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By Emily Seelbinder

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MCCOLL MBA GRADS LEAD A HOST OF REGIONAL NONPROFITS, APPLYING HIGH STANDARDS TO A HIGH CALLING

By Tony Mecia



On the Cover:

(Left to right) EMBA graduates Shirley Fulton '98, Emily Zimmern '87, Michael Giang '98, Jane McIntyre '96 and Andy Calhoun '91 gather in the atrium of the McColl School of Business. The feature story on their leadership of regional nonprofits begins on page 16.



President Davies (left) holds the ribbon as Sandra and Leon Levine cut it for the opening of the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation in August 2013.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

2013 closed a remarkable period of physical change and growth on our beloved Myers Park campus. In the fall of 2012, we opened the South Residence Hall, bringing much-needed housing (and parking) to our students. In early 2013, we celebrated the opening of Rogers Hall. Its beautifully-designed spaces—from labs and classrooms to the greenhouse and the Crowder Green Wall—inspire a love of the natural world and will catapult our ambitious programs in the sciences, health and nursing.

Our community then waited with bated breath for the opening of the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation in August. As expected, it has become the new heartbeat of campus life (see a pictorial of one day's action on page 10). What a joy to see the anticipation on our students' faces when we cut the ribbon and opened the doors for the very first time!

It's been a thrilling period for Queens, and now the time has come for some personal rejuvenation. As you read this, I am enjoying my first sabbatical. While my time as your leader has brought me blessings beyond measure, the work of a university president is more than a job or even a career: it is a life. After nearly 12 years, this gift of time for quiet reflection is deeply appreciated.

I am spending my sabbatical resting, restoring and reimagining all that is possible for Queens in the days ahead. I am particularly grateful for the support of our board for making this possible.

May you and your families have a wonderful 2014.

Best wishes,

Pamela Davies

Pamela Davies, PhD
President

Your Letters

The summer 2013 issue included a profile of Sue Ross '61 and a feature story on student career initiatives.

Thank you for the wonderful article featuring Sue Ross '61. She was a contributing, enthusiastic member of our class and remains so to this day. Her gift to Queens is just a further example of her faith in this school.

Sue became a lifelong scholar and teacher because of the inspiration she found at Queens. Your article reminded us of how that inspiration translates to a love and appreciation for a great beginning. Queens was a very special school, challenging and nurturing. Many of us in the Class of 1961 are convinced that our time at Queens College made us who we are today.

—Harriet Sloop Gilbert '61, Statesville, North Carolina

It was inspiring to read "Raising Their Hands," about Queens students who took initiative to seek out internships or study abroad experiences that complement their liberal arts education. I have no doubt that these students will go far with the combination of classroom and [real-world] experiences, and we look forward to welcoming them into the ranks of the Queens Alumni Association!

—Susan McConnell '83, Charlotte, North Carolina
Editor's note: The writer is president-elect of the Queens Alumni Association.

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Celebrating 25 Years

THE FIRST MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM REUNITES FOR INDUCTION INTO THE ROYALS HALL OF FAME



At the November induction, players from the first men's basketball team uncover Coach Dale Layer's name on the floor of the new basketball court.

When Walter Aikens '91 won the tip off at the inaugural men's basketball home game, he went straight to the net with the ball. Scoring the first two points against the University of the South was a moment he'll never forget. The stands of Ovens Athletic Center were packed. Fans threw toilet paper on the court. "It was only two points, but we celebrated like it was the championship," Aikens says of the November 1989 game. Queens won 83-57.

Aikens recalled the moment with teammates at their induction last fall into the Royals Hall of Fame. The team's 13 members were the school's first-ever male basketball squad. "We were starting a new era of basketball," says Aikens, now a basketball coach at Harding High in Charlotte, NC.

Starting at Queens in 1988 and helping to recruit more players, Aikens was also among the first men to live on campus. Seventeen young men were housed together on the first floor of Albright. "It was quite an extraordinary year for us," he says. "We could only get to know each other. It was a great camaraderie we built."

By 1989, there were enough men to play competitively. Evan Ageloff '94, one of the new recruits, jokes about "invading the territory" of a previously all-women's college, but adds his experience was positive. Coming from a large high school with more seniors than Queens' entire student body, he truly enjoyed the sense of community and the friendships he formed with men and women alike.

One friendship both men speak highly of is the one they forged with the team's coach, Dale Layer. Layer was a great support for his players.

He taught the men to overcome obstacles and persevere, says Ray Hart '92, and those lessons paid off beyond the basketball court. "Hard work and perseverance definitely aid in the work and life which I pursue today," says the Virginia-based artist.

Yet, Hart says, the best thing about being part of the first men's basketball team at Queens is contributing to a legacy "which is consistently churning out quality people today and will continue to do so, well into the future." ■

—Jenn Q. Goddu



1989 INAUGURAL TEAM

Evan Ageloff '94
 Walter Aikens '91
 Michael Ates '92
 Reggie Dixon '91
 Ray Hart '92
 Sean Kelly '93
 Bobby Lindauer '92
 Shawn Mitchell
 Todd Schmid '93
 Marcus Stubblefield '93
 Darrell Timberlake '93
 Stacey Waits '92
 Jody Wright
 Dale Layer - coach
 Ritchie McKay - assistant coach

Briefly Noted

TRAINING FOR RIO 2016

As part of Queens' partnership with SwimMAC and Team Elite, Ryan Lochte, Cullen Jones and five other Olympians are training under Coach David Marsh in the new pool at the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation. Lochte, who recently moved his training headquarters to Charlotte, has set his sights on the 2016 Olympics in Brazil. He's tried to keep a low profile, but scores of texts and Tweets celebrated the arrival of one of the world's most famous swimmers to campus.

GOVERNOR'S MEDALLION AWARDED

Queens received the North Carolina Governor's Medallion Award this past April for its partnership with Sedgefield Elementary School. This distinguished award is presented annually to 20 organizations in the state to honor outstanding volunteer service and stewardship. For the last three years, Queens students have served as mentors, tutors, lunch buddies and



Left: Eleven-time Olympic medalist Ryan Lochte (right) confers with Coach David Marsh in the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation. Photo courtesy of the Charlotte Observer.

Right: The McColl School of Business has hired Tracey Grooms '98 EMBA (center) to develop a new undergraduate major. Grooms stands with Dean Ron Shiffler (left) and Hugh McColl, Jr. (right).



media center volunteers at Sedgefield; *non ministrari sed ministrare* remains a practiced art at the university.

QUEENS MOVES UP IN RANKING

Queens moved up from #20 to #18 in this year's rankings from *U.S. News & World Report*. Queens is included in the Regional University South category of universities with undergraduate degrees and some master's degrees. The yearly report ranks colleges and universities throughout the US.

MCCOLL SCHOOL HIRES BANKING LEADER

The McColl School of Business has hired Tracey Grooms '98 EMBA to establish a banking concentration within the finance major of the bachelor of business administration

degree. Grooms has 30 years of experience in the banking industry; she served as chief financial officer for the Bank of America and NationsBank merger.

MFA AWARDS

Queens MFA graduates claimed the top prize and a runner-up prize at the 2013 Santa Fe Writers Project Literary Awards. April Ford '12 took the grand prize for her short story collection, *The Poor Children*, and Stephen Eoannou '11 scored a runner-up prize for his story collection, *Muscle Cars*. MFA faculty member Daniel Mueller took the other runner-up prize for *Nights I Dreamed of Hubert Humphrey*, a collection of fiction. This year's winners were chosen from a field of more than 300 writers. ■

—Dana Robles



Michael Pollan, popular food writer and UC Berkeley professor, presented the fall lecture for The Learning Society.

Preserving the Art of Cooking

THE LEARNING SOCIETY HOSTS RENOWNED FOOD WRITER MICHAEL POLLAN

Dana Auditorium was packed the night of October 10, 2013, when the night of October 10, 2013, when *New York Times* bestselling author Michael Pollan stepped to the podium to speak on "How Cooking Can Change Your Life."

The featured speaker of The Learning Society's fall program, Pollan said the collapse of cooking in recent times led him

to write his latest book, *Cooked: A Natural History of Transformation*.

The book chronicles his experiences alongside chefs as he explores the roles of fire, water, earth and air. One of his ventures brought him to eastern North Carolina to learn whole-hog barbecuing from pit master Ed Mitchell.

Using statistics, historical anecdotes and scientific research, Pollan defended the importance of cooking one's own food. "Cooking is definitional—cooking makes us who we are as a species." Creating food is important, and so is eating it in a civilized manner. "I would argue that

the family dinner table is the nursery of democracy," he said.

Pollan noted that the average American spends four minutes a day cleaning up the kitchen, proof that little cooking occurs. Yet network cooking shows command large audiences. "I call this the cooking paradox," he said.

The book is a natural outgrowth of his previous works, which include *The Omnivore's Dilemma* (2006) and *In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto* (2008). ■

—Laurie Prince

Experience Counts

WITH SCORES OF TROPHIES BEHIND THEM, THE NEW HEAD BASKETBALL COACHES SET THEIR SIGHTS ON BUILDING WINNING TEAMS

Queens' two new head basketball coaches did not need to be shown around campus when they arrived in August.

Bart Lundy, the men's coach, returns to the role he left in 2003. Susan Yow, the women's coach, was the head coach at Belmont Abbey, Queens' biggest rival, for six years. While there, she lived in Charlotte and says she occasionally snuck on campus to check out what the enemy was up to. She came away so impressed that when the job came open, she jumped at it.

So did Lundy.

"People don't know how good this place is," Lundy says. "Hopefully our basketball teams can get the word out."

The hiring of Yow or Lundy would have suggested Queens had a new devotion to basketball. The hiring of both—along with the opening of the



Above: Head Men's Basketball Coach Bart Lundy (seated) speaks at the November 26, 2013, game against Coker College. To his right stands guard Ben Richter (#2); point guard Joby Glymph (#1) looks on from behind. The Royals picked up their first conference win of the season, 64-54. Photo by Jamey Price.

Levine Center—proved it. It's hard to imagine a school Queens' size having a better combination of highly qualified coaches and a terrific new facility.

Yow has been a coach for 35 years, with stops at Division I, Division II, the WNBA and USA Basketball, with whom she won three gold medals. After

leaving Queens in 2003, Lundy was a head coach at High Point, the director of basketball operations at Marquette and an assistant coach at North Texas. He's coached six NBA players in the last four years, most recently Detroit Pistons rookie Tony Mitchell.

Lundy says he returns as a better coach, humbled by what has transpired since he left. "A lot of what happened the first time was my working really hard, but holding on for dear life," he says.

He still works hard, but he is more mature and will be better prepared now. "The process is what it all should be about," he says.

Yow has made a career out of rebuilding programs, giving her plenty of experience in knowing what works. "I'm always taking the approach to build a program rather than build a team. That'll take a little longer," she says.

She plans to employ a half-court offense more than the team has used in recent seasons, while Lundy plans to play as fast as his team will let him. Whether they play fast or slow, Yow's and Lundy's long-term goals are the same: consistently contend for a South Atlantic Conference Championship while competing on the national stage. ■

—Matt Crossman

Below: Head Women's Basketball Coach Susan Yow gives a show of support from the sidelines during the November 26, 2013, match with Coker College. Coker scored in the last seconds of the game for a 66-64 win at the buzzer. Photo by Jamey Price.



In the Classroom

DOODLES WITH BRAIN POWER

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We all know a university education teaches new skills, yet you probably weren't expecting doodling to be one of them. Nevertheless, that's exactly what students are encouraged to do in the one-credit-hour course called Doodles with Brain Power. "We ask students to tap into their four- or five-year-old self who had no fear of drawing and what it would look like," says Mike Wirth, assistant professor of new media design. He co-teaches the course with Shawn Bowers, an instructor in the English department.

Also called "sketchnoting," doodling helps students incorporate symbols, maps and other visual methods of taking notes and organizing information. Students develop a personal lexicography with symbols dedicated to particular purposes (e.g., a lightning bolt for the appearance of Zeus in *The Illiad* for a Core 112 reading).

The course offers students a creative way to examine their world, says Bowers. "It takes a premise that seems immature or too basic for college and posits it as a real solution to problems." In deciding what to doodle, the student has to interact more analytically with the text, improving comprehension and retention. A 2009 *Applied Cognitive Psychology* study found doodlers had a 29 percent better retention rate than non-doodlers.

Senior Whitney Bowers (no relation to her professor) has enjoyed applying what she's learned in the class across her courses. "It's all about the connections from a personal or universal experience that you can make related to the material, and then making a doodle from that connection."

SAMPLE ASSIGNMENTS

- Sketch a literary character using symbols to represent personality traits and relevant elements of text.
- Use a personal lexicography to annotate reading assignments for other classes.
- Map the narrative of *The Wizard of Oz*.

TEXT

There is no assigned text, but to get an idea of what students do, visit sketchplanations.com. Created by Jono Hey, who holds a PhD from the Berkeley Institute of Design, the site explains one thing a day in a sketch.

FACULTY

Mike Wirth is an assistant professor in the Department of Art, specializing in new media design. He is a designer, educator and artist using technology as his central medium. He earned an MFA in design and technology from Parsons School of Design and a BFA in digital art and design from Long Island University.

Shawn Bowers Buxton teaches English and Core. She has published poetry under the pen name Anita Cantillo. She earned both a BA in corporate communications and an MFA in creative writing (poetry) from Queens. ■

—Jenn Q. Goddu

Going to the Chapel

JUST HOURS AFTER COMMENCEMENT, ANN WOODSON CRAWFORD '50 BECAME THE FIRST QUEENS ALUMNA TO MARRY IN THE NEW BELK CHAPEL. INSPIRED BY HER EXAMPLE, HER GRANDSON FOLLOWS IN HER FOOTSTEPS 63 YEARS LATER

Not long before he would get married there, Rob Fogelman made an impromptu visit to Belk Chapel. Finding the front door cracked, he decided to turn the trip into an expedition—a search for a tangible sign of familial history. “I just kind of crept in,” Rob says with a smile and a shrug. “I didn’t know exactly what I was looking for.” He did know that hundreds of couples had exchanged vows in the building since it was built in 1950, but what he wanted was some sense of the very first one. And in the groom’s waiting room, he found it. “I discovered a book there,” he says. “A book of weddings. And my grandparents’ names were first on the list.”

Rob’s bride-to-be was sold. “We loved the place as soon as we walked in,” she says. “But then to also have the

opportunity to showcase that background was just way too cool. We couldn’t imagine getting married anywhere else.”

Rob and Laura displayed the book in the foyer of the chapel on their September 14 wedding day, along with a photograph of Rob’s grandparents taken on their wedding day more than six decades earlier. It was a touch that thrilled 84-year-old Ann Woodson Crawford ’50, who married Davidson graduate Bob Crawford on the very same day she graduated from Queens College.

“I guess they were ready to go,” says Rob, laughing. “It was a different time.”

Laura strived to recreate the essence of the Crawford union. “We had a simple, sweet ceremony,” she says. “We focused on where we were, who we are and what marriage is all about. The chapel is so pretty, we didn’t need to do much.”

And the young couple, both 25, say they’ll continue to model their marriage after more than just the Crawford’s ceremony. “They’re a great example of what true love can be,” says Laura. “We admire so much about them. They have a big family, they’re close knit and they’ve always kept God at the center.”

“They’re always serving others,” adds Rob. “My grandfather was a doctor, and my grandmother volunteered her time every day. She was always so proud of having gone to Queens. And hey,” he continues, throwing a look at Laura, “how cool would it be if 50 years from now, one of our grandkids got married there?”

“Oh, we’re going to put a lot of pressure on them for that,” Laura replies, grinning. ■

—Melissa Hankins



On a June day in 1950, Ann Woodson (left) graduated from Queens at 11 a.m. and hurried to the Belk Chapel for a 5 p.m. wedding to her Davidson sweetheart, Bob Crawford.



A joyful Rob Fogelman (right) walks the aisle on September 14, 2013, with bride Laura Knox Fogelman. The grandson of Ann Woodson Crawford ’50, he discovered a book of weddings in the groom’s waiting room—his grandparents’ names were first on the list.



At their grandson’s wedding, Bob and Ann Woodson Crawford ’50 (above) enjoyed a trip down memory lane.



