begun attending church, volitionally this time, and have made wonderful friends there who fill my life in wonderful ways as well. My five cats, Brogan and I are enjoying life in Tamworth. Life is good.'

1970

Elly Bowne Andrews '70 writes, "I enjoy living on Mount Desert Island, ME, working at the Northeast Harbor library, sailing and hiking. I see Mazzie Madeira Gogolak '69 and Anne Weathers Ritchie '70 quite often."

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1975 Scribe: Catherine Creamer 3255 Dorais Drive NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525 catherine50@me.com

Catherine Creamer '75 writes, "All is well in Grand Rapids. I just finished as Chief Operating Officer of ArtPrize, an amazing non-profit art event here in GR every fall, drawing 350,000 people and over \$15.4 million of economic impact. Now looking for something more family friendly. Whew! Fun, but a ton of work. Bought a mid-century modern house and renovating it now. So fun. Kids are 14, 18 and 21 with the oldest going into the Air Force, Life is full. Saw Nancy Oakes '75 last week and keep in close touch with Jennifer Wolf '75, Gretchen Hund '75 and others. My new address is above. (Allen still lives at the old house in Ada). Life is good!

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Silas Chase Graham, son of Lily Schrank Graham '03.

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Cate Doucette '00 writes, "I just took a position teaching writing for the University of Nevada, Reno."

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2002

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News from **Dave Cocke's '02** parents is that he is a fly fishing guide in Park City, UT!

2003 10TH REUNION! OCT. 11-13, 2013

Lily Schrank Graham '03 writes, "Forbes and I welcomed our son, Silas Chase Graham, to the world on October 14, 2012. He was 8lbs 4 oz. and 21.5 inches long. Life is good."

We heard the following from **Will Lyons '03**, "I've been shooting reality TV for a while now, shows such as *Deadliest Catch* or *Bering Sea Gold*. I moved to LA recently, but am looking forward to a good Sierra snow season so I can drop a knee and have some water to paddle next spring! I really haven't grown up at all, WMS!"

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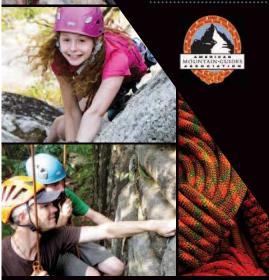
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Kyle Ball '05 talks to the AP Environmental Science class about his work as a field biologist.

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2005

Kyle Dunfey-Ball '05 presented to WMS's AP Environmental Science class regarding his work as a field biologist. The teacher of the class, Lizzie Aldrich, writes, "It was great for the students to see someone putting environmentalism into practice. Thank you for coming back to your alma mater to speak!"

2007

Emma White '07's mom reports that Emma has finished college and is now off to New Orleans to be a teacher!

2009

Bree Schmit '09's mom reports that Bree is now in her 3rd year at Florida Atlantic University studying Neuroscience and is currently an honor student!



Young Alum Boston Event: (front, I to r): Bupe Mazimba '07, Amory Davis '08 (middle, I to r): Emily Angeloni Pavidis '02, Ali Boyd '05 (back, I to r): Lisa Clark '08, Sam Angeloni '06, Tim Breen (head of school), Rob Constantine (advancement director)



Sage DeLaney Boisseau, daughter of Gabe and Joanna Boisseau.

2010

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2011

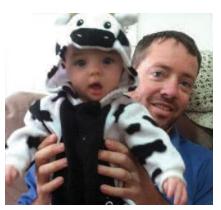
Andy Hirschfeld '11 writes, "I worked for a nonprofit in Houston this summer that advocates for sustainable building practices, better public transit, walkable neighborhoods and clean air and water. The job was very exciting and I was able to work with like-minded people. College is going well last spring I was also elected the president of the Students for Sustainability, which is a department under Student Government at St. Edwards University, for the 2012-2013 school year."

We heard the following from **Misha Ignatenko '11**, "School is going well. I acted in a play last fall, but this semester there is just not enough time for it— I am taking 18 credits, working 20 hours a week at various student jobs, and am running with my college's cross country team. Busy and fun! I plan



Raya Sage Mirkin in her WMS sweater.

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Caitlin and her dad, Brent, on Halloween.

to major in math and will probably add a minor or two—possibly in economics and computer science."

