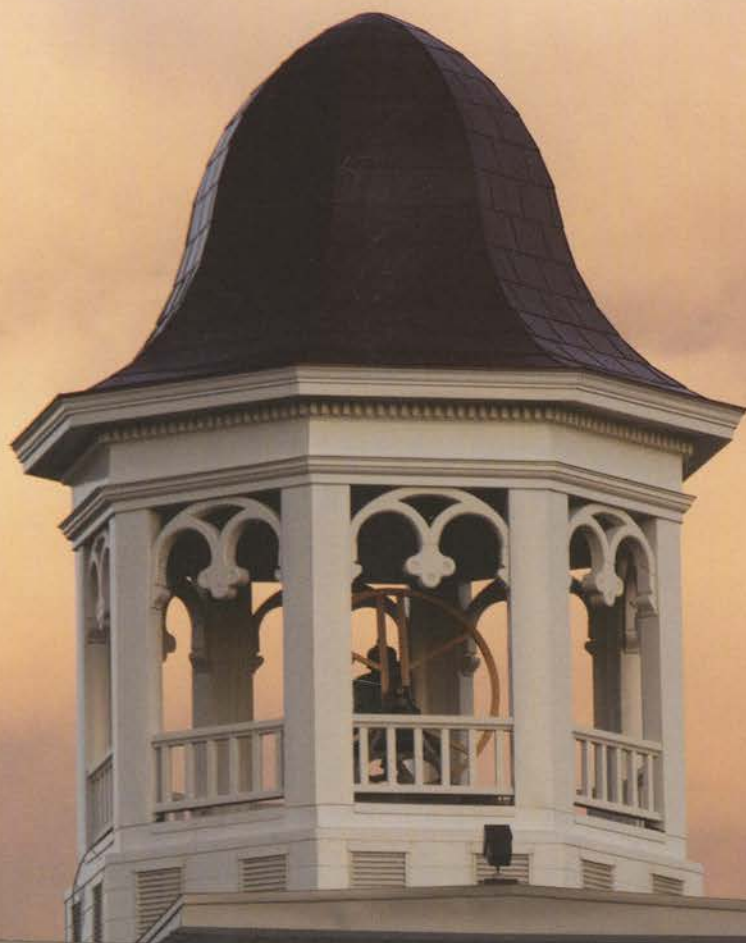


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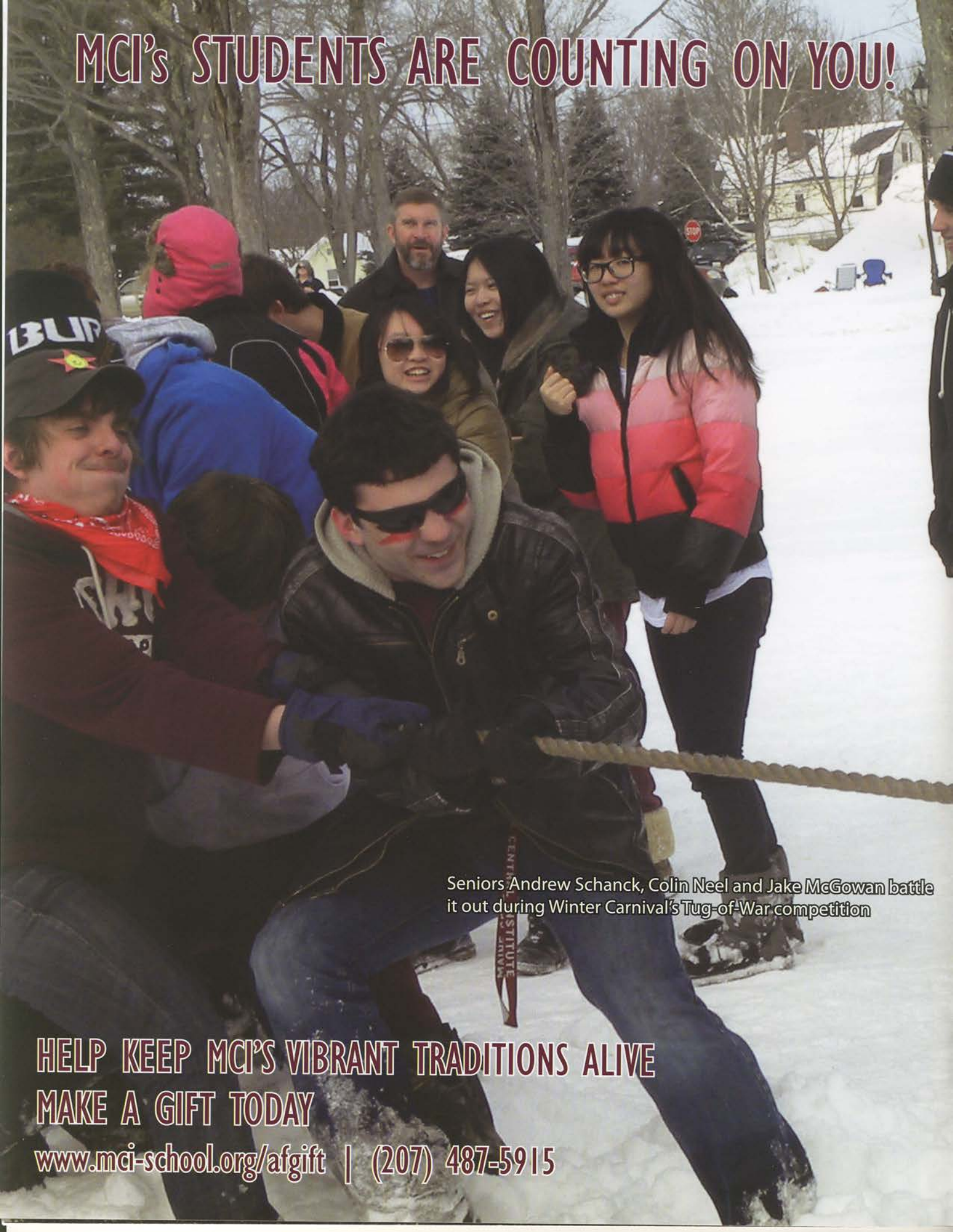
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Pictured: Headmaster Chris Hopkins collects sap from the trees on the front campus



# FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends,

The tapping of the Boutelle Savage Front Campus sugar maples provided me not only with a welcomed excuse to get outdoors, but also with a chance to reflect in a new way on the history and traditions that continue to thrive at Maine Central Institute.

I'm not in this case referring to the toll from the bell tower after an MCI victory, Homecoming, or Winter Carnival. As we drilled the holes in the trees, hammered in the taps and then hung the buckets, I communed with trees which during their one-hundred plus year lifetime have seen generations of MCI students pass on the walks, graduate on the front lawn, enter and exit the doors of Founders, Parks, Weymouth, Alumni Hall, and the J. R. Cianchette Hall of Science. On page 14 of the magazine you'll see an announcement about the launch of the "Timeline Project." Oh, if only these trees could offer their submissions based on what they have seen!

The history and traditions I mean cannot be seen nor heard on campus but are evident in the thousands of alumni who are proud to count Maine Central Institute as "home." MCI graduates made a difference out there in the world whether in their families, communities, places of employment, churches or volunteer work. They are ambitious and successful while remaining modest. They credit the School with providing them with an academic, physical, moral and spiritual foundation both in and out of the classroom and they have gone on to do the rest. They are, by their own admission, ordinary people, yet so many are doing extraordinary things.

Whether they arrived from Pittsfield, Burnham or Detroit, Southern or Northern Maine, California, Massachusetts, or Iran, Bermuda, Asia or Europe, and whether they attended the School for four years or just one as a post-graduate, they walked under the trees, up and down the leaning stairs of Founders, played in Manson Park, and were forever changed.

Ordinary trees which create an extra-ordinary product. Genuine people who have done extraordinary things. Oh, the stories they all can tell about this great old School and what it has meant to them.

Enjoy this edition of the *Alumnus*, send us your stories for our new "Letters to the Editor" section, and thank you for your loyalty to and support of Maine Central Institute.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Hopkins, Headmaster





## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor of the *Alumnus*,

After reading the article about Paul Legge, whom I remember very well and always enjoyed having as an instructor, it brought to mind a special teacher who inspired in me the need to teach. I wasn't able to do that right from MCI but it was never far from my mind. After being married and having two children I did enter college and graduated from the University of Maine with a BS in education. My interest in English came from Miss Nellie MacDougall. I loved diagramming sentences and writing essays and that interest has stayed with me through the years.

I became a second grade teacher and as I taught English structure to second graders, I often thought of Miss MacDougall, now Nell Parks, and as I diagrammed sentences

on the board I could see her doing just that at MCI. But what really amazes me is that she was just a few years older than her students and we didn't even realize that. Teachers were to be respected and held in a place of honor in our time and it was only later, when I visited with her in her family home in Bingham, that I realized how close in age we were. In that visit, it was amazing to me how many of us she remembered. When a cousin of mine wrote a book about the history of that area, I found out it was her father who married my cousins.

