



Colorado Rocky Mountain School

CRMS Alumni Class Notes - Summer 2021

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1958

Nicholas Bourg '58 sent this update, "I retired from Raytheon Missile Systems in September 2011. Since then I have enjoyed a reasonably comfortable retirement with, for me, adequate income and assets and the benefits of Medicare. The last year has been of course a challenge. I had dinner out last week for the first time in a year and will soon renew my health club membership and look forward to things continuing to get back to normal."

Conrad Smith '58 writes, "Healthy at 81 without any aches or pains & still backpacking but with much lighter loads."

1959

Susan Dean '59 shared sad news, "This last year was challenging for all of us and sadly my husband of 54 years died peacefully at home last December. My many neighbors have surrounded me with love. Our son Ryan Dean is with Farestart in Seattle, daughter Kelli a civil engineer, and daughter Erin an interior designer. I will retire from real estate in 2022! John and Anne Holden continue to influence me."

Jackie Eschenmoser-Willimann '59 celebrated her 80th birthday and 60th wedding anniversary in 2020. To celebrate, her family went to the top of Glacier 3000 in Gstaad, Switzerland where they did the epic peak walk. Jackie adds, "The walk gave us the euphoric sensation of having climbed Mount Everest!"

1960

Andy Gould '60 shares, "Rita and I continue to lead a bi-altitudinal life, Flagstaff in the summer and Patagonia (near Nogales) in the winter. One of the

high points of 2020 was our 60th CRMS reunion online."

Bill Moore '60 emailed, "This year: cancelled travel plans, lots of chances to catch up on tasks usually postponed, more reading and, in the absence of getting together with friends, other forms of self entertainment (renewed basket-making hobby), and getting out of shape. Now started on the long road to getting back in shape - skiing a couple of times recently and more this summer. Our daughter, her husband, and two young children (4 and 1.5) sold their house and moved in with us while they look for new digs. We have had a much more lively household than in recent years. Watching the grandkids grow and develop is such a pleasure, as is watching how their parents are so patient and nurturing. It's a good gig and we're loving it."

John Chase '60 sent this update, "I have been doing Zoom based rehearsals with a singing group. We'll be rehearsing weekly in the director's hayfield. Airing the performance on Memorial Day via YouTube, I think. The music is Rachmaninoff's St. John Chrysostom. For the time being there is no thought of resuming the Thursday night men's group gathering around the harpsichord in my music room, but several people have agitated to resume as soon as practicable -- i.e. all vaccinated. On the brighter side, it was announced a few days ago that we shall be rowing our gigs again this summer in Penobscot Bay. Spring is underway. No blackflies yet, the mud isn't bad in town and tourists are still scarce."

Vicky McLane '60 writes, "My partner and I moved back to Fort Collins in February 2015, after six years living in Prescott, Arizona. We did a lot of travelling around the state, and particularly enjoyed Muleshoe

Ranch, a Nature Conservancy Preserve near Tucson. As with all of us, it has been fairly quiet, though we did manage trips to Cortez, Trinidad, and Salida. Culture and history abound in all those places, especially Trinidad. Most of my time has been spent on League of Women Voters activities. I have been a member for over 50 years, yet continue to find challenges and causes that interest me. Lately I have been working on getting something done about the awful air quality emissions from the Suncor oil and gas plant in Denver, which is surrounded by a Hispanic minority community. We are planning another trip to Cortez in two weeks, and then our annual trip to the monastery in Snowmass where the entire school visited as it was being constructed – either 1959 or 1960.”

Ursula Goodenough ‘60 shares, “Very happily retired (2017) on Martha’s Vineyard where I’m still writing and publishing scientific papers using data collected while in the saddle; many are on lichens, which are very wonderful critters. Both my daughters and five grandchildren also live on the island so lockdown was painless. Hope we do another class zoom soon -- last one was so delightful!”

Jim Amos ‘60 sent this update, “Continuing to be a volunteer and on the board of the Forney Transportation Museum and some other volunteer work. I tell people that retirement is when you can do work you believe needs being done and don't have to get paid for it! Carolyn and I are planning a 10 day trip to Montana and Wyoming in September, so really looking forward to that.”

Lynn Leopold ‘60 shares, “This past year has been one for the history books and we all have been coping in our own ways. I started singing in two different vocal groups: a quartet that rehearses an hour every week and then performs a half-hour Compline service, online at a local Lutheran church, and the other a group of 20 people called the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble. It feels so good to be singing again, even though our rehearsals are via Zoom. We will start in-person rehearsals soon in a semi-outdoor location. I continue to stay involved in some local efforts: the Discover Cayuga Lake/Floating Classroom that provides both tourism and

educational shipboard experiences; the Greensprings Natural Cemetery; volunteer at Finger Lakes ReUse.. Life in Ithaca is good, in spite of the pandemic. Taking care of my 10-acre woods and small house—a little paradise in the Finger Lakes—keeps me busy and exercised. Big hugs to all my classmates!”

1961

Katherine Gould-Martin ‘61 writes from Germany, “I am retired, but my husband is teaching half time and would be very involved in music (he's a cellist, listen to a recording [here](#)) except everything has shut down. He is putting together his manifesto on why music students should also have a liberal arts education with bios of the graduates of the Bard Conservatory of Music at Bard College, which he founded in 2005 and directed until we came to Berlin. I am finishing up a family history: six generations named Edward Renouf with sections on their lives in China and Germany. The appendix is longer than the text and holds letters from 1823 to 1941. We are also studying German, walking our dog, and generally surviving without understanding a lot of what is going on around us. This year we plan to return to the States and are moving to an intentional farming community in Pennsylvania that cares for adult developmentally disabled people. We will volunteer with the community and also travel to see children, grandchildren, and friends.”

Bill Parzybok ‘61 shares, “Happy and retired after a long and fascinating career in the world of electronics in the Seattle area. Being an electrical engineer over the last seven decades was a most exciting journey. Lived in the Redmond, Washington area for 20 years till moving back to my favorite state of Colorado 10 years ago. Some of our five kids live in Colorado. We have ten (!) grandkids that are fun and busy. Attending CRMS is almost a family tradition: my brother Steve, his two sons, a cousin and currently one of my grandsons...up to six so far. Reading, hiking (I love the Colorado mountains) and woodworking are my main passions...I also collect fountain pens and inks. I am in two fun book clubs, in good health and vaccinated. Looking forward to an in-person reunion this summer...fingers crossed.”



Bill Parzybok '61

Judy Beil Vaughn '61 notes, "I'll soon be releasing the audio book of *Strawberry Roan* which might be good listening for anyone driving to the reunion. *Strawberry Roan* just received an award: finalist in the New Mexico Press Women's 2021 Communications Awards receiving third place in Nonfiction Books for Adults, Autobiography or Memoir. You can visit my website at www.judybeilvaughan.com."

Eric Saarinen '61 shares, "Almost made it out to ski at Aspen last year. Tons of adventures and disastrous marriages – death defying stuff and trying to cap it off with a big film about my grandfather, Eliel Saarinen. I have two websites: www.saarinenfoundation.org and www.ericssaarinenfilms.com. The second has lots of personal stuff. Living in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan."

Jo Beachey '61 sent this update, "My husband Roger and I spend time hiking in the Olympic Mountains and sailing on the Salish Sea when not home or in the garden. We now have a small daysailer and are working on a 17' vintage power boat adding a pilot house, and hope to be out on the water soon. Currently I am part of the PT Mask Challenge that has made well over 10,000 cloth masks for

distribution to schools, clinics, businesses and organizations. We both have volunteered on trail maintenance crews with the Washington Trails Association for a couple years but that stopped with COVID-19 restrictions. We both remain healthy and active and engaged in this sweet spot where we live."



Jo Beachey '61

Lansing Palmer '61 shares, "We are still hunkering down in South Florida, vaccinated and looking forward to 'the other side.' We have eight grandkids, including three in Denver who will be moving to Florida this year because our son-in-law landed a great job here. Still working remotely as a partner in an AmLaw 100 law firm as co-chair of the probate and fiduciary litigation team. I miss visiting our Denver office. Looking forward to reconnecting with classmates (virtually) this summer. I miss my freshman roommate **Dale Lasater '61**, with whom I had a great visit about a year before his untimely passing. Best to all!"

Bruce Everett '61 emails, "I began an active career in painting shortly after getting my M.F.A. at UC Santa Barbara in 1968, mostly showing in the L.A. area. I started teaching at Cal State University, Northridge in 1970 and retired in 2005. I finally married at the age of 45 in 1987 to my wonderful Patti. We built our dream house and my dream studio in 2006-7 in Templeton, near San Luis Obispo and intend to live out our days here. I have remained very active with my art and have had many shows across the country, including in New York. I also stay very active on the tennis court a few times

a week...still playing singles one year from 80. This pandemic only kept me in the studio longer, so I'll be having another solo show at the George Billis Gallery in L.A. in September."

1964

Ellen Clark Anderson '64 writes, "Re-entered the workforce at Olive Glen, a Christian Science nursing facility in Sacramento working part time as a Christian Science nurse. Painting local landscape scenes as I can find time, watercolor and gouache.

Looking forward to some travel in summer and fall."

Ellen Clark Anderson
'64



1965

David "Nick" Strouse '65 shares, "I continue to enjoy retirement, hard to believe it has been six years! I have not seen much of my family due to the virus. I continue to spend time working

in my wood shop, but I miss pottery and the Adobe. Life is good!"

Arthur Davis '65 writes, "To keep it short: Retired eight years ago from being Operations VP Green Giant Fresh / Sholl Group."

1966

Colin Kitchens '66 writes, "Of course, I have spent the vast amount of time this last year at home. I discovered that I have a wife, which was a surprise. I cook more and spend less. I get to see **Emily Rosenburg-Pollock '67**, **Bretta Rambo Maack '67**, and **Deirdre Golani '65**. We have taken a few great trips to the Southwest to visit **Rowdy Yates '66** and **John Woodin '70**. Can't wait until we can resume."

Tamim Ansary '66 says, "Like everyone's big news: pandemic/lockdown. And tons of Zooming. Oddly, we Zoom brunch every Saturday with the kids, the four of us together, chowing down on exotic dishes, since we're all into cooking. And then there's the baking of bread, the tending of garden, the walking on nearby nature trails, the reading of quaint artifacts called letters, of which I have boxes and boxes. Memoir has become a central preoccupation for me. I've been trying to figure out how to build websites so I can revive Memoir Pool, a site I used to have (that someone else built and maintained for me, where I published my own and other people's narratives of real-life adventures) and contemplating launching a print-on-demand publishing enterprise, Kajakai Press, to publish some of the memoirs people have written in the memoir-writing workshops I used to do and have now suspended. Other than that, it's all been cocktails and marijuana."

