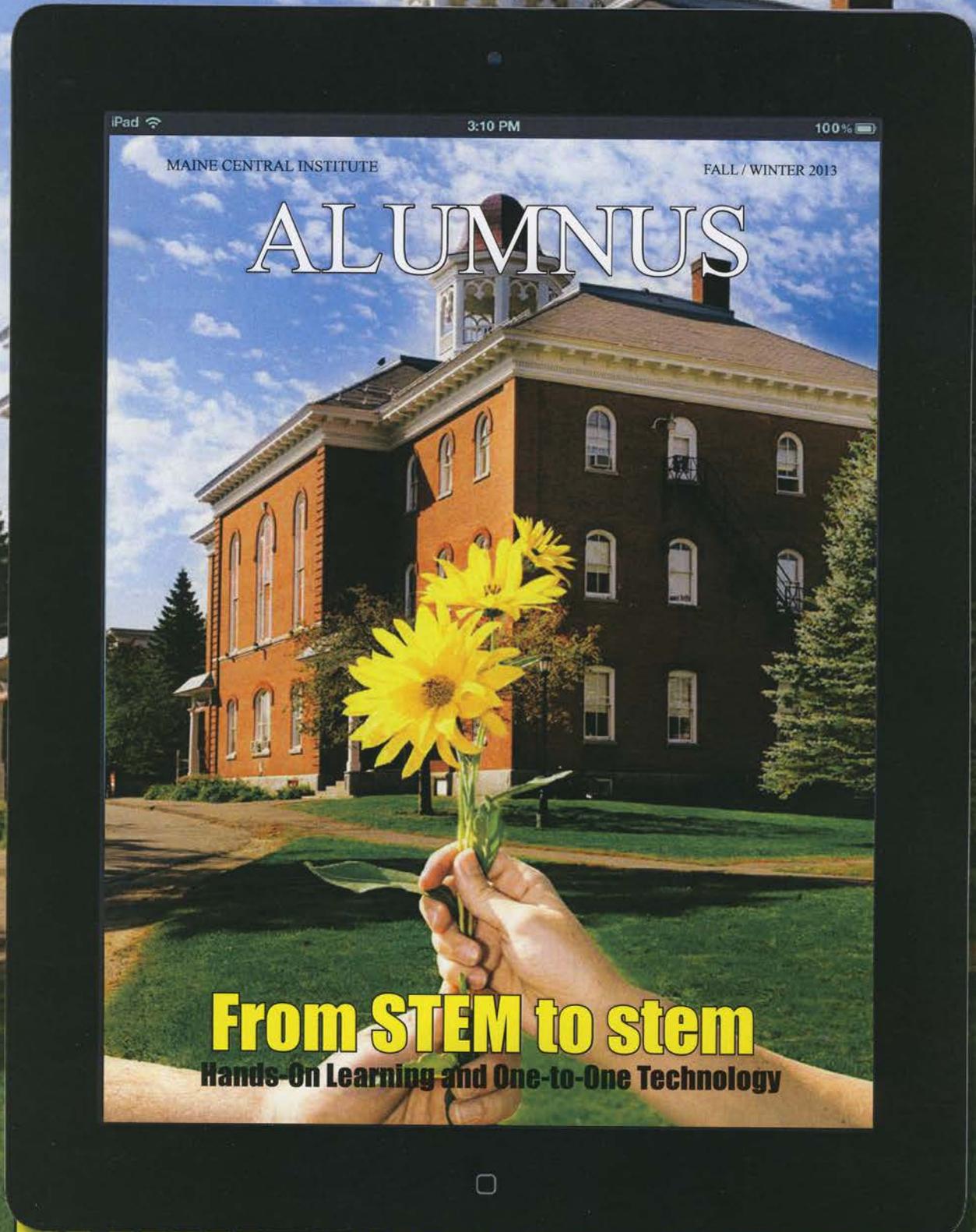


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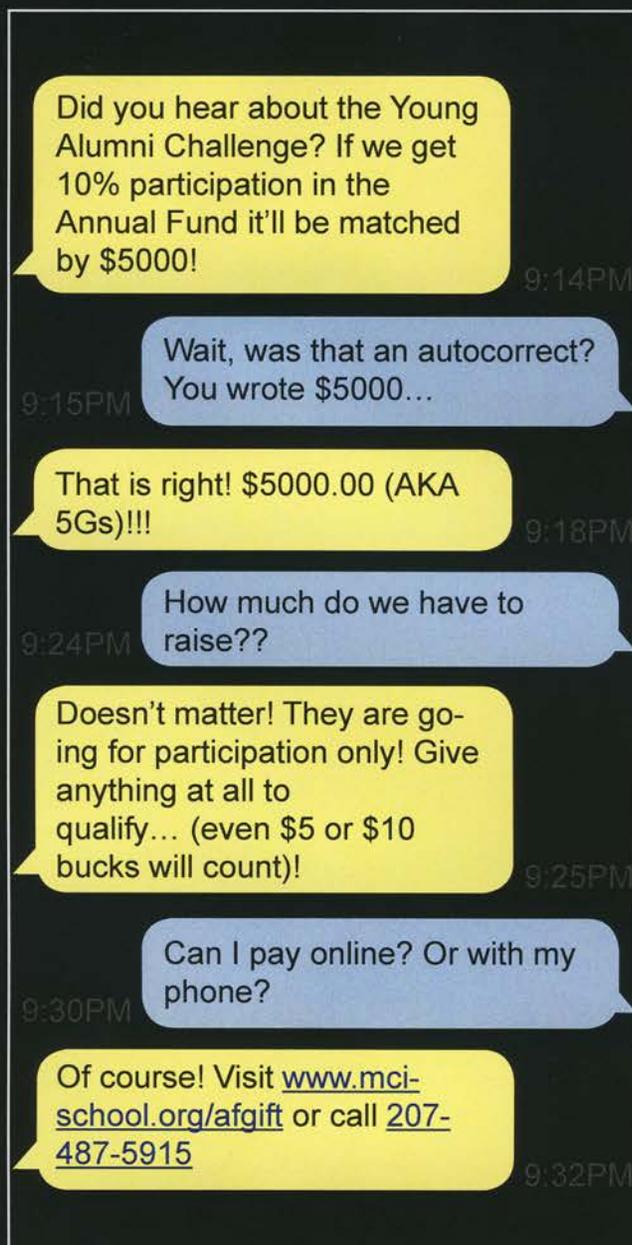
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## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor of the *Alumnus*,

This year was a marker of sorts for me and, I must say, caused a moment to reflect as we all do occasionally. The MCI experience remains one of the more important markers of many successes for me.

So, what did MCI provide in helping us succeed? Here is what MCI provided for me:

A safe place for me to thrive, explore, learn and develop.

Some of the best support ever by students, teachers, coaches and parents of friends. My opinion is inarguable considering my being raised as a military dependent prior to attending MCI. The overall kindness and immediate acceptance given to me is most remembered.

Sports was what kept me interested in school and I loved to compete. MCI provided a seamless avenue of sports (football, baseball, basketball) to keep me engaged as another platform to learn in concert to academic challenge and responsibility. MCI introduced me to skiing and lacrosse which continues to help me remain active today.

I could write a separate editorial on the value of lacrosse as it applied to my experiences then and my views now as an adult. Think lacrosse at MCI, and diversity of the team members, level playing field, acceptance and fun come immediately to mind. This "spring time" sport attracted students from all walks including some as a first-ever sporting experience. Day and dorm students, players of other sports, all came eagerly together with courage, curiosity, a will to succeed and to learn.

There is a level of excitement going on at MCI with potential developments and ideas that seem to fit if MCI is to grow and thrive into the future. Academic excellence must remain at the forefront as fundamental with music, performing arts and sports as educational role supporters.

Student maturity and teacher wisdom, through acts of leadership, kindness, communication and tolerance will be key to the success of everything mentioned in this letter. Let's work together and safely make it happen.

Thanks for listening and all the best,  
Captain Michael J. Ames '73  
Global Marine, ConocoPhillips  
MCI Board of Visitors

To the Editor of the *Alumnus*,

In the Spring issue of the *Alumnus*, Headmaster Hopkins suggested feedback concerning the proper title of the magazine. Taking two years of Latin back in the 40's under the tutelage of Hazel Earle, I'm quite satisfied with the continued use of the grammatically incorrect "Alumnus" and I'm sure over the years Hazel didn't mind either.

Now if you really want some feedback, has any consideration ever been given to the modernization of the school name of MCI since 1866? When out of state, if you refer to MCI, you're asked if you worked for the phone company. As for "Maine Central" wouldn't "Central Maine" be more appropriate? The word "Institute" in the name is grammatically incorrect per my Webster Dictionary. It should be "Institution"; Academy might be more appropriate. I dare anyone to use the word "Institution." But since we've gone almost 150 years with the present name maybe we should leave well enough alone. (Suggest taking a look at the list of Prep school names in New England on the web). "Hilltop Prep Academy" sounds good to me.

The cover picture brings back childhood memories when we lived on a potato farm in Mars Hill. Each spring, our neighbor, Will Grass, tapped many trees on his farm and collected the sap using a big horse drawn sled with barrel containers on board. He would drive through the woods and dump the buckets into the barrels and take the load to the sap house. There he would boil the sap down in a large shallow container about 2'x6' over a wood fire. The shed was open on two sides but would fill with the sweet smell of evaporating sap. Mr. Grass never shooed us kids away but would offer us some sweet syrup by saying in his squeaky voice, "How about a sasser of syrup." We appreciated his generosity but mostly the warm fire on cold days in Northern Maine.

In a re-read of the 2012 fall issue of the *Alumnus*, I read about Captain Lester Slate and the Civilian Pilot Training Program which also brings back some memories. As Capt. Slate wrote "the class would march from MCI to the airport in the mornings and march back in the evenings." This prim and proper ritual took them right down Pelto-ma Ave., the street I lived on in 1942. Some

of us mischievous teenagers decided to have a little fun with these ranks of the military, they were unarmed and didn't appear too dangerous. So on a couple winter days we built a snow fort or two and made up a supply of ammunition. When the cadets came marching back to MCI, we launched a few snow grenades at them. They stayed right in stride and kept going. We all had a chuckle over that successful feat with no retaliation on their part. So the following evening we instigated another barrage at the oncoming cadets. This day they were not so docile and broke ranks on signal and turned the tables on us whipper snappers wrecking our forts and destroying our ammunition too. I tried to find a foxhole to hide in and felt lucky to survive. In short order, they reassembled and continued their march on to Weymouth Hall. At this time, after 71 years I want to apologize to Captain Slate for the Pelto-ma Avenue ambushes of 1942.

Blair Libby '46

*Do you have a story about a favorite faculty member featured in the magazine? Did one of the articles bring back a fond memory, question or concern? Send in your Letters to the Editor! Please include your name, address and phone number on the letter or email.*

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# FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends,

If you are not receiving our email newsletter called The Pawprint (if so, please contact the Alumni and Advancement Office to update your contact information: [alumni@mci-school.org](mailto:alumni@mci-school.org) or 207-487-5915) then this may be the first time you are learning about what is arguably the most transformational event in our academic program in the modern history of the School: the launch of our “one-to-one” technology program. I could not be prouder of the way that Maine Central Institute prepared, trained and planned for this launch. Let me explain.

You may have read in recent months the difficulty the Los Angeles school districts faced upon initiating a similar program at countless schools in and around that West Coast city. They were surprised that students found ways to circumvent the filtering programs and other programs installed which were designed to ensure that students were using the devices only for approved academic work. Similarly, I was at a school 20 years ago which decided it would become one of the first laptop schools in the country. The machines were purchased, handed out, and celebration and press coverage followed. However, the teachers had not been trained to use them effectively in the classroom, so they mostly served as devices that students used for email, surfing the internet, playing games, and occasionally word processing papers.

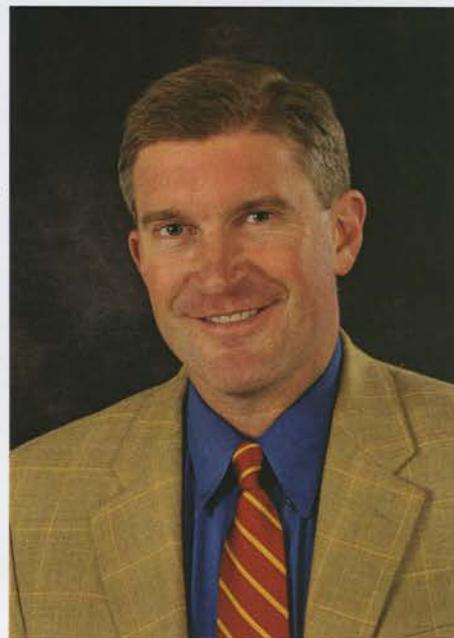
Not so at Maine Central Institute. Over two years ago, under the leadership of our Technology Committee, we began studying the many devices available for academic use. Our faculty visited other schools, observing the use of laptops and tablets and speaking with colleagues about the advantages of each, and made a decision to select iPads. Then, each faculty member received an iPad a year before they were provided to students and through both on- and off-campus training, became familiar with their capabilities. When MCI students each received their devices in August, our dedicated and outstanding teachers were well-prepared to use them in a meaningful way in the humanities, world languages, music and art, math and science, physical education—in all areas of our academic and even extra-curricular programs.

You'll also see that MCI, like some other outstanding schools, has added an “A” to the acronym STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) in order to include “Arts,” recognizing that without a focus on the creative process, no young (or old!) person can be fully educated and prepared for future success. In addition, with the construction of our new greenhouse, unique in that it can be moved a few feet or to another location on campus, we have bolstered our already outstanding experiential education program.

Please come back to visit to see our iPads in action, our greenhouse, our new athletic fields (read more on page 9), and to say hello. We will be happy to welcome you home to Maine Central Institute.

Best wishes,

Christopher J. Hopkins



# SCHOOL NEWS

## MCI Students Raise \$3,420 While “Playing for the Cure”

In October, MCI's fall sports teams participated in the Play for the Cure fundraiser, collecting \$3,420 for the National Foundation for Cancer Research. Each fall sports team wore pink during their games the first week of October. They sold “Play 4 the Cure” t-shirts and participated in other fundraising activities. The effort was spearheaded by Katie George '14. “One of the people I look up to the most in my life is my cousin Kylee [Berry Gendron '97] who died of cancer last June at age 33,” said George. “She touched so many people in her life even through her long battle with cancer. I want to try and make a difference like she did. With this cause I can help get one step closer to finding the cure so no one else has to battle like she did... I wasn't planning on making it a school-wide event but once everyone heard about it they all wanted to get involved.”



Katie George '14 (back row, third from the right) and fellow members of the MCI field hockey team with Anne Duncombe '83

## Tim Simeone '86 First Patterson Lecture Series Speaker of the Year

Timothy J. Simeone, partner with the law firm of Wiltshire & Grannis LLP in Washington, DC, spoke at MCI on November 8. Simeone grew up in Burnham, Maine and graduated from MCI as the co-valedictorian of the Class of 1986. After MCI, he received his bachelor's degree from Harvard, his master's from Middlebury and his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School. Simeone has participated in cases before the U. S. Supreme Court, a majority of the United States Courts of Appeals, and a number of State Supreme courts. He has particular expertise in the areas of constitutional and administrative law, but has worked on a wide variety of civil and criminal appellate issues.



Tim Simeone '86 with his MCI English teacher Rosalie Williams

Simeone examined the distinction between the words fearless and dauntless, sharing with the audience that there were many things that he didn't do during high school because he was afraid. He encouraged the students to overcome their fears and try new things. “I wish I had gotten better at doing these things earlier. The best feeling is winning out over what I am terrified by,” he explained. Simeone specifically spoke about his fear of public speaking, telling the students that he actually turned down the opportunity to present his Manson Essay because he was too scared. His first public talk wasn't until his valedictory graduation speech in Parks Gym. “My graduation speech convinced me to take more risks,” he said.

Simeone went on to explain that “being dauntless is hard to do without support. Adults are the ones in the position to offer that support. Almost everything that I did at MCI was because of a faculty member. These people made a huge difference in my life.” As important as support is, “much of being dauntless comes from inside.” Ultimately it rests on the individual, and Simeone went on to stress that much of that success is about positive attitude, and encouraging oneself in the face of adversity.

He ended his speech talking about his work as a lawyer, writing briefs and using his public speaking skills to argue in front of the Supreme Court.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Faculty Member Guangshuo Yang Presents at Maine Chinese Conference

MCI's Chinese language and culture teacher and dorm parent, Guangshuo Yang, recently presented at the annual Maine Chinese Conference held at Husson University in Bangor. Yang's session, "Two-Way Engagement: Chinese Language Programs as a Conduit for Facilitating Rewarding Interactions between Chinese International Students and Their American Peers," examined ways to effectively engage international students on an individual level, using language programs as a platform for multi-cultural appreciation. He suggested that Chinese students could act as informal teaching assistants and language partners both in and out of the classroom, creating a personal level of interaction that proves vital in creating a healthy and global oriented learning culture on campus.