FACULTY NOTES

Welcome Sage DeLaney Boisseau, daughter of **Gabe and Joanna Boisseau**! Born March 8, 2012, Sage is on the move trying to keep up with her older brother, Ezra, who is 3.

Deandra Brassard Early writes, "Josh [Early] and I celebrated our 1st wedding anniversary in June! We are having a blast out in WA, but we love and miss you, WMS!"

Born on June 27, 2012 to **Brent** and **Megan Detamore**, Caitlin Reilly Detamore was jubilantly welcomed to the WMS community!

Congratulations to **Kate Renner and Ben Mirkin** on the birth of their first child! Raya Sage Mirkin was born on July 30, 2012 and weighed 6 lbs 8 oz. Welcome Raya!

Welcome Tyler Elliot Snow, son of **Nate and Amy Snow**! Tyler, born on April 23, 2012, was embraced by the WMS community.



Tyler Snow with his big brother, Owen, and dad, Nate.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS...

GRETCHEN POLK CAINES '58

Gretchen Polk Caines of Greenfield, MA died suddenly on January 6, 2012. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, J. William (Bill), her brother P. William (Bill) Polk, Jr., her sisters Carol Meenan and Susan Polk Wehrwein; her sons Jim, Chris and Steven; her daughter Karen Gray and her grandchildren Connor, Dylan, Evan and Alexis Caines; Meredith and Spencer Gray. Gretchen moved to Greenfield, MA as a child and attended The Bement School, Saint Mary's-in-the-Mountains and Colby-Sawyer College. She worked for many years at Northfield Mount Hermon School in numerous positions until her retirement in 2009.

KEVIN CARLSMITH, Former faculty member

Kevin M. Carlsmith died peacefully on November 20, 2011 from cancer in his boyhood home in Portola Valley, CA, surrounded by his family. A professor of Psychology at Colgate University since 2003, Kevin earned a Ph.D. at Princeton University and a B.A. from Lewis & Clark College. He taught from 1991 to 1995 at The White Mountain School, tutoring students, being a dorm parent and coaching a variety of outdoor sports. In addition to his immediate family of wife Alison and daughters Abby, and Julia, Kevin is survived by his brother Chris Carlsmith and his family of Arlington, MA, and his sister Kim Sampson and her family of Orlando, FL.

PETER CARTWRIGHT '81

Peter Eric Cartwright, 50, father, friend, writer, reader, composer, computer engineer and all-around tinkerer, died October 19, 2012. Following his graduation from The White Mountain School, Peter earned a B.A. in English from Lyndon State College. Over the years, Peter worked at Together Networks, IDX, JDK, Allscripts, Seventh Generation, PeerVue and Galen Healthcare. Peter is survived by his daughter, Leah Margaret Cartwright; former wife, Kate Cartwright of Orwell; mother and stepfather, Margaret and Wendell Agne of San Diego, Calif.; uncle and aunt, Hans and Jerri Wellisch of Manhattan; aunt, Evelyn Coe of Las Cruces, N.M.; cousins; and many, many friends.

KATHARINE BINNIAN HOWE '40

Katharine Gansevoort Binnian Howe '40 passed away on September 8, 2011 at her home in New London, N.H. after a six-month encounter with melanoma. She was an avid sailor and gardener, member of the Cohasset Yacht Club and Garden Club, and a frequent traveler. She toured England, Europe, China and New Zealand with her beloved husband, John F. Howe. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, her three sons, and three step-children. Katherine also leaves behind 18 grandchildren, for whom her affection was unlimited, as well as ten great-grandchildren.

NORMA LOGSDON, *Former faculty member*

Norma Kathleen Logsdon passed away in Bloomfield, Connecticut, on June 10, 2012. After graduating from Bemidji State Teachers College, she married Joseph Logsdon of Omaha, Nebraska. Together, they raised four children. Norma worked in education for over twenty years, starting as a fourth grade teacher in Lake Forest, IL, and later as an English teacher at the Sanford School in Wilmington, DE, and The White Mountain School from 1972 to 1979. Norma continued teaching, instilling a love of literature and music in her children, nine grandchildren, and one greatgrandson, who were her greatest pride.