Faculty and staff meet to discuss *Arcadia* in a campus-wide reading of the critically-acclaimed novel by faculty member Lauren Groff. On this November day, Shawn Bowers (center), an instructor in the English department, speaks as Deborah Campbell (right), assistant professor of English, listens.



Q&A with Author Lauren Groff

Lauren Groff's novel *Arcadia* is a *New York Times* bestseller and has received many favorable reviews. Groff will be the featured speaker at Queens' spring convocation in February.



Novel Connects Campus

QUEENS LAUNCHES A COMMON READ PROGRAM FOR FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

Chances are, somewhere on campus this year you may spot a student or faculty or staff member reading *Arcadia*.

Queens has long offered a summer read for incoming freshmen, geared toward creating a shared intellectual experience and inspiring conversation.

This year, for the first time, the university has created a new program that allows the entire Queens community the chance to engage in this type of experience. And another first: *Arcadia* was written by faculty member Lauren Groff, an instructor in the MFA program. Her critically acclaimed book follows the journey of Bit Stone, born in the late 1960s on an upstate New York commune.

The response has been impressive, says Sarah Fatherly, associate provost and dean of university programs.

More than 100 students are reading the novel as part of their curriculum,

and 70 other students, faculty and staff are discussing it in book clubs. Suzanne Cooper Guasco, associate professor of history, lectured on the history of utopian movements, and English professor Michael Kobre spoke on the connections between popular music and social change. The Board of Trustees discussed *Arcadia* during its fall meeting.

The book has fostered an even greater sense of community on an already closely-connected campus. "It really struck a chord," Fatherly says. "I think there's something powerful for people at Queens to be talking about being in community with one another. It's neat to see different kinds of readers looking at the same text."

There's also talk of expanding the program next year to include alumni, and possibly the public. ■

—Kerry Singe

Q: Where did you get the idea for the book?

I started reading about utopias when I was pregnant with my first son, miserable, and new to a community where I knew practically nobody. Being immersed in my own "perfect" place was a way to try to work through to my own happiness.

Q: What makes a common reading program successful?

When people have passionate reactions to the book—good and bad—and are invested in communicating their experiences and opinions as clearly and thoughtfully as they can.

Q: What do you think of Queens' decision to include the entire campus?

I think it's wonderful...especially for a book that spans over 50 years like *Arcadia*. Few students will have been around to personally witness the sixties and seventies, which is the time-frame for the first part of the book, but many of the staff and faculty will have very vivid and clear memories from that time, and can help the students to frame the discussion of those periods.

SAMPLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are people's perceptions of the time period during which the story takes place?

What sacrifices would be required?

Is *Arcadia* as egalitarian as it pretends to be?

How are gender roles established in *Arcadia*?

What's the role of storytelling in the novel?

How had some of the utopian aspirations of the 1960s unraveled by 1973?

What benefits would come from living in a community like *Arcadia*?

HUNTER-HAMILTON Love of Teaching Award

The Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award honors those teachers who uniquely inspire the potential of students. It is given to a Queens faculty member based on nomination letters from alumni, faculty and current students.

Nominations can be submitted by email to awards.hamilton@queens.edu, on the web at www.queens.edu/Hunter-Hamilton or by mail to Hunter-Hamilton Teaching Award, Office of Academic Affairs, Queens University of Charlotte, 1900 Selwyn Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28274. Please include your class year. Hunter Hamilton nominations are due each year on March 1.

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Clockwise from right: The late Dr. James Pressly Hamilton, Grey Hunter Hamilton '62, daughter Isabel Hamilton Owen '92 and son Hunter Hamilton.



Professor Kent Rhodes receives his award at the May 2013 commencement.

AWARD WINNERS

2012-2013	Kent Rhodes
2011-2012	Cherie Clark
2010-2011	Roger McGrath
2009-2010	Jane Hadley
2008-2009	Rick Crown
2007-2008	Phyllis Pharr
2006-2007	Emily Seelbinder
2005-2006	Charles Reed
2004-2005	Joan Quinn
2003-2004	Virginia Martin
2002-2003	Robert Whalen
2001-2002	Robert Finley
2000-2001	Frances McClain
1999-2000	Norris Frederick
1998-1999	Charles Hadley
1997-1998	Dorothy McGavran

Technology and Education in a Digital World

STATE EDUCATORS CHOOSE QUEENS TO HOST KEY MEETING



The digital world is dynamic, and education is constantly changing, so it's no surprise the Knight School of Communication partnered with the Cato School of Education to host a meeting of state educators on the topic.

On November 12, the schools welcomed the state chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, the international educators'

honor society, for a special session of the Digital Leadership Series. Donna Cox Peters, president of the chapter, said Queens' reputation for innovation and collaboration influenced the decision to bring the meeting to campus.

The evening focused on issues important to Queens' teaching students: how to effectively use technology and lead in a digital world. June Atkinson, North Carolina's superintendent of public instruction, gave the keynote address, and panel members included Knight School Dean Eric Freedman and Cato Professor Rob Ceglie.

This was not the first Cato and Knight collaboration, but it was a

particularly timely one. Both schools focus on ensuring their students are leaders in new technological advances. According to Lynn Morton, dean of the Cato School, effective use of digital media is critical to the success of today's teachers.

Digital literacy leadership also makes sense for Queens overall, Morton says. "One of the hallmarks of a Queens education is active citizenship. These days, being an active citizen means being able to access, use and understand the digital world." ■

—Jenn Q. Goddu

HAPPENINGS

A Day in the Life of the Levine Center

With a steady stream of activity from morning to night, the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation is the new hot spot on campus. But it's more than a pretty space. It's a builder of community that brings our students, faculty and staff together for fun, fitness, learning—and just hanging out.

8:00am

Professor Alexis Carreiro gets an impromptu lesson from Coach Jeff Dugdale. In addition to the Royals swim program, the aquatic center plays host to several Olympians—including Cullen Jones and Ryan Lochte—who train under the auspices of SwimMAC Carolina.



8:30pm

The fitness center gets a workout.



7:00pm

Cheering on the women's volleyball team in the new performance gym.



10:30am

Students grab a bite to eat at the newest food venue, Einstein Brothers Bagels.



11:00am

Lifeguarding is just one of the many physical education, sports medicine and kinesiology courses taught in the building.



1:00pm

Downward dog!



5:00pm

The new quad lends itself to sunning, studying and just tossing a ball.



3:30pm

After two years without a gym on campus, pickup basketball games are back in full swing.



For Charlotteans, the name Levine quickly brings philanthropy to mind. Sandra (left) and Leon (right) Levine have enriched the city's religious and educational communities with generous gifts, and they have supported healthcare and human service institutions and innovations. Thanks to their vision and support, Queens opened the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation in August.

Sandra and Leon Levine

HOW THE NEW HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER CAME ABOUT

By Laura Sutton

An introduction through friends... an afternoon of conversation and vision casting...an unexpected phone call...these are the seeds that planted the relationship between Queens and Sandra and Leon Levine and led to the construction of the Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation.

In December 2008, Queens alumna and life trustee Dottie Martin '58, and

her husband, former North Carolina governor Jim Martin, initiated a meeting between President Pamela Davies and The Leon Levine Foundation. President Davies remembers that first visit clearly. "I began by saying that I was not there to ask for a gift from the foundation. On this day, I was there to simply share our vision for Queens." Sandra and Leon Levine listened intently and asked

insightful questions. When President Davies returned to campus, she made a note to call them for a follow-up meeting after the first of the year. To her surprise, she was the one who received a call—before the new year. It was Tom Lawrence, The Leon Levine Foundation's executive director. The Levines wanted to hear more about Queens' plans for the future.

Of the projects on the drawing board at the time, the Levines were particularly interested in the recreation center and the impact that such a facility would have at Queens. More meetings followed over the next several months. The Levines, President Davies and her team dreamed big. Ultimately, a friendship was born out of a strong, common belief in Queens and the transformational possibilities the project held for the campus and community.

The Levines not only provided the funds to make the Levine Center possible, but stood by Queens through every step of its design and construction—from wielding a shovel at the project's start to opening the doors to eager students upon its completion in August. Their generosity helped create much more than a beautiful facility. Throughout every phase of the center's development, Sandra and Leon Levine shared President Davies' belief that buildings, equipment and swimming pools lack purpose unless they are enriching the lives of students.

The Levine Center has quickly emerged as the hub of activity at Queens. It has been woven into the fabric of everyday campus life and defines Royals pride. It provides a home where students can compete in athletics, pursue fitness goals and gather in fellowship—a place to learn and to grow.

Sandra Levine recounts the enthusiasm that led her and Leon to become involved with the project. "We have always been impressed with the highly effective leadership that Pamela and her team have exhibited, and we have always felt that Queens is a great asset to Charlotte. So we decided

that partnering with Queens on such an important addition to campus was something we would want to be a part of. We hope the Levine Center will enable Queens to attract and retain well-qualified students who might, upon graduation, make Charlotte their home and give back to their school and their community.”

The Queens motto—not to be served, but to serve—is familiar to all at Queens. Sandra and Leon Levine stand as their own testimony to this motto. From healthcare to education and human services, their contributions throughout Charlotte, and on the Queens campus, are numerous and legendary.

“Sandra and I are extremely proud to be part of the excitement and momentum that continue to build on this campus,” Leon Levine told the group gathered for the Levine Center’s dedication last October. In addition to making the Levine Center possible, Sandra and Leon are longtime members of The Learning Society, support arts programs, and contribute to scholarship opportunities through the Queens Fund. Sandra has served on Queens’ board of trustees since 2010 and is an honorary alumna.

Following the dedication, Queens honored the Levines’ generosity at the 24th Annual Royal Society Dinner. President Pamela Davies expressed her personal appreciation at the event. She said, “I am grateful not only for your gift, but for your friendship. Your engagement, dedication and encouragement have inspired me in ways large and small. Working with you to see the Levine Center come to fruition will always be among my very fondest memories.”

She added, “We are so grateful that you believed in us. Your investment will impact generations of Queens students in ways we are only beginning to discover. Your vision for what this facility could be has made the Levine Center a game-changer for Queens—giving new life and spirit to our campus. I speak for everyone in the Queens community when I say, ‘Thank you.’” ■



The Waters family gathered for the October 2013 dedication of the Waters Courtyard, a gift from Martin Waters (second from right). Attending were his daughter, Robin Waters Griffith (far right), and son Marty Waters (second from left) with his wife Bennett (left).

The New Waters Courtyard

AN OVERLOOKED SPACE IS TRANSFORMED

By Laura Sutton

K Martin Waters, Jr., may be as close as one can possibly be to Queens without being an alumnus. Over the last 127 years, four generations of the Waters family have graduated from Queens: his grandmother, Mary Yates Keesler, Class of 1883; his mother, Sarah Keesler Waters Thompson '22; his sister, Mary Waters Covington '60 and great-niece, Kathryn McLean Rymer '10.

As a neighbor and frequent visitor to Queens, Waters noticed increased foot traffic on the north side of campus following the completion of Rogers Hall. Unfortunately, the cement sidewalks leading to the hall were in need of repair and the courtyard was generally lackluster. He determined newly-landscaped walkways and a fountain would bring symmetry to the campus and complement the south side’s much-loved Diana Courtyard. Now, thanks to his keen vision and a generous gift to support it, students walking to Rogers Hall pass through a beautiful courtyard

nestled between Burwell Hall and Belk Chapel.

The new Waters Courtyard maintains a strong sense of beauty and tradition. Since the courtyard’s completion in August, it has quickly claimed its place as a favorite spot: Students can be observed taking a deliberate detour through the courtyard’s serenity, visiting parents talk with their sons and daughters at the fountain’s edge and faculty members pause in passing to say hello and trade department news. Even the admissions team has re-routed its campus tours to take special advantage of this new entry point to the main campus.

President Pamela Davies aptly summed up the lasting impact of Waters’ generosity at the dedication on October 29, 2013: “As Washington Irving once said, ‘A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity fresher into smiles.’ Waters Courtyard will certainly bring smiles to faces on the Queens campus for many years to come.” ■



A Musical Life

FRIENDS CALL HIM THE CONSUMMATE ARTIST, BUT WHEN PAUL NITSCH PERFORMS CHAMBER MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD, AUDIENCES HEAR A MAN SHARING HIS JOY

By Emily Seelbinder

When he was nine, Paul Nitsch served a term as a page in the Kansas House of Representatives. One day, as he was sitting at his assigned station waiting for the light that would signal his turn to carry a message from one legislator to another, he heard the speaker bang his gavel for a short recess. Then to his surprise, he heard the speaker announce that during the recess, the representatives and others present would enjoy a concert by a very talented young man in their midst. Nitsch was summoned to the front of the chamber, a piano was rolled in from behind the speaker's platform and the young man sat down to play.

He had been studying piano for two years, and he was indeed quite talented, but he had no music with him, no repertoire prepared. What could he do? Then, Nitsch says, "I remembered someone told me you could make some pretty good noise running up and down on the black keys."

So that is what he did, rolling his knuckles on the keys for special effects and finishing with a vigorous black-key chord. The room erupted in applause. As he made his way back to the

pages' desk, many of the men in the room clapped him on the back, congratulated him on his fine performance and told him he'd represented Kansas well.

Among the most effusive of the legislators was Nitsch's father, who was still holding out hope his son would become a cowboy (the young Nitsch eventually won over his father by learning a piano arrangement of "Cowboy Boogie"). Another was the future US senator Bob Dole.

Fifteen years later Dole would write one of the letters of recommendation that helped Nitsch win a Fulbright scholarship to study in Vienna. The other two letters came from Pulitzer-prize winning composer George Crumb, who taught Nitsch into his teenage years after his family moved to Boulder, Colorado, and internationally recognized piano master Leon Fleisher, with whom Nitsch had studied while completing his master's and one year of doctoral studies at the Peabody Conservatory of Music of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

After two years in Vienna, Nitsch moved to Charlotte in 1977 to work as a pianist-teacher at then Queens College.

Not long after he arrived, he realized he did not want to be a concert pianist any more than he wanted to be a lonesome



Making music in a small ensemble, says Nitsch, "represents the true meaning of democracy, a miniature form of ideal human coexistence."

(Below) Paul Nitsch addresses Music and Museum concert attendees before a performance at the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art on October 2, 2012. (Opposite top left and right) Paul Nitsch performs with The Bechtler Ensemble at the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art in Charlotte. (Opposite bottom) Paul Nitsch (left) with fellow Simkhe players Ali Kavadlo, violist, and Gene Kavadlo, clarinetist.



cowboy. While wondering what he might do next, he accepted an invitation to perform in a chamber music festival at the Garth Newel Music Center in Hot Springs, Virginia.

"I was petrified because this was a new experience," Nitsch recalls, "but I also felt exhilarated by the way we collaborated on our quest for the collective final statement. Our gathered forces succeeded to the last note." Making music in a small ensemble, says Nitsch, "represents the true meaning of democracy, a miniature form of ideal human coexistence."

Striving toward this ideal has been Nitsch's focus ever since. He took a short leave from teaching in the early 1990s to complete a doctorate of musical arts at the Cleveland Institute

of Music of Case Western University, with a specialty in collaborative piano. In addition to performing piano chamber repertoire all over the world, he has for the last 30 years served as artistic director for the Friends of Music at Queens.

Cynthia Tyson, a Queens trustee who served as vice president of academic affairs when the Friends of Music came into being, describes Nitsch as, "in his very essence, an artist. He sees the world, himself and all those around him through his music, through his art. His interpretations have brilliance, shimmering light or deepening thunder, and they always portray the goodness and generosity of his own character."

Charlotte violinist Peter de Vries adds, "Few people have brought as much into my life as Paul has. He is a consummate artist with whom I've had the great pleasure of playing many concerts — and learning more about making music each time."

Longtime friend and Queens arts patron Jerusha Fadial has known Nitsch since he first arrived in Charlotte as a young man. Over the years, she has seen not only his far-reaching public talents, but his personal joy in music. His exuberance is infectious. "We have had the pure delight of knowing and loving Paul since the mid-'70s, when he consented to teach our youngest child," Fadial explains. "Later he taught our son and [my husband] Murray. Through the years he would come to our home heavy-laden with music so our children and their friends could sight read the evening away with him. They refused to eat until many hours had passed. It was all just too much fun to stop." ■

Editor's Note: Professor of English Emily Seelbinder will be forever grateful to Paul Nitsch for introducing her 20 years ago to composer and pianist Leo Smit, whose song settings of Emily Dickinson's verse sparked her fascination with how music "reads" poetry.