Ilsa Perse '66 writes, "I miss restaurants, movies and being indoors with friends. Cooked a lot of new things but won't miss having to cook dinner every night. Am spending more time in my studio. My gallery survived thanks to dedicated local support and a big push to use the internet. A bunch of old dogs learned some new tricks. It was an eventful fall with horrific fires and smoke...no sunlight for over a week. During the biggest ice storm in 70 years last winter, the sound of crashing trees was pretty unnerving, but everything that fell fell away from our home. Our ice happened at the same time as the nightmare in Texas. Mother Nature took out our power, not incompetence and fear of regulations. Between insurrections and natural disasters, 2021 has been a bit too eventful, but vaccines offer a bright spot, not to mention a new government. Maybe if Bill Gates' chips are being injected in our bodies, things will improve."

Wick Moses '66 writes that "I lost my wonder cat Findley after 17 years. As many of you know, I am a music lover and an audiophile since I spent 1/2 my working life in the Audio Industry and am passionate about the marriage of music and great equipment. Findley would often perk up and tune his ears and listen intently with me!"

Marty Wenner '66 and Merlyn Roddell '66 share, "It's been a long, strange year of juxtapositions: Here on Kauai, we look across the valley to the whale and dolphin ocean layers beneath the day and night sky. At close range, birds and nene goose land and circle, food is growing in profusion, avocados, coconuts, key limes, soursops, peppers, jalapenos, habaneros, multi-colored bells, ginger, turmeric, kaffir, lemongrass. We walk to the nearby waterfall for dips and showers, and there are spots beside me to swim and dance. COVID-19 has been super scarce here on Kauai, as our mayor is a fanatic; we are the only island to still require a ten-day quarantine on arrival. The juxta in the position comes to us via our Rabbi Rachel (Maddow) who keeps us informed daily as to the rancor and ravages. The threats to the status of our planet and human freedom that we took for granted back in our days at CRMS seem staggering, unfathomable. My yearning to take in the coral underwater in the South Seas, while it still thrives, fills up every entry on my bucket list. That... and a complete close to my real estate career... and waking up in a world that works for everyone. Until then..."

Nat Shipman '66 shares, "Hola Chicos y Chicas. Nat Shipman checking in here. Emily, you are a far greater rock star than the Turncoats ever were THANK YOU 🍷. I am glad that most of us have managed to maneuver the slalom course this past year. Life's a bitch ain't it? Here in Santa Fe things are opening up cautiously & our vacation rate is the highest in the country. I am looking forward to the return of tourists so I can resume my tour business. I strongly encourage you to come and spend a couple of days in Santa Fe. You'll be glad you did."

Steve Leary '66 emailed, "We are all well here in Dallas. Our Governor has opened up Texas and cancelled the mask mandate just in time for Spring Break (It's an election year). We also survived the incredible zero degree freeze without losing power, which is a true miracle. Still assessing what plants we have lost, but our community garden plots came through it and now I'm growing tomatoes, okra, peppers, eggplant, collard greens, zucchini and cucumbers. I've turned to baking bread: sourdough boules, 50% whole wheat sandwich loaves, and my new favorite, focaccia bread (slathered in olive oil

and herbs). But my greatest achievement, and the one I'm most proud of, is our daughter Callie. Check out thedallasgarden.com. She also just had an article written about her in D Magazine. Now a Master Gardener, she gets credit for any gardening success I may have. Finally back volunteering with Habitat for Humanity now that I'm vaccinated."

Jenny Anderson '66 shares, "In April, my daughter, who I have not seen in a year, drove to meet me for four days of hiking, photography and time to actually see each other. I am really looking forward to seeing her and to being free of my house. My younger daughter moved into her new house in Spokane, where she secured an ER doc position last July. I have processed photos but taken a few in the last year. I also have volunteered to do a friend's genealogy. It has been fun because I've had to learn so much. Beyond these wanderings, I've watched a lot more TV than is healthy, read a few good books and more junk (OK, car books ... mysteries etc)."

Bart Chapin '66 sent this update, "Not sad with the virus lockdown. I work from home. I have plenty of fire poles to build. I have two boats to work on. Lucy likes to cook and we have been having great meals. The house may be a bit less well cleaned but as a result we are more relaxed about most things. I have been fat biking with our daughter and son-in-law as well as a couple of other willing victims. We have Nature Conservancy land in our back yard and two beaches close by for hikes. We both remark at how lucky and spoiled we are compared to many others. Of course there are some downsides. We haven't seen our grandchildren since last summer. With some luck, they will come and sail with us come August. We bought a 14-foot Herreshoff sailboat in hopes of corrupting the grandchildren. Perhaps our kids will finally learn how to sail as well."

Rowdy Yates '66 shares, "Last year, I had back surgery in April, a knee replacement in July, and skin cancer removal this year. I know all of you have had similar or worse medical traumas than mine. I do hope yours have worked as well as mine. Oddly enough, my highlight was flying into San Francisco on a commercial flight to get my back operated on. Don't get me wrong, the surgery was not the highlight, the travel was. I was shocked. No people! I

have to thank Madeline for being so supportive and helping me through each step. Life goes on here and things are coming back to normal. Unfortunately, I lost a close college roommate to cancer and Madeline lost her Mom to Parkinson this year, so there are some holes in our hearts. Fortunately for now, we are both thriving and hope to see one or all of you soon. Just bring some smiles.”

Priscilla Wearin Wagener ‘66 shares, “I call 2020 the lost year. All my travel plans evaporated, Iowa, Pennsylvania, England, New Zealand. Poof! I am generally happy with my own company but am finding that by 4pm I want some conversation! Last fall the wildfires took center stage, especially the horrific smoke that kept everybody indoors just to be able to breathe. Now it is the King Soopers massacre that has everyone on edge, followed by a bomb threat that evacuated the Pearl St mall. I am hopeful for 2021. I expect to get to Iowa and Pennsylvania, maybe not England or NZ. There is a horse in my pasture again, not mine but I get to feed him most mornings. I adopted a rescue dog last August and am slowly helping him learn that not all people and/or other dogs constitute a threat. I am fortunate to have two excellent dog trainers next door, when they speak the dog listens!”

1967

Steve Barru ‘67 writes, “Living in Vietnam, the pandemic has impacted me very differently than it has you who live in the US. As early as January 2020, the Vietnamese government and public health authorities developed a plan to contain the spread of the virus in Vietnam. At the heart of this plan is rigorous contact tracing and quarantining. Vietnam’s borders were closed in March of last year, and have yet to reopen except for returning Vietnamese nationals and certain groups of foreigners. Ironically I suppose, on a personal level, the last year has been great for me. In March of 2020, I moved from Da Nang, where I had been living for four years, to Hoi An. Hoi An is a small city in a beautiful setting – from my 2nd floor balcony I look out at an expanse of lush green rice fields. Partner Minh and I had our second anniversary recently. He and a friend recently opened a coffee shop – his first business venture. Otherwise, taking photos, reading a lot, loving Sam our dog, and trying

not to let the various aches and pains that crop up regularly make me more cantankerous than I already am.”

David Nutt ‘67 writes, “For my children and friends I carry on and on and on. The joys, and there are many in my life today, sit beside the loneliness and the emptiness that rises and sets with the sun and stars. I have a few projects in the shop and when completed I will be retired from close to half a century of boat building. It is time. I want more time in the garden, time to read (I am currently reading Tamim Ansary’s book *The History of Yesterday* and I suggest you read it too) and yes, to sail here on the coast of Maine, and ski, oh ya, and maybe a bit of kayaking. And time to share my life with my family and friends. And time to celebrate the wonderful life that Judy and I had together. I hope we can all get together soon. Love to all!!”

David Douglas ‘67 shares, “Deborah and I landed in Boston for the past year because of the pandemic and a son-in-law with a cancer diagnosis. Both our daughters and their families (we have five grandchildren under the age of six) live nearby in Brookline and Concord. We’re planning to get back to Santa Fe by mid-May. I’ve greatly missed NM’s mountains, canyons and green chile. Our latest water advocacy initiative, Global Water 2020 www.globalwater2020.org, was extended because of COVID-19 but it will come to an end this year—it’s focused attention on semi-neglected problems like the lack of clean water, sanitation and hygiene in literally half of all hospitals and clinics in developing countries. I’m grateful for the new Administration in D.C. for many reasons, not least that several wilderness areas CRMS introduced us to will now be protected for future generations.”

Sarah Cooper-Ellis ‘67 sent this update, “I call it a braided year, the braid formed from Abijah’s decline of ALS and self-propelled death on April 9 and COVID-19’s descent. Actually, I couldn’t have been more fortunate. No extended, humiliating descent, rather a brave and swift exit. No need to entertain, apologize, be seen. Rather, a perfect excuse for complete privacy. My son, daughter in-law and six year-old granddaughter relocated for the year, from Brooklyn to a mile up the road. Wonderful forest

explorations, caterpillar hatching, wildflower and bird studies, and imaginative play with a perfect, adventurous companion and the 12 year-old border collie now shared between our two households. Sugar season sucked and will end this week when it stops freezing overnight. A little over half the hoped-for crop, so get your orders into Hidden Springs Maple promptly. My novel LANDING is still for sale - I will mail you a copy if you send me \$20. I'm at work on a memoir about nature and end of life."

Harry Van Camp '67 writes, "My daughter, Kate and husband Daniel, recently gave birth to a beautiful little girl - Ellen. In April I saw two of my other grandchildren for the first time in over a year thanks to being fully vaccinated. In March 2020 Susan and I packed up our law firm offices, moved home, and continue to work remotely. Very busy year with all meetings and court appearances on Zoom. The past year has made us appreciate how fortunate we are to live and work in such a beautiful and comfortable place. Susan got a better tan last summer on the pier than she has in years. I enjoyed more days fishing and paddling. We also have immediate access to wonderful walking and biking paths. So, while we weren't able to share all that as much as we would have liked, we did share it with each other and had a good year. However, we are ready to break out and begin to travel and congregate with family and friends."

Brad Ansley '67 emailed, "I broke my foot in late October of 2019 and it didn't want to heal until February 2020. So I've been more or less house bound for 1-1/2 yrs! On the bright side our daughter Kate and her husband Chase are expecting a girl in July! Our daughter Danielle is getting married in early fall. Our son Kieran has been hiking in the mountains with a surfer/adventurer woman in Washington. Kathy has been working virtually from home and I've been sprucing up the surrounds of our little 100 year-old bungalow in Maryville, TN. Most recently I've been building what I call my Sanity Deck. The stairs are all that's left and then sailing my little John Welsford Pilgrim named FLOKI will become my priority after that, and lounging on the deck with the pups of course; at least until the devil's heat descends upon us southerners in a few

months, then we move to the north facing from porch...or maybe move to Ireland or Scandinavia..."