ANN DODGE MIDDLETON '47, P '72, *Former trustee*

Ann Dodge Middleton '47, died on February 20, 2012 at the age of 83. Born in Boston on November 12, 1928, the daughter of Joseph B. Dodge and Kerstin P. Dodge, Ann was raised in Pinkham Notch. Prior to her marriage, Ann served as the hut master at the Appalachian Mountain Club's Pinkham Notch hut. She was a professional ski instructor and taught skiing for The Hannes Schneider Ski School at Cranmore Mountain, North Country and in Bedford. She was a passionate skier and at one time a member of the U.S. Ski Team. Ann was also an avid mountain climber who had climbed all her life in New Hampshire as well as in the western United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Ecuador, Africa and Nepal. A life member of the Appalachian Mountain Club and the American Alpine Club, she maintained her active and athletic lifestyle until her passing. Ann's relationship with WMS continued, as her children attended the school and she served on the board of trustees from 1998 to 2001. Ann is survived by her husband, Jack B. Middleton; her daughter, Susan Middleton Campbell '72 and husband, Gordon Campbell; two sons, Jack B. Middleton Jr. '76 and Peter Middleton '77 and their wives, Tracy Middleton and Meg Middleton; and four grandchildren; her brother, Joseph Brooks Dodge Jr. and his wife, Ann Dodge.

PROF. & MRS. HENRY B. PRICKITT, P '66, *Former trustee*

Professor Henry B. Prickitt, P '66 and former trustee, died on June 4, 2012 at his home near Middlebury College, where he was the Henry Norman Hudson Professor of English emeritus. Henry's wife, Frances Yeames Prickitt P '66, passed away on October 9, 2012. Married for 69 years and remembered for their love of travel, the outdoors, education and gracious hosting, Henry and Frances will be missed by family, friends and former students alike. Henry was a trustee at St. Mary's-in-the-Mountains/The White Mountain School from 1966 to 1978. Their daughter, Sally Prickitt Boggeman, graduated from St. Mary's-in-the-Mountains in 1966.

MARJORIE HAARTZ RANDALL '37

Marjorie Haartz Randall '37 of Campton, NH passed away on September 23, 2011. She is survived by her twin sons, Peter Bruce Randall and Harold Haartz Randall. She was the beloved "Oma" to six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

LUKIE CHAPMAN REILLY '53

Ellen Chapman Reilly '53, known as Lukie to all, passed away on June 20, 2012 after a fouryear battle with multiple myeloma. She was much loved and will be missed. Upon her graduation from St. Mary's-in-the-Mountains, Lukie went on to attend the Rhode Island School of Design and forever after pursued her creative passions. She studied art in Paris under famed sculptor, Louise Nevelson, became an editor for Mademoiselle Magazine and a dress designer for Tanner of North Carolina. In the months following her 60th birthday, Lukie discovered that she was a talented writer and one of her essays eventually appeared in the Best American Essays collection of 1997. She owned an art gallery in Charleston, SC and was herself a decorated watercolorist, winning The James Sudem Award from the National Academy of Fine Art in 1980. She is survived by three brothers, William, John and Alexander, her twins, Jane and Anthony and five grandchildren.

CARROLL RUSSELL SHERER '42, *Former trustee*

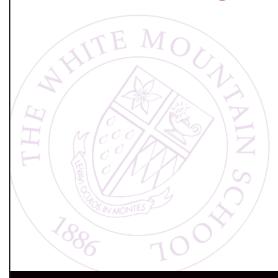
Carroll Russell Sherer '42, passed away on October 7, 2012, of natural causes at her residence in Greenwich, CT. Widow of Ambassador Albert W. Sherer, avid traveller and author, Carroll is survived by her 2 son: daughter; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

CANDACE PALMER VAUGHAN '52

Candace Palmer Vaughan '52 of Nashua, NH passed away on March 29, 2012. Please contact The White Mountain School if you have additional information to share.



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Alumnae/i Weekend 2013: Oct. 11-13, 2013

Dinner & Alumnae/i Awards, soccer games, performances, campus tours and more! Celebrating reunion classes 3's and 8's, welcoming all! Event details and registration information coming soon. Book local accommodations early. Visit our website for a list of local hotels and inns www.whitemountain.org or contact julie.yates@whitemountain.org.

3rd Annual Young Alum Boston Reception: Oct. 2013 Details coming next fall.