The Friends of the Arts at Queens

The arts are flourishing at Queens, giving rise to new levels of collaboration among music, art, creative writing and theater. The supporters, or "friends"—Friends of Music, Friends of Art and Friends of Theatre—have long provided the encouragement needed by students and faculty to excel. Last fall, in order to strengthen these important relationships, The Friends of the Arts at Queens was launched as an umbrella organization.

Since Queens began in the mid-1800s, the arts have played a crucial role in the school's culture. The university remains focused on the power and importance of "arts" in "liberal arts," believing that painting or performing a piano concerto or acting in a theater production is a transformative experience. The arts enhance the lives of those they touch, revealing beauty while developing the capacity to draw meaning.

Our vision is to establish Queens as the most sought-after higher education partner of the Charlotte arts scene. In the years ahead, there will be more collaboration both on our campus and beyond its borders. The new Friends of the Arts at Queens will be a singular voice connecting Queens with the city, drawing together those with a passion for music, art, dance, creative writing and theater. Among the key developments planned to make this dream a reality will be the renovation of the Little Fine Arts Building, attracting new students to develop their talents in a place like no other.

—Lynn Morton, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences



SERIOUS BUSINESS

MCCOLL MBA GRADS LEAD A HOST OF REGIONAL
NONPROFITS, APPLYING HIGH STANDARDS TO A
HIGH CALLING

By Tony Mecia



Portrait photography by Sean Busher



MCINTYRE '96

**JANE MCINTYRE
RECALLS THE BLANK STARES,
THE BORED FACES. IN THAT
CLASSROOM IN THE MID-1990S, SOME OF HER
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ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR CLASS AT QUEENS'
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS.**

But for McIntyre, then a business planner with Carolinas HealthCare System who was pursuing an MBA in her spare time, the course lit a fire beneath her. She realized she loved trying to understand what makes people tick. She was fascinated by behavioral assessment tests, which show how people work together. And she was heartened by instructor Karen Geiger's advice, that those who loved the topic belonged in a leadership role.

Today, as executive director of United Way of Central Carolinas, McIntyre keeps a binder on a shelf above her desk with the personality profiles of her leadership team. Shortly after starting there in 2009, she gave personality tests to her top executives, to learn how they communicate and make decisions. Like a lot of private businesses, the United Way now gives the test to potential hires to help gauge their suitability for the organization.

McIntyre's experience at the United Way is just one of many examples of McColl School MBA graduates who are applying the business principles they learned to local nonprofit agencies. While some see an MBA as a way to speed their ascent on the corporate ladder, a growing number of business-school alumni are helping charities run more like businesses.

And indeed, they are businesses, with big budgets, lofty fundraising goals, limited resources and high expectations from board members and the public.



"There are a lot of people in nonprofits working with their hearts, caring about people," McIntyre says. "But when you move into nonprofit leadership, it's a business."

The McColl School does not keep statistics on how many of its graduates wind up in nonprofit organizations. But school officials say the percentage seems in line with national figures. A survey released in 2013 by the Graduate Management Admission Council, an organization of business schools that administers admissions tests, showed that roughly 11 percent of recent graduates were employed in nonprofit or government work—a slight uptick from five years earlier.

When MBA programs started becoming popular in the 1950s, they were mainly a way for liberal arts graduates to receive a general understanding of business, explains Ron Shiffler, dean of the McColl School. Today, though, graduate business schools are just as likely to have students with business backgrounds as those with non-

business backgrounds, and there is great diversity in the topics business schools emphasize. Some are renowned for marketing, for example, or for finance.

The McColl School emphasizes leadership. The school has nearly 300 graduate students enrolled in its four degree programs: two MBA programs, plus master's degrees in organization development and executive coaching. With 80 students, the master in organization development is the largest such program in the country.

The focus on leadership makes sense in Charlotte, which has a long and proud history of business leaders playing leading roles in civic life. Teaching about leadership reaps dividends not just for business leaders, but for leaders in nonprofits as well.

One of those looking to learn about leadership was Shirley Fulton. As Mecklenburg County's Senior Resident Superior Court judge in the late 1990s, she had the task of managing the local court system, which she says was "like an octopus."





CALHOUN '91

"I thought the coursework and the degree would help me better manage a totally unmanageable court system," she says. "It helped me build consensus to get people in key positions in the system to work together."

She earned her degree in 1998, and since leaving the bench in 2003 has been active in a number of nonprofits, including the Law and Community Foundation, which provides law school scholarships and legal clinics, as well as a nonprofit that supports Charlotte's Wesley Heights neighborhood.

Others say they decided to pursue MBAs to help advance their careers, but then wound up in the nonprofit world.

When he started his MBA at Queens in 1998, Michael Giang was working as a controller at a plumbing and heating company in Charlotte. He fondly recalls working on case studies, a popular business-school learning method in which groups of students work together to devise solutions to real-life situations.

"It blends together all that you learn and gives you the ability to make things happen that you have not been able to do before," he says. "You learn quickly how to work with each other and decide on the best approach."

He started using that approach at work, then soon found a new job as chief financial officer with Holy Angels, an organization in Belmont, NC, that works with special-needs children and adults. Critical thinking and problem-solving came in handy as he soon started taking on the broader responsibilities of information technology, purchasing and fundraising. "In nonprofits, you wear a lot of hats," he says.

In recent decades, the emphases of both business schools and nonprofit organizations have shifted. In a way, they are drawing closer to each other: business schools are seeking closer community ties, while nonprofits are trying to become more businesslike.

After Enron and other financial scandals, and a deep recession, business schools are under renewed pressure to increase the emphasis on ethics and civic involvement. At the same time, in the last quarter century or so, boards of nonprofit organizations—which



are typically composed of business leaders—have increasingly become interested in hiring executives who are comfortable not only implementing programs, but who are proficient in finance, human resources, management and quantitative measures of success.

Most nonprofits today rely less on informal decision making than they did in the past. Andy Calhoun, CEO of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte, illustrates this point. He says that in the late 1970s, when the YMCA sought a site for a new south Charlotte branch, it leaned heavily on the instinct and experience of civic leader Jimmy Harris, whose family owned much of the SouthPark area and donated a prime parcel to the Y. The branch, on the corner of Quail Hollow and Sharon roads, is now known as the Harris YMCA and is used by about 25,000 members.

Today, planning for branches is typically more methodical. In exploring the possibility of a new branch in Union County, for example, the Y performed detailed market studies of three or four

sites, examining factors such as location, visibility and potential costs.

“If you do not have an understanding of how to lead a nonprofit in a businesslike manner, you cannot succeed and you cannot thrive,” says Calhoun, a 40-year veteran of the Y who earned his MBA from Queens in 1991. He credits his MBA with changing his “wiring and thinking” and with helping him move up more quickly in the organization. Today, the Y has 150,000 members, 35 locations and a budget of more than \$75 million.

“With an MBA from Queens, you’re not going to just use your instinct,” he says. “You’re going to use a pragmatic approach.”

At the Levine Museum of the New South, chief executive Emily Zimmern drew on her McColl School MBA to help guide the museum through two tough economic times: the recent recession, and the previous one, after the 9-11 attacks.

As a history major who had worked in human resources, she sought an MBA to hone her financial skills and to develop as a leader. After becoming involved in many local civic organizations, she signed on with the museum in 1995, and just a few years later, those financial skills were put to the test.

The 2001 terrorist attacks presented a host of problems for the museum: charitable giving to the arts dried up, people became wary of holding holiday parties uptown, the stock market fell and potential visitors stayed away.

To Zimmern, the lesson was that nonprofits need strong financial management to survive such jolts.

“The MBA is so incredibly useful in so many ways, because in order to operate efficiently, it is critical to understand the finances,” she says. “You can’t serve the community responsibly without sound fiscal management.” ■

Fall Alumni Events



Friends gather in Young Dining Hall for the annual Royal Society dinner. The event was held October 17 and honored the generosity of Leon and Sandra Levine. (Standing left to right) Carla Eloff Dupuy '69 and Linda McPhail Shortridge '70. (Seated left to right) LaNelle Dominick Barber '70 and Betty Cobb Gurnell '69.



(Left to right) Haydn Williams Culbertson '74, Lee Baumgardner Counts '69, Pat Counts and hostess Marsha Miller Harper '69 enjoy their time together at the October gathering of the Alumni Club of Greenville, South Carolina.



(Left to right) Erin Pitts '98, Heather Connelly Brownfield '98 and Andrew Brownfield '97 catch up during the October 22 alumni gathering at the home of Carline Boutte '66 and Peter Gallagher in Washington, DC.



(Left to right) Pelly Thompson Marshall '61 and Esther Kim Choi '97 enjoyed catching up with each other at the October 23 event hosted by Charley and Sally Mason Ayers '68 in their Richmond home.



(Left to right) Carline Regitko Boutte '66 and Peter Gallagher hosted a Washington, DC, alumni event on October 22. President Pamela Davies (right) shared a university update with the crowd of more than 30 alumni.



Also catching up at the Washington event at the Boutte Gallagher home were Walid Asmar '13, Ian Kowalski '13, Natalie Mcemore '11, Lindsey Collins '11 and Andrew Fuentes '13.



Alumni from the Class of 1957 gather on a classmate's porch in Montreat, North Carolina. For the last 25 years, they've spent a summer weekend together in the quaint mountain town.

Queens Was Just the Beginning

IN A CHARMING TOWN IN THE NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAINS—WITH STREET NAMES LIKE ALABAMA TERRACE AND TEXAS SPUR—FRIENDS FROM THE CLASS OF 1957 GATHER EACH SUMMER TO MAKE NEW MEMORIES

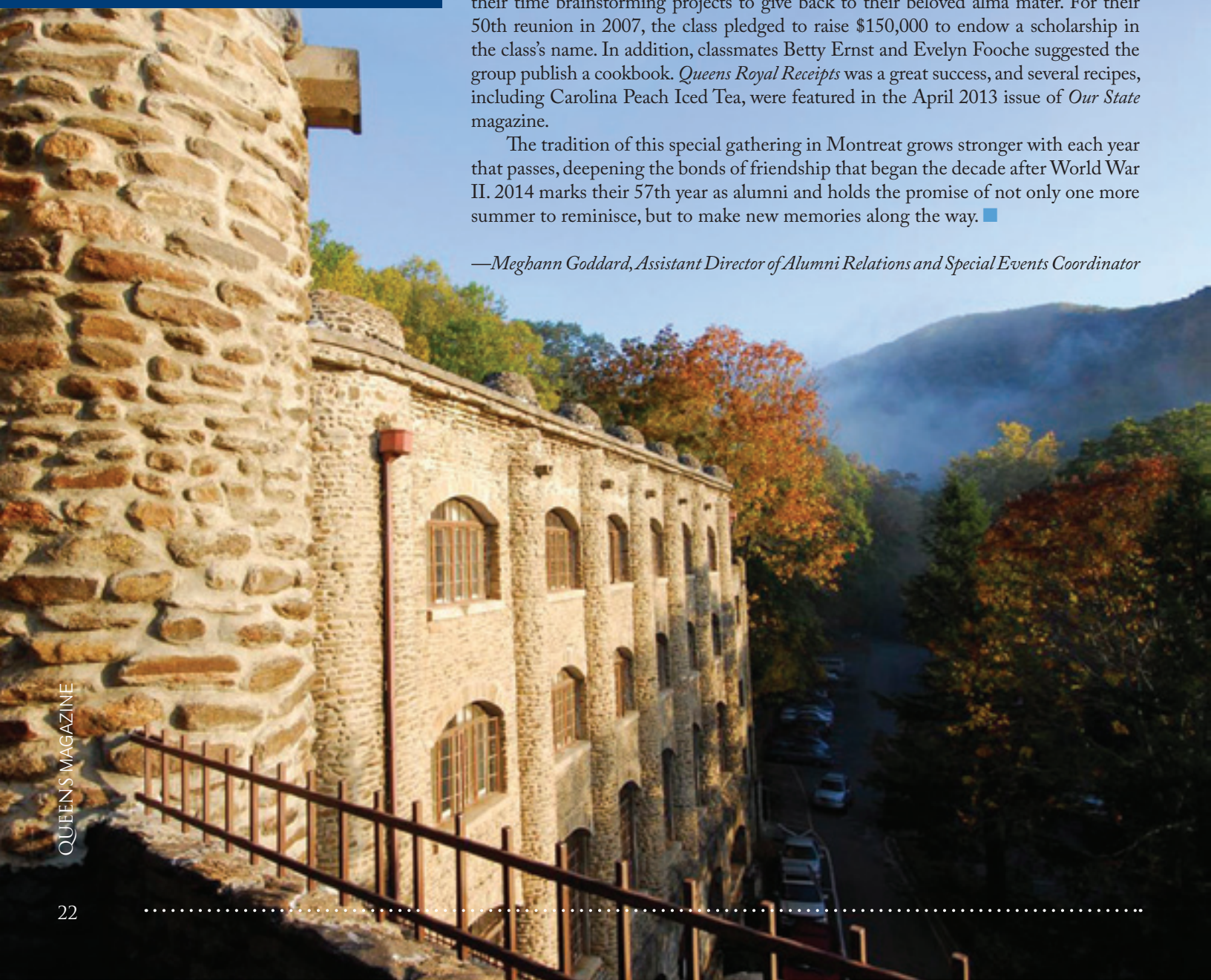
Every summer since 1989, at least 20 classmates from the Class of 1957 have gathered at homes in Montreat, North Carolina, for a weekend of friends, fellowship and outdoor adventures. They've rafted down the French Broad River, toured downtown Asheville, visited the North Carolina Arboretum, traveled to Huckleberry Ridge Farm in Old Fort and hiked the Blue Ridge Parkway to find Turk's-cap lilies. Don't worry; Sara Bee Craig Johnson assures us they carry large bells to frighten away the bears.

Classmates travel from all over the US to join in the fun, from Texas and Alabama as well as upstate New York. They even have a book club; this year they read one of their very own classmate's books, *Trang-Sen*, a novel by Sarah-Ann Smith published in 2007.

Although the weekend is packed with fun activities, the ladies of '57 also spend their time brainstorming projects to give back to their beloved alma mater. For their 50th reunion in 2007, the class pledged to raise \$150,000 to endow a scholarship in the class's name. In addition, classmates Betty Ernst and Evelyn Fooche suggested the group publish a cookbook. *Queens Royal Receipts* was a great success, and several recipes, including Carolina Peach Iced Tea, were featured in the April 2013 issue of *Our State* magazine.

The tradition of this special gathering in Montreat grows stronger with each year that passes, deepening the bonds of friendship that began the decade after World War II. 2014 marks their 57th year as alumni and holds the promise of not only one more summer to reminisce, but to make new memories along the way. ■

—Meghann Goddard, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Special Events Coordinator



Games Mark Alumni Weekend for Student-Athletes



Sean Kelly '93 (center) and Todd Schmid '93 (right) enjoyed catching up with their classmates at the Royals Alumni Weekend in November 2013. For many of the former athletes, it was their first chance to see the new Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation.

The annual Royals Alumni Weekend brings student-athletes back to campus to catch up with teammates and celebrate the Royals tradition. On November 1-3, more than 100 former Queens athletes, families and friends returned to campus for a weekend of fun. Event highlights included touring the new Levine Center for Wellness and Recreation, the Home Run Derby, facing off in alumni soccer and basketball games, enjoying lunch on the green and celebrating the induction of the first men's basketball team into the Royals Hall of Fame. ■

—Meghann Goddard

REUNION 2014

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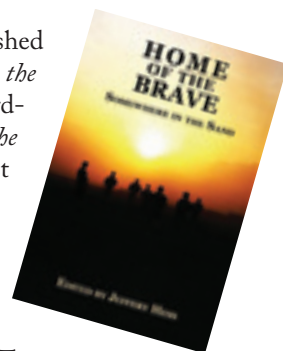
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Recent Books By MFA Grads

Although books are published each year by Queens alumni, the graduates of the MFA Program in Creative Writing are especially eager to publish their creative works. This pleasure in the printed word will take a new step in April: the program will launch a literary journal. Until then, we thought you'd enjoy browsing a few recent works by MFA alumni.