Kathy Moritz '67 writes, "The pandemic didn't upend my life very much; I enjoy spending a lot of time at home, I work from home, and I live next to an open space. I was extremely busy treating COVID-19 with herbs. Summer came and the nice weather had all of us outside visiting and it was great. Then the fires hit..... Six weeks of such thick smoke we couldn't breathe and we couldn't go outside. In many ways, that was more impactful than COVID-19. This year I lost my stepmother, father and mother. This all makes ME the older generation now which makes me feel old! Dealing with all of this was difficult, but having to deal with it in the context of political stress."

Nancy Eliot Ulett '67 writes, "We were very lucky in Maine, and especially here on Mount Desert Island that we had very little outbreak early on. My doc told me to leave my job at Home Depot, until it was safer, as I had been newly diagnosed with COPD (after 60 happy years of smoking. Who knew? Ha). I was still very busy with my AirB&B cleaning job. In January 2020 I tested positive which scared the crap out of me. I figured because of age and COPD I was doomed. Well, 10 days of isolation and not even an inkling of a symptom. I asked about false positive and they said 'nope'. So I feel very fortunate. I have started planning the garden, though it really won't go in until late May. Like everyone, I look forward to when I can go see my grandkids. I am not really up for flying just yet though. Well, if you find yourself in Maine, I'd love to say 'hi'."

K.C. Clendenen '67 emailed, "With a recent birthday, I am the same age as old people: 73. Interesting year with seven hospital stays, all for different reasons. I passed out a year ago and was not found until a day later. I had Aspiration Pneumonia and was placed on a ventilator for two weeks. I was given a tracheostomy and feeding tube the same day and already had a catheter for my kidneys. I was very lucky to not have more damage. I went to two rehabs and learned how to walk and eventually talk. I can speak very well now and can eat without the feeding tube but my lungs still have not healed. So I still walk with a huge limp but that

seems to be getting better. I had been zooming daily AA meetings all year and that has been a gift. I am very grateful to be alive and as well as I am."

Christopher Thomson '67 writes, "A new sleeping partner is profoundly changing my life! After spending a night in the hospital for a sleep study a continuous positive air pressure (CPAP) machine was prescribed. Though it's weird at first sleeping hooked to a device, the benefits for my brain function and life energy amazed me. It has been five months now and life continues to brighten. It's impossible to know how long I've been suffering with sleep apnea but my guess is a very long time. Susan and I are cautiously getting back to our lifestyle of driving our sculptures around the west for public display and (sometimes) sale. We're currently visiting our daughter, Justine, in Corpus Christi on our way to de-install a large forged sculpture that has been at the Stephen F. Austin University in Texas for the last two years. Upon our return we'll finish the large sculpture that was interrupted by the pandemic for delivery to Chicago in May."

Emily Rosenberg Pollock '67 concludes, "As for me...I was born for quarantine. I thank God I didn't have children at home I needed to teach. (My children are equally appreciative!). Thankfully my quilting obsession has kept me occupied. My youngest and his wife escaped from their 800 sf NYC apartment and joined me in September. I assume they drew the short straw and were elected by my other children to "keep me company." We have had a good time. They are both working virtually and my house set-up is made for compatibility. Of course, they will head back to NYC as soon as the thermometer here in Tucson hits 110 in the shade. My oldest and his husband (both in the theatre) found themselves unemployed and having to sell their NY apartment. They have found themselves owners of an OLD farmhouse in Connecticut with acreage for the dog to run free. The farm is a silver lining to otherwise devastation. The theatre will be back!"

1968

Melle Cochrane (Ramelle Pulitzer) '68 writes, "I had a cheerful phone visit with **Lee Ann Eustis '65**.

She sounds terrific and is very interested in any ZOOM meetings we plan at whatever time. She loves catching "when it suits the rest of you all. Love to you." Her number is the same. Do give a call! Living in a world of COVID-19 restrictions away from kids and grandkids....I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing from each of you. Many thanks for your kind thoughts, fun stories and great friendships we have all continued long after our years together at school."

Chuck Aid '68 writes, "My wife, Cyncie, and I have been living in the foothills west of Denver. Since retiring from teaching middle school science, I have been on the Evergreen Audubon board of directors for the last 10 years supervising various research projects, coordinating our annual Christmas Bird Counts, and promoting environmental education and conservation. I lead two to three bird walks per month with a strong emphasis not only on the birds but also on local ecology and botany. A current focus of mine is trying to help people become more aware of how they can positively impact global conservation by choosing to drink Bird-Friendly certified coffee – my company of choice is Birds and Beans. Though Cyncie has a son, and I have a son and a daughter, the prospect of our becoming grandparents is starting to look pretty slim. In compensation we have two female golden retrievers that lead a pretty good life with us."

Pam McBeath Pabst '68 writes, "Quiet year keeping our heads down and our faces masked. In 2019 we finally bailed from Silicon Valley after 42 years in the same house in Sunnyvale, CA, packed up and drove east with three cats and a trailer to Winter Garden, Florida. The past two years we've been unpacking and sorting. We didn't do much of that before the move as we "downsized" from 1600 to 3500 sq ft and weren't sure what we might need! Unfortunately we had little time for getting to know people before the shutdown but hopefully things will pick up in the near future. Otherwise we're enjoying retirement, planning for future travel and now that people are vaccinated the "inn is open" – since we live about eight miles from Disneyworld we figure a lot of old friends will be dropping in!"

Harah Frost '68 writes that all is well with her.

Toni Shorrock Rupchock '68 shares, "Don and I are well and anticipating the return of in-person music in the Fall. Seattle Symphony is planning for September, and Meany Center for the Performing Arts (University of Washington), where we are involved, hopes to do the same. I am starting the process of replacing worn-out body parts- acquiring a new hip this month and planning to get a second one soon. I'm all vacc'd up. Don on the other hand, has announced his boycott of haircuts and razors until he is age-eligible later in the month. We are hoping Canada will open its border to boaters soon, so we can continue our exploration of Northern British Columbia waters this summer. Our tug, Peregrine, is ready to go!"

Geary Atherton '68 wrote from his farm in the Texas hill country, "My wife Catherine and I have spent most of this COVID-19-19 year here on the farm. We feel so fortunate to have social distanced here during the pandemic, surrounded by deer and turkeys, in a true 'birder's paradise'. We go to our home in San Antonio a few times a week to see children and grandchildren. I spend time running a family foundation and my wife, Catherine Nixon Cooke, is an author. Since graduating from CRMS 50+ years ago, I have stayed very close to the school. At the ripe new age of 70 I am very aware of what a huge impact CRMS had on my life."

Sam Chapin '68 writes from Massachusetts: "In November 2019 I had every intention of being retired by spring 2020. Then the pandemic hit. But as of March, I have taken another step towards that elusive retirement, now on "part-time minus", which means I work when I want to. Caroline and I are happy to be in the woods on the shore of Long Pond. We go boating and swimming in the summer, work in the garden and in the woods, we cut and haul firewood, we take long walks and go birding year-round, and have outdoor "Corona Cocktails" with small groups of friends. I am active as Chair of the Board of our regional land trust. We have one daughter in Boston, and one in New York who we see often. This too is a blessing, as we have contemporaries who have not seen their offspring in over a year, which is even harder if those offspring include grandchildren (of which we have none)."

Kin DuBois '68 and his wife Sandy continue to be involved in the lives of their two girls and their grandchildren. Kin wrote at Christmas: "I am ready to put 2020 in the rear view mirror: It has been a year of cleaning house, reading, and finding other ways to keep ourselves occupied. We've kept up with friends and family with zoom cocktail or dinner sessions (we had a nice visit with Nick and Annis last month). I'm still doing some consulting work, mainly because most of the cases on which I've been consulting as an architect expert have been pushed into 2021. And I've been busy in my third (and final) year as president of our HOA, as the pandemic has presented a number of beyond-normal challenges. It has been a good year for reading and home projects."

Beth Grobman '68 says in her email, "Life is good. Tom and I live in a beautiful, impoverished, rural area (I think there are only five or six traffic lights in our county) in the coastal mountain range of northern California on the shores of Clear Lake -- believed to be the oldest lake in North America. I retired several years ago from teaching mass media and journalism at De Anza College, south of San Francisco, but keep up my skills and contribute to the progressive movement by doing research, design, layout and copyediting for the Gainesville Iguana, a politically-leftist, almost-monthly, newsletter based in Florida. My son owns a fishing tackle store on the other side of the lake. This year I'm celebrating my 50th anniversary of adopting middle-age to senior rescue dogs. Yay!"

Nathan Kernan '68 replied, "I have spent most of 2020 in Salisbury CT where Tom has a garden that has taken over his life, if not mine. Since October, I have spent two or three days a week in NYC, thank God, where I devote a day (Thursdays) to the Milton Resnick Pat Passlof Foundation, a non-profit exhibition space for painting of which I am on the board. Please come and visit. Otherwise continuing to work on a biography of poet James Schuyler."

Nick Kukulan '68 writes, "October of 2020 was a big deal as I graduated from Paramount Export Company after 43 years. My father joined this company in 1946 after WWII when he completed Navy service in San Francisco. The company exports

fresh produce and food products all over the world, and over the years we expanded to countries in many parts of the world. I traveled to most of them. In reality I was part of the company from my birth in 1950. Leaving was a big deal and very emotional. My departure went smoothly by way of an ESOP which is a process permitting the transition from owners to an entire group of employees. Retirement has been very pleasant, energized by having a grandson Wyatt now two years-old, and just arrived Emma, offspring of daughter Laura and husband Zach who live close by. Annis and I studied/worked in child-development, so having a lab with our own grandchildren is a delight. Wyatt explores the vegetable garden with me and knows how to find the ripe blueberries. Annis and I plan to do some pleasure travel, but this is paused now. We welcome any CRMS friends to come and visit in the Bay Area and go kayaking! Thank you Roger Paris!"

Dede Reed '68 shares, "Oddly, life has been rather pleasant this last year as we've hunkered down for the most part in Basalt. 2021 began with a photography show at the Art Base in Basalt with my images of reflections of flowers, books and vessels. I was asked in an Art Talk about my interest in photography which plunged me into memories of CRMS, **Franz Berko**, how my eyes were opened by the beauty of Colorado, how that sparked an interest in creativity, and how I discovered the magic and the quiet of the dark room. I also reminisced about how many on the CRMS staff were Europeans as I enjoyed the international flavor they imparted in their teaching and interests. I've enjoyed the simple routine this last year: cooking tasty meals, reading novels and biographies, walking with friends, publishing a book of short stories called *The Turkish Girl*, seeing my 10 grandchildren, savoring my lovely garden and the beauty all around, and working on what I call my COVID-19 Occupational Therapy: making handmade little books of my photographs with German paper as folded covers, hand stitched spines and a memoir's worth of photos I've taken over the years."