Yang is a scholar on Chinese intellectual history and a researcher on international education. He was the Freeman Asian Scholar at Wesleyan University, CT from 2007 to 2011. He has spoken at various academic conferences in the United States, China, Denmark, Belgium and Israel.



Guangshuo Yang uses his iPad to demonstrate Chinese characters in his Chinese I class

## MCI Excited for Future of Bossov Ballet Theatre



Felicity Audet '15 and Errol Kurtz '15 rehearse in the Founders Studio in preparation for *The Nutcracker*

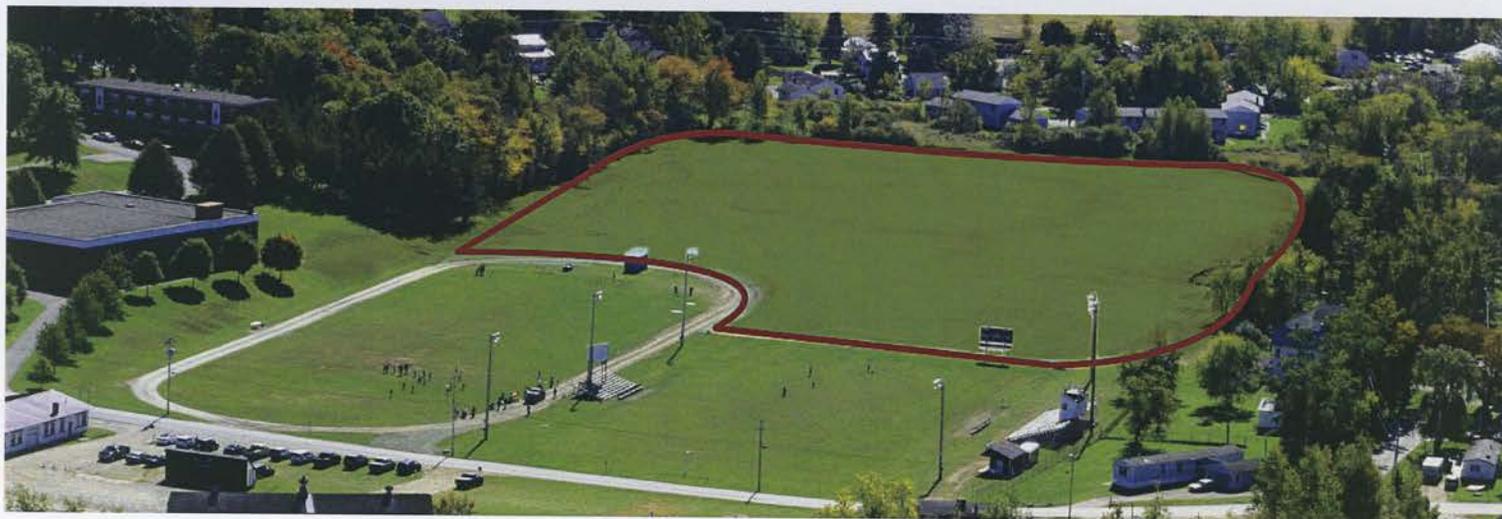
Now in its eighteenth year at MCI, and after incredible work and dedication by Founder and Executive Director Col. Michael D. Wyly, the School is pleased to announce that Bossov Ballet Theatre is now a part of MCI's programs. This unique program offers pre-professional ballet training in the Vaganova technique, while at the same time providing dancers with a college preparatory education. By senior year, dancers have the option to join a professional ballet company or matriculate into a competitive college or university.

Bossov Ballet's Artistic Director, Natalya Nikolaevna Getman, studied dance at the Leningrad Academy Choreographic School (Kirov Theater). In 1993, she graduated with honors from the Uzbek Choreographic School and joined the Turkmenistan State Theater of Ballet and Opera. In 1995, Getman joined the Moscow Ballet as a soloist in such repertoires as *The Swan Lake*, *Pakhita*, *The Nutcracker*, and *The Golden Key*. A year later, Getman began touring with the Moscow Ballet to countries such as Turkey, Spain, Israel and China. In 1999 she came to the United States with the Moscow Ballet to dance and teach choreography to children in over 50 U.S. cities. Getman began working with BBT in 2001.

For more information about the program, please visit [www.mci-school.org/ballet](http://www.mci-school.org/ballet). There will be further reports on this exciting program in the future.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## MCI Celebrates New Athletic Fields On Campus



An aerial view of the new fields (highlighted in maroon)

Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, MCI's campus is now home to three new athletic fields! The new fields are located to the south of the football and track fields and, by fall of 2014, will allow all outdoor field sports teams to practice and play games on campus for the first time in the School's history! Of the gift, the donor said, "I have been inspired by a renewed sense of energy at Maine Central Institute, one which is focused on raising the aspirations of every student. The expansion of the fields is my way of providing new facilities which I strongly believe will allow all students to expand their education and life learning beyond the classroom. Furthermore, having the fields now connected to the campus will build a sense of unity and pride towards good old MCI!"

As part of the project, significant work was done to optimize the field surface and drainage. In addition, MCI students, under the guidance of specialists from the Department of Environmental Protection, are in the process of planting appropriate fauna to rehabilitate a stream in that area. The stream will be returned to a healthy habitat and will be used as an outdoor classroom by the Science Department. The first stage of planting was completed during the fall Community Service Day on October 30.

## MCI Greenhouse Nears Completion

Since receiving the STEM4ME grant from the Fast Track grant program of the Maine Community Foundation, significant progress has been made on the design and construction of MCI's greenhouse.

The heating system, created by MCI faculty, staff and students, consists of a 570 gallon water tank under raised beds of soil. The water is pumped through a series of pipes on the roof where it is heated by the sun before it is cycled back down to the tank. Installation of 100 watt mono-crystalline solar panels will provide the power to run the water pump, making the greenhouse fully self-sustained. The heating system, still in its initial testing stage, has consistently been able to keep the soil temperature at 60 degrees. The structure, located near the Ruth Plummer Cook Music Building, is portable, and thus can be repositioned to maximize solar power or moved to another location on campus. When completed, it will enable the School to extend the growing season for the garden by starting seedlings earlier in the spring and allowing a potential second crop later in the season.



Students in Environmental Science prepare mini hoop houses over the beds in the greenhouse



William Wescott '16 plays in the Pep Band during the Homecoming football game



Keren Swift '14 with her winning Nutcracker artwork

## Keren Swift '14 Wins Nutcracker Art Contest

Keren Swift '14 won a student art contest sponsored by MCI and the Waterville Opera House. The contest, in honor of Bossov Ballet Theatre's annual production of *The Nutcracker*, took place in late October and was open to all MCI students. Swift received two tickets to *The Nutcracker* performance and her artwork was displayed on campus and the local area. Swift is currently taking both Advanced Art and 3D Art and Design classes at MCI.



Members of the Beehive Collective meet with students and faculty members to discuss their work

## The Beehive Design Collective Visits MCI

The Beehive Design Collective, a volunteer-driven non-profit group that uses graphical media as educational tools, visited art classes on September 5. The members also displayed some of their posters and banners and met with students and faculty during lunch. "It was a valuable opportunity for students to see professional artists who sustain themselves by creating and presenting their work," said MCI Art Teacher Ryan Walker. "The Beehive frequently works in collaboration with a multitude of people from around the world to research, plan, and execute their enormous and intricately detailed poster projects. This aptly addresses this year's school theme of "Communication" by exemplifying what is possible when many people work together to create art." For more information, please visit [beehivecollective.org](http://beehivecollective.org).

## Debra Susi Returns to MCI to Coach Drama Competition Team



A familiar face has returned to MCI to coach the School's drama competition team. Debra Susi previously coached the team from 1997-2010 and taught theatre production, stage and TV make-up classes. In addition, Susi coached the JV and varsity cheerleading team from 1990-96. Susi is well-known in Maine theatre, having served as director, stage manager, artistic director and costume designer for nearly 60 productions at Lakewood Theater in Madison, the Waterville Opera House and for Bossov Ballet Theatre.

# Athletics @ Maine Central Institute

## Fall 2013 Team Recap

John Dean, Co-Athletic Director

Football came out of the gate very quickly and ran their record up to 6-0, before having a showdown with Bucksport who was also 6-0. After a hard fought game MCI came up on the losing end of the contest 42-35 dropping to 6-1. It didn't take them long to get back on track with a win to end the regular season against Dexter. They finished the regular season at 7-1 tied for second place in the Little Ten Conference (LTC). After a series of tie-breakers failed to break the tie between MCI and Mattanawcook, a coin toss was needed. MCI won the coin toss to claim second place in the LTC and the honor of hosting a Semi-Final playoff game on 11/08 in Alumni Stadium.

Field Hockey also started their season very strong, winning their first three games. They then began playing the elite teams of the league and unfortunately at this time their offense struggled. They lost their next eight games, but always played hard until the end of each contest, never once giving up. Thankfully, they found their groove in the final three games, winning two out of the three and claiming the 9th and final playoff spot. The field hockey team took full advantage of this opportunity and upset Hall-Dale 3-2. They then faced undefeated and un-scored upon Foxcroft Academy. Unfortunately they lost the game 5-0, but played a very inspired game and represented MCI very well.

Golf completed their undefeated season going 12-0 in the regular season. They then competed in the KVAC championship and placed second behind a very tough Camden Hills team. In the State Championship they faced the same fate finishing behind Camden Hills once again. In Individual State Championship Gavin Dugas '15 and Carter Pearl '17 both finished in the top 10. The golf



L to R: The golf team with Coach Paul Grecco, Ethan Duplisea '15, Brianna Losee '14 and Hannah Emery '14

team will be losing two senior players, but has the pieces in place for another strong run next year at States. Along with a great season, Coach Paul Greco was named the KVAC coach of the year.

Girls Soccer started their season off with a big win and then struggled for the next seven games. They continued to improve with each game. The second half of the season was a different story with the team going 3-4-1 in their final 8 games. They finished off their season with a 4-9-1. The team is very young and will continue to make some nice strides over the next couple of years.

Boys Soccer had a tough time gaining momentum in a very tough KVAC league. They ended the season with a 2-12 record, but were in a number of games that really could have gone either way. Four games were lost by just one goal, three 1-0 games and one 4-3 game. Two other games were lost by just 2 goals. Although they are losing several seniors, the younger players showed a lot of promise and will hopefully turn those one goal losses

into wins.

Cross Country ran very well all fall and many runners set personal bests several times throughout the season. In the KVACs Megan Noble '16 came in 14th place and grabbed not only a spot on the podium, but also 2nd team KVACs. In the Regional meet, Noble and Chimene Goewey '14 placed 18th and 21st giving them the opportunity to run in the State Cross Country meet on November 2 at Twin Brook in Cumberland.



For up to date scores, recaps and awards, follow MCI Athletics on Twitter



@AthleticsMCI

As Headmaster Hopkins mentioned in his letter on page six, though the title of this article places an emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning, the arts are not missing at MCI. Like some other outstanding schools, MCI has added an "A" to STEM, representing the importance of the arts in education. We simply didn't want to ruin our title's "wicked clever" play on words. From hands-on learning in the new greenhouse to the one-to-one iPad program, exciting things are happening at MCI that are transforming the way that students learn! Starting at the beginning of the academic year, all faculty and students were given iPads as part of a new learning initiative as outlined in MCI's Strategic Plan. The reaction from students and faculty alike has been overwhelmingly positive. To learn more about their experience with the new program, we asked faculty and students the following questions:

1. Give a specific example of how the one-to-one program has changed how you teach (faculty) / your classroom experience (students).
2. What are you the most excited about regarding one-to-one for this year?
3. How do you think the one-to-one program has affected student experience inside and outside the classroom?

Below are excerpts from their responses. Full responses are available online at [www.mci-school.org/onetoone](http://www.mci-school.org/onetoone).

### HEIDI COOK

Librarian and Technology Integrator  
Years @ MCI: 8

1. Students are using the library differently as they no longer need to come here for computer access. They come to read, have a quiet place to work, work on projects together, or get help with research or technology issues.
3. *Many teachers are already having students make movies, tell stories digitally, create eBooks and use interactive apps and books, so I think student engagement and involvement in their own learning is only going to increase.*

Favorite iPad App: Notability  
Favorite Non-Work App: Zite



Kevin Belgard '15 (left) and Wesley Burton '15 use their iPads during vocal jazz lessons with Dean Neal

### KEVIN BELGARD '15

1. It's very easy to get assignments done on time now that they're distributed and collected digitally.
2. I'm most excited about Music Theory ear training lessons. Before I'd have to do ear training lessons in class and now I can do them at home.
3. There's definitely a sense of accountability on more students. Before if you missed a day of school you'd just wait until the next time you saw the teacher to ask about work. Now if you're sick, most of the time you can do the work at home while you're on your sick bed.

Favorite iPad App: Notability  
Favorite Non-School App: Amazon. I'm kind of a shopaholic.

### DEAN NEAL

Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair  
Years @ MCI: 24

1. *I am better able to address multiple skill levels within one class by recording video tutorials which they can access on their iPad. This is especially important in allowing students that are excelling to have additional instruction on more advanced topics.*

Favorite iPad App: Garage Band  
Favorite Non-Work App: Garage Band!

# From STEM to Stém:

## Hands-On Learning and the New One-to-One Technology Program

## JESSICA CARDENAS

Science Teacher  
Years @ MCI: 6

1. I have found different ways to cover the same information in less lecture time which has allowed me to experiment with new ways to teach the material. I have been able to have the students create work such as videos, comics, etc. to show their understanding of a topic or to explain a process. These assignments have been very useful in testing student understanding before the final assessment and the students have been able to use what they create as a way to review.

3. I think that the one-to-one program has caused the students to be more accountable and responsible. They have access to all of their assignments, even when they miss class, and they have a means to communicate with the teacher, so there are very few reasons for late work.

Favorite iPad Apps: Nearpod and Notability. There are also many amazing science apps like VCell, FootDecide and Nova Elements.



Polina Mariutina '14 and Brody Malloy '14 film a video on their iPad during Jess Cardenas' Anatomy and Physiology class

## JAMES HORNOR

Humanities Teacher  
Years @ MCI: 11

1. In Creative Writing students electronically share their poetry, short stories and one-act plays with every member of the class. Peer editing is greatly facilitated as is projection of student work using Apple TV. In Film Noir we recently had small groups of students produce their own film and film trailer using iMovie.

2. I am most excited about the convenience that one-to-one offers. *Before we had to sign up for a computer lab in order to do peer editing and sharing of information. Now it can all be done "in the moment."* There are so many times that I ask my students to find a painting online or to find a critique of a work of literature. Now it can all happen seamlessly in the course of a class discussion.

3. One-to-one has allowed some students to be more confident in their work. Some students who did not contribute much to class discussion have found a "voice" via their iPad, responding to a prompt electronically instead of verbally.

Favorite iPad App: Filmgo  
Favorite Non-Work App: Stampfinder, which allows me to pursue my hobby of stamp collecting!