Jeffery Hess MFA '05 recently published *Home of the Brave: Somewhere in the Sand*, a sequel to his 2009 award-winning anthology, *Home of the Brave: Stories in Uniform*. The latest anthology of short fiction focuses on America's military experience in Iraq and Afghanistan. It includes stories by Fred Leebron, director of the Queens MFA program, and fellow MFA alumni Tracy Crow '05, Kevin C. Jones '05, Jim Walke '10 and Jack King '10.



The second poetry chapbook of Kelly Fordon MFA '13, *Tell Me When it Starts to Hurt*, shows how language and imagination transcend saltbox lives. Fordon's fiction, poetry and book reviews have appeared in numerous publications, including *The Boston Review*, *The Kenyon Review* and *The Montreal Review*. Her first poetry chapbook, *On The Street Where We Live*, won the 2011 Standing Rock Chapbook Contest.



Jessica Handler MFA '06 has written a handbook for writers, *Braving the Fire*. A practical guide for memoirists, it explores how to write about grief and loss, incorporating interviews with other writers. Her first book, the memoir *Invisible Sisters*, was named one of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution's* "Eight Great Southern Books in 2009." The Georgia Center for the Book named it one of the 25 books all Georgians should read. ■



—Jane Williams, Assistant Director of Annual Giving

CLASS NOTES

Thank you to everyone who sent a note to stay connected with classmates. We love hearing from you!

To submit your class note, go to www.queens.edu/class-notes. Questions or comments? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 704-337-2504 or email alumni@queens.edu.

1939 75th Reunion - April 11-13, 2014

1943

The class expresses sympathy to **Isabel McKeithen Thomas** on the death of her brother, Leighton B. McKeithen, Jr., who passed away on May 8, 2013.

1944 70th Reunion - April 11-13, 2014

Miriam Smith Whisnant and her husband, Rodney, maintain their home in Cornelius and spend many happy times with family and friends at their Holden Beach house. They participate in church and community activities, just a little bit more slowly.

1945

The class expresses sympathy to **Phyllis Zeigler Sudduth** on the death of her brother, Charles E. Zeigler, Sr., who passed away on July 9, 2013.

1946

Helen Davis Morrison helendon@q.com and her husband, Don, still manage a little travel. In 2013, they went to Ft. Worth for their granddaughter's graduation from Texas Christian University and went to New York to visit their daughter, Nancy. Don still works full time and Helen tries to keep up. Helen's only classmate contact is Kitty Crane Ross. She would love to hear from her Queens friends.

1948

The class expresses sympathy to **Frances Williams Black** on the death of her husband, Julian Rigler Black, who passed away on September 3, 2013.

The class expresses sympathy to **Carolyn Porter Darnell** on the death of her brother-in-law, Christopher Kennedy Hood, who passed away on March 14, 2013.

The class expresses sympathy to **Mary Ellen Michael Owsley** on the death of her husband,

R.P. "Dick" Owsley, who passed away on April 17, 2013.

1949 65th Reunion - April 11-13, 2014

The class expresses sympathy to **Goldie Barron Stribling** on the death of her husband, Bruce Hodgson Stribling, Jr., who passed away on March 14, 2013.

1950

Marianne Permenter Hibbard and her husband, John, sold their home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., after 43 years and plan to move into a nearby retirement community. Marianne is still active in many clubs and organizations and visits with her grandchildren from California as often as possible. Marianne and John celebrated 60 years of marriage in December 2012.

The class expresses sympathy to **Ruth Porter Hood** on the death of her husband, Christopher Kennedy Hood, who passed away on March 14, 2013.

1951

Barbara Schweizer Crawford is still up and going, going wherever and whenever she gets the chance. Last summer she went by ship to the Arctic Circle north of Norway. Fun and interesting. She also visited a granddaughter in Logan, Utah. Enjoyed both. No great-grandchildren, but she has several cats.

The class expresses sympathy to **Margaret Barron Pittman** on the death of her brother-in-law, Bruce Hodgson Stribling, Jr., who passed away on March 14, 2013.

1952

The class expresses sympathy to **Julia Upchurch Alexander** on the death of her husband, Ralph Houston Alexander, who passed away on August 12, 2013.

Ann Smith King and her husband, Jim, moved from Ocean Isle Beach to live at Franke at Seaside. They have a daughter who lives in Mount Pleasant,

S.C., so they are close to her. She has many fond memories of Queens!

The class expresses sympathy to **Jennie "Ricky" Sherrill Springs** on the death of her mother-in-law, **Katherine Wooten Springs '29**, who passed away on March 22, 2013.

1953

Billie Mancin Little is still active in the community. She is on the Salvation Army Board of Directors and chairs their children's camp. She volunteers at the hospital. She delights in her family. She and her husband, Norris, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September 2013. They have seven grandchildren who have all finished college and married, 10 great-grandchildren, and are expecting their 11th great-grandchild in March. Their quiver is full!

The class expresses sympathy to **Kathryn Hickman McCrary** on the death of her husband, William "Bill" McCrary III, who passed away May 4, 2013.

1954 60th Reunion - April 11-13, 2014

1955

Mary Lois Ridings Bynum and her husband, Dick, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in August 2013 and moved into a cottage at Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Community in Winston-Salem. They are looking forward to this new chapter in their lives.

The class expresses sympathy to **Ara Brown Griffin** on the death of her husband, William "Bill" Crane Griffin, who passed away July 31, 2013.

The class expresses sympathy to **Jane Craig Hanes** on the death of her husband, Frank Borden Hanes, Sr., who passed away on July 17, 2013.

Phyllis "Peppy" Scutt Thacker reports that **Barbara Gott Goodlett '58** passed away on May

One Foot After the Other

TAKING THE NEXT STEP HAS MARKED ROXANA MEBANE ATWOOD'S '58 LIFE, BOTH IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND IN HER AVOCATION AS A HIKER

When Roxana Mebane arrived at Queens from her hometown of Wilmington, North Carolina, she scarcely would have believed that she'd be covering the miles that lay ahead in her life's journey. As a freshman, Roxana set out confidently as a religious studies major, although when she graduated in 1958, most churches were not yet ordaining women as pastors. Her road to the pastorate would be a long one, through marriage, motherhood, and a life-changing experience as a missionary in Japan. Along the way, her steady pace sustained her.

Roxana first met Jim Atwood when his seminary team visited Trinity Presbyterian in Charlotte, where she was active as a Queens student. Love bloomed, and marriage and family followed. Jim's ministry took their family of four to a church assignment in North Carolina and then to Japan for nine years. "In the Japanese culture, bearing up under pressure is especially respected. Their word for this is *gambatte*. The quiet, graceful way in which I witnessed the people there dealing with personal challenge made a lasting impression on me," she recalls.

When she returned to the United States, attitudes toward female clergy were changing. Inspired by the unforgettable kindness, strength and faith of the Japanese people, Roxana decided to return to school, earning a master of divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1978 she began to serve as an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church USA. In the coming years, her assignments would range from organizing a small Virginia church, that today has more than 500 members, to pastoring a primarily African-American church in

Washington, DC. In 2000 she earned a doctorate from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. An active Queens alumna, she has delivered stirring homilies at class reunions.

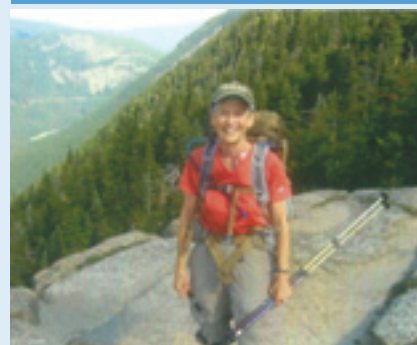
Roxana took up hiking after retirement with the intention of completing the Virginia portion of the Appalachian Trail. However, by walking a day or two at a time, she covered 2,180 miles in four years, completing the trail in 2011 at age 75. When asked about this accomplishment, Roxana quickly and humbly says, "I was simply putting one foot after the other." She hiked with friends and her granddaughter, and celebrated the trek's completion by hiking the final section in the state of her birth, North Carolina.

It was an achievement that mirrored the rest of her life: staying the course and keeping a steady pace. ■

—Laura Sutton, Director of Advancement Communications & Foundation Relations



Above: In 2011, Roxana Atwood '58 completed the Appalachian Trail, arriving at Mount Katahdin, Maine. The peak is the highest in Maine and anchors the northern end of the 2,200-mile trail.



Above: Roxana Atwood '58 began closing in on her goal in 2010 when she reached the New Hampshire segment of the Appalachian Trail. She had hiked through Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont before reaching the 161-mile stretch in New Hampshire.

30, 2013, after a sudden illness. They were next door neighbors as children, and Barbara was her little sister in Phi Mu at Queens. Barbara was an educator and an inspiration to many whose lives she touched.

1956

The class expresses sympathy to **Anne Turpin Feserman**, on the death of her husband, Walter Rowe Feserman, who passed away on December 7, 2013.

1957

Shirley Ferrell Brannan enjoyed visiting her son and traveling for five months in Fiji, Japan and Australia in 2012.

The class expresses sympathy to **Hannah Barron Smith** on the death of her brother-in-law, Bruce Hodgson Stribling, Jr., who passed away on March 14, 2013.

1958

Betty Gray Anderson really enjoyed the 55th class reunion. She and her husband, Perrin, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in August 2013 by taking their family to a dude ranch near Jackson Hole, Wyo., to see the Tetons, ride, hike and experience the West.

Roxana Mebane Atwood reports she finally completed hiking the Appalachian Trail. Her husband, Jim, published a book titled *America and Its Guns*. They are enjoying downsizing and retirement in Harrisonburg, Va. Read more about Roxana's journey on page 25.

Betty Bell Brown is a painter living in Wilmington. Once a year she leads a sold-out watercolor seminar for artists at the Sea View Inn in Pawleys Island, S.C. In July 2013, her oil paintings from a trip to Italy were shown in a two-person exhibit at New Elements Gallery. She was planning a trip to Napa Valley in the fall of 2013.

Charlen Griffith Cathcart enjoys living in Kiawah Island, S.C., and taking trips with her husband.

Peggy Bedsol Gandy has a full life in Charlotte enjoying grandchildren, Trinity Presbyterian Church and Senior Scholars, where she heard Queens professor Dr. Reed Perkins speak.

Jean McLaurin Graham is enjoying life in Raleigh, visiting her three children and their families, and going to her vacation home in the Sandhills.

Jane Summerville Gwinn and her husband, Chuck, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2013 in their hometown, Aliceville, Ala.

Susan Sharpe Houg enjoyed visiting with eight great-grandchildren when five of them attended day camp at Kidder Creek Christian Camp, a division of Mt. Hermon Camps. Kidder is just a few miles from Susan's home, and her live-in granddaughter is food services manager at the camp. Susan continues writing and performing songs in area venues. Her CD, *World, Goodnight*, is available at Amazon.com and cdbaby.com.

Stella Dross Matalas and her husband, Nick, went to Europe in August 2013, traveling by car with a friend. She was thrilled to visit the Netherlands and Belgium for the first time and was so looking forward to the museums and canals. Nick was excited to see World War I battlefields.

Sophie Leventis Trakas is happy her granddaughter Anna Trakas is attending Queens. That's three generations.

The class expresses sympathy to **Maggie Echols Wade** on the deaths of her husband, Julian L. "Hootie" Wade, Jr., who passed away on February 18, 2012, and of her son, Billy Echols Wade on March 14, 2012.

Barbara Cantrell Weathers still lives in Hickory. Since Carroll, her husband, died, she comes to Charlotte often to visit her daughter's family, and she also enjoys her home in Blowing Rock.

Emilie Armstrong Williams still enjoys playing the piano for a children's church choir and at events around Charlotte. In her "retirement," she and her grand piano just had a successful move to a new condo.

Mary Brooks Yarborough Zuccarelli is still teaching in Charlotte schools as an everyday sub. Students are amazed by this energetic and caring lady who has lived in Italy, Germany, France, Monte Carlo, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

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Joy Arrington Duffy reports her family is fine. Her first grandson, who is now 16, is working on his Eagle Scout rank. She looks forward to the next class reunion. She and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary with a cruise to Panama. She still loves the U.S.A. better even with our country's sometimes odd behavior. Remember, classmates, remember from where we came. Voice your approval or disapproval. To do nothing is disgraceful!

The class expresses sympathy to **Dottie McAulay Martin** on the death of her brother Benson McAulay, Jr., who passed away on March 13, 2013.

The class expresses sympathy to **Carolyn Brown Pappendick** on the death of her brother-in-law, William "Bill" Crane Griffin, who passed away July 31, 2013.

1960

Keris Fort Brown recently reconnected with Queens classmate **Jane Davis Rourk** at the Charlotte Central High School Class 75th birthday party. It was the first time they had seen each other since their Queens days! In July 2013, Keris and her husband, Herb, had an exciting trip to Lake Placid, N.Y., where Herb took part in his seventh Ironman Triathlon in the past six years.

Lucy Davis Christopher remains active with Occupy/WNC, working toward a 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which will make final that corporations are not people and that money is not speech. She stands in support of the Moral Monday protests against the regressive actions taken by the N.C. General Assembly and Charlotte's former mayor. She urges her classmates to take a stand for our children's future.

Mary Allred Crews' poetry chapbook of love, loss, memory and healing, *Beyond High Windows*, was published by Main Street Rag Publishing Company. A release celebration was held in March 2013. Readings have been delayed by a different kind of healing: a broken shoulder from a fall in May 2013 has required surgery and months of physical therapy. She's grateful for modern medicine, the loving help of family and friends and the physical benefits from years of yoga.

The class expresses sympathy to **Marie Rourk Harrison** on the death of her husband, John

Michael "Jack" Harrison, who passed away on April 1, 2013.

Penny Moffett Robson, still residing in England, enjoys the memory of visiting Queens two summers ago and seeing **Lynn Fricks Rogers** and **Sara Bee Craig Johnson '57**. She has met **Jennifer Garner '92**, who recently moved to Cambridge.

The class expresses sympathy to **Kathryn Woods Reid** on the death of her brother-in-law, Roswell T. Mallory, who passed away on March 12, 2013.

1961

The class expresses sympathy to **Sarah Linda Hardee Baker** on the death of her husband, Robert A. Baker, who passed away on May 22, 2012.

Sarah Linda Hardee Baker has moved on from the death of her husband and is moving into a new home and setting new goals that include a doll exhibit for a museum, art lessons for small children and a couple of maybes to keep her busy.

The class expresses sympathy to **Henrietta Taylor Filer** on the death of her son-in-law, Kevin William Callahan, who passed away July 28, 2013.

Henrietta Taylor Filer and her husband, Bruce, still live in Hampstead, N.C. **Susan Brooks Kirkland** came for a visit in March 2013, and they were planning a trip to the mountains to visit her in late August 2013. Their daughter, **Carol Callahan '85**, lost her husband in late July, which was a sad and shocking experience for all.

Lynn Woodward Jenkins, fundraising co-chair, is particularly grateful to her co-chair **Sue Ross** for her exceptional efforts in helping to meet the Queens Fund goal. Thanks to **Adelaide Anderson Davis** and other contributors as well. Once again, Lynn met her daughter, Nicole, who lives in London, in Washington D.C. for the D.A.R. Convention. Lynn is working out at the gym, reading and generally enjoying her retirement. She sends warm regards to her classmates!

The class expresses sympathy to **Claire Mercer Jones** on the death of her husband, Paul Jones, who passed away on June 1, 2013.

Susan Brooks Kirkland reports that Maw's Produce in Foscoe, N.C., is still going strong after 18 years. Susan was planning a trip to Pawleys Island, S.C., with her grandchildren in August

2013 and a rafting trip in Tennessee with hiking buddies in September 2013. Visiting Queens is always a pleasure. What beauty and awesome memories!

Polly Thompson Marshall and her husband, Robert, enjoyed a 15-day trip to Europe in fall 2012 with friends—Paris to Prague, eight days on a Viking River Boat Cruise. In February 2013, they had a wonderful 10 days with friends vacationing in St. Kitts. She enjoyed having **Judy Cochrane Gilman-Hines** and **Marianna Christian Broaddus** as neighbors.