Kit Muller '68 shares, "Two projects have engrossed me this year: 1. My sister, **Penny Muller '66**, my brother, **Brian Muller '74**, and I have been investigating when and how multiple branches of our mother's family left the lowlands of Scotland for

Northern Ireland in the 16th and 17th centuries, migrated to North America during the 17th and 18th centuries, and ultimately founded Fort Wayne, Indiana early in the 19th century. 2. I have been working with a number of regional and national environmental organizations to develop recommendations for a new administration about what could be done to redirect my old agency, the Bureau of Land Management. Beyond that, dog walks in my Capitol Hill neighborhood; periodic outings to local stores; a ZOOM meeting with the extended family every Sunday afternoon; and a walk downtown about once a week to track the evolving urban scene."

Evelyn Petchek '68 stayed busy, "The last year has been lots of sheltering-in-place like everyone. My daily walk, mostly enjoying an audiobook along the Potomac River and C&O canal towpath in DC, a lovely slice of outdoors steps from downtown DC, has been my salvation. Helps balance zoom! All I have to show for it...eight knitting projects completed while zooming and 70 books read/listened to while walking. I had set the goal of walking 2020 miles in 2020...a big round birthday year. It seemed like a stretch goal pre-pandemic in January, but then the pandemic hit and I started taking long and longer walks to keep my sanity and blew past that goal in mid-October. When all was said and done, I logged 2704 miles in 2020. I loved being able to attend the virtual reunion. I'm delighted it will be a hybrid this year! I so miss being able to travel, as I'm sure you do (yes!) I certainly breathed a sigh of relief when I got my vaccination."

Judy Rea '68 has made it back to Colorado, "My husband and I are living in Lake Oswego, Oregon and retired about six years ago when we sold our company. Our two daughters are married and each have two children; one set in Seattle and the other in Denver. This year has actually been good to us. Our Denver daughter gave birth to a girl last April and desperately needed help with her older child. We plunged into the unknown and drove to Colorado to help out. Fortunately all went well. The drive back three times reengaged a love for Colorado. Passing through Glenwood Springs, I try to remember the main street, the one decent hotel where our parents would stay and the old hot springs. Nothing looks

the same, but, the beauty of the river, the valley and the mountains remain. We did venture up to Carbondale to visit CRMS, which really brought back memories. I am sorry I didn't make the 50th reunion, as the memories with others are the best. One thing that did amaze me on our return is that there are cleaning people for the dorms! How did that happen? My identity seems wrapped up in my three years at CRMS: the mountain beauty, the skiing, horses, running the snack store (Sam, do you remember that?), and Wells Kerr. What a wonderful gentleman with his love of Shakespeare and all books. I also remember that I couldn't sew a skirt for that evening activity. (I took it home for my mom to help). Needless to say, I don't sew now!"

Victor Zurcher '68 writes: "Susan Z. And I live near Hampshire, Illinois, 48 miles west northwest of Chicago. I retired from the railroad in 2016. Since March 2020, we have made a big effort to keeping our favorite restaurants open with takeout and later eating outside. We went skiing in Aspen at the end of January 2021. Took the California Zephyr to get there. Been pretty quite otherwise. We were supposed to go on a riverboat cruise around the Netherlands and Belgium which at this point is doubtful that it will happen."

And as for me, **Melle Cochran (Ramelle Pulitzer) '68**, "I have consistently not done what I said I was going to do through 2020/21. I returned from a trip to the Azores in Feb '20 full of notes and pictures to offer a new New View Tour. The March tide turned and we have cancelled and re-cancelled travels. Docent work at the Norman Rockwell Museum ended. Zoom meetings continued for the League of Women Voters of Central Berkshires - we created ways of getting out the vote from the desktop. It was an oddly relaxing summer without any of the performing arts, the backbone of the Berkshires. I've continued writing and meditating with zoom groups; including hosting one for the Stockbridge Library. I keep up a regular tennis game and lots of walks with our two black standard poodles. My mother-in-law was locked down; a debilitating situation. This precipitated a move to Singer Island, Florida to be near her retirement apartment in West Palm Beach. Enduring a pandemic in paradise with an aging family member is certainly an odd mix of

circumstances. We were glad to be with her; another strong spirit from that great generation. Michael and I eagerly await our summer plans to regroup in Stockbridge for an extended summer visit with our three kids, their spouses. There were two new pandemic babies to make it seven grandchildren. If everyone holds still, it will be a gathering of 15! We will have to pitch tents!"

1969

Mary Kuntz-Cote '69 writes, "The class of 1969 has held a couple of Zoom calls, trying to plan a river trip in summer of 2022, and sooner, some of us will be meeting in Yachats Oregon this October to pursue various fun outdoor activities, organized by Jim Welch '69 and Alex Morley '69. It was great to see many classmates on Zoom, and some who were unable to make it to our 50th reunion in August 2019 at CRMS, where we had a great time. Many of us are eager to get moving again after having been cooped up at home for most of the last year, and now are vaccinated against COVID-19.

Lolly Lewis '69 shares, "Regarding news about me, my Amateur Music Network non-profit is doing amazing things - we have presented nearly 40 online workshops since the pandemic started, and it's gratifying to be able to bring valuable active music-making content to musicians stuck at home all over the country. I'm also still doing recordings and still swimming in the bay. Brrrr!"

Warren Anderson '69 "My main self-indulgence is going skiing. I hope that all of you are well and that the years have been kind to you." He mentioned that he went to visit and bike New Zealand with his partner just before the pandemic started, and that the only mistake he made was to come back!

Paul Gibbs '69 and his wife are living happily in Denver, but are looking forward to travel. Paul writes: "My first grandson Jack was born right after the 50th but I haven't been able to hold him for a year. Looking forward to that starting in April. Our first trip since Aspen last March is to Ponca State Park in Eastern Nebraska to celebrate March family birthdays and hike above the Missouri. We go through Sandhill Crane migration on the way. (I like to buy Wendy's crane cards). We have tickets for the

US Open golf in La Jolla in June which will allow us to get together with my son and wife in LA and maybe some other California folks.”

Alex Morley ‘69 is winding down his career as an emergency room physician and running a clinic. His wife Diane is raising beautiful chocolate lab puppies and he’s been taking fantastic nature photographs for years which you can view at www.alexmorleyphoto.com.”

Linda Gore ‘69 shares, “I do yoga most mornings with my teacher’s Zoom class, Michael and I meditate together, and then I work out in the gym we’ve been creating in the basement. I’m still tutoring English with my same wonderful student, and keeping up with several social groups on Zoom. Music with others is the real loss for me right now. We all do our best, but you can’t sing and play with others on Zoom because of the latency, so we use an open mic format, where one person “performs” while the rest of us mute and play/sing along. My mom Jean, who welcomed many of you to her home in Boulder, has been in hospice, and finally passed away April 5th.”

Bruce Ourieff ‘69 emailed, “I formally retired Friday and have a ton of loose ends. I have plenty to keep myself busy, and in Ventura county and crops, a photography avocation, and a burgeoning flying career!”

Marty Twichell ‘69 shares, “Great time getting reconnected at reunion, been in Tucson last 45 years, retired eight years ago, teaching yoga on Zoom, and working part-time at Pima Council on Aging. Kids and grandkids all around here.”

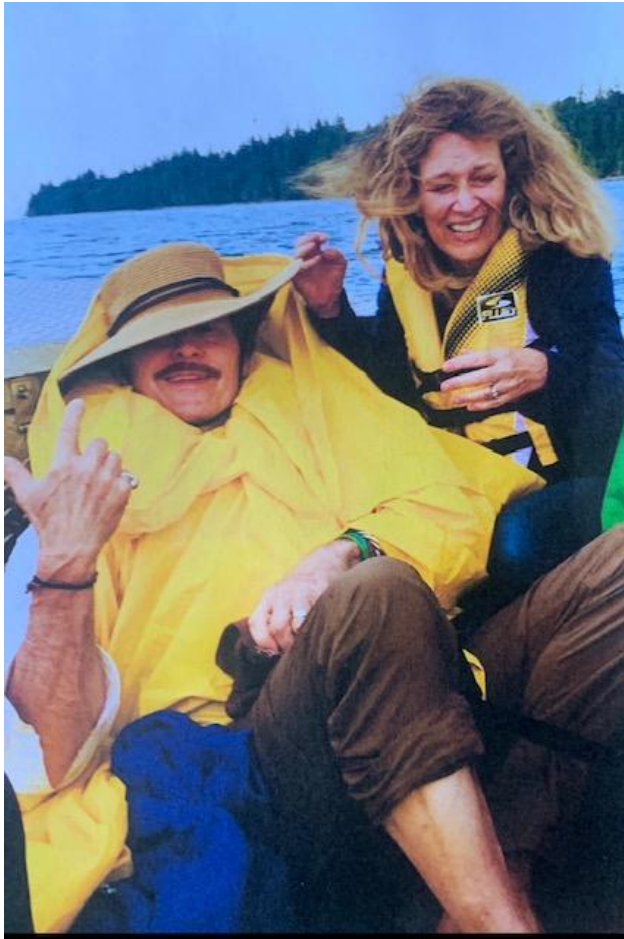
Melanie Wyler ‘69 writes while travelling, “For the first time in about 14 months, I traveled to Iraqi Kurdistan, and Eastern Turkey! These destinations show you how much I was longing to get away, as well as how far! I spent most of the year hunkered down, like everyone else, although still working on my immigration and accompaniment volunteer projects with undocumented families in Connecticut and New York. It’s a lot more difficult now as the courts are still pretty much shut down and only letting in lawyers and close family members.”

Mary Kuntz-Cote ‘69 concludes, “Just took my first trip in ages in March to see my oldest daughter Rosie get married to her longtime sweetie in a small family ceremony in Pennsylvania. They’ve scheduled their bigger outdoor party wedding with friends three times. It will be in Palm Springs next February. My younger daughter is having a hard time, broke both ankles and has been lying low. I am now rebuilding a deck and patio on the back of my house, and then remodeling the kitchen hopefully in early summer. I’m planning a little road trip this May to Southern California and on to Arizona to visit Tucson (Marty and other friends) and my cousin in Camp Verde.”

Ravi Venkateswaran ‘69 shares this update on his class, “Like for everyone else, it has been an anxious, but low key year since I returned from India last March. Activity was pretty much restricted to daily walks and 'survival' cooking. During the past year, I have been an advisor and director with a start-up in Nigeria where I previously worked for a number of years. After numerous Zoom conferences with principals in Nigeria, technical studies and participation in a Nigerian Government program through submission of technical proposals, the company may be awarded a new project. I continue to serve on the board of CRMS as a trustee. It has been a good experience to see all of the efforts that have gone in re-opening the school to boarders and day students last fall. Being a trustee and travelling to Carbondale (until last year) has afforded me opportunities to reconnect with classmates. I have seen **Paul Gibbs ‘69**, **Linda Gore ‘69**, **Steve Hobsen ‘69**, and **AO Forbes ‘69**. In Carbondale, it is always good to see **Lee Ann Eustis ‘68** and **Adele Hause ‘65**. I have also been in touch with **Amy Kilham ‘69**, **Towne Allen ‘69**, **Jeff Smith ‘69** and **Peggy Quisenberry ‘69**. I have visited with **Jim Welch ‘69** and **Alex Morley ‘69** in Oregon which is beautiful and where we are talking about another class reunion program. I have also talked with **Scott Ferrier ‘69**. I hope that our next class reunion will bring a number of us together.”