## SANA TRAN '15

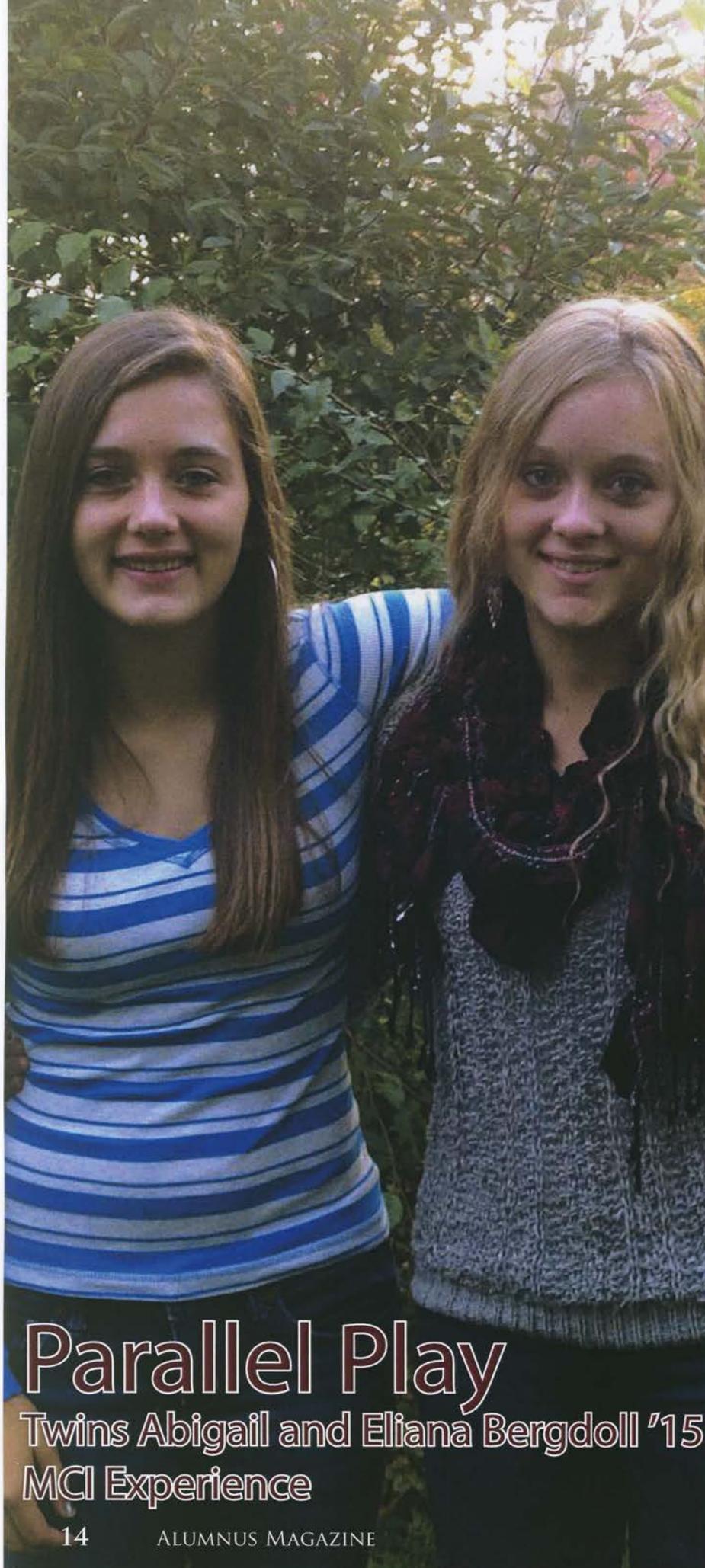
1. Homework is easier and I don't need to carry a bag full of books and paper around the school.
2. I am excited about all the different apps that we use for education on the iPad. The eBackpack app is just amazing. I can't believe that the iPad has so many great apps for education.
3. I think that it gives us a chance to get used to a high level of technology. This might change the idea that the iPad is used just for entertainment.

Favorite iPad Apps: Pages, Notability  
Favorite Non-School App: My non-school favorite apps are the games (Jelly Splash and Candy Crush are the two I like the most).



For more information about how faculty members Jason Allen and Jim Horner are using their iPads in the classroom, scan the QR code with your phone or visit [www.mci-school.org/onetoone](http://www.mci-school.org/onetoone)

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“The best is also the worst,” Abigail Bergdoll ’15 says as she shares a smile with her twin sister, Eliana ’15. “[As a twin] you have your best friend with you everywhere. Anytime you need to talk, anytime you just need someone there, you have someone. On the other hand, it can get to the point where I just need some time by myself.” Abi and Eliana have found a good balance by complimenting each other’s strengths and weaknesses. They share many of the same classes and activities, but have different interests. “I love being in classes with her because we always help each other out. Where I’m more inclined to be good at history and English, I always ask for help in math and science. We both have different strengths, so we benefit from that,” adds Eliana. “The worst thing is figuring out who you are without that other person. I find myself comparing myself to her a lot. You can be tough on yourself when you start to compare.”

Abi and Eliana were born in New York and lived on Long Island until they were five. Their parents, wanting to leave New York, decided to settle in Burnham, Maine. “A couple of our parents’ friends had moved here and they just thought it would be better raising kids in a state like Maine, which is safer and quieter,” Abi explained. The Bergdolls decided to homeschool Abi and Eliana until 6th grade when they attended a private school in Maine for two years. The school was not a good fit and they returned to homeschooling for their 8th grade year. Rather than choosing to remain home for high school as well, the Bergdolls made the decision to attend MCI. “It was mostly because of MCI’s reputation in Maine. It’s the closest to us, but we had also heard a lot of good things about the school. I don’t think it was part of the decision when we moved to Burnham but it worked out perfectly; it was an added bonus.”

The Bergdolls have found a good fit at MCI, becoming very involved in their classes and taking on leadership roles in their activities. They are ap-

# Parallel Play

Twins Abigail and Eliana Bergdoll ’15 and their shared MCI Experience

preciative of their teachers and count Ed Miller, Deb Rozeboom and Andy Beach among their favorites. "I've talked with people at other schools, and the teachers here really care about what they are teaching and care about you," explains Abi.

"When we were home schooled, I always wanted to go to a public school," explains Eliana. "I like how [MCI] is a good balance. It's not a typical high school. We have diversity, we have a college-like campus. They offer a lot of electives as well as sports and clubs." Both Abi and Eliana are on the junior class council and participate in Key Club, Kindness Krew, the Student Leadership Committee, National Honor Society, and Captains Club. The sisters are also enthusiastic about athletics. Abi is the captain of the cross country team and Eliana captains girls' soccer; both are on the track team in the spring.

Through their activities the girls have seen the power of communication, this year's school theme. "All of the sports and clubs we're in really tie in with the communication theme. I see it the most in soccer, just leading the team," says Eliana. "There can be tension and it's easy to get frustrated. Focusing on communication, being straightforward but not harsh and just using patience, it all ties in with the theme." This past summer, the Bergdolls had the opportunity to enhance their leadership and communication skills when Eliana participated in the HOBY Leadership conference and Abi attended the Maine Youth Leadership and CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) conferences.

The girls also agree that the theme ties in nicely with the new one-to-one technology program. "There can be a lot of misunderstandings with people that you need to live and work with, especially with technology now," says Abi. "It's nice to be reminded of [the theme] daily, to focus on that one thing and make it the best that we can." Abi and Eliana are finding the one-to-one program to be very helpful in all aspects of their educational experience. They have better access to teachers and class materials; the organization capabilities alone of the iPads have had a tremendous impact on their year thus far. In addition Eliana remarks, "other students may not have had access in the past - not everyone has a laptop - so now it is more balanced and has made it easier for a lot of students," says Eliana. "It's nice that communication is



Abi (left) runs in a cross country meet and Eliana (right) keeps her eye on the ball during a soccer game

the theme because technology can take away from the personal aspect of things. With technology, you're not always talking face to face, but the benefits outweigh the disadvantages."

As juniors, both girls are looking ahead to post-secondary opportunities. While Abi wants to stay close to her family in Maine, Eliana is looking at schools in Florida, North Carolina and California. "Somewhere warm," she laughs. Abi plans to major in science, and has set her sights on UNE. She loves the state and would ultimately like to stay and work as an osteopathic surgeon. Eliana is currently undecided, but is thinking about majoring in either linguistics or anthropology. In addition to new classes, faculty and friends, the twins will face an additional change when adapting to college. "It will be weird," says Abi. "I can't even imagine not seeing [Eliana] everyday. Since birth we have done everything together. It will be good, but really hard too."

# Reunion 2013- The Weekend in Photos



The full tent at the Reunion BBQ



The first-ever Alumni Sno-Ball King and Queen Justin Wiles '93 and Jen Kuhlmeier Lebo '93



Liz Whalen '48 and Alice Patterson '48



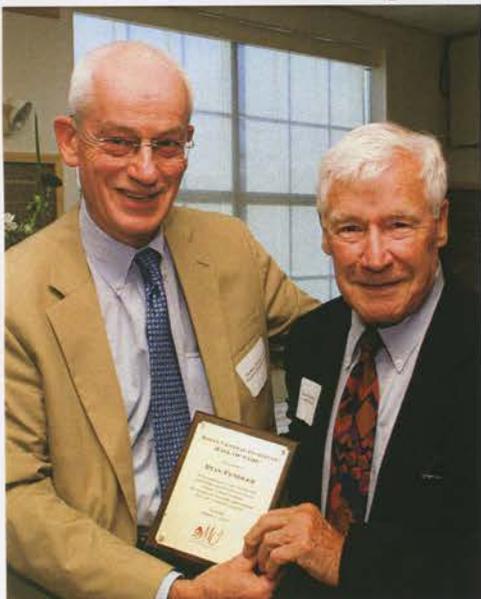
Ed Porter '83 and Karin O'Donnell at the Sno-Ball



Tania Carrick '73 and Norbert Young Jr '66



The Class of 1993



Ryan Fendler '45 and Norbert Young Jr '66



Kaye Mooers '53 and Norbert Young Jr '66



Donn Fendler '44 and Ralph Damren '64



The Class of 1948



The Class of 1953



The Class of 1968



The Class of 1973



The Class of 1983



The Class of 1988

# Reunion 2013 ~ 50th Reunion

Special Reunion Recap by Janet Viger Bryant, 1963 Co-Class Agent

Friday was a showery day, but that didn't stop the golfers from having fun at the 9-Hole Scramble at the Lakeview Golf Course in Burnham. That evening many of us enjoyed the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Achievement Awards Night followed by the Gala. As usual, the food was sensational and having time to reconnect with classmates and other MCI friends was the highlight of the evening. After the Gala came the first annual (we hope this becomes a yearly tradition) Alumni Summer Sno-Ball complete with a King and a Queen. The music was perfect for dancing and the Sno-Ball continued until almost 11:30 p.m. even though it was scheduled to end at 11!

Saturday started with a 5k-walk/run followed by a brunch in the dining room. There was a table set aside for the Class of 1963 where there were booklets for each of us with write-ups on the classmates who planned to attend the reunion and badges with our senior pictures on them. Each classmate also received either a silk flower boutonniere or a corsage that were made by Marcia Sprague Hodson '63 and her sister, Donna Sprague Allen '61. A memory board with the senior pictures of our deceased classmates was displayed in the lobby.



The Class of 1963



Audrey McCrillis Golder '63 lights a candle during a remembrance ceremony at the 1963 Class Party in Parks Gym

After the brunch and the State of the School address by Headmaster Chris Hopkins, classmates spent some time setting up Parks Gym for our gathering that would take place after the barbeque. Speaking of the barbeque, the Class of '63 received mugs that were etched with the MCI seal and we were given the opportunity to be the first class to go through the serving line!

Once the Barbeque was finished, as other classes headed off to their own parties, the Class returned to the Parks Gym and had our class picture taken on the steps outside. We then had a small ceremony where Donald Ettinger '63 received an honorary MCI diploma. It wasn't easy keeping him

from finding out about this beforehand, and his brother Skip Ettinger '63 had to work hard to get him to come to the class gathering, but it was worth the effort! We then held a service of remembrance for our thirty-four classmates who have passed away. A votive candle was lit for each of them. We ended the party with a raffle and prizes. Thanks to everyone who donated money and took part in the raffle to help us pay for all the items we purchased to make our gathering the best one yet!

On Sunday morning, twenty-four of us met for breakfast at Vittle's Restaurant in Pittsfield, located where Thrifty's was when we were at MCI (many of you probably remember going there to eat lunch). We decided that 5 years is too long to wait to get together again so we are going to try to plan a trip to Cabbage Island for a clam-bake in 2 to 3 years.



For more Reunion Weekend photos, please see the Class Notes beginning on page 24. Please also check out [www.mci-school.org/reunionphotos](http://www.mci-school.org/reunionphotos).

# Athletic Hall of Fame ~ September 28

The fourth annual Athletic Hall of Fame was held during Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, September 28. Four individuals joined the group for their outstanding athletic achievements and contributions to athletics at MCI and beyond.



Karoldene Martin Barnes '65

While at MCI, **Karoldene Martin Barnes '65** played field hockey, softball and basketball all four years. She captained all three teams at various times in her MCI career. During her senior year, Barnes became the Eastern Maine Girls Foul Shooting Champion, making 24 out of 25 foul shots in the qualifying round. She advanced to the State Championship at the University of Maine at Orono, where she came in second place, beaten by only one basket.

Barnes was a pioneer in her dedication to athletics. She became the face of female athletics at MCI during the mid '60's and attributes her success in other areas to her commitment to athletics.

**Ralph Damren '64** played on the baseball, basketball and football teams while at MCI and served as manager on the baseball and basketball teams.

In 1966, Damren began baseball umpiring and is a member of the Eastern Maine Baseball Umpires, serving as the chapter's rules interpreter. He has umpired in several state championship games and the Webber Oil Senior All-Star games. Damren began football officiating in 1969. He is an active member of the Bangor Chapter of the Maine Association of Football Officials, has served as the Bangor Chapter Rules Interpreter, State Rules Interpreter and was Maine's representative to the National Federation of High Schools Rules Committee. Damren organized and monitored two experimental rules used in Maine that later were adopted by NFHS. He has officiated fourteen state championship games and two Lobster Bowl (Senior All-Star) games. In 2011 Damren received the Football Official Recognition Award from the NFL and College Hall of Fame. In 2012 he received the Larry Labrie Award from the Maine Principals' Association in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the MPA interscholastic division.

**Thaxter R. Trafton** attended MCI as a postgraduate student in 1955-56. That year, his basketball team was undefeated in the regular season and went on to become Maine State Prep School champions, Northern New England champions, and took second place in the New England Tournament. After MCI, Trafton attended Husson University, graduating in 1961.

Trafton has served as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Bangor, the Executive Director of the Arizona Memorial Coliseum and the Arizona State Fair, and President of the Cleveland Cavaliers. He founded Trafton and Associates, Inc., a Los Angeles based amusement company. After selling the company he acted as a consultant, eventually becoming the President and Commissioner of the International Basketball League. In 2002, Trafton was hired as the first Chief Executive Officer for Oakland Sports Authority in Oakland, California. After returning to Maine, Trafton became the Director of Business Development at the Maine Department of Economic & Community Development, and was later named Commissioner of the Department. In 2012, Trafton became the Executive Director of the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. He was inducted into both Husson University's Sports Hall of Fame and the State of Maine's Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

**Clint Williams '86** played golf, basketball, soccer and baseball during his time at MCI. He earned accolades all four years including MIP in soccer and baseball and MVP in basketball. He was recognized as a McDonald's All American nominee, a Converse All American nominee, a State of Maine All Star in basketball, he led the league in home runs and pitched a no hitter in baseball. To date, Williams holds the school record for most points scored in a varsity basketball game and most varsity career points. During his PG year, his basketball team placed second in the New England tournament.

After MCI, Williams attended Colby College, where he was a major contributor to the varsity basketball team. During his time there, the team won consecutive ECAC championships and Williams won the "unsung hero" award. Williams returned to MCI in 1993. He has been a dorm parent, coached freshman and JV basketball, varsity golf, managed the JW Parks Golf Course, and has acted as interim head varsity boys' basketball coach. Williams has been the Dean of Admission at MCI since 1996. He has been recognized with both the Roderic Smith Chair and the Douglas Cummings Leadership award.



Ralph Damren '64



Thaxter Trafton '56



Clint Williams '86

A portrait of Anne Witham Jenkins '63, a woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a dark jacket and a pearl necklace. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a gentle smile. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

# Challenge Accepted

## Anne Witham Jenkins '63

Sitting in her home in Owls Head, Maine, Anne Witham Jenkins '63 radiates a warm elegance. As I begin asking her questions about her time at MCI, she is thoughtful and reflective, someone who clearly knows herself well. But then, as she shares a story about a time in her mother's classroom, a mischievous gleam sparkles in her eyes and you can sense the tremendous energy and firm resolve that has been a driving factor in her success throughout life. "What I learned from MCI," Jenkins reflects, "is that I not only liked the challenges of change, but that I thrived on them." This eagerness to meet a challenge, as well as a commitment to lifelong learning, has been a persistent thread throughout Jenkins' life.

Jenkins' mother, Margaret Witham, realizing that Anne was coasting through public school without really challenging herself, took a job as an English teacher at MCI so Jenkins and her sisters could attend school there. "Mom and I entered the school on the same day," explained Jenkins. Though Jenkins missed her friends in Newport, she had a good experience at MCI. "MCI was a very welcoming environment because of the fact that you had the prep element, with people coming in from other places. [Students] are accustomed to new people entering the school." Jenkins also fondly recalls her favorite teachers, Mr. Bradford (civics and history) and Ms. Forbes (French).

"She was a wonderful teacher," she said of Forbes. "In my adult life, I ended up picking up French again. It clearly was an influence on my life that I didn't realize at the time."

After MCI, Jenkins received her bachelor's degree in math from the University of Maine at Orono. She would have a continuing relationship and an "ongoing commute" to the University for many years as both a returning student taking classes in computer science and French and finally as a member of the Board of Visitors.