Kit Lyon Maultsby and her husband, Dan, visited with **Sue Ross** in July 2013 at her beautiful home on Bogue Sound near Swansboro. Get two retired college professors and administrators like Sue and Dan together, and you have a recipe for lively conversation. U.N.C. sports was another hot topic. The fried fruit fritters at Sue's favorite breakfast spot were unbelievable!

Jackie Shaw O'Neill's lifelong desire to live at the beach was realized in 2013 when she relocated to Pawleys Island, S.C. Playing piano continues to be a vital part of her life, as she participates in local music concerts. She is involved with Brookgreen Gardens and the Georgetown Cultural Society, and shares her life with someone who was once a childhood boyfriend! A grandmother of five, Jackie is thoroughly enjoying these later years.

Ann Vandiver O'Quinn was recognized by Milligan College for her service and leadership in her career and community. This program recognizes leaders in the community who integrate their faith into their profession.

Margaret "Marnie" Dewitt Park now lives in Beaufort, N.C., designated in 2012 as one of the coolest small towns in America, where her family owns a restaurant called the Beaufort Grocery Co. Her son Charles and his wife, Wendy, are in charge. Her son Peyton and his wife, Megan, live in Atlanta and her daughter Margaret and her husband, Steve, live in Denver, Colo.

1962

Linda Goodman Heilig is still enjoying her retired life and subbing in a preschool to keep her young and happy. In June 2013, she and her husband, David, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren for a week in Estes Park, Colo.

Kitty Hobbs Hord reports that 2012-2013 was a fun year: 50th Queens and Davidson reunions, two new grandsons, twins (now two girls and four boys) and a wonderful 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Wonderful times with long-time friends and family were had by all.

Linda Cashwell Jewell and her husband, Rob, were planning a trip to Europe in December 2013 to celebrate their 50th anniversary.



Ruth Scholten Lynch (standing at left) hosted fellow Class of '62 members at her home in Plymouth, Massachusetts. (Left to right) Carol Cochran Todd, Linda Ellis Pegram, Berry Harris Greene, and Margaret White Flintom.

Ruth Scholten Lynch enjoyed a visit from the “P+3 Gang” (’62 classmates **Linda Ellis Pegram**, **Margaret White Flintom**, **Carol Cochran Todd** and **Berry Harris Greene**) at her home in Plymouth, Mass. After lunch and a brief Pilgrim tour, the visit was capped off at a neighborhood ice cream shop. Ruth is enjoying her ESOL volunteer work with the Plymouth Literacy Center and presently tutors a delightful Chinese woman.

The class expresses sympathy to **Martha Woods Mallory** on the death of her husband, Roswell T. Mallory, who passed away on March 12, 2013.

Becky Shaffer Peters loves living in Greensboro, where she takes watercolor and fused glass classes. Becky spends every February in Florida, visiting her friends in Port Charlotte and partying with her cousin in Winter Haven. After two hip surgeries in two years, Becky spends lots of time in the pool to regain enough strength and stamina to visit China with her cousin next year. They also plan a trip to England.

1963

Harriette McMichael Majoros was delighted to have her daughter **Rebecca Majoros ’02**, who lives in California, spend the week of July 4th in spite of all the rain. Harriette and her recently retired husband, Bill, spent the end of August 2013 volunteering at the National Corvette Museum before heading out to spend 18 days in southern Ireland, Inishowen Peninsula and Dublin. They spent some days in Florida with a high school friend before finally coming home.

Janet Allison Powell and her husband, Harry, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family trip to Montreat, the highlight of which was a rafting trip on the French Broad River. They were planning to continue their celebration with a trip to Hawaii in September 2013. Janet fondly remembers the 50th class reunion when 31 class members and 11 husbands renewed friendships and the class was recognized for best attendance and for meeting the class gift challenge!

Dawn Chappell Thompson retired as a church musician and pianist.

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Chris Safford Beck and her husband have been happily married for 49 years. They love their two

grandsons, ages 2 and 4, watching their three adult sons develop their passions and traveling, recently visiting Norway and Colorado. Chris is on the boards of the Children’s Literacy Initiative and the Arthur Ashe Learning Center in N.Y. Life is good, and they are so blessed.

Marion “Cissie” Mays Easterday and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 50th anniversary, her 70th birthday, his 80th birthday and her recovery from ovarian cancer, all in 2012. It was a lot to celebrate!

Marty Duerson Halyburton and her husband, Porter, had a momentous year celebrating the 40th anniversary of Porter’s return from seven years as a P.O.W. in Vietnam, their 50th wedding anniversary and Porter’s 50th class reunion at Davidson. They are celebrating with lots of travel—Africa, Italy, the British Isles, Eastern Europe, Cuba and the U.S. They are looking forward to Queens’ 50th reunion.

The class expresses sympathy to **Carolyn Lawall Merck** on the death of her husband, John Merck, who passed away on March 9, 2013.

Carolyn King Walker walker1817@bellsouth.net encourages classmates to come to the 50th class reunion April 11-13. Check out the website at www.queens.edu/reunion.

1965

Leslie Smith Ariail lost her husband of 44 years, John Ariail, Davidson ’64, in 2011. All three of her children are married, and she has three grandchildren. One child is in Alexandria, one is near Hong Kong teaching at an international school and one is in Brooklyn working at the U.S. attorney’s office in the terrorism department.

Alma Blackwelder retired in February 2012 because of the death of her employer, Mary Semans. She is living with her four cats in her mother’s house in Burlington, but she still has her condo in Durham. She wants to get another job, preferably only part time.

Linka Oelsner Lewis had a break in her left foot that put a stop to her snowshoeing, but at least she could still drive and get about. Now free, except for the continued caregiving of her 92-year-old parents, she is looking forward to meeting grandchild number eight! She is very active in Rotary and in her small local village senior center.

Kitty Tilghman McEaddy and her husband, Hunter, have seven grandchildren, who keep them very busy! Kitty and Hunter attended the opening of the new Rogers Science and Health Building at Queens and recommend everyone who can get to Charlotte to go by and see it. It speaks to all of the new momentum at Queens. Kitty and **Doris Petrea Mann** get together at least twice a year. It is special to still have a roommate you can really visit with after 48 years!

Kay Hightower Parry-Hill had breast cancer again in June 2012. She had another mastectomy and is dealing with a lymph edema so the recovery is slower than desired.

Ann Dozier Williams has had an eventful year in a positive way. She had two total knee replacements—totally life changing—and her husband retired. They spent summer 2013 in Highlands with frequent trips back to see their four grandchildren. They feel very blessed and hope to be at the reunion in 2015.

1966

Erin Challen Bullard and her husband, Jim, live in Xiamen, China, where they are more and more excited about what God is doing there among the Chinese Christians. They spend half the year there and the other half home in Orlando visiting their four daughters and their husbands and their five grandchildren. China gets more modern and convenient every year. Come join them for the adventure of a lifetime—it’s a great way to retire!

Kaki Reed Harmon and her husband, Larry, live in Thomasville, Ga., and on Lake Keowee, S.C. They have four grandchildren living in South Carolina.

The class expresses sympathy to **Sidney Walker Pease** on the death of her mother-in-law, Mary Carson Jones Pease, who passed away on July 14, 2013.

Sidney Walker Pease retired in December 2012, after 40 years in the travel industry, with plans to travel with Norman, her husband of 45 years. After he retires, they’ll have more time with their granddaughters, Darby, 15, and Carson, 12. Sidney looks forward to the Pawleys Island, S.C., trip with **Chris Sprenkle Jones**, **Mary Jane Brown Reynolds**, **Nancy Dashiell Fanning**, **Bonnie North Flood**, **Lura Deaton McMurray**,



Class of '67 members (left to right) Susan Bosserman Layman, Carolyn McLeod Noland, Kay Stafford Tims, and Mary Steele Climer take a seat at the fountain in Diana Courtyard during a visit to Queens in April 2013.

Mary Maroney Walker and **Janie Hamilton Radcliffe**.

Sue Barker McCarter retired after 25 years of service to TEACCH, an internationally recognized program for innovative research and teaching individuals with autism. She acted as assistant clinical director. She and her husband, John, recently celebrated 46 years of marriage and have three married children and four wonderful grandchildren.

Joanna Allred McKethan is celebrating family, good health, the release of her Gothic novel, *A Deadly Provenance*, as an Amazon author, and the release of three more to follow: the reprints of *Lady in White* and *A Holiday Folly* plus a new novel, *Stone of Her Destiny*. Her website, www.jorignals.net, contains these and her artwork. She works out of j'Originals Art Studio, 910-892-7062.

Leslie Moore Teague's daughter Elizabeth has opened a shop, STILO, at the Villa Shops on Providence Road in Charlotte. Leslie and her husband, Barry, are thankful they are still able to enjoy golfing, gardening and taking their grandchildren to the beach.

1967

Dottie Albright and her husband, James Millikan, decided to leave Atlanta to begin their next chapter in Sarasota, Fla. They are having fun renovating their home in the historic Museum District.

Their business, Atlanta Overall Transitions, will continue and Sarasota Overall Transitions will begin this year.

Susan Bradford-Moore has been living large in California since 1970. She retired in 2002 and is loving it! However, she was widowed in 2012 and does not love that at all. She is thankful to Queens and then East Carolina University, B.S. 1967 and M.A. 1969, for the "Wonder Years!"

Jeannie Simms Dobson hosted a mini Queens '67 reunion at her home on Lake Cherokee in Tamassee, S.C. **Mary Steele Climer, Carolyn McCleod Noland, Kay Stafford Tims** and **Susan Bosserman Layman** kayaked, hiked mountain trails and stayed up late reminiscing.

Kathleen McLeod Gelzer and her husband, Randell, now live at Dockside on the Charleston Harbor, enjoying the magnificent view and abundance of wildlife each day.

Susan Bosserman Layman reports that she and **Carolyn McLeod Noland** and **Kay Stafford Tims** visited **Mary Steele Climer** in Charlotte and then they all took a road trip to visit **Jeannie Simms Dobson**. They had a wonderful time seeing Mary and Jeannie, and they all were amazed at how much they remembered about their Queens days!

Connie Gill Rogers and her husband, Al, are planning an eventual move to Charlotte. In the

meantime, they are busy traveling and doing lots of rewarding volunteer work. Connie and Al love being at sea; they recently spent two leisurely weeks in the Caribbean and look forward to another two-week voyage through the Panama Canal. They also enjoy seeing their grandchildren and can't quite believe the oldest one is getting her license. Time does really fly by.

Carol Anderson Rothenberg reports that spring 2013 was an exciting time for her and her son, Leon, who won a Tony award for sound design for *The Nance*, which is playing on Broadway. This was his second Tony nomination. Leon has been interviewed by several newspapers. Carol and **Jeannie Simms Dobson** continue to get together for fun adventures.

The class expresses sympathy to **Anne Marie Sossamon Woffindin** on the death of her mother, **Ora Lee Dougherty Sossamon '38**, who passed away on April 13, 2013.

Lana Hobbs Wolcott still sells fabulous antiques and bought a new, larger shop at 833 West 21st Street, Norfolk, Va. She also has restored an old warehouse and filled it with 20 of the most talented artists, so she has the design element sewn up in the area. **Eloise Pierson Mason** visited, and they had a great time. Lana would love for all to come for good seafood and antiques — is there a better combination?

1968

Jean Dobson Farris continues as a board member of The West End Home Foundation, which serves senior men and women in Middle Tennessee. Her husband, Bill, completed chemotherapy and radiation for oral cancer and is working through the side effects. Duplicate bridge keeps her mentally alert. Her parents live independently yet need some assistance. She still swims and loves to walk in the woods. Their seven grandchildren keep them laughing and are a great joy.

Judy Barry Maynard's son, Barry Dashiell Maynard, an Ole Miss grad, was planning to marry Eleanore Kelly, daughter of **Betsy Embry Kelly '69**, on October 5, 2013, in Cashiers, N.C. The reception was to be at High Hampton Inn and Country Club.

The class expresses sympathy to **Suzanne Harris Query** on the death of her aunt, **Nancy Query Byrum '42**, who passed away on May 1, 2013.



Class of '68 members (left to right) Debbie Butler Bryan, Janey Hester Dougherty and Anne-Lynn Stahl Teal enjoy their 45th Reunion in Diana Courtyard under sunny skies.

Anne-Lynn Stahl Teal attended the 45th reunion and had a great time at the class party at **Beverly Altman Allen's** house. She always looks forward to seeing her roommate, **Debbie Butler Bryan**. This year, **Janey Hester Dougherty** joined them. After the reunion she went to San Diego for six weeks for the birth of her first grandchild, River Anne.

Leigh Barnett Walker and her husband, Vince, enjoy living in Farrington Village. Leigh is active in the Village Voices singing group and is a volunteer reader at a local elementary school. Vince is a registered nurse at Carolina Meadows. They love seeing their two young granddaughters in Raleigh. Their son, Brad, is the chef and owner of Boundary Road in Washington, D.C.

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Janie Davis Collins is enjoying retirement with her husband, Ken, who recently sold his C.P.A. practice. She takes care of her 100-year-old mom, who was a Queens student in the early 1930s. Her daughter, **Molly Collins '07**, a fifth generation Queens legacy, is a Realtor with Helen Adams Realty in Charlotte.

Debbie Holcomb Garrison and husband Edwin's first grandchild was born on February 26, 2013. Their son, Edwin, and his wife, Shauna, of Atlanta, are the proud parents.

The class expresses sympathy to **Frances Lawrence Harris** on the death of her mother, **Mildred "Millie" Wagoner Lawrence '40**, who passed away on May 12, 2013.

Peggy Street Heflin's husband, Bill, retired, and they moved full time to their house in Littleton, N.C., on Lake Gaston. They still get to Richmond often to visit their children and grandchildren. Before retirement, they spent the year in Chesapeake, Va., where Peggy was able to get together often with **Paula Brown Demosthenes**.

Paxon McLean Holz is still working. Her retirement goal is 80 or out of debt, whichever comes first!

The class expresses sympathy to **Mary McMillan Horton** on the death of her daughter, Claire Horton, who passed away on September 13, 2013.

Martie McDonald Martin, **Nancy Okerson Schulhoff '67** of Cincinnati and **Marjorie Solomon Hale '70** of Richmond joined a fourth friend in Savannah for several days of friendship, shopping and southern historical charm.

Linda McPhail Shortridge divides her time between Mount Pleasant, S.C., and Montreat. She and her husband, Ken, have five grandchildren who enjoy coming to Montreat in the summer.

Ken recently retired after 42 years in the investment business. Linda owns a design business and is currently working on the renovation of a 100-room inn in Montreat that was built in 1929.

Kit Hamrick Veal completed the Queens Executive Coaching Certification program at the end of 2012. She learned a lot and enjoyed the diversity of students in her graduate classes.

1970

Kathryn Wilson Cockrill and her husband, Bill, bought a house in Montreat and enjoy the mountains. Their second grandson arrived January 9, 2013. August Wilson Spensieri and his big brother, Will, 3, live in Charlotte so they see them often. They are currently remodeling their Montreat house and look forward to spending more time there when Bill retires.

Jennie Goodman Deal is going on a pilgrimage to Israel in February with her Queens roommate, **LaNelle Dominick Barber**. LaNelle lives in Bowens Island, S.C., and Jennie lives in Lenoir. They are going with St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Brevard.