Doug Lewis ‘69 writes, “Still living life in retirement between homes in Duluth, Minnesota and Vero Beach, Florida. Summers are spent in our

family's 90 year-old log cabin on a northern Minnesota lake. Married to Jenny for 42 years now. Still want to reconnect with classmates at CRMS sometime and realize that I must make it a priority. Will there be another reunion THERE in the not too distant future?"



Frederic "Rick" Matteson '69 shares, "I'm living on Bainbridge Island in the Salish Sea and have been married 51 years to **Susie Spier Matteson '68**. In the past 30 years, I've worked with over 16,000 suicidal 'patients'.. I created Contextual-Conceptual Therapy (CCT) and have run CCT Training Workshops in Ireland, England, Scotland since 2014 after giving the keynote address at World Suicide Prevention Day Conference in Dublin. In April, CCT-Ireland Associate Gitti Maas is presenting the CCT Program at the American Association of Suicidology (AAS21) Conference."

1970

Cori Snobble '70 sent this update, "My daughter Leila remarried January 2021. We're all Air Force now. Son Arden is based in Florida. John Montgomery and I celebrate 45 years in June. He's still working at ENMU. I retired from teaching in 2018. I designed and planted a garden for a friend last spring. It kept me outside and sane. When Blackwater Draw Museum, the Clovis site in New Mexico, reopens I will return as gatekeeper. When not gardening, I'm refinishing furniture and woodwork in Leila's house. I continue belly and ethnic dancing with occasional performances."

1971

Jonathan Siegel '71 writes: "Life in COVID-19 times has been quiet, which I have found to be a respite after decades of clamor. We know of several cases of COVID-19 quite near to us - some are wicked even when not fatal. Our lives feel fragile, thus perhaps more precious. I continue to do architecture which I enjoy, bicycling to work most days along the Rio Grande. This season brings out porcupines and bald eagles, spring brings the return of the egrets. In my spare time, I make French-style cheese, marmalade and brandied apricots. I fly fish and mushroom hunt in the high mountains in the summer and ski a little bit. We have a beautiful second grandchild in London - my old mentor Nigel Peacock made him a wood rattle to celebrate his birth which occurred in a London taxi! I'd welcome old friends to call, email or even pop in for a visit when the air clears."

Catherine Wyler Hayden '71 shares, "Election and masks. Slowing down and stepping away. Not rushing back into the old way again."

David Thomson '71 emailed, "Getting older... back hurts, one eye on the fritz, sometimes forget stuff... but also getting a lot wiser... say what I mean sometimes, try to listen without a plan."

Kris Harding Dubick '71 wrote in, "After 20 years in South Carolina and retiring, we moved two years ago, back to Lexington, KY, to be more centrally located to our four kids, and an easier drive to our Door County Wisconsin summer cottage. This had been our prior home for almost thirty years prior to

South Carolina, and we are enjoying getting reacquainted with the town and with old friends. Life is good, we've been vaccinated, and look forward to being with friends and family again."

Raym Geis '71 shares, "Still working on artificial intelligence for radiology, especially ethics and privacy of medical data use. Talks now are given from my basement rather than galavanting around the globe. Big news is our first grandson! His parents live in our town and because of that, 2020 was a good year for us. **Kirk Visscher '71** and his lovely wife retired to Carmel, California where they contradance and sail. **Charles Carrington '71** recently retired from international computer security work. He lives in Austin, Texas, and when COVID-19 lifts plans to move to southern Portugal.

Jonathan Siegel '71 is a dynamic architect in Albuquerque, makes amazing cheeses, has an adobe house and two cute grandkids who live near London."

1972

Kate (Carole) Goldsborough '72 writes, "After CRMS, I went to Bennington College. From there I went to New York where I studied method acting with Sanford Meisner. I moved out of the city 26 years ago and came to the White Mountains of NH. I own an upscale boutique and style center. I got my Master's at Dartmouth in the MALS program with a focus on nonfiction writing. During my last year, I was invited to present a paper at Cerisy, France on the photographer, Lee Miller. I'm currently working on a book about my pilot father's WWII capture, called *The Falling Leaf and Other Descents*. In January 2020 I won best actress for the State of NH for my role in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* I ski Cannon, and I still ride horses. I'd love to hear from '72 classmates and any friends from '73."

1974

Jeff Platt '74 sent this update, "Luckily the virus didn't affect me too much. My companies manufacture a few different products, and our clients wanted us to keep making things; so we kept



our 20 employees working full time. Last September I finished a big project and wanted to do something new, so I started flying fixed-wing gliders. I got my private pilot glider license in March!

David Charles Harvey '74 sent this note, "Passed the Certified Cloud Security Professional exam in June and spent the rest of the year backpacking and cross country skiing. Our 13-year-old daughter Kira will start CRMS in August."

David Tanner '74 shares, "Carol and I still live in Afton, enjoying the natural world that surrounds us. Carol is retired and I will be doing the same in the fall. We still do some birding and in fact will be looking for ducks tomorrow morning with **Caroline and Dutton Foster P'85, '88, Former Faculty** as well as **Laura Friedberg Miller '71** and her husband, Chip. Daughter Sarah got married last summer and is living in St. Paul. We feel lucky to have them close by. The Class of '74 just had our first Zoom meet-up last weekend and it was a blast! Twenty-one of us on a screen at once. Everyone was tasked with telling how they got to CRMS and it was quite interesting and pretty great all around. I still do some

photography, particularly of live music. I am one of the shooters for First Avenue in Minneapolis, our local temple of music and Prince's favorite hangout in the old days. If you're ever in the Twin Cities look us up."

Robert Kelley '74 sent this update, "Comfortably retired from driving kids around, I seem to be living between Colorado and Hawaii, with a house in Hereford, Arizona I'm just completing as well. Spending my COVID-19 time finishing my grass shack cabin in Hawaii on a partnership 90-acre farm near Pahoehoe."

Erin Connell Tsacostas '74 emailed, "Having moved out of Honolulu about two years ago, I now split my time between Southern California in the winter and Lake Tahoe in the summer. I joined the Nevada Democrats and last year I spent seven months on the phone to Get The Vote Out in Nevada and lastly in Georgia! My other volunteer work includes fostering cats, a great thing to do in a Pandemic. Living in SoCal allows me to spend time with my son Sean, a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley, and his family, and gets me a little closer to my daughter and her

family in Pennsylvania. Somehow I have four grandchildren already."

Ellen Boswell Schiefer '74 sent this update, "I live and work in real estate in Cincinnati, Ohio. I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life, but remembering many wonderful days in the Rockies at CRMS!"

Sue Maffei Plowden '74 shares, "Making the most of a slower pace the past year....and feeling fortunate to live here in Rhode Island where we can spread our wings outdoors. Soon enough, we'll be back on the water and hoping to be off on a sailing adventure in the Med. Our recent class zoom reminded me of what a great tribe (thx KAP:) we're still connected to."

Ann Pundyk '74 emailed, "This spring, I had my second vaccine shot before our reunion call with over 20 classmates from '74. I spent the night with a mild reaction hallucinating about our call, everyone's stories of transition, coping, joy, and loss. What we know now, what we didn't know then. It felt really wonderful to reconnect in this way with



a long-ago family. Does anyone remember the dance recital in the big barn with psychedelic projections?"

1975

Rich Forgy '75 writes, "Hello, I reside in Tennessee and nature and memories enough, CRMS in all aspects as well...well, I'm still around. Too much turf to cover in a few words. Love to hear from anybody about their stories."

1976

Jeff Parker '76 shares, "Living on the East coast, among other things coaching a large High School Nordic team, think about CRMS often."

Sara Lyn Phillips '76 simply says, "Hello Mates!"

1977

Heather Froelicher '77, shares, "I am still living in the Crystal River Valley, but as Carbondale becomes more gentrified I move further and further up the Crystal River Valley and are now blessed to be on 70 acres 10 miles out of Carbondale. My boys, **Eric Froelicher '15** and **Weaver Froelicher '13**, are 24 and 26 and are my greatest joy, and my greatest fear, as they paraglide and kayak around the world. My husband, **Franz Froelicher '72**, is retired and keeps things afloat while I continue to work at CRMS with other "lifers" - **AO Forbes '69**, **Jim Gaw '64** and **Mark Clark '69**. Getting ready to row the Yampah for Spring Trip which is always a highlight. I still love skiing, hiking, gardening, river trips, sea kayaking and fly fishing (in the right places). The highlight of my past five years has been reconnecting with CRMS classmates: **Susie Alexander '77**, **Dan Martinez '77**, **Carol Shure P'99, '03**, **Joshua Sage '77**, **Walter Salas Humara**, **Amy Dagget '79**, and **John Day '77**. I hope we can all reunite at our next reunion and in the meantime we welcome visitors!"



Weaver Froelicher '13, Heather Froelicher '77, Franz Froelicher '72 and Eric Froelicher '15

Tim Kinzler '77 writes that he has been, "Providing shelter for all lifestyles, aka being a Real Estate Professional, for 43 years. I ran the Seven Mile Bridge in the Florida Keys round trip for 14 miles to celebrate 62 years of blessed life. Facebook timkinzler for more insights!"

John Day '77 shares, "Life is good. Still skiing over 40 days a year, kayaking when the temps are over 60°, and still love climbing mountains. Climbed Grand Teton, the Matterhorn and made it up Mt. Rainier for the 101st time recently. Three kids are grown, my middle son runs my heavy construction company, my oldest daughter is a professor at UCLA and a participating scientist in the NASA Mars program, and my youngest is getting his PhD in Synthetic Biology from MIT. Proud Father. Living in North Bend. Washington about 35 miles east of Seattle in the Mountains on a river where I should be. Sober for over 11 years now. Looking forward to our next reunion with all of us over 60!"

Dave Boersch '77 emailed, "Since CRMS I have worked in the Ski Industry and after that I got into film and television production as a photographer. I was the chief of photographer in news at ABC in Colorado Springs then moved on to a creative agency and then currently a freelance photographer who has been blessed with lots of great shoots all over

the world and the USA! I am married to my sweetheart that we met when I was in the news business and she is an editor. Her name is Lesa. We currently live in Kittredge CO and are still die hard skiers and mountain bikers and all outdoor activities thanks to the values that CRMS instilled in me! I would love to stay in touch with everyone. **Danny Martinez '77, Jim Geis '77,** and I will be visiting soon!