After seeing a job notice on a bulletin board at UMaine, Jenkins accepted a position as a systems programmer at UNUM in Portland, Maine. With her home, husband and two young children in Owls Head, she began commuting, getting back at night in time for dinner. "The best thing about the travel was that I bought tapes for my car and learned French while I was driving," she said. Soon Jenkins returned to UMaine and began taking French classes in earnest, ultimately teaching French at the local high school in Thomaston.

Around that time, Jenkins was also pursuing her passion for cooking by taking classes in New York and working on a cookbook. Through this interest, she became connected to the Farn-

sworth Museum in Rockland, Maine. "I had written a few articles for the local paper and run a summer cooking camp and had a reputation for cooking. A friend was in charge of the summer party at the museum," Jenkins explained laughing. "She asked me to make six dozen sandwiches. The next summer I ran the party." Because of her volunteer work at the museum, she was approached by Maureen Rothschild, then president of the museum's board of trustees.

The museum was in the beginning stages of significant change and Rothschild had a vision of creating a Guild of Volunteers to supplement the museum staff. Jenkins became the founding president of the guild, and by virtue of that role, a member of the board of trustees. "It was very, very good for me," Jenkins said. "I was inspired by the dynamic, intelligent, visionary people associated with the museum." Ultimately, Jenkins became president of the board. Under her leadership, the museum went through a restructuring and changed its mission to focus on Celebrating Maine's role in American art.\* With the positive changes within the museum and the government's emphasis on creating a cultural economic impact, Jenkins recognized that "the Farnsworth was in a position to be the leader in a revitalization of downtown Rockland making it a significant player in the art scene in Maine."

"It turns out that I am a change agent," said Jenkins. "What I like, what excites me, is that there is a vision - or there needs to be one - and it's for a big change and I'm going to be the one that gets it done. Every time I see the energy and vitality in downtown Rockland, I get this little jolt of pride because I know darn well we did it on my watch."

At the same time that she was chairing the museum's board, Jenkins was approached by Wickham Skinner, a member of both the Farnsworth's and the Maine Public Broadcasting Network's (MPBN) boards. "When I asked him why he wanted me on the MPBN Board, he looked at me, grinned and said, 'You'll figure it out,'" Jenkins said with a mischievous smile. Jenkins had garnered a reputation for making things happen and "there was a shopping list of things they needed done." Within a year, she was elected chair. While Jenkins was board chair, MPBN hired a new CEO and rebranded itself focusing its programming on education. They also raised \$200,000 and transitioned from analog to digital, one of the first in the nation to do so.

Even with all the successes that Jenkins has experienced, she is quick to acknowledge the efforts and support of those around her. "As any successful leader

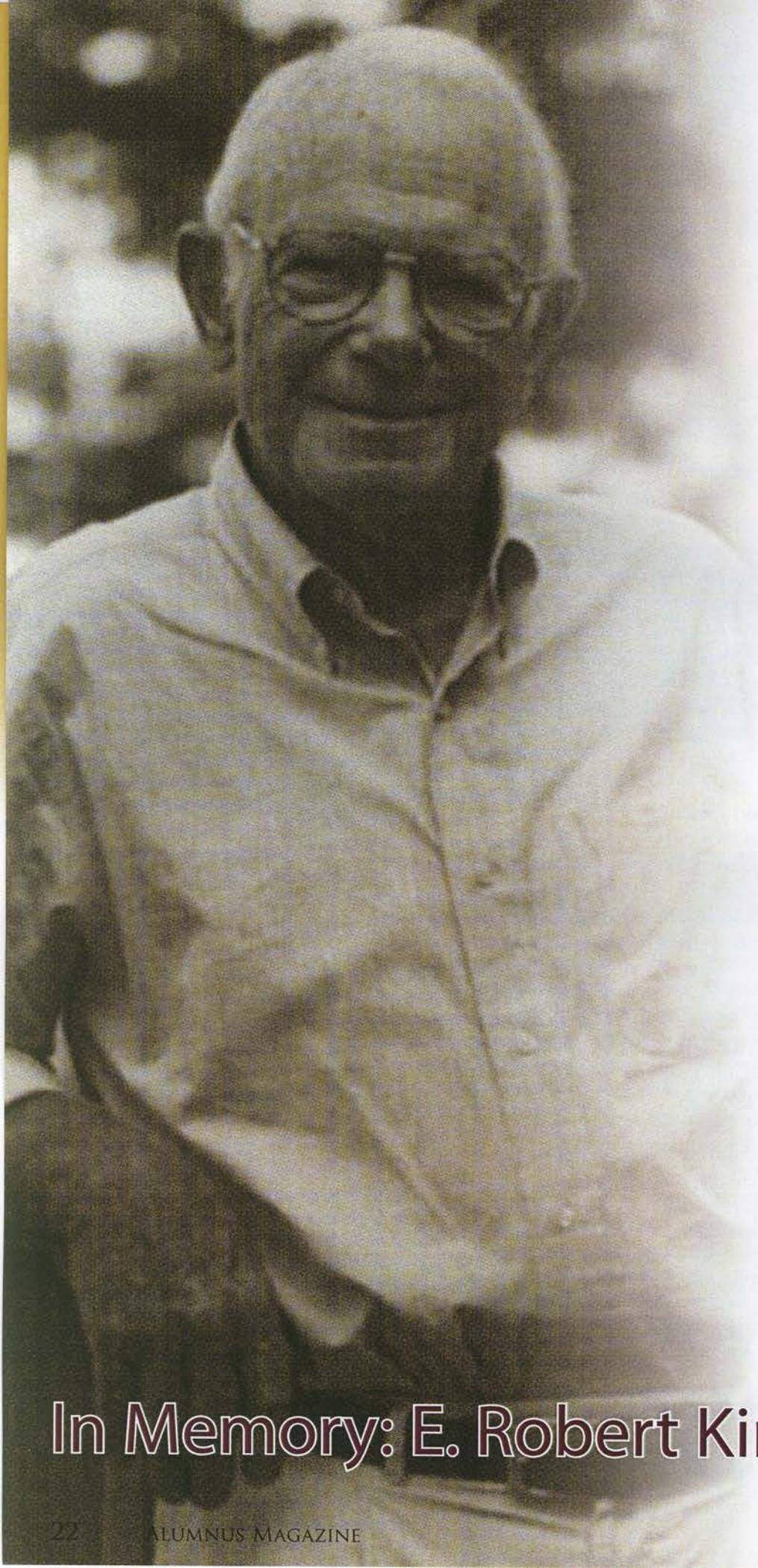


Anne Witham Jenkins' senior yearbook photo

knows, without a strong team, any attempts at change are futile. I was fortunate both at MPBN and the Farnsworth to be surrounded by bright, visionary, gutsy people with broad experiences and bold ideas. My job was to sort through all those ideas to focus on the ones that would make the change work. It is telling perhaps that in both institutions the greatest changes came about because of a focus on education."

Jenkins still serves as president emerita on the Farnsworth Board and she is not through challenging herself. Currently she is writing a crime thriller set in the art world in Maine. "I've always said that I wished I could write a book," she explained. "I read mysteries constantly and I thought, I bet I could do this." Last year, she participated in NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month), during which she wrote a 50,000 word novel in the month of November. She is also continuing her education, attending mystery writers conventions and writing seminars and taking classes at the University of Maine's Hutchinson Center in Belfast. In addition, Jenkins keeps busy with her children and grandchildren, all of whom live in Maine, where they swim together at their camp in summer and ski together at Saddleback in winter.

As we wrap up the interview, Jenkins' can-do attitude and energy shines through again. Of the work she has done and the thrill of the challenge, Jenkins says, "I think that you find that if you believe what you are doing is important that you can make adjustments and step up to the challenges ahead. Perhaps you don't recognize that you were limiting yourself until you are stretched. It is only when life offers a true challenge that you realize what you are capable of accomplishing."



Although remembered as an entrepreneur, savvy businessman, and a generous philanthropist, E. Robert “Bob” Kinney was also a man of humble beginnings. Born in Burnham, Maine in April of 1917, Kinney lived on a farm by the Sebasticook River. When he was five his father bought a livery stable in Pittsfield, where he sold horses to farmers. Kinney grew up in Pittsfield, helping his family with their horses, as well as haying the fields and plowing the roads during the winter. He attended Maine Central Institute, graduating in 1935. A good student, Kinney was a member of the National Honor Society and ranked third in his class. He was particularly proud of making MCI’s football team, acting as quarterback his junior and senior years.

Though Kinney’s family did not have the money to send him to college, he received a scholarship to attend Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Kinney majored in history and minored in economics, qualifying for Phi Beta Kappa, the prestigious academic honor society. Kinney left Bates in 1939, the first in his family to graduate from college.

Kinney began working on the Maine coast for the National Youth Administration, a Depression-era program initiated by President Roosevelt. While working on the coast, he found that lobstermen were throwing away crabs that crawled into their lobster traps. Kinney brought some of the crabs to the University of Maine Research Department where he learned that the meat from the crabs could be canned in hermetically sealed containers, giving them a long shelf life. He then offered the lobstermen one cent per crab, and after finding no interest from the local Maine canneries, began

## In Memory: E. Robert Kinney '35

processing the crabmeat in his apartment at night after work. With a \$300 loan from the Merrill Trust Company in Bangor, Kinney began the North Atlantic Packing Company.

Kinney moved the company to Bar Harbor and soon was a significant employer in the town with over three hundred employees. The business grew and during World War II, the company canned orange marmalade and peach jam for the military in addition to processing fish. Fourteen years after its founding, the company had grown to \$2 million in sales.

In the late 1950s, Kinney joined Gorton's Seafood Company as a vice president, stepping into the role of CEO two years later. While at Gorton's, he made fish into a convenience food by selling it as frozen sticks. The company became the first to receive the U.S. Department of Agriculture's seal of approval on their frozen seafood products. In addition, Gorton's acquired many companies across the United States and internationally including competitors such as Fulham Brothers' Four Fishermen brand products.

In 1968, after General Mills acquired Gorton's, Kinney, as Gorton's president and CEO, went to General Mills to lead the company's consumer food operations. A year later, he was promoted to chief financial officer, and in 1973 he became president and chief operating officer, a position he held until 1977 when he took on the role of CEO.

During his time at General Mills, company sales grew from \$1 billion to \$5 billion, the number of employees jumped from 26,000 to 71,000, and General Mills became the world's largest toymaker. In addition, General Mills was able to partner with the US government on public service campaigns fighting drug use and improving environmental awareness.



Bob and Margee in front of the plaque for the Kinney Conference Room at MCI

Kinney retired from General Mills on January 1, 1982. On January 2, he went to work for IDS Mutual Funds as President of the Board of Directors where he remained for five years before retiring a second time. Throughout his life, Kinney was also the director of several companies including Honeywell, Deluxe Check, Unum, St. Paul Companies, Sun Oil, Idexx of Portland, Maine, Hannaford, Fisher Price, Uno Pizza, and Putnam Mutual Funds.

In addition to being an entrepreneur and businessman, Kinney was also a dedicated advisor and philanthropist. He supported Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor and sold the land and buildings that later became the College of the Atlantic. Indeed, his major interest outside of business was education. Kinney was a member of the Bates College Board of Trustees for 27 years, 17 of which was as Chairman of the Board. He established endowed funds for a history professorship and scholarships, chaired the campaign that built Ladd library, provided support for Pettengill Hall, and helped obtain funding for the Olin Arts Center. In 1987 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Bates College

and also received the College's highest honor, the Benjamin Elijah Mays Medal, in 2008. Kinney also served on MCI's Board of Trustees for several years. A science laboratory in MCI's Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center and the conference room in the Trustee Memorial Student Center bear the name of the Kinney Family. Kinney also established the Margaret Velie Kinney Academic Excellence Endowment Fund in honor of his wife in 2010. In recognition of his support and guidance, Kinney was a charter member of MCI's Hall of Fame and received the MCI Alumni Association's Distinguished Achievement Award in 2005.

Kinney passed away in Arizona on May 2, 2013 at the age of 96. He is survived by his wife Margaret (Margee) Kinney; daughter Jeanie Small of Danville, CA; and daughter Isabella Keating of Long Lake, MN. Though he hadn't lived year-round in Maine for years, Kinney remained a loyal, generous benefactor to many institutions in the state. In addition, he served as an inspirational Maine success story, musing in his memoirs, "How did I get from a farmhouse in Burnham, Maine to here?"

(From STEM to Stem continued from page 13)



Lexi Caldwell '16 films Mikayla Carr '16 on her iPad as part of their biking skills exam in Mike Libby's Physical Education class

### MIKE LIBBY

Human Development Department Chair  
Years @ MCI: 13

1. I have been able to create my own book with MCI-PE specific information, which has given kids a huge boost in understanding concepts. Before I would take a "Frankenstein's Monster" approach; taking parts from here and pieces from there. Now I can use my terminology and my lesson sequence in my own textbook. We have also used such things as games to study and creativity apps to make movies or slides for demonstrating their skills. *The movie feature on the iPad has been handy in teaching new skills as well. Seeing what you look like when you do a skill can sometimes help to make corrections (like in golf or canoeing).*

Favorite iPad App: Notability  
Favorite Non-Work Apps: Zite and Pocket

### TANYA KINGSBURY

World Languages Department Chair  
Years @ MCI: 34

1. Recording both my reading and the students' reading of material that will be presented orally in class is a valuable way to practice pronunciation and improve familiarity that was highly impractical before the iPads.

3. It has expanded creativity and increased access to materials. It has opened communication between students and teachers, and students and other students. The one-to-one program has put students more on par with one another; quality of presentation visuals ranged so widely in the past because many students did not have access to the same technology as others. *I see students taking advantage of the opportunity to improve because of the ease of sharing work and (very) immediate feedback.*

Favorite iPad App: iBook Author/iBook

### ABIGAIL BERNIER '17

2. I am really excited for all of the projects students will get to do with the iPads this year! Having the iPads to use has opened a lot of opportunities. It is also really easy. After I learned how to do some basic things, I could do a lot of new things with my iPad. It is easy to take notes in class, check grades, and even find the homework I missed.

Favorite iPad App: eBackpack  
Favorite Non-School App: Pandora Radio

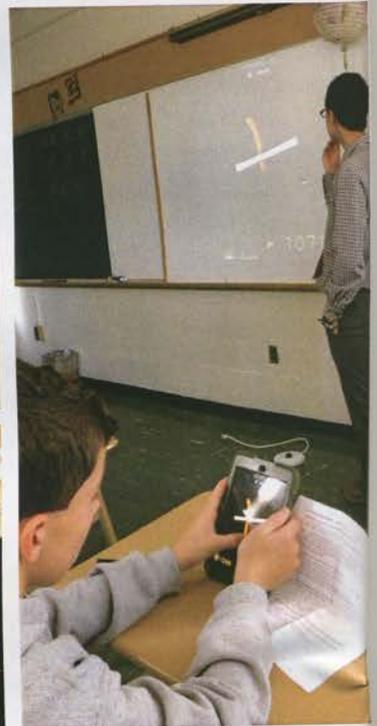
### DEAN LIU '16

1. The one-to-one program makes my essay writing and the process for researching data easier. It provides me a lot of different ways to find the answer. For example, in our textbook, every single vocabulary word has a link to their definition so I can click to open and check it. When I am having problems with those words or a paragraph I can directly note it in Notability or search online.

Favorite iPad App: Google Drive  
Favorite Non-School App: YouTube



Dean Liu '16 (top) and Abby Bernier '17 with their iPads



Guang Yang observes one of his students write a Chinese character using his iPad

### GUANGSHUO YANG

Chinese Language and Culture Teacher  
Years @ MCI: 2

*The iPad has transformed Chinese character learning from rote memory to fun and has encouraged collaborative learning through Memrise.com and other apps.*

Favorite iPad Apps: Duolingo, FoxitReader

1937

Class Agent:  
Betsey Libbey Williams  
(801) 235-9105

1940

**Virginia Almonte** said that she no longer attends many outings away from home – her usual outings are to the doctor's office! However, her brother **Perino Almonte '42** recently took her on a great car tour and gave a short history on all the new buildings since her last visit years ago. She recalled this old cheer: "MCI, MCI, give her a hearty cheer; MCI, MCI, gets better every year!"

1942

Class Agent:  
Arlene Frederick Beardsley

1947

Class Agent:  
Alice Wright Fitts  
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1948

Class Agent:  
Arey Bryant  
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1950

Thanks to the postcards that the Alumni Office sent out, I heard from several of the class of 1950.

I had the most delightful call from **Gloria Langley**. We did some catching up on past years.

I heard from **Red Dunphy** who is now over 80. He is once again playing his trumpet and enjoying "jam sessions."

I got a long e-mail from **Dorothy Graham** with lots of news. She is having fun with the red hat ladies.

I saw **Al Fitts** briefly at the Reunion breakfast, but we did not have a chance to chat.