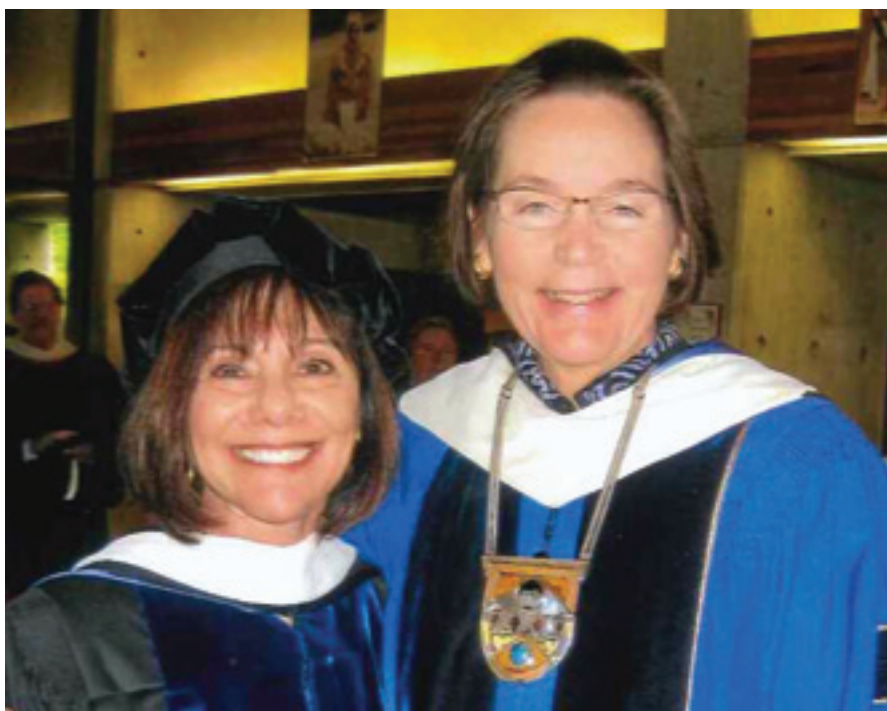
Betsy Weeks Shaw still lives in Raleigh and feels very lucky to have her 8-year-old grandson and new granddaughter in town. She spends time babysitting and doing volunteer work at her church and traveling every chance she gets.

Susan Moore Wentz retired from her position as alumni director at St. Andrews University. A grandmother of five and wife of 42 years to Charles, she loves spending time with family and friends, working in her church and traveling.

1971

Ann Clark-Durkin airlineannie@san.rr.com retired in 2013 after 41 years as a flight attendant. She and her husband are enjoying the Southern California weather and traveling when the mood strikes them. Ann also remains very active as a volunteer at the Alzheimer's Association, helping raise funds to find a cure.

Harriet Hudson retired from Indiana State University after 28 years as a professor of English and, more recently, the associate dean of arts and sciences. This summer she moved with her husband, Richard Knittle, back to Columbus, Ohio, where she had earned graduate degrees from



Sallie Trippe Broach '71 (left) represented Queens at the inauguration of Warren Wilson College's new president. She is pictured with Ann Ponder, chancellor of UNC Asheville.

The Ohio State University. Her son, Clark, lives in Indianapolis. She has fond memories of Queens and enjoys reading news of long-ago classmates.

Sally Marion Vandiver retired from the University of Georgia in December 2011, the same month her oldest daughter, Catherine, announced she was having a baby! She has spent time traveling to Orlando to visit the grandbaby and to Charleston, S.C., to visit her youngest daughter, Lisa. She also fit in a visit to **Libby Schmidt Pollett** to the "Hot Tamales" in fall 2012.

The class expresses sympathy to **Becky Bartholomew Weeks** on the death of her mother, Charlene Oakes Bartholomew Hamrick, who passed away on April 7, 2013.

1972

The class expresses sympathy to **Ann Hinson** on the death of her mother, Nancy Ouida Tompkins Hinson, who passed away on April 25, 2013.

Betsy Phillips Murfree has twin sons, Rob and John, who are dentists. Rob is in Roswell, Ga., and John is in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Daughter Gina and her husband and two children also live in Murfreesboro. Betsy and Bob have four

grandchildren 3 years old and younger. Betsy is busy babysitting, helping at the church and volunteering. Bob is enjoying his retirement from the bank.

1973

The class expresses sympathy to **Jan Hall Brown** on the death of her brother, Fred "Neal" Hall, who passed away on May 24, 2013.

The class expresses sympathy to **Mary Louise Plonk Brown** on the death of her mother, **Arabelle Boyer Plonk '44**, who passed away on April 25, 2013.

The class expresses sympathy to **Julie Hunt Gaither** on the death of her father-in-law, Junius Robert (Bob) Gaither, Jr., on June 23, 2013.

Carol Sottile Johnson is currently living in McLean, Va., and Charleston, S.C. She is president of Cobrin Inc. Commercial Interior Design firm. She has been married for 30 years and has three grown children.

The class expresses sympathy to **Vi Taylor Lyles** on the death of her husband, John Thomas Lyles, who passed away on September 10, 2013.

Vi Taylor Lyles has been busy since the reunion. When she was a candidate for the Charlotte City Council, her world was calls, emails, yard signs, palm cards and forums! Her son is getting married to an L.S.U. grad, and her daughter is in D.C. as community engagement director for KaBoom!. So life is full. She looks forward to keeping in touch with everyone.

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Jamie McGuire Kirby and her husband, Ed, continue to enjoy retirement in Greenville, N.C. They travel whenever they can, especially to Louisiana to see Anna and Sofia, their granddaughters, and to Chapel Hill to visit Will.

Gerry Matthews Larkin and her husband, Lynn, made their annual trek to AirVenture 2013 in Oshkosh, Wis., where they both volunteer with Vintage Aircraft Association. Lynn drives the Welcome Wagon while Gerry manages the Vintage Volunteer Center.

Patricia Dendy Macaulay has worked at the University of Richmond for 32 years and recently was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society. Her son, Burt Teachey, is a superintendent for the construction firm Robins & Morton. Her son, Alex Teachey, is an astrophysics intern at the Hayden Planetarium, American Museum of Natural History, while working on an astrophysics degree at Hunter College. Queens friends, please contact her on Facebook or via email, pmacaula@richmond.edu.

1975

Janice Rosser Allen enjoys her job as executive chair and C.E.O. at International Cooperating Ministries (www.icm.org), a nonprofit that partners with indigenous ministries in 65 countries to help build churches, training centers and orphanages. She loves being able to travel to rural villages in Vietnam, China, Africa and Latin America. Janice has lived in Richmond since 1994. Two of her sons live in D.C. and one lives in Charlotte. She is still waiting for grandchildren!

Jana Whalley Lewis has been living in her hometown of Savannah for three years. She moved back after her divorce from John. She loves being back. At her 40th high school reunion, she met up with her high school sweetheart, who was also divorced, and they've been together ever since!

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CURIOSITY AND PROBLEM SOLVING HAVE SHAPED THE CAREER OF ANNE NICKEL COMER '71, MBA '02, FROM RESEARCH TO DESIGNING LIVABLE SPACES TO PICKING WINNING STOCKS

Anne Nickel Comer '71, MBA '02 looked at the investment club members anxiously awaiting the results. She took a deep breath and told them the good news. "Not only did we see a return," she began, noticing a few eyebrows arching in anticipation, "but we now have \$1,516.44 to contribute to the Queens Fund!" Under her watchful eye as advisor, the Queens Investment Club consistently earned funds to support student scholarships and faculty development.

It wasn't the first time Anne had figured out a formula that worked. She'd been solving equations all her life, beginning with her first job as a research chemist for BASF. Her career path, which ventured into teaching and interior design, had now brought her back to Queens. The success she experienced making investments with fellow alumni inspired her to apply to the Queens MBA program.

Earning it gave her the boost of confidence she needed. After graduating, she served as chief financial officer at Community Trust of the Southeast. It wasn't long before she was planning her own business. In 2005 she started Presidium Retirement Advisors in Charlotte (she lives in Gastonia). "The McColl

School served as a launching pad for my business career," she says. Today Presidium is recognized by the *Charlotte Business Journal* as one of the area's largest financial planning firms. The company provides fiduciary oversight, investment advice, education and guidance to corporate retirement plan sponsors and manages more than \$700 million in assets.

Anne came to Queens from Tampa, Florida, inspired by her neighbor, Beverly Altman Allen '68, a classmate of Anne's sister, Prissy Atwood Endo '68. "Beverly lived down the street," Anne remembers. "I admired her greatly. She was older than me and just gorgeous. She was always so friendly and the world seemed to be her oyster. I thought, 'I'd love to be like her.'" Entering Queens as a chemistry major, she jumped into campus life, quickly forming bonds with faculty and classmates that would last a lifetime.

Despite a busy schedule, Anne



In the fall of 2012, Anne Nickel Comer '71 MBA '02 (right) enjoyed time away from her Charlotte financial planning firm with Susan Elliot Rich '73 in Modena, Italy. The Queens classmates and their husbands take a trip together each year.

manages to do more than consult with clients and keep up with the stock market. Between board meetings for the Schiele Museum and the United Way in Gastonia, plus involvement at Queens and the Junior League, she makes sure fun is also on the agenda. This Renaissance woman enjoys skiing, sailing and traveling; she and her husband, Jim, travel regularly with Steve and Susan Elliot Rich '73. There is always plenty of reminiscing—the guys were classmates at The McCallie School in Chattanooga. Their friendship is one more example of a key priority for Anne: investing for the long term pays big rewards. ■

—Laura Sutton, Director of
Advancement Communications &
Foundation Relations

Wesley, 32, lives in Rutherfordton, N.C., and Miller, 25, lives in Greenville, S.C. She would love to hear from her Queens friends.

1976

The class expresses sympathy to **Linda Cable Shute** on the death of her husband, Eric Shute, who passed away on April 8, 2013.

1977

The class expresses sympathy to **Caroline Springs Beamer** on the death of her grandmother, **Katherine Wooten Springs '29**, who passed away on March 22, 2013.

The class expresses sympathy to **Janet Preyer Nelson** on the death of her father, Norris Watson Preyer, Queens' Charles A. Dana Professor of

History Emeritus, who passed away on June 5, 2013.

1978

Holly Strawn Riley recently moved back to her hometown of Macon, Ga., after living in McDonough, Ga., for 27 years. She is so happy to be back near family and would love to hear from her Queens friends.

1979 35th Reunion - April 11-13, 2014

Ellen Clark enjoyed a weekend with **Juliet Fleming Ingegneri** and her family. Juliet's daughter Catherine graduated from Anderson University. Ellen is busy as an elder of her church and has joined the Tarboro Women's Club.

1980

Sally Wyeth McLaughlin joined the law firm of Campbell and Brannon, LLC, in Atlanta as a partner in the default department. She also joined the board of directors of the Community Assistance Center, a nonprofit that provides food and rent/mortgage/utilities assistance to people in need in Sandy Springs and Dunwoody, Ga. Sally just completed the 2013 Class of Leadership Sandy Springs and is a member of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.

Ann R. Starcher lost both of her parents. Her mother, Virginia J. Starcher, passed away on December 19, 2012, and her father, Harold E. Starcher, passed away on May 6, 2013. She continues to practice law in Charleston, W. Va., and enjoys spending time with her beau of many years, Alex Franklin.

1981

The class expresses sympathy to **Betsy McCrary Bedini** on the death of her father, William "Bill" McCrary III, who passed away May 4, 2013.

Beverly Hudson Branton started a new cancer treatment, but took time off to attend her stepdaughter Marie's high school graduation and to travel to Ohio for July 4th where she had a consult at James Cancer Center. Beverly is considering moving to Ohio to be with family and friends and for more treatment options. Her stepson Dustin has two years left in high school before joining the military. She loves connecting with old friends on Facebook.

Sarah Whitehurst Tate is currently working as the clinical coordinator for Gardner-Webb University School of Nursing.

1982

Melissa Patrick Hauser and her husband, Jim, live in Aylett, Va., and are parents of Sparky (Mini Schnauzer) and Katy (Jack Russell). After a graduate degree from Union Seminary, Melissa spent 23 years with Blue Cross Blue Shield in training and HR, squeezed in a master's in adult education and now has an "encore career" in eldercare therapeutic recreation/activities. Her mother passed away four years ago. Love to everybody. Weren't those sweet days wonderful?

1983

Ann Goldman Lewis and her family went to North Carolina in the summer of 2013 and spent the weekend with **Cathi Wilkinson Litcher** and her family. Cathi had **Elizabeth Lee Haner** and

Mary E. Nethercutt over and the talk went back to Queens days, accompanied by some wonderful pictures. So much fun!

Michelle Boyles Sahol and two of her children worked at Managua Christian Academy in Nicaragua, renovating a building that will be used for a kitchen and counseling offices. A bakery will lease space to bring income to the school. She reports it was a wonderful experience to be a part of making a difference in so many lives.

1984 30th Reunion - April 11-13, 2014

Mary Anne Lee Saag was elected to the Queens alumni board as a member-at-large. She is excited about serving and building relationships with alumni. She has returned to her former position as lower school art teacher at All Saints Academy in Winter Haven, Fla. She stays busy traveling between Louisville, Miami and Central Florida to see her four sons.

1985

The class expresses sympathy to **Carol Filer Callahan** on the death of her husband, Kevin William Callahan, who passed away July 28, 2013.

Kate Howard is a professional organizer-writer-mixed media artist-backup singer. **Lori Lumbard Smith '86** heard her warble during a recent visit to Austin. Kate's humorous essays on BeatDystonia.org tell her story of living with dystonia (the physical presentation of Parkinson's). She's grateful she responds to treatment and can lead a full life. Kate was organizing a Concert to Beat Dystonia on October 13, 2013, to showcase Austin musicians, raise awareness about dystonia and raise money for medical research.

Susan Spach Welfare reports the best thing she ever did for herself was attend Queens although she had graduated from Salem College many years before. She took accounting, and Dr. Claire Brooks was her adviser. She was great. Susan later worked in tax accounting. She really benefitted from attending Queens in many ways. Although she was much older, she became friends with the students.

1986

Betty Mills Phillips, MBA '91 is the subject of a delightful book called *My Mother, Milton Berle,*



Vi Taylor Lyles '73 (D) ran for an at-large seat of the Charlotte City Council. She was endorsed by the Charlotte Observer because of her experience as an assistant city manager and city budget director. Following her win on November 5—she finished second in a pool of nine candidates—the Observer noted her strong showing in her first bid for elected office.

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a tribute to a wonderful, vibrant woman who has kept her family and friends laughing throughout their lives. Betty is a lifelong Charlottean who still attends *Queens* workshops and events. Ty Boyd, Charlotte personality and businessman, wrote a gracious testimonial for the book. For more information, contact her daughter, the author, at donnawoodnh@gmail.com.

Jeanette Renfro Watkins is the new managing editor of *Natural Awakenings Upstate*, a green and healthy living magazine. She also works in sales for the magazine. The magazine is a franchise and can be found all over the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

1987

Elisa Camara-Thompson lives in Orlando with her husband and youngest son, Hank, an eighth grader. Her two older sons attend Florida State University. She just completed her first book, *American Brother*, to be released through Hellgate Publishing House in the fall of 2013. This story of her brother, U.S. Marine Sgt. Mecot Camara, unfolds at Belk Residence Hall in October 1983.

Carolyn Jenkins Carter has nothing new to report...same ol', same ol'...

The class expresses sympathy to **Gina Rogers Hutchison** on the deaths of her father and grandmother.

Gina Rogers Hutchison recently lost her dad and her grandmother, and both boys headed off to college: Chase to the University of Tennessee and Ryan to Montana State University. She is regrouping. She finally joined Facebook. It's been great seeing what her Phi Mu sisters are up to. Gina is a Silpada Designs Jewelry Rep and continues to do marketing for Chick-fil-A. She also sings and plays keyboard at her church.

1988

Holley Holroyd Price is an interior designer and owner of Holley Price Interiors in Charleston, W.Va. She has two children: Bo, 16 and a high school junior, and Sarah Frances, 15 and a high school sophomore. She and her husband, Tommy, are celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary.

1989 25th Reunion - April 11-13, 2014

Stephanie Waters Covarrubia and her family moved to Tuscaloosa, Ala. She is homeschooling their son, Paul, and granddaughter, Emily, while

Zak is a sophomore at a local high school. The older girls and two grandchildren are spread out across Texas, New York and Germany; thank goodness for FaceTime! Stephanie continues her commitment to a healthier lifestyle and was recently certified as a group fitness instructor by Devoted Fitness.

The class expresses sympathy to **Eli Baxter Springs** on the death of his grandmother, **Katherine Wooten Springs '29**, who passed away on March 22, 2013.

1990

Wendi Bryant Diamond and her family live in Asheville. Wendi is a partner in her family's Georgia timber business and enjoys bookkeeping remotely, which allows her to tend to her home garden of fruits, veggies and perennials. Chickens and beekeeping are next! She also spends time with her daughter Olivia Faith, 14, participates in area equestrian hunter/jumper shows, hikes and enjoys all Asheville has to offer with her husband, Josh, who works for Eaton Corp.