Dave Boersch '77 and wife Lesa



Dave Boersch '77

Dan Martinez '77 writes, "We loved the Washington area, but it was increasingly too difficult to get in and out of the city to take advantage of its many wonderful, taxpayer-paid cultural and historical offerings -- and my run at the State Department

was running its course. Moving to Texas, I have reactivated my law license and have joined a law firm near downtown Houston in the trendy, high-growth Victorian neighborhood and am developing a law practice around trade and investment and economic sanctions issues. Bit of a struggle with the pandemic, but thankfully we live north of the city in The Woodlands which has a bit of a resort, retirement community feel. Our daughter Julianna has applied and been accepted at Catholic University and a few other schools and is in the process deciding where she is going. I have to get back to work to figure out how I am going to pay for it! Please check-in if you are planning to visit Texas!"

Celeste Wiedmann '77 emailed, "After CRMS, I spent about 25 years directing and producing large outdoor performances of music and dance. Somewhere in the middle of that, I became a Sign Language interpreter and also earned my BFA from California College of the Arts. As an artist now, I combine the techniques of textile design (screen-printing), photography and book arts. In recent years, I have also been researching and documenting the artwork of my mother and grandmother. They are Holocaust survivors from Vienna, Austria. I was not raised Jewish and my parents were not able to speak of their experience of the Nazis until much later in life. The unfurling story has been a tremendous learning experience. In conjunction with my research, I am planning a three-generation art exhibition accompanied by a series of workshops and presentations by guest speakers on the healing process for children of survivors."

Joshua Sage '77 writes, "After 10 years of living in Santa Fe, New Mexico, my wife Kirsten and I are changing things up. We have decided to sell 95% of what we own and build a gypsy wagon - a travel trailer that is made of wood and has nice homey details. We will build it in Port Townsend, Washington, where we own a house and have family. Then we will head to the Southwest in the fall looking for work opportunities helping people build yurts, sewing our canvas shade shelters (www.shadecloudshelters.com), or other work we find interesting. Our primary reason to be in the

Southwest will be to run our ancestral skills gathering called Winter Count (www.wintercountcamp.com). CRMS lives inside of me everyday! See you on the road."

Finn Olsen '77 emailed, "Georgia is still and always will be home but my thoughts and soul are somewhere in higher altitude. Been spending time in Montana and hope to get back soon. Otherwise gardening on a small scale keeps me busy and outdoors. All is good here. Always thinking of the past, the people, and the experiences and CRMS is always a big part of who I am. I am always grateful and hopeful to connect with people from those days!!"

Peter Crawford '77 sent this update, "I am still doing massage therapy in Colorado, New York, and Los Angeles. Still running The Sports Massage Team, which primarily focuses on supporting cycling events around the state. I started a valet tent service to supply tent accommodations on bike tours and for BMW motorcycle rallies around the country. Currently I am looking at developing a glamping operation on his mountain property in Southwestern Colorado. For my 60th birthday in 2018 I did a long awaited trip to visit Japan for two weeks and had an incredible time exploring Buddhist and Shinto shrines and temples. In 2019 a trip to Peru to experience a plant medicine shamanic retreat with Buddhist meditation overtones was quite the experience. Reminded me of late nights down by the rio with **Kea Hause '79**. 2020 was a year of being able adapt and adjust to the pandemic experience. Life is good!"

Susie Alexander '77 says, "Last year was interesting to say the least! One highlight was attending Wintercount organized by **Joshua Sage '77** (look it up!) and getting to see other CRMSers, I highly recommend it! By June I was finally able to move to my house here in Hotchkiss, Colorado to enjoy semi-retirement – so fun to be close to the Rockies again. I also have 35 acres in Hotchkiss where I plan to build several tiny homes (on foundation). After remodeling my house in town, I discovered that I truly enjoy the challenge and creativity of carpentry and find it's a great way to keep my mind and body in shape as I get older (PLEASE come by if you ever

want a good workout!). Every few months I commute back to the West Coast to continue my mural work as well as visit my sons and a granddaughter who has absolutely stolen my heart! Feeling very grateful."

Stephen Kern '77 writes, "Five years in Burlington, Vermont; then 20 years in Washington, DC, then 20 years in Takoma Park, Maryland. Married Sally in 1997, son Garret (23), son Larkin (20). Both boys will be living in the Northwest so I see plenty of transcontinental flights in my future. On-going career in show business. Worked as a freelancer on features and documentaries right out of college, then started a production company in 1995. Mostly TV commercials and PSAs these days. Spend as much time as possible at our 1887 cabin in West Virginia. Lucky to have a high elevation trout stream right out the backdoor, and hundreds of miles of mountain bike trails in the National Forest. Still seeking, still learning. Workshops and treks whenever possible. NOLS over 30. Spirit Rock and Esalen. A highlight has been studying with the contemporary poet David Whyte at his home on Whidbey Island. Sally and I are looking forward to a month-long trip through rural Japan in the fall: hiking, hot springs and sake to celebrate Sally's 60th."

Jim Kitchell '77 sent this update, "We're just in the process of selling the home we raised our four (now adult) children in. Spent the last month moving many of their 'priceless' childhood treasures to perpetual storage in our new, level entry, ready-for-geezer-hood home. We're still in central Seattle, now with an excellent Mt. Rainier view. My son Leo spent the fall climbing and skiing in Colorado. He's a senior at Claremont McKenna and taking a gap year since none of the work, play and people he loves were there. Our son Gus and his wonderful girlfriend, just moved to Boulder from the Bay area. They met at University of Denver and love the Colorado mountains. Murphy, our oldest, is engaged to Christina from Connecticut to be married in summer of 2022. Ellie is a second year resident in surgery in Phoenix and having a ball but not digging the heat. All is well. Do contact/visit us if you are in the Seattle area."

Tom Wilson '77 shares, "We've been in Cheyenne, Wyoming 13 years; married to Tammie 40 years. Good skier, bit nervous around bears. Raised two daughters in Olympia, Washington. Son-in-law, and four grandsons (4 months to 17). A retired economist, now I'm a full-time struggling artist. Tammie was command team PIO for the BIG northwest forest fires. Heart attack in 2017. Didn't dig work anymore, so retired with a dream in 2019: turn family farm and ranch at Fort Laramie into a therapy foundation for downtrodden victims of war, famine, poverty - using art, animals, horticulture, skills, time, nature, work therapy. There's boldness and power in dreams. Heroes welcome. Kick off global art auction Meet Me in Paris June 2023. Diagnosed Stage IIIC Melanoma three years ago. Surgery, immunotherapy, pretty tough, all clear, then more cancer, more immunotherapy, WOW WOW! all clear again, PHEW! Gotta get motating ahead big time now. Make kids wear sunscreen. Peace Love see you in August."



Tom Wilson '77

Matthew von der Ahe '77 writes, "I'm a geologist working for a consulting company in Seattle. We do landslides, contaminated groundwater, foundations, etc. - basically anything that has to do with the subsurface. One week, I am on a 300-ft-high dam in eastern Washington, next week I will be on a landslide that fell on a house in western Washington, the following week it will be something

else. It's almost always interesting. I am not planning on retiring for another decade. My kids (37, 35, and 30) are doing well in Oakland California, Grass Valley California, and Berlin, Germany. None of them are geologists or have kids. My partner is Dana and her daughter has a new baby, so I am a quasi-step-grandpa. Dana runs a company that makes smartphone apps for teaching native language literacy in Africa and Central America. I have a great life for which I am very grateful."

Elizabeth Larsen von der Ahe '77 says, "After 19 years as a traveling nurse, I am building a house on the south end of the Big Island of Hawaii. I'm still working as a travel nurse, however, and 2020 was a real challenge. I hope to be able to rest and recover soon. I've been in touch with **Susie Alexander '77**, **Josh Sage '77**, **Dan Martinez '77**, **Juliana Forbes '78**, and **Erica Forbes Shafroth '73**. The last 15 years I have attended Burning Man, five of them as a nurse, and although I keep hoping to run into an alum, the closest I ever got was finding out that I had camped directly next door to Juliana's former husband, Tyler, and their son! I still spend time at my family ranch in Wyoming. Two years ago **Matthew von der Ahe '77** and our three grown kids vacationed in Baja, where he led us on the world's best geology hikes. He has consistently impressed me with his brilliant and entertaining teaching ability. I lost my dad to COVID-19 this year and continue to be on a rant about vaccination and mask wearing. I miss campus, the people, the valley, Sopris, and treasure my time and my education there."

1978

Peter McWhinney '78 writes, "March 1, 2020 I retired from the New York City parks department after 20 years - perfect timing. I've been woodshedding on the guitar and keeping in shape. Hope to get down to Washington Square Park and play some music. Hope you're all well."

Amy Daggett '78 sent this update, "**Walter Salas-Humara '77** and I are still living in Flagstaff and loving the southwest. We have done a lot of camping, hiking and biking during the pandemic. Our gardens have never been so well tended! This year, we hope to see more of our CRMS friends, as we miss you. Carbondale too. Cross country skied

with Heather Froelicher '77 and Franz Froelicher '72 on Grand Mesa in March."



Walter Salas-Humara '77 and Amy Daggett '78 hiking Delicate Arch on their way to Carbondale in March 2021

Tina Browne Thuell '78 shares from Bermuda, "We left our idyllic remote Island of Nevis to return to Bermuda a little over a year ago so we could finally be with all our now grown children and our first grandchild. I'm sure a lot of you are also enjoying being grandparents...what an amazing blessing that is. I'm still doing lots of photography though traveling to do my horses is on a back burner till we can get a grip on COVID-19! I've branched out to include photographing Hotels and high end Real Estate which is so much fun! Hard to believe that I have not seen most of you in 42 years. I do hope to get another reunion in with everyone before we are 65 so here's to making that happen! In my senior yearbook my quote is 'Im looking forward to looking back for further on down the track.' Those words are so true for me and luckily I have the photos to help me do that because I really do have photos of all of you!!"

1979

Linda Kegel '79 says, "I would love to hear from my classmates - if you are ever in Albuquerque, you have a place to stay!"

1980

Molly Mulcare Vikart '80 shares, "For the past 11 years I've been working for Burning Man; I started attending in 1995. I've managed the office, and provided admin and project support. The DIY aspect of Black Rock City reminds me very much of the time spent supporting the CRMS plant and processes, and my short time at CRMS certainly informed my ability to do the community-oriented work that I do now. Also, I'm now a Grandmother!"

Andy Reeves '80 writes, "I work doing neurology and am the Medical Director for Allina in New Ulm, Minnesota. Still married to Jenn. Train in krav maga, kickboxing, and jiu-jitsu four to six times per week.. I have two daughters who are married, and two not yet married. I play guitar, make amps and pedals from scratch. Roast coffee. I lead a full life, I feel."



Andy Reeves '80 is still welding steel sculpture, something he began at CRMS with Steve Parzybok in the late 70s!