Congratulations to **Joe and Audrey Poirier** who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. Joe sent a picture, and they are a good looking couple!

I received a wonderful letter from **Ben Snow** who wrote this about MCI, "I often think about the two years I spent at MCI and the good education I got there. What a great school this is and will be in the future."

Class Agent:  
Virginia "Gini" Coolbroth Landry  
ginoland@roadrunner.com



Emily Melvin Vigue '88, Tom Fendler, Bud Spannaus, Donn Fender '44, Ryan Fendler '45 and Michelle Vigue Hodgins '91 pose after the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Achievement Ceremony on their way to the first annual Alumni Summer Sno-Ball

1951

Class Agent:  
Sally Cianchette Dwinell  
(207) 368-5886

1952

**Armour Brown** and his wife **Loretta Doherty Brown '53** will spend four weeks in England in September visiting friends that they met when they were stationed there in the 50's.

**John Shaw** and his wife **Faye '53** live in Maine in the summer and spend the winters in Florida. They still enjoy buying and selling antiques. **Bob Knowles** and his wife **Rae Jean** also live in Maine in the summer and Florida in the winter. I talked with **Phil Lenentine** and his wife **Mary**. It was good to see them and hear that everything is going well.

**David McGaffin** is living in Pittsfield so I get to see him once in a while. He helps take care of his brother's camp in Dexter and enjoys going to Hollywood Casino in Bangor. **Beverly Turner Breau** and her husband **David** live in Pittsfield but spend their summers at their camp in Steuben. This past April they took a trip to Canada and in August **Beverly** organized the **Breau** family reunion. She also hosted the **Red Hat Society** at her camp where 72 women spent the weekend and enjoyed a lobster feed.

**Maynard Jacobs** and his wife **Vicky** have been busy the last few months. They went to Oak Ridge, Tennessee to a paddleboard race where his daughter **Melia** got first place in her division. They also went to Fall Creek Falls State

Park for the fall festival. In November they will attend the Auburn University and University of Tennessee Football Game. **Herman Roberts** still lives in Exeter and continues to grow vegetables. **Mahlon Nickless** and his wife **Charlene**, who live in Hickory, North Carolina, enjoyed visiting the Old Fashion Country Store in Boone, NC this summer. It carries all the old fashion varieties of candy and other things that you used to be able to purchase in an old country store. His sister **Sharlene** is visiting him and he's enjoying spending time with her.

**Nancy Smith Noyes** lives in Lee and is going on a moose hunt in November. This will be the fourth time that she has been chosen for a moose permit. Good Luck, Nancy! **Bruce Pinette** from Greene, Maine is still working as a physical fitness instructor. Heard from **Nancy Knight Billings** and she feels bad that she missed the 60th reunion. She is living on Martha's Vineyard which sometimes makes it difficult to catch a ferry in, especially since Presidents Clinton and Obama decided to vacation there. She is still working part-time and stays busy with volunteering and grandchildren. One of her grandsons graduated from Roger Williams and is now going for his master's degree and her other grandson is going to U.R.I. Her 10 year-old grandson keeps her busy with sports and fishing. Her children and grandchildren love Maine so they plan to hold on to their camp in Madison.

As for me I am still very active in the church and am treasurer of the Pittsfield Historical Society. I also still buy

and sell antiques and have a booth at an antique consignment shop in Corinna.

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1953

Class Agent **Kaye Doyle Mooers**, inducted into the Hall of Fame during this year's Reunion activities, thanks all her classmates, family and friends who attended. A total of 20 classmates attended the 60th Reunion and 34 classmates, spouses and friends attended the class party at her and Stirling's home in Oakland following the MCI BBQ. She presented a slideshow of photos taken of MCI classmates over the years, some dating back into the 1940's.

It was good to see **Bill Sullivan**, from NH, and **George Pierce**, from VT, again and they expressed their positive opinions and were glad they made the trip.

Kaye has recovered well from her fall of last year but does anticipate removal next spring of some of the pins and screws holding her together. She was pleased to get a letter from **Patricia Merein** after all these years (the former Miss Leland). **Sam** passed away ten years ago. **Nell Parks** (Miss McDougall) keeps in touch. **Kaye** and **Stirling** visited with her in September. **Kaye** talked with **Mr. Richard Blanchard** (math instructor at MCI) and learned that he'd had a heart attack and wasn't up to attending Reunion this year. Maybe next year, Dick?

**Kaye** designed books for classmates in honor of their 60th Reunion and presented them with pens and note cards to classmates who attended reunion. If you haven't received your copy, please let **Kaye** know.

Classmates were saddened to learn of the death of **Louis (Lou) Pepin** and **Gary Twitchell** on the same day, March 15. They send deepest sympathy to all the families. **Kaye** and **Stirling** attended the wedding of **Monique McNichol '09** and **Andrew Moody '06** at the Lucerne Inn August 31 along with other MCI classmates, including grandmother **Gloria Beattie McNichol**. **Kaye** and **Stirling** also attended the graduation of his grandson in Philadelphia, PA. They are looking forward to gatherings of MCI classmates when they return to Florida in November.

**Faye Ellingwood Shaw's** grandson was married on July 20 and she and

**John '52**, celebrated their 60th anniversary on July 19th. They enjoyed her 60th class reunion and seeing all the classmates. She and John had a Shaw/ Ellingwood family reunion in August.

**Nadine Whitaker Cooper** got a shock when she was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in 2002 and given 3 to 6 months to live. She in turn surprised all by being cancer free now. She is somewhat handicapped due to radiation treatments but doing well with the help of a faithful housekeeper. She has been blessed with 3 children and 7 grandchildren, so life goes on.

**Joyce Hunt Rowe** enjoyed the Hall of Fame Ceremony and class party after. She thanks everyone for all the cards she received following her accident in late March. She and Dick will be returning to St. Petersburg in February for 3 months.

**Philip Coffin** and Maria enjoyed their summer in Maine and also enjoyed the Hall of Fame ceremony. He said Kaye's acceptance speech was outstanding. They enjoyed the Reunion and class gathering and said it was a fun time in a super social setting. They look forward to visiting with alums in 2014.

**Sarah Chipman** attended the Northeast Regional Conference of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International this past summer. The Maine members of the society hosted the event in Portland at the Holiday Inn by the Bay with 650 members present from sixteen states, four Canadian provinces, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

It was great to hear that **Thelma Sennett Vining's** hubby, **Cliff '55** is feeling well and cancer free at this time after his battle with melanoma. They said they enjoyed a "great" Reunion at MCI and are looking forward to a sunny, healthy winter in Florida. They leave early October and will return in May 2014.

Congratulations were sent by **Carl Smith** on the Hall of Fame award and said the recognition brought honor to Kaye and to the class. He appreciates reporting of the passing of classmates and other classmates' news.

**Bill Sullivan** enjoyed Reunion and the class party and the opportunity to get together and rehash old times. He and his wife, Maggie, had four grandchildren visit for a week while they attended summer day camp in Eastman. He is still selling custom made athletic uniforms that are made in the USA. He



Matt Scott '53 and Bev Libby dancing the night away at the Reunion Gala with the Gerry Wright Trio

said he was an American to the core and refuses to sell imported goods. He and his wife celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in May.

**Cynthia Brown Johnson** and **Arthur '51** traveled to Florida, Camp LaJue and Michigan. They attended Reunion and the Hall of Fame as well as the class party. They also attended Arthur's 45th Reunion from Bible School and soon after that met in Boothbay Harbor for the Johnson reunion. The elders attending were **Dick '49** and **Alice Johnson**. They feel MCI has been very good to them.

**Barry Twitchell** wrote that all four of his and Joan's children (and their children) visited Maine this summer. He and Joanie are blessed with good health, play golf 4 to 5 times a week and enjoy their clubs; Shriners, Eagles and Elks. He thanked Kaye for the cards in the loss of his brother, Gary, and for all the work she does for the class.

A wonderful time was had at Reunion by **Gertrude Grignon Bizeau** along with her grandson, **Chad '97**. Daughter Sue lives in Mississippi now along with her son and family. Trudy works in Augusta at Riverview. Her adopted daughter, Nancy, lives in Hartland.

**Matt Scott** and his partner, Beverly Libby have kept busy ballroom dancing and taking lessons. They are members of the Central Maine Ballroom Dance Society of Waterville, ME. Matt still gives lectures on Maine honeybees. They are "snowbirds" and will leave in Nov. for Zephyrhills, FL until April. According to Matt, five months

is long enough to be away from Maine and they are looking forward to the 2014 MCI Reunion. He and Beverly felt Reunion Weekend was wonderful.

"It was great to see so many classmates at our 60th," said **Polly Hoskins Philbrick**. She wanted to take this chance to thank them for the many sympathy cards and thoughtful messages of kindness in the loss of her husband, **Edwin Vaughn Philbrick**. She was especially thankful to **Arthur '51** and **Cynthia Johnson** for conducting the service and committal and expressed special thanks to **Joyce Hunt, Charlene Call, Kaye Mooers** and **Sarah Chipman** for their support.

**Liz Gagne Calise** called and caught me up on some of her news. Her 15 year-old granddaughter completed a bike ride through the "Overland Organization." She biked from SC to Santa Monica, CA in four weeks doing 75 to 80 miles per day. She is a sophomore at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT. In August, Liz visited with a daughter in Oregon and hiked Mt. Rainier and visited other sights. In October, she will travel to Rome, Tanzania and Ethiopia with her partner, Kenn.

**Dave Fenderson** is spending time fishing in Rangeley, New Brunswick and Casco Bay. In the spring he and his wife plan to attend the London Flower Show. He was sorry to hear about the passing of MCI's great coach, Nels Corey. Dave keeps involved with the yacht races at the Portland Yacht Club and was a judge at the tug boat races in Casco Bay during Portland Harborfest. I wonder if Dave ever got his money back from a bet with **George**

**Pierce** while at MCI!

**Susan Robinson Farmer** was pleased to get the 60th Reunion booklet and talked about those that she remembered well. She and Dick have lived at Abbe Ranch since 1970, a historic log home that was built from the proceeds of a book *Around the World in Eleven Years* written by the three Abbe children. The book was published in 1936 about the travels with their famous photographer father, James Abbe, who photographed "stars of the silent screen" and other famous people. Susan and Dick have organized and run horse and pony events since 1971 for children and adults. They have helped hundreds of riders better understand their horses so they can have fun with them. Google Abbe Ranch, Abbe Ranch Events and Abbe Ranch on YouTube to see more.

**Rev. John Page** is still part-time at Senior Adult Ministry at Cherry Street Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri. He and Charlotte celebrated their 53rd anniversary in June. The Good Lord has given them both good health with only some minor problems that come with the "aging process."

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#### 1959

Congratulations to **Sophia Kellis**, who recently received the YMCA Volunteer of the Year Award for her volunteerism at the YMCA in Mount Vernon, WA.

**Mary Lou Pray** wrote, "Well, another summer has passed. **Paul Bertrand** was kind enough to open his home for a gathering in August. Stories about the class of 1959 were remembered along with a few laughs. Keep the date open for Aug. 1 and 2, 2014. It is our 55th, can you believe it? It seems like yesterday we were in the halls and on the fields at M.C.I. This summer **Donna Richardson Glenn, Martha Menendez Mourkas, Nancy Ross Cameron** and I had a nice visit and lunch. Nancy and Don went on a trip to some of the national parks this summer. Next week we are going on a trip with an RV in the same areas. Please contact me with information of your family and how your life is. We have to have a great reunion."

**Diane Nash Crane** and husband Tom have retired - mostly. They still have their sailboat, but have cut back, to some extent. They plan on driving throughout Maine, at some point.

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**1960**

A few folks attended the Alumni weekend: **Floyd Lawrence** and wife Jean, **Delia Young Bickford**, **Marilyn (Sam) Nash**, **Avis Ames Paresson**, **Deanna Leavitt Clark** and **Natalie McGuire**.

**Deanna Leavitt Clark** spends several months of the year with sister **Charlene '65**. Deanna has been sewing doll clothes for Charlene's grandchild; Deanna also spends time babysitting for her daughter, Kelly, when Kelly's work requires time away from home. The grandson is Dylan, now 6'9" - and a football player.

**Floyd Lawrence's** art is expanding all the time; he works with other artists in Ft. Meyers, FL, every Tuesday and has recently spent a week painting in France. The paintings that Floyd had with him at MCI were beautiful watercolors; they run around \$450; he also paints greeting cards.

Look for **Sandra Homstead Cote** walking around Pittsfield; no, she doesn't take that big 'ol hill by her home; she parks the car in town, then walks. She treated Sam to a birthday dinner with **Kathy McGowan Frost** and then dropped in on **Carole Gordon Kershner**. Great fun.

**Natalie McGuire** has remarried - to Don Mandell, an engineer. Quiet guy - or did we just not give him any time to talk?

**Joan Basford Bradley** is still selling books.

Don't forget; if you need any sewing done, **Rachel Fields Fleming's** business is Button-N-Zip; alterations by Rachel Fleming - in Chester, ME. Rachel got to spend time at her son's family camp again this summer.

**Marilyn (Sam) Nash** swims laps every a.m. She says she is too lazy to utilize those sneakers for walking up the hills nearby.

Many of us are aware of all the volunteer work that **Sonia Mitchell Erskine** does, but she finally got some public recognition. Three groups in Dixmont participated in the new Bike Maine effort. The snowmobile club, historical society and scholarship association coordinated efforts to serve a meal for the bikers recently. The bikers rode



An amazing watercolor by artist Floyd Lawrence '60

about 400 miles in six days. Sonia was interviewed by one of the local television news reporters.

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**1963**

**Jim Allen** writes that he has been married for 46 years, has 2 sons, and 2 grandchildren. He has worked as a merchant marine and in real estate. He currently works as Chief Engineer for Mersk in Diego Garcia. He lives in South Portland, ME.

**Bill Ball** lives in Palmyra, ME with his wife, Beverly. They have 5 children and 7 grandchildren. Bill is currently President of Acheron Engineering and he hopes to never retire.

**Lewis Barton** writes that he and his wife, Mary, live in Vero Beach, Florida. He served in the US Army and served in Vietnam where he became a fifty percent connected disabled veteran. He has very been active in his community.

**Janet Viger Bryant** says that she earned her bachelor's degree in math from the University of Maine and her master's degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She has been happily married for 46 years to Thomas Bryant. They have lived in Massachusetts since 1968, also the year her son, Paul, was born. She worked for 25 years at the public high school, Westford Academy, teaching everything from Pre-Algebra to AP Calculus. She enjoyed working with classmates, especially Marcia, to plan this year's 1963 gathering. She thoroughly enjoyed the Reunion Weekend, looks forward to getting together with classmates over the next five years, and hopes to be able to attend many more reunions. By the time this is printed in the *Alumnus*, she will have moved to Merrimack, NH.

**Sehl Burns** writes that he served in the US Marine Corps from 1964 to 1970. He is currently the owner of the Sehl Burns Funeral Service and a successful lawn and snow removal service in the Syracuse, NY area. Sehl and his wife, Linda, have 6 children and 13 grandchildren.

**Charita Gurney Cassanelli** lives in Somersworth, NH with her husband John. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. She enjoyed 18 years of challenging and interesting employment with the National Passport Center. Now retired, she highly recommends retirement as she now has time to spend biking, walking, reading, cooking, sewing, knitting, and of course has more time to spend with her family.

**Phillip Crossman** is a Vietnam veteran,

and a writer and columnist, and proprietor of the Tidewater Motel and Gathering Place and the Island Spirits in Vinalhaven, ME. He and his wife, Elaine, have 2 daughters and one grandson.

**Dr. Allen Dyer** currently works as a professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at The George Washington University, where he sees patients, teaches medical students and residents, and sets up medical education programs in disaster areas around the world. Allen and his wife, Susan, have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

**John J. Ely** retired in 2009 from his work in importing. He and his wife, Diane, have 3 children and 1 grandchild. John and Diane live in Andover, MA.

**Don Ettinger** served in the US Army. During his time in the US Army, he served in Germany, Vietnam, and the United States. He worked as Director on the Federal Job Corps program in Bangor. Don is father to 3 MCI graduates (Susan '84, David '85 and Donald Jr. '90). He continues to enjoy life with his lovely wife, Margit. Currently, they live in Ocala, FL.

**Pearle "Skip" Ettinger** writes that he has spent most of his life serving our country in the US Army Special Forces. He served 5 years in Vietnam between 1967 and 1972. He has trained several Special Forces in Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. He retired from the Army in 1998 and now teaches combatives and Okinawan Karate for both Special Forces Groups at Fort Lewis, WA and the city of Dupont. Skip and his wife, Sung Hee, live in Fort Lewis, Washington.

