

# JANE K. PINCUS

Jane K. Pincus, Class of 1955, was one of the leaders of the women's movement that, in the early 1960's and 70's, empowered millions of women to take charge of their health and sexuality.

At White Plains High School, Mrs. Pincus designed a new masthead for *The Orange*, co-edited the yearbook and sang in the chorus. She graduated from Pembroke College of Brown University, earned a Masters of Art in Teaching French at Harvard University and a Masters in Fine Arts from Vermont College.

In 1968, Mrs. Pincus joined a small group of women activists who were the first to examine and research women's health care topics. The group founded the Boston Women's Health Book Collective and pooled \$300 to publish the first edition of their collective research, the ground breaking *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, which first raised broad scale awareness of women's health and wellness issues. It debuted as a 193 page typewritten paperback on newsprint in 1969 and was an immediate hit, selling more than 250,000 copies and is still in print today.

Since then, Mrs. Pincus has written the pregnancy and childbirth sections and co-edited all eight editions of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, which has been translated into dozens of languages. Over the years, the book has addressed an ever-widening range of women's issues and has bettered the lives of women worldwide.

Mrs. Pincus has taught French, Spanish and Art at the elementary, high school and college levels in Massachusetts and Vermont. Over the past 35 years, she has participated in panels and given numerous talks in schools, hospitals and at conferences on women's health issues.

An exhibited artist in the fields of batik paintings and acrylic collages, Mrs. Pincus has served on the board and as President of the Art Resource Association in Vermont. She is also a trustee of the Roxbury Free Library.

She and her husband Ed, a film maker and field-grown cut flower farmer, live in Vermont and have two children and two grandchildren.