1981

Jake Gesner '81 shares, "I'm currently the Hydroelectric manager for the City of Boulder and living near Berthoud, Colorado with a wonderful view of Longs Peak. After managing eight hydro facilities I'm going to retire in fall 2022 and start traveling once again. This year I'm hoping to return to Greece for my 30th anniversary after a fun adventure moto ride with **Andy Floyd '80.**"

1982

Kate Bennis '82 sent in this update, "We are lucky to weather the pandemic with jobs that easily moved online and a backyard for sitting with friends. A weekly treat is a Zoom meditation with **Zanna Zuckerman Yardas '82** and sometimes **Kate Hall Feist '82.** **Nina McKee '82** balances being my accountant and my dear friend. Connections made at CRMS are life-long."

1983

Michelle Peterson '83 writes: "My husband John and I are now empty nesters, no kids, no pets, no farm animals. We have returned to day hiking weekly in the Snoqualmie Forest near our home. The big thing for me is buying snowshoes, and at age 54, *finally* finding a way to get out in the snow that I like! I HATED skiing when I was at CRMS, and still have no comfort level with any kind of sliding across slippery things. But snowshoeing is great! The first time out, I commented to my husband, "Why didn't we have snowshoes in high school!? That would have changed everything for me." I've been with the City of Seattle Fleet Management Shop as the Senior Metal Fabricator for 27 years. I am realizing that I have metalworking and fabrication skills that are not commonly taught anymore. When I retire in less than three years there won't be anyone to pass it on to. I look forward to one day bringing my husband and hanging out [in the Roaring Fork Valley], hopefully catching up with some old friends, teachers and meeting new ones."



Michelle Peterson '83 on her maiden snowshoeing journey last Thanksgiving

William McCall '83 shares this encouraging news, "This was the year I almost died. In short, all I can say is that I am alive by the Grace of God and the power of prayer. In December I went into the hospital with blood clots in my lungs, liver and kidneys. I was COVID-19 free. The worst clot was in the vein from my intestines to my liver and ended up killing five feet of intestine. I was vented and unconscious for around six weeks. Several surgeries, blah, blah... the bottom line is that I would not be alive if it were not for my wife praying over me all day every day and the hundreds of people (most I do not know) praying for me. There were thousands of times I should have been dead and many when the doctors told my wife I was not going to make it. Somehow God gave me another chance. In January, I could not get out of bed. In February, I left the rehab hospital with a walker and a cane, and now I can walk down the street to the neighbors with no cane. God is amazing if you let him be."

Ann Hodel '83 writes, "Hello to all my classmates and CRMS alums! What a year. Big news on my front is that two years ago I moved back to Carbondale and am living here with my partner full-time. It has just been amazing to "come home" to this valley that I love so much. Still working part-time as a physical therapist which has enabled me to see patients one-on-one through this pandemic. Trying to help where I can. I just found out that my niece, Skylar, has been accepted into the CRMS Class of 2025! I see spending more time and volunteering at our beloved school over the next four years. Wishing my CRMS family well!"



Ann Hodel '83

1984

Jennifer (Hendricks) Lowe '84 email from Switzerland, "Still teaching science at an international high school in Switzerland (year #8) and enjoying the Alps. My daughter is at university in the Netherlands which is a good excuse to visit **Alan Nicholas '84** and his family. Lots of great memories from CRMS. This photo was taken of me near the top of Mt. Rigi near where I live in Switzerland. It's about 1500m from bottom to top with fog about 1000m above the valley floor."



Jen Lowe '84 bikini Mt. Rigi in Switzerland

Matthew MacLaurin '84 emailed this update, "I spent my pandemic shipping the PlayStation 5 as VP of design. I miss travelling to Tokyo but did get to spend my first few months there. Family has been

hunkered down in San Francisco a few blocks from Union Square - lovely having the city to ourselves."

1986

Former faculty member **Caleb Bach** shares, "Our son **Dr. Ian Bach '86** continues to practice medicine in Broomfield, Colorado, naturally a demanding business no thanks to the pandemic."

Moneeka Settles '86 writes, "One of the only good pieces to come out of this pandemic has been the zooming with lost connections. My best zoom experience this year has been with "Faculty Brats" from my years of growing up at CRMS. Unlike regular students, we spent up to 18 years living on the campus and soaking up its values and ways of life. Most of us have not been in touch since we graduated from the school, so having a zoom reunion after not seeing each other for 30 years was a pretty amazing reunion with people who are almost like siblings. In February we gathered, **HD Foster '88** from Japan, **Alison Foster Oftedahl '85** from Minnesota, **Joel Bach '87** from Connecticut, **Tom Bunnell '87** from D.C., Michelle Hebert and **Danielle Hebert '87** from Albuquerque, **Alison Lake '88** from Denver, **Kate Furze '89** from Boulder. We laughed hard about antics on Tic Ridge and in dorms, adventures on horseback, and shared stories about our community of parents. We all feel a powerful fondness for the school and our time there together. What a gift reconnecting has been."



John Wolf '81 and Moneeka Settles '86 running into each other on Mount McLaughlin

1987

Wendy Marston Lehmann '87, your new class correspondent, saying “Hello!” 🙌 Our class has been busy through the years but nobody likes to cough up the information. Big kudos to **Heidi Campbell '87**, who defeated an incumbent Republican in the 2020 election to become State Senator for her Nashville district in Tennessee. This wasn't Heidi's first electoral victory--she previously served as the mayor of the town of Oak Hill. Her senate election grows the small Democratic caucus in the Tennessee state house. I caught **Jen Ufland '87** on Facebook as she worked on her website for her business of selling handmade organic, gluten-free cafe bars. Jen lives in Basalt, Colorado with her husband Charles, and sent her son **Riley Ames '14** to CRMS, where he flourished. (Riley, ahem, when your CRMS class correspondent asks for news, definitely provide it!). Check out Jen's cafe bars at www.jenscafebars.com. Jen adds, “We play tennis if not daily, then multiple times a week and have our favorite local restaurants that we love to frequent like The Beat, Dos Gringos, Grub Thai, & Craft Coffee House.” **Danielle Hebert '87** lives in Albuquerque, where she works as a nurse in adolescent psychiatry. **Tom Bunnell '87** is a painter who lives in Washington, D.C. His work is beautiful, and one of his paintings is now on my dining room wall. I call it “**Steve Bunnell P'87, '89's Elbow**,” although that is not its real title. As for me, **Wendy '87**, I still live in Astoria, in New York City, with my husband and two very tall teenage children. I work as a copywriter and screenwriter, and do a lot of political organizing in local campaigns and progressive causes. This year my writing partner (who is also my husband) and I were nominated for a Writer's Guild Award for our episodes of *The Not-Too-Late Show with Elmo*, which streams on HBOMax. Our episodes featured Jason Sudeikis and Lil Nas X.



Jen Ufland '87

Former faculty member **Caleb Bach** writes, “Our son **Joel Bach '87**, continues to direct *The Years Project* (the Emmy-winning climate change series for Showtime and National Geographic previously called *Years of Living Dangerously*). Now he and his team mostly produce online content in conjunction with the Sierra Club and other environmental groups.”

Deirdre Baker '87 emailed, “Hello friends! I am living the dream north of Boston, MA in a beautiful seaside town. I have been married for 22 years and have two beautiful daughters, Maya and Sarah. I have been teaching for 24 years and am currently a Digital Learning Coach for my school district. In my free time, I love to run, hike and watch my girls play soccer.”

1988

Darren Fuller '88 remarks, “I now work at The University of Chicago Laboratory schools. A school started by John Dewey, the educational philosopher

that was foundational to CRMS. I've come full circle!"

1987

Heidi Campbell '87 shares, "This crazy past year was uniquely strange around here, as I spent the better part of the year campaigning for Tennessee state senate from a home office and flipped the first state seat from red to blue in almost 30 years, and believe me y'all (I've earned the right)- our state needs people with our values- so, if any of you want to move down here and run for office, let me know! My children are 16 and 14 and my husband and Goldendoodles are much older (in dog years of course). Hugs!"

1991

Jonathan Vimont '91 shares, "The Vimont's moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 2016 after spending 13mos. on the road in our RV. We hoped to settle back in Colorado but my work had other plans :/ Alanna works for a private school in Admissions and I run US Messaging for Sinch. My kids are in their mid 20s, we all miss the mountains and our Colorado friends."

1993

Joshua Lange '93 writes, "Life will be bringing me back to Carbondale in the next few years as I have just purchased land in Carbondale. I'd like my little boy to grow up with the wonder, beauty and possibilities the Roaring Fork has to offer. Excited to lay down roots in a place that's always felt like home. We shall see you soon..."

Erin McVoy '93 sent this update, "The pandemic spurred me to move back to the Roaring Fork Valley. I am overjoyed to be back and once again working in the nonprofit world as the Operations + Production Director of Aspen Film."

1995

Katie Browne '95 shares, "I moved back to Carbondale with my husband Kris about two years ago. I love Carbondale and it's been so great to be back in the Roaring Fork Valley. We bought a house

last spring, it's full of light and I use the brightest room for my art studio. I sew, make patterns, and print and dye fabrics. I'm excited to grow a dye garden this spring! A few days a week I work with **Reina Katzenberger '98** at her print shop, learning letterpress printing and silk screening."

1996

Melanie Terrell Walsh '96 sent this update: "I am an elementary teacher with a masters in education. I am married with three children and two dogs. I love to road trip and go to concerts (pre-pandemic). Our family enjoys camping, hiking, and anything in the water or outdoors."



Melanie Terrell Walsh '96 and family

Maya Kurtz '96 writes, "I live in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, where I grew up and work as a CAD drafter, web designer, and licensed esthetician. I am the Conservation Chair for the Roaring Fork Group of the Sierra Club, and on the Board of Directors for Little Rescue on the Prairie, an animal shelter in Fort Morgan, Colorado. I'm enjoying hiking and taking road trips to the National Parks with my daughter Aleksandra, who is six years old and loves animals and skiing."



Maya Kurtz '96 with daughter Aleksandra



Kelly Wade Nemirow '01 (left) with Violet and Olivia and
Brittany Lacerte Melonuk '01 (right) with Maverick and Molly

1999

Katie (Stevenson) Cabrera '99 emailed that she is “adventuring near the mountains (hills) of New Jersey with two girls, four and six years old.”



Hannah Clark Hutchison '99 and her husband Adam with their children Alden and Thea Hutchison

2001

Lera Nichols O'Sullivan '01 emailed, “I am a medical student at Oregon Health and Science University, training to become (hopefully) an emergency medicine physician. While I am in school, I am living in Portland with my husband, our dog, and our cat.”

Kelly Wade Nemirow '01 shares, “I live in Aspen, Colorado with my husband, Jordan, and our 2 daughters, Violet (4) & Olivia (1).”