**Norman Fiedler**, owner of the Enter Computer Center of West Springfield, MA for over 30 years, has no plans to retire. He and his wife, Sandy, have 2 daughters and 8 grandchildren. Football is still a big part of his life which he played at MCI, Bridgeport, and the Coast Guard Academy. He also coached at Suffield Academy from 1990-1995. Norm plays the piano and has composed music compilations on CDs. He is also the author of a relationship booklet called "The Marbles." Norm lives in Westfield, MA.

**Audrey McCrillis Golder** and her husband, Lewis, live in Windham, ME. They have 7 children, 20 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Since her retirement in 2006 she has been enjoying "life, family, and friends."

**James Harrington** and his wife, Sally, have been traveling from coast to

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coast since they retired. Their sons and grandchildren live in the Bay Area of California and his mother lives in Maine. Jim was an Agricultural Inspector for the State of Michigan for 36 years. He now drives a semi part-time and has started an e-commerce business selling and shipping edible beans. Jim and Sally live in Portage, MN.

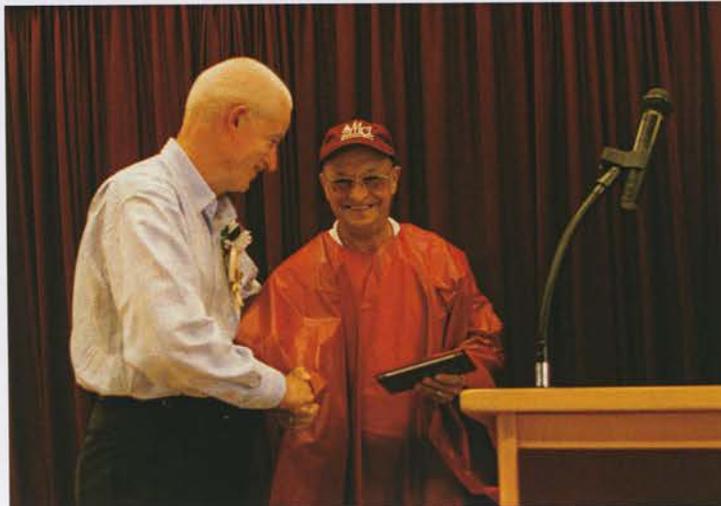
**Marcia Sprague Hodson** writes that she taught both junior high and high school for 35 years. She taught primarily Spanish but she also taught Latin and English. Since her retirement, she has continued to substitute teach. She stays busy in her spare time by traveling with her teacher friends and her husband, knitting, and dabbling in cake decorating. Other activities she has been involved with are spending time with her 3 grandchildren and working hard to keep her doctors employed. Marcia and her husband, Rob, have a daughter and a son. They live in Orlando, FL.

**Anne Witham Jenkins** and her husband, Jim, live in Owl's Head, ME. They have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. She writes, "After writing computer programs and teaching French, serving as President of the Boards of Trustees of Maine Public Broadcasting Network and the Farnsworth Art Museum, I am now writing crime stories and am currently working on an art crime thriller that takes place in Maine. I am a summer gardener and beach bum and in winter an avid skier." (Find out more about Anne in the alumni profile on page 20).

**Erick Johanson** and his wife, Candy, have 3 children. Erick works as a construction manager. Erick and Candy live in Appleton, ME.

**Bernard "Richard" Lary** writes, "I am retired but still work 10 to 12 hours a day on the farm. My wife and I go to Florida for about 3 weeks in March and April. I enjoy going to camp at Great Moose Lake in Hartland." He and his wife, Janet, have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. They live in Clinton, ME.

**Ted Maloon** and his wife, Marjorie '62, have 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Ted has worked for 32 years for the Dead River Company. He has a master license in oil and propane. He and Marjorie celebrated 50 years of marriage in September. He enjoys spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren, and hunting, fishing, and golf. Ted and Marjorie live in Pittsfield, ME.



In a surprise ceremony, Donald Ettinger '63 received his honorary MCI diploma from Headmaster Hopkins and Board President Norbert Young '66 during the Class of 1963 Reunion class party

**Jean Bagley Margolis** and her husband, Edward, live in Beverly, MA. She worked as a registered nurse at Beverly Hospital until retiring in 2011. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

**Suzanne Huff Mercier** and her husband, **David Mercier '58**, owned the Embers Restaurant then later the Mill Pond Market. When David passed away in 1989, Sue went to work at Merrill Bank until her retirement in October of 2010. She has 3 children (all MCI alumni) and 5 grandchildren whom she enjoys visiting. Sue lives in Pittsfield, ME.

After MCI, **Walter Nelson** attended the University of Maine. He is retired after spending 37 years as a teacher, both a football and track coach, and Athletic Director in Lowell, MA. He has been inducted into both the Massachusetts Football Coaches Hall of Fame and the Lowell High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Jean, have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Since retiring Walter and Jean are enjoying their grandchildren and their winters in Vero Beach, FL. They live in Lowell, MA.

**Wayne Pinkham** joined the US Army 11 days after graduating from MCI and served until February 1985. He graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1988. Wayne works as a cost accountant. He and his wife, Sandy, have 1 child, 3 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. They make their home in Flowery Beach, GA.

**Linda Lawrence Savage** and her

husband, **Lawrence '60** have just celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Linda worked for several years in various offices and in banking. She retired in 2011 after 14 years as an administrator at Dysart's Restaurant in Hermon, ME. Linda and Lawrence have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoys family gatherings, cooking, and visiting new places in Maine. She currently lives in Newport, ME.

**Pat Rodgers Skaling** writes, "Since graduating from the University of Maine and marrying Mike Skaling from Brunswick, I've enjoyed raising our children and having a career in education and library science. We have lived all over from Maine and Massachusetts to Idaho, Utah, and Tennessee. I have taught high school and middle school English/Language arts, but found my niche in fifth grade and literary education. Inspired by Coach Tookie Russell, I was a field hockey official for 30 years and was inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Hall of Fame in 2006. I enjoy skiing, hiking, reading, learning, knitting and involvement in community organizations. Visiting our daughter and her family in Utah and our son and his family in Alaska keeps us happily busy."

After MCI, **Bob Smith** graduated from Alfred University then served with the US Navy River Patrol Force in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969. He was employed by the Colorado Serum Company from 1979 until his retirement in October of 2008. An avid golfer, Bob has won 3 golf club championships at the Indian Tree Golf Course and 1 at the Mira Vista Golf Course, both in Colorado. He also

won the Indian Tree Super Senior Club Championship in 2012. Bob lives in Arvada, CO.

**Earle Tarbell** writes, "I attended the University of Vermont, graduating in 1967. After seventeen years in the retail business, I entered the world of finance, providing financial planning to clients for the past twenty-nine years. My wife, Mary, is the Dean of Nursing at Springfield Technical Community College, my son, Dan, has joined me as a financial advisor, and my daughter, Sheilah, earned her master's degree and is looking for a teaching position."

**Margaret Lynn Susi Veilleux** received her BS in Sociology from the University of Maine. She and her husband, Larry, have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family. Chick and Larry live in Winslow, ME.

**Paul Viney III** attended Franklin Institute of Boston and the Auburn Maine School of Commerce. He worked in radio and television for over 35 years. In the fall of 2012, he started Viney Marketing. He and his wife, Patty, have 1 child. They live in Freeport, ME.

**Cindy Chamberlain Welch** and her husband, Michael, live in Bellevue, WA. She writes, "We have one daughter. After working for nearly 20 years at Overlake Christian Church I retired and now am enjoying my free time. I still love reading and have a hard time putting down a book once I start. Michael and I ride motorcycles (I ride my own) and we have been active in the Christian Motorcyclists Association for the past 30 years. Don't put on as many miles as we used to, probably because we're not as young we used to be but we still enjoy riding. We also belong to a gun club and go shooting about once a week."

If you are reading these notes, have noticed that your name does not appear in them, and you would like to share with your MCI classmates a little of what you have done since your MCI days, please email Wayne, Marcia, or Janet and we will make sure that your notes appear in a future MCI *Alumnus*. We look forward to hearing from more classmates and hope that some of you will be able to join us in a few years when we return to Cabbage Island for a clambake.

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#### 1964

**Dot Creasey Ackerman** lives in downtown Pittsfield. Her youngest son is expecting his first child, which will give Dot a total of five grandchildren. Last year, she traveled to Missouri. This year, she and her brother Bud went to Canada where they went to Hartland, NB, which has the world's longest covered bridge. Her son Warren is with the Dexter Police Department.

**Joe Barnes** is proud that his wife, **Karoldene Martin Barnes '65** was inducted into MCI's Athletic Hall of Fame. Joe has a 185 Cessna. Last year, he went Atlantic salmon fishing in Norway. He is a black powder enthusiast and enjoys hunting with his Brittany spaniel.

**Steve Barnes** still has a good singing voice, as demonstrated when he sang with **Leon Southard** during Reunion.

**Carolyn Dutill Belanger** has retired, and her husband, **Buzz '59** has retired to the golf course. Carolyn is volunteering to take pictures for various events.

**Frank Chaffin** reports that he is retired, and looking forward to traveling more next year. He would like to see a lot of classmates at the 2014 Reunion.

**Judy Smith Chapman** and her sisters were happy to see their mother, Persis Smith, receive the Boston Cane recently.

**Crystal Hunt Cyr** has opened an antique business in Burnham on weekends. She has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. This coming June, she and her husband will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Ralph Damren** has been camping at Toddy Pond. He was quite excited to be inducted into MCI's Athletic Hall of Fame. He is President of the Alumni Association.

**Linda Tozier Dean** is still working at St. Joseph Hospital where she is a certified medical assistant in Gastroenterology. She has been busy this past year, but found some time for camping. She has two daughters, 3 step-daughters, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She says, "Classmates, let's try to have 50 people attend our 50th Reunion!" Linda, thanks for the ideas to celebrate our 50th – does anyone

else have ideas?

**Warren "Pat" Dow** attended this year's Reunion. He was looking for an Evinrude motor and said "they don't make stuff like they used to."

**Rita Flood Dunton** has been enjoying camping, but is returning to Florida. She volunteers for worthy causes, and has also volunteered to help us with our plans for our 50th Reunion.

**Linda Eastman** still continues to run with a group. She is a retired Lt. Col. from the Women's Army Corps.

**Georgie Brown Farrin** and husband Ron said they are right out straight with their grandchildren, and loving it.

**Brian T. Gerry** has been busy building on to his camp at Schoodic Lake, and looking forward to finishing it next year. He has been married to Mary Ann for 11 years, has two children and three grandchildren. He is retired after 40 years at U of M Orono.

**Mike Gordon** is enjoying life in Canada.

**Ralph Hammond** and his wife Jean live in Bedford, MA. He is retired, but keeps busy volunteering at the VA, the town, and Rotary International Foundation. He was recently awarded Citizen of the Year 2013 in appreciation of his many generous and diverse contributions which have benefited the Town of Bedford – Congratulations, Ralph!

**Jeffrey Hathorn** e-mailed that he just checked out a Falcon Business Jet and attended the 50th Reno Air Race on RaceTeam 90. He and his wife have two sons, both pilots. He still works part-time as a Learjet pilot flying owners on business trips, and says he doesn't want to retire!

**Leslie Hinckley Jr.** is retired, but keeps busy with his family, auto racing /collecting and sports. His wife, Susan, is deceased; however he has three children and 7 grandchildren. He said he'd like to see his teammates of the Class of '64 PG basketball team that made it to the championship game of New England in Boston and PG baseball teammates at the 50th Reunion.

**Brian McMann** remains on the golf course, enjoying life!

**Bob Menucci** has been busy with his job, but hoping for more leisure time for 2014. Bob is a Trustee at MCI.

From sunny Florida, **Bob Mercier** reports that he is retired, and will be moving to Maine in November. He and his wife are going to celebrate their first wedding anniversary in October. Between them, they have 30 grandchildren and 10 plus great-grandchildren.

Rae and **Charlie Philbrick** enjoyed dancing at Reunion. They are planning to go to Florida this winter.

**Pat Elkins Pratt** and husband Billy celebrated their 47th anniversary and traveled to Bryce Canyon, Utah where they saw five antelopes and three baby antelopes.

**Donna Brooks Rolfe** retired from Edwards and spent the summer camping with her family. She has two grandchildren. Her granddaughter is going to nursing school, and in her final year raised \$4,000 when she ran in a 5K for cancer. Her grandson is studying at Beal College to be a border agent.

**Susan Smith Rowe** resides in Kentucky.

After 35 years with General Electric Aircraft Engines, **Cordell Snow** retired, but now works part time as senior mechanic at Seal Cove Auto Museum and stays busy maintaining his house and yard. He has been married for 45 years and has two daughters and three grandsons. In his spare time, he enjoys working on clocks and restoring old radios.

It was great to see **Leon Southard** and Leedra while they were at the Putter doing his classic songs during Reunion.

**Ed Toulouse** is attending car shows and still plays basketball.

**Carole Daily Vigue** reports that Andi '89 and Emily '88's son Greg is a football quarterback at MCI, and that they also have a younger daughter, Caroline. Michelle '91 and Mike '86 have two daughters, Maggie and Natalie, who are active in ballet. Carole and Pete have been camping at the west side of Baxter State Park.

**Marlene Hunt Ward** and her husband are going on a cruise to St. Thomas in December. They are enjoying their 5 grandchildren. Marlene retired from Eastern Maine Medical Center after 39 years.

**Glenda McMann Weymouth** retired from MaineGeneral, and has gone on bus tours to Texas and Quebec. She

also went on a cruise to Aruba and Bermuda. She has 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Jane Woodcock Woodruff** has 30 solar panels on her barn. Her daughter Dana '97 is an herbalist, and one of her sons is in the renewable energy business. She has 9 grandchildren.

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#### 1965

**Shirley Vigue Humphrey** has had a preschool since the 70's. She and her sister **Barbara Vigue Day '64** are going to receive the Spirit of America Award. Congratulations to them!

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#### 1967

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#### 1964

**Dot Creasey Ackerman** lives in downtown Pittsfield. Her youngest son is expecting his first child, which will give Dot a total of five grandchildren. Last year, she traveled to Missouri. This year, she and her brother Bud went to Canada where they went to Hartland, NB, which has the world's longest covered bridge. Her son Warren is with the Dexter Police Department.

**Joe Barnes** is proud that his wife, **Karoldene Martin Barnes '65** was inducted into MCI's Athletic Hall of Fame. Joe has a 185 Cessna. Last year, he went Atlantic salmon fishing in Norway. He is a black powder enthusiast and enjoys hunting with his Brittany spaniel.

**Steve Barnes** still has a good singing voice, as demonstrated when he sang with **Leon Southard** during Reunion.

**Carolyn Dutil Belanger** has retired, and her husband, **Buzz '59** has retired to the golf course. Carolyn is volunteering to take pictures for various events.

**Frank Chaffin** reports that he is retired, and looking forward to traveling more next year. He would like to see a lot of classmates at the 2014 Reunion.

**Judy Smith Chapman** and her sisters were happy to see their mother, Persis Smith, receive the Boston Cane recently.

**Crystal Hunt Cyr** has opened an antique business in Burnham on weekends. She has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. This coming June, she and her husband will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Ralph Damren** has been camping at Toddy Pond. He was quite excited to be inducted into MCI's Athletic Hall of Fame. He is President of the Alumni Association.

**Linda Tozier Dean** is still working at St. Joseph Hospital where she is a certified medical assistant in Gastroenterology. She has been busy this past year, but found some time for camping. She has two daughters, 3 step-daughters, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She says, "Classmates, let's try to have 50 people attend our 50th Reunion!" Linda, thanks for the ideas to celebrate our 50th – does anyone

else have ideas?

**Warren "Pat" Dow** attended this year's Reunion. He was looking for an Evinrude motor and said "they don't make stuff like they used to."

**Rita Flood Dunton** has been enjoying camping, but is returning to Florida. She volunteers for worthy causes, and has also volunteered to help us with our plans for our 50th Reunion.

**Linda Eastman** still continues to run with a group. She is a retired Lt. Col. from the Women's Army Corps.

**Georgie Brown Farrin** and husband Ron said they are right out straight with their grandchildren, and loving it.

**Brian T. Gerry** has been busy building on to his camp at Schoodic Lake, and looking forward to finishing it next year. He has been married to Mary Ann for 11 years, has two children and three grandchildren. He is retired after 40 years at U of M Orono.

**Mike Gordon** is enjoying life in Canada.

**Ralph Hammond** and his wife Jean live in Bedford, MA. He is retired, but keeps busy volunteering at the VA, the town, and Rotary International Foundation. He was recently awarded Citizen of the Year 2013 in appreciation of his many generous and diverse contributions which have benefited the Town of Bedford -- Congratulations, Ralph!