Leslie Smith Johnson lives in Apex with her husband, Jerry, and 13-year-old daughter, Catherine, who is in eighth grade. In June, Leslie accepted a new job at Neuro Community Care working with the Wounded Warrior Project.

Carolyn Cook Maiden cc@maidensplace.com and her husband, Chris, and their daughters, Sydney and Olivia, were planning to relocate to Virginia in August 2013 for Chris's new job with the State Department. Carolyn would love to hear from you.

1991

Caroline Caton completed a bucket list trip to Morocco in 2012 with **Michelle McIntire**. It was a wonderful experience and fun! She continues to work with **Lisa Bynum** making charity quilts to raise money for A Giving Spirit Foundation, established by **Laura Somerville Woodall '92** to financially assist mothers facing a debilitating disease or other health challenges. It is a wonderful opportunity to help families in need while keeping her occupied during long Wisconsin winters.

Debra Gilstrap and Ron Brock were married on February 20, 2013, in Charleston, S.C.



During a visit to North Carolina in summer 2013, Ann Goldman Lewis '83 (seated right) spent the weekend with Cathi Wilkinson Litcher '83 (seated left). They enjoyed reminiscing with fellow class members (standing left to right) Mary Nethercutt and Elizabeth Lee Haner.



Caroline Caton '91 completed a bucket-list trip to Morocco in 2012 with Michelle McIntire '91.

Paige “Duffy” Lewis is an adjunct history professor, still living in Charleston, S.C., after almost 17 years. She has been researching for and rebuilding the Free Enterprise Foundation, an independent nonprofit advocate for financial literacy, free market education and free market solutions in public policy.

1992

Jennifer Garner began a new adventure in England with a move to Cambridge, where she is the director of development at Trinity College. Stop by for a pint in RAF pub or a punt along the River Cam! Jennifer is looking forward to a safari in Tanzania with her sister along with more European holidays.

Connie Weber lives in Charleston, W. Va., with her husband, Erik Engle, and their three children: Jack, 14, Amelia, 12 and Sam, 7. She was recently recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America in Employment Law. When she's not in the courtroom she's on the soccer field, in the yoga studio or on the ski slope. She enjoys her girls' trips with **Michelle Wilder Dabek**, **Anne Irwin Ward** and **Nicole Agee Brinser** and wishes **Jennifer Garner** would return to the States soon.

1993

The class expresses sympathy to **Sean Kelly** on the death of his father, John “Jack” Kelly, who passed away on May 13, 2013.

Erin Tetrault Richey and her husband, Scott, welcomed their second baby, daughter Elena Sophia, on March 25, 2012. “Laney” joins her big brother, Lucas, age 3, born November 28, 2010. Erin lives in Charlotte where she works as vice president and partner of Walker Marketing.

1994 20th Reunion - April 11-13, 2014

Michael Outlaw and Laura Lovett Parker were married on January 12, 2013, in Georgetown, S.C. They live in Atlanta where Michael works for Morgan Stanley as a managing director. Laura is originally from Charleston, S.C.

1996

Julie Martin Dean continues teaching private voice lessons for the Community School of the Arts in Plaza-Midwood and added a second private voice studio at Tosco Music Studios in east Charlotte. She is having great success working with kids, adults and retirees. Performing again herself, Julie started up an old country trio, playing guitar and singing harmonies. She also enjoys singing at open mics around town.

Ann-Hilary Hanly Heston and her husband welcomed a daughter, Evelyn Ruth, born November 5, 2012.

1997

Robert Jones and his partner, Andy Goodall, spent the summer traveling and speaking. It

included six Pride events, three professional presentations, one presidential library and eight cities—Dayton, Indianapolis, Louisville, Columbus, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Ventura, San Diego and Nashville—and a trip home to Parkersburg, W.Va., for his 20th high school reunion.

1998

Ollie Chandhok hosted a 2013 reunion after-party. Too many to name from the class of 1998 and surrounding years were in attendance—about 60 in all. Food was catered by Jim ‘N Nicks Bar-B-Q, and music was provided by DJ Hackelton. Good times were had by all; some may say “too much of a good time!”

Stephanie Suggs has accepted a new job as the program director at McCurdy Ministries in Espanola, N.M. For 100 years, McCurdy Ministries, a United Methodist mission institution, ran a K-12 school in the upper Rio Grand Valley. Now the school is the largest charter school in New Mexico, and McCurdy, with Stephanie's help, will redirect its programming to support services for the students and their families, including after-school programming and adult education.

1999 15th Reunion - April 11-13, 2014

Marti Bushon Blacketer retired from BellSouth after 30 years of service and started her own business, Home Inventory Services for Charlotte.



Class of '92 members (left to right) Michelle Wilder Dabek, Connie Weber and Anne Irwin Ward enjoy some time together at Slightly North of Broad in Charleston, South Carolina, in May 2013.



For their annual reunion, Margaret Hatch Rudin '94, Jeanne Spruill Walworth '94, Mandy Faulk Harrell '94, Jennifer Fellini Roberts '94, and Christy Glenn '95 took on the Burgaw, N.C., Blueberry Festival bike race in June 2013. Their T-shirts say, "Queens girls, 20+ years of friendship." Next year—a dude ranch?



Chad Hensen '02 and Natalie Kotowski Hensen '05 traveled to Croatia, Austria, Turkey and Dubai for a "babymoon" before parenthood began on August 2, 2013, with the arrival of Lucas John.

She creates a detailed inventory list with pictures of your home's contents.

Sunshine Ison is a foreign service officer with the U.S. State Department, who has completed her tour as cultural attache in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (read about one great project at <http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/columns-and-blogs/nancy-pearl/article/55869-check-it-out-with-nancy-pearl-books-on-the-balkans.html>). She and her other half, Cavin, were planning to depart for Podgorica, Montenegro, where Sunshine will serve as the public affairs officer at the U.S. embassy.

Robin Conrad Lane and her husband, Larry, are pleased to announce the marriage of their

daughter, Austin Brooke Lane, to Zachary James Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams of Huntersville. They married in an outdoor ceremony at The White Garden of Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. The bride graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S.N. and the groom graduated from Pitt Community College.

2000

Courtney Ellicott Duncan and her husband, Chris, joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Emmaline Lively, born on June 13, 2013. She joins big brother, Knox.

Elizabeth Hunter Persson and her husband, Klas, welcomed a son, Ellis Gustav, on June 11, 2013.

2001

Heather Kirstein Clements is teaching kindergarten in Garner, N.C. She recently presented at a district-wide workshop on beginning a mentor program at her elementary school. Heather is also becoming a certified birth doula. She looks forward to attending births in the Triangle. Her husband, Casey, and their three kids are all doing well.

Monica Palladino is happy to announce her engagement to Michael Barner. They plan to wed in May 2015.

2002

Jill Brumer was looking forward to her wedding in Houston. She continues to work as a professor of drama at San Jacinto College and also teaches sewing to inner city youth at the nonprofit Workshop Houston. In her spare time, she loves on her cats and sews.

Chad Hensen MBA '05 resides in Charlotte with his wife, **Natalie Kotowski Hensen '05** and their newborn son, Lucas John, who was born August 2, 2013. Prior to Luke's arrival, Chad and Natalie traveled to Croatia, Austria, Turkey and Dubai for a "babymoon." They enjoyed their trip but love the experience of being new parents. Chad continues to work at KPMG as a manager within the management consulting practice, and Natalie teaches at Winthrop University.

2003

Jen Scialabba Calhoun reports that her family has had a very busy year preparing for and having their second child, Henry Daniel, who was born on July 15, 2013. He joins big sister, Katie, 5, who recently started kindergarten. They are still living in Georgia and enjoy taking family trips to Disney World.

Anna-Catherine Ruszenas Fowler and her husband, Keith, welcomed a son, Conner Tavish Fowler Young, who was born on April 24, 2013.

Janice Gabriel was so excited to attend her 10-year reunion at Queens and connect with wonderful friends. She teaches English at Newtown High School in Newtown, Conn. She is still performing with many community theatres and produces the NHS Spring Musical. We are Newtown...We choose Love!

Dre Alford Manoni and her husband, RJ, welcomed their first baby boy, Daxton Zander, who was born on April 28, 2013. Dre enjoyed a 12-week maternity leave in their Charlotte home but returned to her role at Winthrop University in the Career and Civic Engagement Center in July 2013. All is well in the Manoni household!

Laurie Hobgood Mobley married Bobby Mobley on October 6, 2012, and received the Certificate Insurance Counselor designation in August 2011.

2004 10th Reunion - April 11-13, 2014

Dana Choate lives in north Charlotte near Huntersville with her dogs, Daisy and Bella. She works for Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics and travels a lot with work.

Cori Lindstedt Hankinson and her husband, Phil, are enjoying this season of life and all the blessings that come along with it. They are settled into their new home and are expecting baby number two. Their son, Cooper, is 3.

Suzanne Voigt is currently working at the University of Georgia's career center as a career consultant for all social science majors. She also recently started her Ph.D. in counseling and student personnel services through U.G.A.'s College of Education and looks forward to focusing more in depth on collegiate career counseling and development through her research.

2005

Ashley Adams recently moved south of Atlanta, where she runs her own law firm specializing in criminal law and real estate. Life is good!

Devon Grenda Carley and her husband, Darrell, welcomed their second child, a baby girl named Addison Grace, on August 12, 2013. Mommy, Daddy and big brother, Preston, couldn't be more excited!

Natalie Kotowski Hensen '05 and **Chad Hensen '02, MBA '05** reside in Charlotte. Their son, Lucas John, was born August 2, 2013. Prior to Luke's arrival, Chad and Natalie traveled to Croatia, Austria, Turkey and Dubai for a "babymoon." They enjoyed their trip but love the experience of being new parents. Chad continues to work at KPMG as a manager within the Management Consulting practice and Natalie teaches at Winthrop University.

Kathy Gardner Vasco is engaged to John Paul Clark of Yorkshire, England. John builds websites and writes grant applications for projects to aid disenfranchised Islamic women in England. John proposed to Kathy in her hometown of Saugerties, N.Y., using a quote from her favorite novel, *Jane Eyre*. Kathy teaches secondary English at a school in the Bronx. John and Kat plan to reside in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., after they marry.

Melissa Grove Wilson graduated from U.N.C. Charlotte in May 2013 with her M.A. in Ethics and Applied Philosophy, and completed her 155-page thesis titled "Ecocentric Personhood: Establishing Ethical and Legal Obligations to Nonhumans within Capitalism." Melissa was accepted with a scholarship to Wake Forest University School of Law, where she is currently focusing her research on animal, environmental and discrimination law. She lives with her husband, David, and their four dogs in Vale, N.C.

2006

Kasey Blackwelder Abbe and her husband, Robert, welcomed a daughter, Katelyn Virginia, who was born on June 11, 2013.

Charlotte Patterson Arsenault and her husband, Leo, and their 1-year-old daughter, Lilah, currently live outside of Atlanta. Charlotte is a hospital chaplain at Athens Regional Medical Center, and Leo is a retail manager. Charlotte preaches and performs weddings when she's not chasing her giggling bundle of drool.

Devin Baranowski is still at Oreck Corporation as the marketing operations coordinator. She also enjoys being chapter advisor for the local chapter of Alpha Delta Pi. Last summer the chapter received the Golden Lion Award. She is also helping with a fundraiser for the local Child Advocacy Center. She's been in remission from lymphoma for four years. One more year to go, and she will meet the definition of cured!

Amber Lynette Rigsby Freeman joined Manhattan Associates in September 2011 as a media relations manager, acting as publicist for global retail brands, including Macy's, Under Armour and Patagonia. Amber married David Benton Freeman, a financial analyst and graduate of the University of Georgia. The two reside in midtown Atlanta.



Dana Rizzor Burton '07 married Taylor Burton '05 on June 22, 2013, in Augusta, Georgia. The couple honeymooned in Santa Fe.



Leah Beth Parsons '07 married Dee Hubbard on May 4, 2013 in Lenoir, North Carolina. (Left to right) Madeline Pilon '08, Kaysi Winsman '09 and Ada Peterson '07 were a part of the big day.

Audience Participation Required

A PSYCHOLOGY UNDERGRAD, CONRAD RICAMORA '01 IS SINGING AND DANCING HIS WAY TO CRITICAL ACCLAIM IN THE OFF-BROADWAY HIT, *HERE LIES LOVE*

When Conrad Ricamora '01 took the stage last spring as Imelda Marcos' ex-boyfriend in *Here Lies Love*, the response to the Off-Broadway show was overwhelming. Theater critic Ben Brantley of *The New York Times* urged readers to "boogie on down" to the electrifying musical that mixed disco scenes with audience participation. *Vogue* magazine raved. Two months later Conrad stood on another New York stage, this time to accept a coveted Theatre World Award for his debut performance.

Theater was not on Conrad's mind when he came to Queens on a tennis scholarship from Niceville, Florida, in the fall of 1997 to major in psychology. However, one day in a theater class, something big happened as he read the first scene in the play *Lemon Sky*. "The scene had to do with a teenager who was being reunited with an estranged parent. It was similar to a moment in my own life, and I felt this electricity going through me when I read the scene. It was amazing to me how I could share universal human truths through stories written by someone else," he recalls.

"It's that connection that fuels me in my work still."

After graduation he received training through the Film Actors Studio in Charlotte, putting his Queens degree to work. "My psychology degree helped me understand human behavior, which in turn helps me understand the characters I portray," he explains.

The Dorothy Haas Acting Fellowship landed him in Philadelphia at The Walnut Street Theatre, the oldest theater in America and the most subscribed in the world. Inspired to pursue a master of fine arts degree at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Conrad completed the program and was identified by a New York agent at a showcase. His first audition placed him on the San Diego stage in the play, *Allegiance*, about a Japanese American family's internment during World War II.

Back in New York, Conrad is waiting to hear if *Here Lies Love* will be traveling to other theaters. In reflecting on the hard work it's taken to get to this point, he offers advice to aspiring actors. "Don't wait for an opportunity to come to you. Go out and create it for yourself." ■

—Sara Blakeney



Conrad Ricamora '01 donned big glasses and a white suit for his debut Off-Broadway role as Ninoy Aquino, the Filipino senator who led opposition to President Ferdinand Marcos in the late 1960s. Ricamora won wide acclaim for his performance.

Susan Cook Guthrie is now the case management supervisor at Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center.

Julie Ohlandt Renkas and her husband, Brock, welcomed their first child, Claire Pamela, on February 20, 2013. Julie is very much looking forward to showing Claire the Queens campus and raising a productive, noble global.

2007

Nicole Ayala moved to Maui, Hawaii, in September 2012. She works as personal trainer at a private training studio owned by two previous body builders, Marjo and Hannu Selin, and enjoys the sunshine of the island with her boyfriend, Matthew.

Dana Rizer Burton married **Taylor Burton '05** on June 22, 2013, in Augusta, Ga. She had so much fun getting to spend time with Queens friends and family. Dana and Taylor honeymooned in Santa Fe, N.M., and shortly after Dana started a job as an attorney at a small firm in Huntsville, Ala.

Mary Strayhorne is currently an LL.M. candidate in the Law and Government Program

at Washington College of Law (American University), working on a specialized degree in sustainable development and affordable housing policy. She will extern at the National Fair Housing Alliance Investigation and Enforcement Division.

2008

Joseph Crawford received a Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner from Graceland University in December 2012. He is currently a hospitalist specializing in emergency and acute care. Joseph also works as an adjunct nursing instructor and was recently promoted to captain in the United States Army. He plans to pursue a doctorate in nursing practice in the fall.

Taylor Dalstrom received a Master of Liberal Studies degree in 2012 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is currently working on a Master of Science in Educational Psychology. Through his studies, Taylor is working to become a mental health practitioner.

Brittany Clark Hullander married Brett Hullander, whom she met through fellow Queens classmates, on April 20, 2013. They recently relocated from Charlotte to Knoxville, Tenn., to pursue a career opportunity. They live in a cozy apartment with their dog, Edward. Brittany was planning to apply for graduate school at the University of Tennessee.