Lola Forbes Louras (daughter of Kate Forbes Louras '00 & Peter Louras '00); Violet Estin Nemirow (daughter of Kelly Wade Nemirow '01 and granddaughter of Heidi Estin Wade '73); Bodhi Mancini (son of Jen Schumacher Mancini '01 & Max Mancini '00)

Jessica Devereux '01 shared that she is “Hello CRMS friends. My latest adventures have included trips to the Surfcoast in Victoria for ocean swims, visiting my newborn niece Violet who was born during lockdown in Melbourne 2020, and working with Tracks Dance Company as Dance Animateur in the Northern Territory of Australia. I was lucky enough to receive some arts funding recently to bring together a group of female identifying artists to create a new show called Mess of a Mudrā, which will premiere later in the year. ”



Jessica Devereaux '01 performing in downtown Darwin, Australia

Hanna Krueger Borchard '01 shares, "After returning to my hometown of Meeker, Colorado a few years ago I am practicing law in private practice and for the Department of Social Services in Rio Blanco County. I also provide a shuttle service for my children, ages 10, 8 and 4 who are involved in many activities! My family and business partners started a hop yard three years ago outside of Meeker, and are opening a brewery in town. We love living in small town Colorado and take advantage of the mountains through hiking, skiing, snowmobiling and our family-sized ATV."

2004

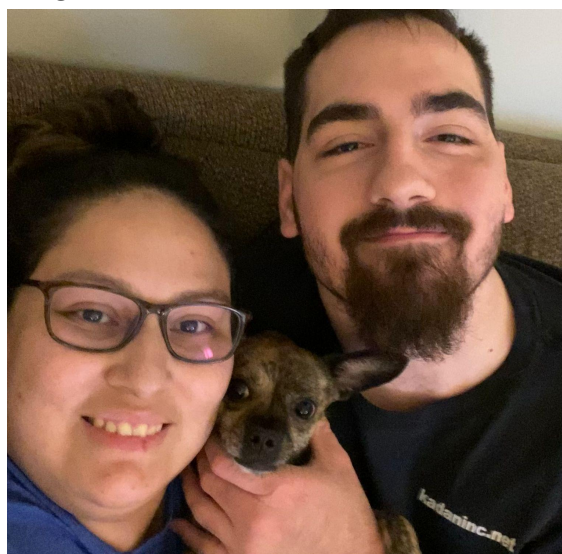
Elly Krueger '04 emailed, "Greetings from Frankfurt am Main, Germany! My brother, **Martin Krueger '03**, and I both teach first grade at a trilingual school (German/English/Spanish) here in the city. This is my seventh year and Martin's fifth. We miss the mountains of Colorado, but we love our kids and colleagues, and teaching in a multilingual environment is a delightful challenge. If anyone in the CRMS community is interested in going into teaching, especially elementary education, don't hesitate to get in touch!"

2005



Nina Clark Lex '05 with her husband Andy and their son Mikkel Lex

Savannah Ricehill '05 writes, "So much has happened in 2020! We adopted a dog in February. While still taking college courses, I was accepted into an internship at Blue Earth Marketing and, two months later, was offered a position with them! We moved into a new place and this year I finished school at Bellevue University with a BA in Graphic Design." Whew!



Savannah Ricehill '05 with fiancé Justin and her dog Bear

Li Free '05 shares, "I'm currently the Operations Supervisor at Alpine Bank in Carbondale. My husband, Matt and I welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Hailey in October, our first child, and are loving being parents."



Li Free '05 with husband Matt and daughter Hailey

2006

Alejandro Chapa Gonzalez '06 shares, "I lived in several cities for my music undergrad/masters from Berklee College of Music including Boston, Valencia, and Brooklyn. I finally moved back to Mexico, but chose Mexico City instead of my hometown of Monterrey. I'm currently working as a professional bass player/producer/music teacher. I recently did a composition for a well known Mexican R&B singer called Girl Ultra. It just got released. It is a mix of traditional Mexican Bolero and R&B. You can hear it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5t9PTCJjzLA>. I am also working on my own EP which I plan to release later this year."

2007

Tory Garling '07 shares, "I'm in my third year of anesthesiology residency at Wake Forest Baptist Health in Winston Salem NC."

Caitlin Oken '07 emailed, "It's been a wild 14 years, but I now live in rural Kenya. I work remotely writing business/strategic plans and grants. Life in

rural Kenya is not for everyone. However, I love it and am happy to call it home. The area I live in is very different from the US. It is almost like camping year-round. We don't have running water so we bucket shower, wash clothes by hand, and use a latrine. We have solar but it is not strong enough to power a fridge, microwave, or oven. Even how we clean is different, we don't have traditional brooms and definitely no Swiffer or vacuum. We do have wifi though so Netflix is still a daily activity. If you can handle all of those changes, life here is amazing. I live 1hr from the Maasai Mara National Park, which means going on a safari is a weekend activity. I live with an amazing community, have bonfires every night, and the stars rival the stars in the mountains. Really what else do you need? I still talk regularly with 90% of my CRMS friends and they have helped me through some difficult times since high school."



Caitlin Oken '07 (left) celebrates New Year's Eve in Narok, Kenya around our bonfire with Selina Nkoile, and Brian Ash.

2011

Jess Worley '11 writes, "Hi Friends! I'm living in Denver finishing up a Masters in Social Work and pursuing my AMGA Rock Guide certification. My goal is to use climbing as a means for helping folks move through trauma and develop protective skills, like grit and self esteem. I have been returning to CRMS in the summers to work with [HS]2, as well as spent a year and a half working at CRMS as a

Teaching Fellow. It was fun to be back in another capacity!"

Donghoon (Jay) Lee '11 shared "Ever since graduating from CRMS, went to Purdue University in Indiana for a BS degree, stayed for MS, and now am a third year PhD candidate in Mechanical Engineering." He is also a certified flight instructor.

2014

Alexa Sperry Dagley '14 shared, "I got married September 5th, 2020 to James Dagley in Monroe, Washington." CRMS alumnae **Sophie Kornick '15**, **Nicole Lipe '14**, and **Sophia Jacobson '14** attended the wedding."



James Dagley and Alexa Sperry Dagley '14 on their wedding day



Alexa Sperry Dagley '14, Sophie Kornick '15, Nicole Lipe '14, and Sophia Jacobson '14.

Zuanyi Zoraida Hu '14 enthusiastically writes, "I'm set to graduate with an M.Ed. degree in Higher Education Administration this May! I got married in 2020! My husband Hunter Selton and I met during our first year at Colorado College outside of the homecoming tent. We dated through college and tied the knot last year. He is starting med school this coming fall, and we are super excited to be moving to Philly to start a new chapter of our lives!"



Hunter Shelton and Zoraida Hu '14 on their wedding day

2016

Forrest Doherty '16 says, "I'm currently finishing an M.S. degree in physics, with a focus on optics, at Colorado School of Mines. After this I'll be looking

for a job in a related field, and potentially returning to school at some point to pursue a Ph.D.”



Emma Cooley '16 and Bella Rettenwander '16

2018

Emily Wiley '18 writes, “I am currently in my third year at Montana State University in Bozeman studying for a dual degree in Psychology and Hispanic Studies with an emphasis on pre-PA. Since I started at MSU I have been having a ton of fun continuing my passions for kayaking and snowboarding (sports CRMS really helped me discover). Bozeman has been a blast and I skied some super deep snow this past winter! Other than skiing, I’ve been focusing on school and a tough course load. There seems to be a ton of overlap from CRMS to Bozeman, and I recently just met a faculty member here who used to be a teaching fellow at CRMS in the 90s!”

Jessie Bright '18 shares, “In March I spent the month doing school from Hawaii! I have also officially declared my major to be marketing while studying at CU Boulder!”

Sophie Zhao '18 writes, “I am graduating from NYU in December 2021 and am applying to vet school.”

2019

Jonathan David Hsu '19 sent this photo and says, “I am currently a business marketing major at Calvin College and just picked up a film minor. Continuing

my passion for fly fishing, chasing after salmon and trout here in Michigan.”



Jonathan David Hsu '19 with his first king salmon. He says he definitely misses the Colorado trout fishing, especially the Crystal Hole.

Patrick McComb '19 shares, “The pandemic ended my work as a mailman on campus and in the midst of that change I decided to add to the turmoil. I dropped out of Western Washington University and I’m currently preparing for a Fire Fighter Academy in Fairbanks, Alaska. Along the way I have enjoyed the companionship of my one-eyed cat named Rosie. Also I came out as bisexual about two years after realizing that that was the case.”

Faculty/Staff

Former faculty member **Caleb Bach P'86, '87** sent this update: “**Claudia [Bach, former faculty,]** is back in the saddle, so to speak. Local officials fired our school superintendent and appointed her as the interim superintendent (for six months) until a permanent one can be identified. She'd run the district for a dozen years and had also served at the state level but that was 10 years ago. Anyway, like a thoroughbred race horse she's already got the bit between her teeth and is going full tilt. I (Caleb) am holding down the fort. I don't paint or write much

due to eye trouble, however early last year I did bring to press the final novel in my so-called Rio de la Plata Trilogy. Called *The Zouave*, it deals with the Falklands War, also the work of a so-called “outside” artist. As you may know former faculty members **Jerry and Sharon Wooding** live near us in Groton. Sharon has just finished her third book about Micio called *Leonardo's Cat*. It is another masterpiece and is now available for purchase.”

Former faculty member **Ron Matelich** writes, “I will retire in September 2021 after a 28 year career as a Financial Advisor with D.A. Davidson & Co. Following retirement, my wife, Swithin, and I will travel to Vermont for six weeks and reconnect with her roots and to see family. We continue to enjoy alpine skiing and volunteer with the Bridger Ski Foundation. Hello to all the ski racers who Swithin and I coached. Hope you're still doing the carved turn.”

Lisa Dancing-Light, former faculty emailed, “Having taught at CRMS for 10 years I felt like this might be appropriate to share as I was part of the adjunct faculty and supported students and faculty with music as a piano and voice coach. I am happy to announce Earth Day, April 22nd is Launch Day for my new environmentally focused children’s book, *A Song and Story of Magic Mountain*. It seemed appropriate to share. Sending hugs to everyone at the school.”

Former faculty member **Barb Settles P’86** sent this update, “I earned my teaching degree in Eugene, Oregon, in ‘72 where I met **Eric Hause ‘81**, son of **Adele Hause ‘65** and **Ken Hause**. They were instrumental in my being part of the CRMS family. Last year, our Ashland Peace Choir went to Eugene where Eric lives. I invited him to our concert and he came. I looked up while singing and was overcome with support as if my own family were there. He and his family are still part of our family, through CRMS.”

Class notes in this issue were received by April 19, 2021.



Barb Settles P’86 with Eric Hause ‘81 and his wife

Juanma Cespedes, Spanish Faculty, and **Elizabeth Rojas** welcomed **Aitana Martin Rojas** to their family on March 8, 2021.