**Jeffrey Hathorn** e-mailed that he just checked out a Falcon Business Jet and attended the 50th Reno Air Race on RaceTeam 90. He and his wife have two sons, both pilots. He still works part-time as a Learjet pilot flying owners on business trips, and says he doesn't want to retire!

**Leslie Hinckley Jr.** is retired, but keeps busy with his family, auto racing /collecting and sports. His wife, Susan, is deceased; however he has three children and 7 grandchildren. He said he'd like to see his teammates of the Class of '64 PG basketball team that made it to the championship game of New England in Boston and PG baseball teammates at the 50th Reunion.

**Brian McMann** remains on the golf course, enjoying life!

**Bob Menucci** has been busy with his job, but hoping for more leisure time for 2014. Bob is a Trustee at MCI.

From sunny Florida, **Bob Mercier** reports that he is retired, and will be moving to Maine in November. He and his wife are going to celebrate their first wedding anniversary in October. Between them, they have 30 grandchildren and 10 plus great-grandchildren.

Rae and **Charlie Philbrick** enjoyed dancing at Reunion. They are planning to go to Florida this winter.

**Pat Elkins Pratt** and husband Billy celebrated their 47th anniversary and traveled to Bryce Canyon, Utah where they saw five antelopes and three baby antelopes.

**Donna Brooks Rolfe** retired from Edwards and spent the summer camping with her family. She has two grandchildren. Her granddaughter is going to nursing school, and in her final year raised \$4,000 when she ran in a 5K for cancer. Her grandson is studying at Beal College to be a border agent.

**Susan Smith Rowe** resides in Kentucky.

After 35 years with General Electric Aircraft Engines, **Cordell Snow** retired, but now works part time as senior mechanic at Seal Cove Auto Museum and stays busy maintaining his house and yard. He has been married for 45 years and has two daughters and three grandsons. In his spare time, he enjoys working on clocks and restoring old radios.

It was great to see **Leon Southard** and Leedra while they were at the Putter doing his classic songs during Reunion.

**Ed Toulouse** is attending car shows and still plays basketball.

**Carole Daily Vigue** reports that Andi '89 and Emily '88's son Greg is a football quarterback at MCI, and that they also have a younger daughter, Caroline. Michelle '91 and Mike '86 have two daughters, Maggie and Natalie, who are active in ballet. Carole and Pete have been camping at the west side of Baxter State Park.

**Marlene Hunt Ward** and her husband are going on a cruise to St. Thomas in December. They are enjoying their 5 grandchildren. Marlene retired from Eastern Maine Medical Center after 39 years.

**Glenda McMann Weymouth** retired from MaineGeneral, and has gone on bus tours to Texas and Quebec. She

also went on a cruise to Aruba and Bermuda. She has 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Jane Woodcock Woodruff** has 30 solar panels on her barn. Her daughter Dana '97 is an herbalist, and one of her sons is in the renewable energy business. She has 9 grandchildren.

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#### 1965

**Shirley Vigue Humphrey** has had a preschool since the 70's. She and her sister **Barbara Vigue Day '64** are going to receive the Spirit of America Award. Congratulations to them!

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gathered in Parks Gym for the first annual Summer Sno-Ball. We visited and danced and even had a few couples sit in the King and Queen chairs for photographs including our own King and Queen, **Stephen "Chip" Fendler** and **Kathy Starbird Warburg**. On Saturday, a group of folks met at the breakfast brunch and were joined by several others for a total of 14 who attended the wonderful barbeque lunch on the front lawn. Following the class photo, we all headed down the hill to **Lolly Susi's** where we were treated to delicious hot appetizers and champagne punch, followed by traditional hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill. Those in attendance over the weekend were Lolly, Chip, Kathy and her husband, Paul Warburg, **Mary Ann Tilton**, **Dawn Peterson Cox** and husband, Jesse, **Tom Soule**, **Harold Mosher**, **Arlene Daily Hillestad**, **Martha "Marty" Young Worley**, **Jean Hammond Watts** and husband, Harley, **Dorothy Webber Pinkham**, **Dora Barrett Miles** and **Steve, Ellery Hathorn** and wife Rose Ann, **Eric Cianchette**, **Darlene Kvingedal**, and **Sharon Hanson Ringuette**. Joining us from other classes were **Linda Abbott Morgan '66**, **Anna Parker '66**, **Marcia Bickford '70**, **Dean Homestead '69** and **Bill LaBarge '67** and his wife, Carol. Following the class party, a group of us headed up to The Putter at the golf course where we heard **Leon Southard '64** croon a few tunes. On Sunday, a handful of us went out to Unity Pond where **Ellery** and Rose Ann **Hathorn** were the hosts for a beautiful boat ride and tour of the lake followed by a pizza party. We had lots of great conversation, did lots of catching up and had lots laughs over the weekend. Many thanks to our hosts, Lolly, Ellery and Rose Ann for opening your homes to all of us. Now the plans begin for the "big one." Let's try to get as many classmates as possible on board for what promises to be an awesome Reunion. Pictures are available on the MCI Flickr account as well as on the MCI Class of 1968 Facebook page.

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**1971**  
**Tam Cianchette** has been living on Nokomis Pond in Palmyra for the last 14 years after having lived in Maryland and Minnesota for a number of years. She enjoys working at Kleinschmidt Associates in Pittsfield as a member of the Corporate and Project Support Team. She also has fun providing pet



The Class of 1973 at their Reunion Class Party

sitting and dog walking services. Her son **Cameron '02** is a superintendent for Kiewit Corporation. He has been located in Australia for the last three years. Last year Tam was fortunate to vacation for a week with him in Cairns, Queensland, Australia. Her daughter **Beryl '03** and son-in-law Chris Chafin live in Maryland. Beryl is barn manager and assistant to the general manager at ThorpeWood, a retreat facility in the mountains of Maryland.

**Sally Hodgkins Baker** is working part time at MCI and she subs when called. Her grandchild, Makenzie is at U of Augusta and Victoria is at Keene in NH. She also has four other granddaughters in school in Pittsfield and a three year-old grandson.

**Jeff Knights** writes that he is a national salesman, working for a company from Iceland. He says the best time to play golf in the summer in Iceland is 12 midnight to 3 am.

**Linda Bubar Hunt** is still living in Burnham and is retired due to a back injury. She has two of her grandchildren living with her and keeping her busy. She does crafting and makes jewelry and is proud to report that she is tobacco free for 8 months!

**Linda Wiles** wrote that she is considering retirement and is wondering where she might settle down.

**Scott Levin** has been researching a method to trade the S&P 500 e-mini profitably and hopes to be ready soon to begin trading. After graduation he became a chef and worked in Boston's finest restaurants for about 10 years. He took a job on a charter yacht in St Thomas as a gourmet chef for a while and after the boat was sold returned to the states where he began to change his life. He studies sales and trading and now lives in Deerfield Beach,

Florida.

**Cynthia Nash Dempsey** came to visit me at my apple orchard in NH and we had a wonderful day together. She lives in Loudon, NH with her husband of 36 years and has two sons who live nearby. She and her husband enjoy biking together and she works at Weathervane restaurant!

**Marlin Smith** closed his real estate appraisal business, sold his Pittsfield home and moved to Hawaii in '04. He currently lives in Honolulu in a suburb called Hawaii Kai approximately 8 miles from downtown and Waikiki. He considers himself "semi retired." Marlin spent the first two years renovating their home, a couple of years working as a supervisor at a hardware store, drove tour bus for a year and now is working in the maintenance department of a long term care and rehabilitation facility. He and his wife, Nadine, like to travel. Their last trip was to Australia last year. They went to Nashville on their way back to New England this past summer.

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**1973**  
Reunion 2013 weekend was a big success. **Tania Rogers Carnrick's** induction into the Hall of Fame was a great way to start off the weekend. Saturday we enjoyed a noontime BBQ on the front campus and then made our way to my mom's home for our class gathering. It was great catching up and reminiscing. We had 3 classmates that attended for the first time - **Gerhard Grignon**, **Marsha Ballard** and **PG Tom Emery**. Please don't wait another 40 years before you return!

**Pam Kelley Rogoski** traveled from WA to attend our Reunion. Retired

from United Airlines, Pam and her husband Dave enjoy traveling. They are building a house near the Olympic National Forest. Their two boys are grown; Chris is an officer in the US Air Force Joint NATO Flight program, and Matt is a musician in Chicago and just signed his first record contract. Pam is currently working at the Washington State Department of Licensing as an IT Project Manager. During time off she and Dave spend time hiking, kayaking and skiing in the beautiful Olympic and Cascade mountains. When the Seattle rains get too dreary in the winter, they spend long weekends at their winter home in Phoenix. She says, "If anyone finds themselves out in the Pacific Northwest, (or Phoenix in the winter) please give a shout out, we'd love to see people from back home!"

**Steve Martin** is busy as a local contractor. He and wife, Colleen, have two granddaughters. Steve and brother, **Stanton '73**, have been busy building a new hunting camp and are looking forward to hunting season in November. Stanton retired from Cianbro after working for many years in the purchasing department.

**Kim Wilson Croteau** joined us this year. She stays busy working with individuals with special needs. Kim always finds time to tie on her sneakers and get her daily walk in. She has been walking faithfully for 18 years. That's a lot of miles Kim!

We were all glad to see classmate **Steve McNichol**. Steve is rehabbing from a serious snowmobile accident in Canada last winter. Steve continues working for C.N. Brown. We all wish him well.

**Mike Ames** and **Lynn Cianchette** joined the crowd. Lynn continues her work at Cianbro. Mike shares his time between his work with Conoco Phillips-Polar and his home in Camden.

**Thomas (Roland) Jackson** came from NJ. He is retired after working for 30 years with New York City Transit. In Oct. 2012 the *New York Daily News* chose him as one of New York City's Home Town Heroes for his work training subway employees for promotional exams. He and his wife Levy have two children. He loves to cruise and plans to travel as much as possible. He said, "I can't wait for next year's Reunion!"

**Marsha Ballard** works as a registered nurse at Seabasticook Valley Hospital. I have had a number of opportunities to visit with Marsha this spring while I was in town. It's always nice to catch up.

It was good visiting with **Gerhard Grignon** and his wife, Meg. Gerhard continues his work in forestry/logging operations.

**Tom Quint** is retired and, to paraphrase the State of Maine sign that I read each time I cross the Kittery Bridge, living 'life the way it should be'. Every time I see Tom, retirement looks better and better to me.

**Tania Carnrick** and husband, Doug, are very busy people. Their two children have graduated from college. Tania and Doug enjoy time at their Belgrade cottage when not busy with their camp rental and antique businesses and all their local volunteering.

Thanks go to **Scott Carter** for helping me with the set up for the class gathering. He is always my "go to" guy when it comes to our class parties. He comes prepared with tents, tables and music. Scott lives in Falmouth with his wife, Deb and their daughter, Natalie. Scott is the Regional Business Development Consultant for Servpro and is in his 36th year with the Servpro franchise system in Maine.

David and I have enjoyed the summer. It has flown by. David hasn't retired yet. I think he is waiting for me. I just began my 35th year teaching. It looks like another great year.

We enjoyed seeing old friends and missed the folks who were unable to attend the Reunion. We hope those of you unable to attend will plan on joining us in 2018 for our 45th. Best wishes to all of you and please stay in touch.

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#### 1974

**Elaine Berry** posted on Facebook: I am working on a novel, pulling my hair out, and working on a novel. I love the art of writing, but the craft of it is work. I decided not to move to Portland because I realized I could not afford that city. The prices are akin to prices in NYC. I hope you all are doing well. Also, I am volunteering for Mike Michaud's campaign for Governor of Maine.

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Laurie Fitts Loosigian '71, Ross Fitts '79, and their mother, Alice Wright Fitts '47, at the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Achievement Award ceremony

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#### 1976

**Charlie Tryder** wrote that he has returned to Fryeburg Academy as dean of students after 8 years at Gorham High School as an assistant principal. He is excited about the opportunity to rejoin a school with a residential program and to work with students from around the world as well as the Fryeburg area.

**Don Hallenbeck** writes, "Hi, Folks, It's September and its back to school after an interesting summer up here in Maine weather-wise. I want to let you know that Mr. Humphrey, our old Bio teacher at Warsaw, lost his wife to heart attack on September 5. I had the pleasure of working with both Mr. & Mrs. Humphrey at the Depot House Museum, of which Mrs. Humphrey was co-founder and past president.

I had the chance to see some of you at the Egg Festival this summer in the mostly deserted Bingo Tent and I happened to see **Kathy Reynolds Brooks** here at the library just before with her grandkids.

MCI is once again back in Class D in Football and one of our foes we're familiar with: Boothbay. This is the team we tied in '73 for the Championship and beat in '74.

I'm now officially disabled and getting my money from Social Security, so my housing situation has stabilized.

That's about it from here for now. I look forward to hearing from and see-

ing some of you as the year goes on. Please send your news and notes to me. If you know of someone in our class not getting their alumni information, let either me or the Alumni Office know."

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#### 1979

Class Agent **Trudi Bickford Ames** writes: "Nothing much new on the home front. Our daughter Meagan '10 is in her last year of Plymouth State. Wow where does the time go? Our 35th Reunion is next year. Hope we can have a great turn out as we seem to do. Tentative plans are having a get-together at **Ann Cianchette's** camp in Unity. Remember Senior skip day? Hope to see you all soon."

**Karen Croyley Holmes** writes that her job will be over Oct. 25th in Biddeford (contract bought out) and that she has decided to move back to Pittsfield to be closer to her Dad. She is very excited to start this next chapter in life and be closer to family and friends.

**Nina Hohman Rochette** writes, "Just wanted to let people know I closed my business and now am the Office Manager for Sunnybrook Village. Loving

the job, but more importantly, love interacting with the residents and staff. Really great group of people."

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#### 1983

Congratulations to **Scott Tierno**, who writes that he received his Doctor of Arts degree in leadership from Franklin Pierce University on May 26, 2013. His dissertation was titled "College Union Facilities and Their Perceived Influence on Institutional Retention."

Class Agent needed.

#### 1984

**Tracy Goodridge** posted on Facebook: "Still living in the Bangor area and working at CHCS as a grant writer. Am marrying my partner of 17 years on October 26. (Thank you Maine voters for allowing me to finally marry!) Our son, Kane, is almost 6 and is a happy, busy kindergartner!"

Class Agent needed.

#### 1987

**David O'Brien** and his family moved into a new home in Lithia, Florida this past year. Both the family and Dave's business are doing very well. He has opened a Jacksonville office and is looking at opening an Orlando office in the near future. If anyone is ever in Tampa or even Orlando, let Dave know. He would love to see you.

**Spencer Seekins** just got married to Cathy Bowden. He is currently working as an electrician at UMaine in Orono and is living in Corinna.

**Barbara Pomeroy** received the NALS of Maine Award of Excellence in 2012. It's a statewide award from the legal secretary/paralegal group in Maine.

**Michael Audie** is an extremely proud dad. His daughter just graduated summa cum laude with honors in psychology from Clark University.

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**Gary Soucy** is currently a consultant with BerryDunn's Government Consulting Group and living in Portland with his wife Danielle and son Emmet.

**Kathy Bouffard Kitchin** has taken a new position at Mt. View, as the principal's administrative assistant.

**Jason Fenderson** has just taken the Western Regional Position with his current company. This position requires him to move back to Las Vegas from Palm Springs.

**Jean McGowan** has been living on the West Coast for the past 15 years. For 11 of those years she has been in Portland, Oregon where she lives with her partner and their combined six children. She is employed as the development and communications director at her children's school. Although she loves living in the "other" Portland she misses Pittsfield and her home state of Maine and feels very fortunate that she is able to spend a month there every summer with her family. Her children think Pittsfield is a resort town.

From Jackson Hole, **Charlotte Reynolds** says life continues to race along. She has a first grader, and continues to work as the Grant Writer and Public Information Officer for Teton County, WY. Recently, her family spent two weeks in France, enjoying the sites and food of Paris. The trip included an excursion to Bessey-les-Citeaux, just outside of Dijon where her father-in-law, a WWII pilot, provided a very personal and moving history lesson - an experience she will not soon forget! She says, "If any MCI alums find themselves in Jackson Hole, be sure to let me know."

**Keith Mower's** youngest child just turned 18 in June, so Keith is now looking forward to retirement.

**Sherri Booth Ouellette** is in the process of moving back to Maine! She is working at EMMC in the emergency room as an RN. Her youngest child has just turned 18 and is back in Maine as well.

**Sherrie Ouellette Stolt** is living in Augusta with her husband David, and their two youngest children Anna and Bobby. Anna is in 7th grade and Bobby is in 5th. Her oldest daughter Chelsea is studying at Capilo's and is due to have a child in October, making Sherrie into a grandmother. Her oldest son, Cole is a butcher at Ballard's in Manchester. Sherrie is a very proud and blessed Mom.