Amanda Leggett graduated with her Ph.D. in human development and family studies from Pennsylvania State University. Her dissertation was entitled "Late-life Depression: In Context." She is now working as a postdoctoral fellow in the Geriatric Mental Health Services Research program at the University of Michigan. She is excited to reconnect with some Queens friends living in the Detroit/Ann Arbor area.

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Sarah Burt lives in Augusta, Ga., where she works as media and account strategist at Wier/Stewart, a creative agency serving local, regional and national clients. She has recently gotten back into competitive horseback riding in the hunter/jumper arenas.

Tyler Rauch left his job as a financial analyst at Ford Motor Company in March 2013 and took an international market management position



Kappa Deltas reunite in Charlotte in April 2013. (Left to right): Lacey Williams '04, Kami Hayes Espinoza '03, Suzanne Hirsch Choiniere '05, Alison Kendrick '04, Lindsay Thomas, Lori DiCapua Gorgone '03, Liz Cozad '03, Jenna Wise '05, Kate Hopta '03, Janice Gabriel '03 and Amanda Banks McGrath '06 with her daughter, Bennett.

with Chrysler Group. On July 12, 2013, Tyler proposed to his girlfriend of three years. They are planning a spring wedding.

Maggie Payne Stansley and **Branden Stansley '10** were married on June 22, 2013 in Maggie's hometown of Asheville. Branden is working on a Ph.D. in neuroscience at the University of Toledo Medical Center. Maggie manages a cafe and is working as an artist creating functional ceramic pottery. They live in Perrysburg, Ohio, with their goldendoodle, Beau.

Katie Walsh participated in an internship program with Family Dollar's corporate legal department. She will participate in an internship with The Honorable Louis Trosch Jr. and then graduate from Charlotte School of Law. She is enthusiastically looking forward to passing the bar and finally being done with school!

2010

Chris McGovern is manager at a Fortune 500 company, Tech Data. Tech Data Corporation is



Chris Barlow '06, his wife Perky Boike Barlow '08, enjoyed a weekend getaway in May 2013 to the mountains with their 6-month-old son, Silas.

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Amanda Valbert is currently working for Sports Connection's Northlake location as the director of Carolina Juniors Volleyball. She completed her coursework at Argosy University and graduated in December 2012 with a master's degree in industrial organizational psychology. She passed the Professional in Human Resources exam, gaining her certification as a PHR.

2011

Ashley Bagwell is in her third and final year

of graduate school and certainly would not be there without her Queens experience. In May, she will earn her M.Ed. in clinical mental health counseling. She currently uses her Queens degree and experience in the field as the assistant manager of a group home for adolescent boys with anger management issues. Ashley is engaged to be married in August and is loving every moment of life after Queens!

Eliza Newbury-Palma and her husband, Hans, moved to Spartanburg, S.C., in 2012. She is beginning her second year of medical school at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Hans is working at St. Luke's hospital

in Columbus, N.C., as a LEAN coordinator. They recently adopted two dogs: Dandin, a Bassett Hound/Australian Cattle Dog mix, and Starbuck, a Siberian Husky.

2012

Anthony DeRosa is working as an admissions advisor for National American University. He was planning to start his master's degree.

Maggie Hanley moved to Atlanta to start early as a graduate research assistant before officially beginning graduate school in neuroscience at Georgia State University. She will work toward her master's degree and Ph.D. in neuroscience. In addition to her research and coursework, she will also be a teaching assistant for undergraduate biopsychology.

Angel Rouson will start her second year as a teacher in Edgecombe County, N.C. She was hired to write unit guides and lesson plans for the district.

2013

Emily Best resides in Charlotte and is working with the special needs population as a habilitation technician at Bayada Nurses.

Corey Knuckles is an environmental consultant in Miami. He married the love of his life and fellow Queens alum **Michelle Velazquez '12** on September 1, 2013.

Nadya Lally is completing the nurse residency program in the adult acute progressive track at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.



Branden Stansley '10 and Maggie Payne '09 celebrated their wedding with fellow Queens alumni on June 22, 2013, in Asheville, North Carolina. (Front, left to right) Zach Garcia '10, Ryan Stansley '11, Brendan Stansley '10, Maggie Payne Stansley '09, Victoria Suvillaga '09, Chelsea Matz '09, Jack Jones '10, Tyler Rauch '09. (Back, left to right) Hunter Roof '10, Allie Rhodes '13, Andrew Stansley, Matthew Louis Boyle '10, Stephan Leblanc '09, Jaclyn Letizia '09, Kaysi Winsman '09, Emily Lorraine Valasco '09, Philipe Araujo '08.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The class expresses sympathy to **Warren S. Binnick MBA '84** on the death of his mother, Ethel Goldstein Binnick, who passed away on July 7, 2013.

John Robert "Bob" Morehead MBA '87 retired April 1, 2013, from Duke Energy as senior purchasing agent in corporate contract compliance of Supply Chain Operations, after 41 years of creditable service.

Royallen Wiley MBA '87 finished an 18-month expatriate assignment serving as director of finance for Domtar China in Guangzhou, PRC. This was a startup operation and Domtar's first venture in setting up a paper business in China. While in China, Royallen met with a group of Queens University faculty and EMBA's in Hong Kong and shared a presentation about his business experiences in the People's Republic of China.

Karen Alexander Hartsell MAT '96 published *Illusions: A Republic Lost* and discovered two groups of readers: those that loved the story and couldn't put it down and those who noticed the typographical errors. She decided to pay a copywriter to fix these and is issuing a corrected second edition.

Elizabeth Wilson Norton MBA '96 and her husband purchased a Servpro Franchise four years

Fighting on Home Turf

**AFGHANISTAN VETERAN
STEVE GONZALEZ '09 LOBBIES
FOR OTHER VETERANS**

Steve Gonzalez '09 dreamed of working on Capitol Hill. Today, he does, but not quite as he expected. He's a registered lobbyist working on—as he puts it with a quip—"the infamous K Street." He's assistant director of the American Legion's National Economic Division on the capital's main thoroughfare for lobbyists, think tanks and advocacy groups.

He says his Queens education helped prepare him for DC. He started at Queens just months after returning from Afghanistan (he served as a Marine in the second conflict). He wanted to study political science and international affairs. "After spending time in the wars, I had a good grasp of how policy was implemented from a military end. So I wanted to see who made the policies and why."

He was a veteran of non-traditional age learning how to communicate with traditional age students while adjusting to being back in school, but he was focused and diligent. Professor Margaret Commins recalls, "Steve was not afraid to assert himself in class. In fact, his favorite introductory phrase was 'With all due respect...' Students listened when he spoke, and benefited from his insight."

The Queens experience also helped him value education, especially for veterans. It's one of the main things he's involved with right now as the Higher Education Act of 1965 comes up for biannual reauthorization. He is also working to ensure military interests are considered in the Hill's ongoing budget discussions.

Wanting to make a difference was a motivation first endorsed by his mother. After the single mother emigrated from Colombia and



Top: As assistant director of The American Legion's national economic division, Steve Gonzalez '09 spoke at a press conference October 15, 2013, calling for an end to the government shut down. Standing before the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, he highlighted the shutdown's impact on America's military readiness as well as on the welfare of returning service members.

Bottom: In June 2013, Steve Gonzalez '09 (seated at table in foreground, second from right) testified before the House Committee on Veteran Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

ultimately gained her American citizenship, she told all four sons to find a way to give back to the country.

Now, after time spent at the American Enterprise Institute think tank, and working on political campaigns in New York, Gonzalez enjoys giving back through his

lobbying. He says, "At the end of the day, I can go home and look at myself in the mirror, and maybe have a cigar or a glass of bourbon, and know I am affecting people for the better." ■

—Jenn Q. Goddu

CLASS NOTES

ago and have been submerged in building their business. They have two boys, ages 11 and 14, who provide them with much entertainment and joy.

Tom Humphries EMBA '98 started a Focus-MD franchise in North and South Carolina treating patients with attention deficit disorder. He continues to own and operate Asthma & Allergy Specialists in Charlotte.

Kathleen Besson MBA '99, BSN, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE has been named Caromont Health's executive vice president and chief operating officer. Caromont Health is a regional, independent, not-for-profit healthcare system nationally recognized for quality with 4,000 employees including a medical staff of more than 450 physicians.

Ernest Ruffin's EMBA '02 company, ECSMG Media, recently completed its first feature film, *The Caribbean Heist*, the story of five young ladies who move to Miami in search of a better life, but fall on hard times and rob a millionaire cigar manufacture. Ernest reports very good reviews from viewers. Visit www.thecaribbeanheist.com to view the trailer and stream the movie.

Jeffery Hess MFA '05 recently published *Home of the Brave: Somewhere in the Sand*, an anthology of short fiction that focuses on America's military experience in Iraq and Afghanistan so far this century. It's the follow-up to 2009's award-winning anthology, *Home of the Brave: Stories in Uniform*, and features stories by Queens M.F.A. director, Fred Leebron, and Tracy Crow MFA '05,

Kevin C. Jones MFA '05, Jim Walke MFA '10 and Jack King MFA '10. Visit www.press53.com/HomeoftheBrave.html.

Neill Campbell MBA '08 is enjoying a new personal and professional adventure, working on a contract at Nike in Consumer Digital Technology.

Clay Lewis MBA '09 was voted in as chair of the McColl School Alumni Association Board in July 2013.

Dawn Cauthen Thornton MFA '09, an HR communications consultant for Wells Fargo, married in February 2012. She and her husband, Keith, an attorney for Bank of America, welcomed a daughter in July 2012.

Jack King MFA '10 has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and has won the Mystery Writers of America Short Story contest. His fiction has appeared in several publications.

Kelly Simmons' MFA '10 short story, "Luck," was recently published in *Prick of the Spindle* literary magazine. She is currently working on a collection of short stories set mainly in the West.

Elizabeth Swann's MFA '10 poetry chapbook, *Port Desire*, was recently released by Finishing Line Press. A graduate of the M.F.A. in Creative Writing Program, her work has appeared in *Southern Poetry Review*, *Atlanta Review*, *Chicago Tribune*, *storySouth*, *Liturgical Credo*, *Pinesong*

and numerous journals and anthologies. Of *Port Desire*, poet Dannye Romine Powell says, "This is a remarkable collection."

Molly Gray MSOD '11 accepted a new position as a learning specialist with Family Dollar Corporate Center in May 2013. She is thrilled to be back in the classroom!

Jon Nappa MFA '11 has signed as an episodic writer for Michael Landon Jr.'s new Hallmark television series, *When Calls the Heart*.

Sharon Findlay MSOD '12 recently accepted the role of admissions director for a residential treatment center in Asheville. She is passionate about working with families in need and excited to follow her calling. The mountains feel like home to her!

Kelly Fordon's MFA '13 new poetry chapbook, *Tell Me When it Starts to Hurt*, was published by Kattywompus Press in May 2013.

Bethany Nuckolls MFA '13 is teaching a series of three new online writing courses for The Center for Writing Excellence: Character & Emotion, Dialogue, and Structure & Plot. Each eight-week course includes two live elements (via Webinar), weekly reading and writing assignments and discussion boards. Visit www.janiewrites.com or contact C4WE Director Janie Sullivan at janiewrites1@gmail.com for more information. Scholarships are available.

In Memory

Katherine Wooten Springs '29, 3/22/2013.

Isa Lind Hockaday Terrell '31, 1/26/2013.

Nina Norris Blake '32, 5/3/2013.

Virginia Anderson Ables '33, 7/16/2013.

Rebecca Henderson Brame '33, 1/8/2013.

Ann Smith '33, 12/26/2012.

Louise Graham Johnson '34, 7/13/2013.

Elizabeth Mason '34, 4/23/2013.

Edith Campbell Corry '37, 6/11/2013.

Viola Richie Ford '38, 6/21/2013.

Rose Purdy Holloway '38, 6/4/2013.

Ora Lee Dougherty Sossamon '38, 4/13/2013.

Dorothy Faircloth Swofford '38, 1/3/2013.

Cree Roberts Eves '39, 6/10/2013.

Marjorie Poole Cushing '40, 7/17/2013.

Mildred Wagoner Lawrence '40, 5/12/2013.

Margaret Barron '41, 7/9/2013.

Eloise Williams Gilreath '41, 3/21/2013.

Dorothy Whitley Robinson '41, 4/4/2013.

Nancy Query Byrum '42, 5/1/2013.

Dorothy Funderburk Cipolla '42, 4/22/2012.

Elizabeth Cloninger Clark '42, 8/3/2013.

Elizabeth Burn Buchanan '43, 4/7/2013.

Margaret McGinn McWhirter '43, 5/3/2013.

Virginia Prunty Bodman '44, 1/12/2013.

Arabelle Boyer Plonk '44, 4/25/2013.

Eva Harwell Dysart '45, 3/23/2013.

Grace Pendelton Bishop '46, 5/14/2013.

Carolyn Corry Gay '46, 3/23/2013.

Shirley Warner Taylor '47, 7/10/2013.

Elizabeth Shirley White '47, 5/25/2013.

Catherine Prizer Worthen '47, 5/26/2013.

Mary Sproles Anderson '48, 3/25/2013.

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Cora Ann Parks Hudson '48, 4/11/2013.

Kellah Murray Allgood '50, 9/8/2013.

Carolyn Davis Goldsmith '50, 4/30/2013.

Faye Kennedy Hackney-Lance '50, 3/22/2013.

Dottie Kibler Watkins '50, 8/27/2013.

Jo Webb Goode '51, 3/8/2013.

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Mary Alice Chambers Smith '51, 4/16/2013.

Lucy Walkup Harding '52, 3/20/2013.

Faucette McClary Gordon '53, 8/29/2013.

Monteen Bethune Smith '54, 4/3/2013.

Barbara Gott Goodlett '58, 5/30/2013.

Susan Murphy Saunders '59, 4/27/2013.

Meme Hudson Dupes '60, 3/21/2013.

Mary Ann Giles Lewis '63, 7/12/2013.

Betty Conlee Marquette '64, 1/27/2013.

Judy Hart Munson '68, 7/5/2013.

Cynthia Parker Platt '69, 7/24/2013.

Martha Cobb Macior '74, 3/23/2013.

Ann Marien Novotny '74, 8/1/2012.

Richard Peniston MBA '83, 6/24/2013.

Barbara Washam Korzan '84, 9/22/2012.

Ethel Henderson McMillan '88, 3/21/2013.

Susan Wray Givens '93, 3/6/2013.

Angelo Rizzardi EMBA '93, 3/30/2013.

Marilyn Bradbury EMBA '94, 5/6/2013.

Baxter Little EMBA '00, 2/21/2013.

Evan Fries '07, 4/24/2013.

Norris Preyer, former faculty, 6/5/2013.

John Smylie, former president, 6/13/2013.

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Mark Spaulding PMBA '05

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The Queen's English

i. Coat

The coat we loaned to our college friend
Back then, the coat we never wanted back.
We hoped it held her shoulders
As warmly as Diana, rising
From her fountain, holds her bow.
The coat smelled like winter coming in,
And our friend has not returned.

ii. Letter

The black ink feathered over the cream
Pages like a small wren had swept over them.
Now, a letter from our friend, in her hand:
She writes about all the colors we were
At 19, when we'd thought we were
Only light and not prismatic, and how
Our best year in college never went away.

iii. Light

Our friend pulls an arrow from the quiver
And points Diana's bow at the moon.
The sound of feathers through the air,
All our colors bending into one light.
We're standing with Diana now,
Under her moonlight, listening
For you. Come on home.

—Charles Israel, Jr.

Charles Israel, Jr., who has taught at Queens for 13 years, has a master's degree in English from UNC Chapel Hill and an MFA from Western Michigan University. The first poem he ever published, like this one, had a goddess in it. His favorite poetic images, he's found, come in dreams or while driving.



A CROWN OF GLORY

The shimmering ginkgo tree to the side of Harris Welcome Center delights passersby every fall with a show-stopping display. The leaves turn lemon yellow, fluttering like bright geisha fans against Carolina-blue skies. A sister tree stands at the front of the building; it was designated a Treasure Tree by the City of Charlotte. In August 2013 it was on the cover of *Charlotte* magazine. According to the feature story on the city's trees, Charlotte has the most extensive tree canopy of any major city in the nation.

—Laurie Prince



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