**David Wintle** lives in Newburgh with his wife **Rachel Withee '91** and his 2 children Alex and Rylan. He decided to change careers in the early 90's and went back to college and graduated with a Criminal Justice degree from Champlain College in Vermont. He is currently working as a police officer in the Town of Newport (Maine) where he has worked since 1996.

**Dale McGann** is living in Pennsylvania, working for Lewis Tree Service. He is married and has three children, three step-children and three grandchildren.

**Karen Pike Fecteau** moved back to Maine 11 years ago after spending several years in Colorado and Massachusetts working for Hewlett Packard in various accounting roles. She is now working for Iberdrola USA (parent company of CMP) as a Manager of Administration. She has 3 wonderful children, Jared 14, Justin 12, and Hannah 4 (who is named after her Great Grandmother Hannah Basford who graduated from MCI in 1918). She says parenting is by far her favorite activity and biggest accomplishment.

**Wendy Petroskey Hopkins** is living in Plymouth, Maine. She has worked at Sweetser for 13 years and takes care of the office administration for the family business, Hopkins Construction, LLC. She will celebrate her 25th wedding anniversary with husband Russell this January. Her son Blaine works for Hopkins Construction. Her son Joshua is in his final year at Husson College and don't tell anyone, but she is a grandmother. She has a 2 year-old grandson, named Ryder, who is the light of her life.

**Laurie Flood Jensen** and **Jim Jensen** are married and live in Pittsfield with their two children, Jada 12 and James 10. Laurie works at Maine General Hospital as a Care Manager, and has been with the hospital for the past 21 years. Jim is busy, taking care of the kids, remodeling their home, and most recently putting in a pool and new deck. Both are really busy, but they both love being parents.

**Kathy Ross Beverage** is living in Florida. Both her kids are grown. Carrie is 25 and son Robbie is 22. Last December **Rob '86** and she became grandparents to a perfect little boy named Carter. Kathy returns to Maine for 5 weeks every summer.

**Ray Withee** has two daughters Callie (14) and Courtney (10). He moved to

"the County" (Aroostook) in 2005 and works at McCain Foods USA. He met his wife Hannah and moved to Presque Isle in 2008 and they were married in 2010. He joined the Anah Shrine in 2006 and he is very active with the Aroostook Shrine Club and is currently President of the Anah Indy Unit.

**Michael Heath** is still living in Falmouth with Misty and his son Brady. They recently bought some vacation property in Vinalhaven and hope to start building in the spring once the design and approvals are ready. The constant upgrading of cell sites and competition among the cell carriers has kept his business booming over the last three years.

**Mindy Huff Nyman** is living in Corinna with her husband, Doug (married 17 years) and two beautiful girls, Emily (13) and Ashly (10). They are very active in sports (especially field hockey), band and other school activities. She has worked at Sebecook Valley Federal Credit Union for almost 13 years now and for the last 2 years has been the Marketing and Business Development Manager. She recently graduated from CUNA Management School with honors and is now a CCUE, Certified Credit Union Executive. She has been the Vice President of local Chamber of Commerce for the last 2 years.

**Heather Moon McCaw** and her husband and children have just celebrated their 10th year in Waco, Texas at Baylor University. Her oldest daughter is a freshman at Baylor and the others attend Live Oak Classical School where she teaches Junior Kindergarten. They keep busy following Baylor Athletics and the many extracurricular activities of their children. She says she is passionate about God, her family, her students and loving those around her. She strives to always be thankful and to seek the truth, beauty and goodness in the world.

**Heidi Moon Hollis** and her husband live in Oak Hill, Virginia where she home schools their four children and teaches Science in a home school co-op.

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**1988**  
Well, the 25th Reunion has come and gone and I for one am sad that it has passed. It was great catching up with old friends and we shouldn't have to wait for a Reunion to do so. My door

is always open should anyone want to venture to NH for a little visit and don't forget all that tax free shopping! Plenty of room now that one is in college. Just drop me a line (lorenjmartin@comcast.net) or call or text (603-848-4420). Here's a recap of those that attended our 25th Reunion. **Loren LaValle Martin, Emily Vigue Melvin, Chris A. Mitchell, Chris J. Mitchell, Chip Kitchin, Nicole Roy Schissler, Nicole Grant DeGifico, Karin Archer Thornton, Kelly White Woodman, Cheri Dionne Neal, Jen Dahlgren Cram, Lisa Higgins, Larissa Vigue Picard, Clint Lasalle, Dustin Lasalle, Paul Pietranico, Aaron Basford, Theresa Cote Boynton, Gail Reid, Brian Philbrick, Jim Spencer and Karen Quint Jackson.** Also, we got to spy a few others up at the Putter: **Kathy Buxton Ludden** and **Pete Ouellette**. I was a little disappointed that we didn't get to see some friends, who if you can believe, still live in Pittsfield and yet didn't show up to Reunion. I will have to work extra hard to ensure they make it to the 30th Reunion (if I forgot to mention your name as attending, it was simply an oversight and not intentional).

The MCI football and golf teams are having amazing years. Get out and support "our" school! Hope to see you all over Winter Carnival. It is scheduled for 2/27 through 3/1. Please join us all for the alumni sculpture on Friday 2/28. I am so grateful to have been a part of such an amazing school and to have made such friendships that will last a lifetime! Hope to reconnect with all of you over the next few years!

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**1992**  
**Laura Norris** lives with her longtime partner in life, Darius Raulinaitis in

Westlake Village, CA. Together they run a wealth management team at Morgan Stanley called The Lake Avenue Group. They have a furry four legged terrier mix "son" named Cooper. She says, "If you find yourself in Southern California, give me a call and let's get together!"

**Eric Whitman** reports the he and his wife, Hope, are celebrating their 10 year anniversary in May and they just welcomed their son, Chandler, in August. Eric keeps busy with coaching his kids and serves as the assistant director for the Northeast Independent Football League. Eric and Hope purchased a new home in CT this year and have also purchased his grandmother's home in Pittsfield where he hopes to return someday. In their spare time, Eric and Hope care for foster kids and regularly attend NASCAR races, Red Sox games and NY Giants games.

**Andrea Wright Henricksen** reports she just moved to Corpus Christi, TX from the beautiful city of Savannah, GA... an entertaining cross country trip with a 3 year-old, an 8 week-old, a dog, 2 cats, her husband and moving truck. Her husband Mark has started a new position with the Coast Guard as a Preparedness Specialist. Andrea is currently enjoying the beach with her girls and enjoying maternity leave. She will return to work as a self employed consultant once life settles down.

A quick update on the class of '92 is that **Maureen Bianchi** came to Maine to visit from Italy in August and **Courtney Dunbury** surprised the group driving up from Cape Cod on a Tuesday to enjoy the company of old friends.

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### 1995

**Amy Robinson** resides in Portland, Maine. She began her 15th year of teaching this fall at Elm Street School in Mechanic Falls where she plays an active role on several leadership committees. She is hoping to begin her Masters in Administration this summer. Amy and **Frannie Oviatt Rogers** traveled to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico



Aric Friend '97, Adam Friend '92, Adam Ross '95 and Brandon Delano '95 at the Alumni Summer Sno-Ball

in July for a girls' get away with **Jacklyn Mercier Robinson '70** and **Connie Mercier Curtola '67**. She loves to catch up with family and friends and travel in her spare time!

**Alison Cropley Comissiong** and her husband **Jeff '90** have 2 beautiful daughters, ages 12 and 7. Having recently moved to the Virginia Beach area they are taking advantage of the warmer weather, and are at the beach a lot!

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### 1996

**John Houghton** married Amanda DeMaster on August 11, 2013, in Asheville, NC. They live and work in the Charlotte, NC area as veterinarians.

Class Agent **Heather Gray Csonotos** and family left Maine for warmer temps and are calling Midlothian, VA home now. Husband Craig started a new job with Northrop Grumman in August.

**Billie-Jo (Wyman, Reed) Eberhard** moved back to Pittsfield 2 years ago, after she became widowed for the 2nd time. She is scared to get married again, so she lives with her new love, Jock Lasselle, her step-daughter, Amy Reed '98 and her daughter, Meghan Reed. Billie-Jo graduated UMF in 2000 and has been an Early Childhood Teacher since. She is a Headstart Teacher for KVCAP at Educare Central Maine in Waterville. She holds her 081 and 282 Birth through age 5 certifica-

tions. She is passionate about teaching children with differing abilities. Billie-Jo is family oriented and enjoys doing anything with her family. She supports Amy in all her Special Olympics events as well as Meghan in all her extracurricular activities (sports, Girl Scouts, hunting, etc).

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### 1997

**Jeremy Libby** is very happily employed at Alpha One, a non-profit organization. He got married in early October to Lori Fecteau Libby and just built a new home in Hermon last year. He and his new wife are enjoying newlywed life!

**Angela Parker St. Pierre** and **Josh St. Pierre** live in N. Largo, FL with their very adorable son, Aiden. Angela is an administrative assistant for Chrysochoof Company and Josh is an executive kitchen manager for a five-star restaurant. They are loving life in the sun.

**Jarod Rollins** has been busy receiving his PhD in Genetics from the University of Cologne, Germany. He recently moved back to Bar Harbor, Maine and is working for MDI Biological Laboratory as a doctoral research scientist. He stated that he recently ran into Jon Ramgren at the Laboratory and he looks exactly the same.

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### 1998

**Elissa Poulin Moore** is married to Jerry Moore and lives in Plymouth. They have three kids: Max, Alyx, and Brayden. Elissa is still working for Kelly-Smith Printing.

**Hillary Shibles Whitney** lives in Burnham with her husband Brian. They have two kids, Dillon (6) and Anna (16 months). She is employed as a dental hygienist.

**Paul Collins** was married earlier this year to his beautiful wife, Laura. They bought a house in San Francisco last year and are both enjoying working at Google and excited to start their family in the Bay Area!

**Joo Yi** is happily living in Korea working as Dept. Leader of Strategy and Partner Relationship Support at Tencent Korea, a Chinese online company. She travels quite a bit to China and is hoping to find time to catch a live baseball game (Korean league) before the post-season begins.

**Elizabeth Smith** and significant other welcomed their son in May. They have spent the summer enjoying their time with him.

**Casey Nadeau Howe** recently got married and purchased a home in Winslow. Casey is at home with her children (ages 5, 3, and 3 months).

**Kim Wyman O'Connell's** oldest stepson graduated June 8th. On June 12th, Kim became a grandmother. Kim's daughter is a freshman this year, and her son is in 5th grade. Kim is still living happily in Unity with her husband Brian and their children.

**Jason Cummings** is living in Brookline, MA with his wife, Christy and two children: Ada (2 ½) and Charlie (8 months). He had a blast catching up with MCI classmates at Reunion this summer and is already looking forward to our 20th!

**Jared McCannell** celebrated his first full year back at MCI working in the Alumni Office this summer. He and wife, Kelly, and son, Henry, welcomed new addition Sullivan Brady McCannell to the family (just a few days after Reunion Weekend!)

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### 1999

**Cheryl King** lives in Hermon with her

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family and owns a very successful day-care called Lil Black Bear Child Care. She has three children and has another business plan in the works.

**Alexis Arroyo** has been working at Target Corp as a general store manager for four years. Alex lives in Burlington, NC with his wife, Laura and their Westie puppy "Miss Bonnie." Alex was also **Shane Ross's** best man at his wedding this past June.

**MaryAnn Petela** is the Principal and Director of a charter school in West Valley, Utah called Alianza Academy.

**Abigail Ross Varga** is an attorney in Portland at the law firm, Lambert Coffin. She and her husband, Steve, live in South Portland and are expecting their first child this fall.

**Nicole Cianchette Steeves** recently started working at The StudyGroup as the Admissions Manager for the University Systems of Maine. She continues to reside in Pittsfield with her two boys and husband **Patrick '98**.

**Faye Mack** lives in Machias with husband Matt and they celebrated their 7-year anniversary in September. Faye is a stay-at-home mom to two beautiful girls, Kiley who is in kindergarten and Jade who is one. Faye also owns her own photography company.

**Kristyn Graham Plamondon** enjoys being a stay at home mom to her three children; Jordan, Jillian and Juliana. She lives in Pittsfield with her children and husband, **Josh '98**.

**Laura Wyly** is Dean of Students at Georgetown College and lives outside of Lexington, KY. Laura is also writing her dissertation as she completes her PhD at the University of Kentucky.

**Natalia Mayhew Hall** works as the Practice Manager at Eastern Maine Medical Center's Women's Healthcare of Maine. She lives in Pittsfield with her husband, **Ben Hall '01** and children Laney (2) and Lucas who is 4 months-old.

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**2002**  
**Sheena Farmer McGahuey** writes: I have an associate's degree in liberal studies and am currently pursuing a BS in social work/psychology. I am a NASA scholar hoping to eventually pursue work in aerospace engineering. I got married, moved to VT, and gave birth to my first child in the past 12 months. I am currently doing well in school and have an exceptionally bright and happy 3 month-old baby and loving husband to come home to.

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**2008**  
Congratulations to **Jade Wells**, who was on the Dean's List at Farmington College for the spring semester.

**Cinjin Goewey** is stationed at Fort Bragg with the 82nd ABN DIV. He is currently preparing for a possible deployment in February.

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**2009**  
**Nathaniel Olsen** graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration with an emphasis in global management from Susquehanna University.

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**2010**  
Congratulations to **Marguerite (Mag-gie) Bryant** who was on the Dean's List at Farmington College for the spring semester.

**Terra Frederick**, a senior at Southern Nazarene University, spent this summer in the McNair research scholars program. During this summer Terra traveled to Italy on a month-long mission and research trip. She also wrote a 50 page research paper on the research she completed. During the 2013-2014 school year, Terra will be attending various conferences presenting her research.

Class Agent needed.

**2011**  
Congratulations to **Megan Hughes** who was on the Dean's List at Farmington College for the spring semester.

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**2013**  
The members of Class of 2013 have begun their new adventures after graduation and are now living in different states throughout the entire country. **Will Cu** is studying at Pennsylvania State University and majoring in marketing and management while **Courtney Fowler** is attending the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. **Katie Cronkite** is majoring in psychology at the University of Tampa and **Kym Man** is attending the University of California, Davis.

**Ben Thomasson** writes, "Since graduation, I have spent my summer with the Bossov Ballet as well as in Germany. Now I am attending Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana. I am working on a double major in Computer Science and Dance Performance, with a strong interest in learning lighting design for performances. I plan to finish at least one of these in three years.

Congratulations to everyone as they begin their new journey after high school!

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## In Memoriam

The Advancement Office was notified of the passing of these members of the MCI family:

Lula Buzzell Bunker '23  
Elizabeth Chesebro Kingsley '32  
E. Robert Kinney '35  
Roland Reilly '36  
Clifford Stevens '37  
Nicholas Craig '38  
Eloise Dean Reilly '38  
Nelson Soule '38  
Walter Sherman '39  
Douglas Stafford '41  
Reginald Blanchard '43  
Earl Ramsdell '46  
Lloyd Morrison '47  
Kenneth Jordan '48  
Etta Rolfe '48  
Conrad Bourque '49  
Marilyn White Buzzell '49  
Richard Mooers '51  
Elizabeth Matteson Clark '53  
Philip Lawrence '53  
Louis Pepin '53  
Gary Twitchell '53  
Guy Carroll '54  
Loring Witham '54  
Col. Thomas Conroy '57  
Alyson Cookson Thomas '57  
Judith Braley Davis '57  
John Gallo '57  
Robert Mahlman '57  
Philip Whitman '59  
Roy Newton '63  
Robert Collier '64  
Ernest Philbrick '65  
Alan Bemis '67  
Nancy Niles Derosier '67  
Nathan Haynes '68  
Danny Donnell '81  
Mark Parker '89  
Christopher Bedford '02  
Paul Vigue '03  
Michael Lynch '09  
Nikole Dolloff '09  
Ethel Cianchette  
Ralph Huff  
C. Nelson Corey  
Charles Getchell  
Audrey Keeley

Our deepest condolences go out to families and friends of those who have passed on. The Advancement Office tries its very best to record accurately the names of the alumni/ae and friends who have passed away. Please contact our office at (207) 487-5915 or alumni@mci-school.org about the passing of alumni/ae or friends of MCI.



*The MCI field hockey team celebrates on their Homecoming float during the parade.*



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Winter Carnival ..... Feb. 27-March 1

Senior Chapel ..... May 30

Graduation ..... June 1

Reunion Weekend ..... August 1-3

Hall of Fame / Distinguished  
Achievement Ceremony ..... August 1

Girls on the cross country team run up the hill at the Pinnacle during their home meet on September 20.