Life has a funny way of meshing together the events in our lives that continue to become an intricate part of our existence. Just as I keep in touch with so many of my former students, it seems right, although amazing, that I can now relate to my former teachers and be able to count them as friends. Thank you, Nell Parks, for being a friend and the kind of teacher that influ-

enced my life, and I'm sure, many others.

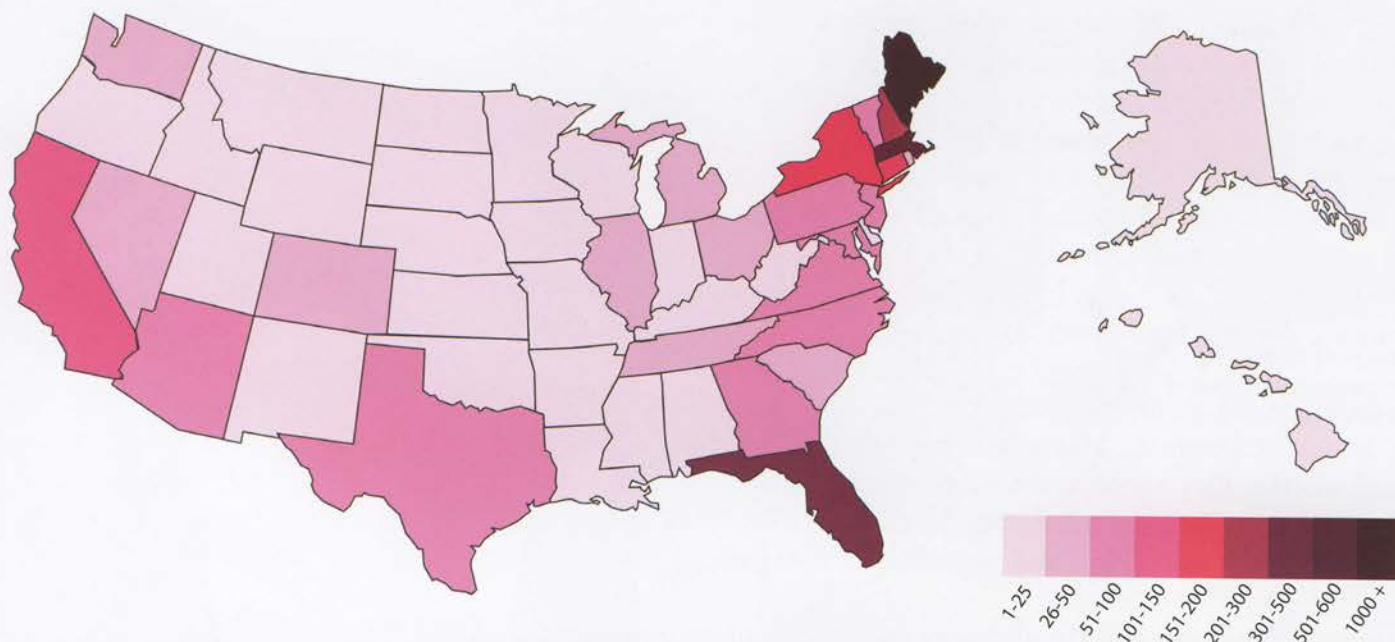
Catherine Doyle Mooers  
Class of 1953

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## MCI Alumni Population by State



Nearly 60 percent of the alumni who live in the United States reside in Maine. Other popular locations are Massachusetts, Florida, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut and California. While our records show that there is at least one alumnus/a living in every state, we currently have approximately 1,500 "lost" alumni for whom we don't have valid contact information.

You can help us keep in touch with all our alumni by:

1. Viewing the list of lost alumni on our website ([www.mci-school.org/lost](http://www.mci-school.org/lost))
2. Updating the Advancement Office with any new contact information by calling (207) 487-5915, emailing [alumni@mci-school.org](mailto:alumni@mci-school.org) or filling out the online address update form at [www.mci-school.org/lost](http://www.mci-school.org/lost)
3. Encouraging your classmates to do the same



# SCHOOL NEWS

*"People often confuse fame for leadership. Noise is not leadership."*

*~Steve Abbott,  
Director of Athletics  
University of Maine*

Steve Abbott, director of athletics at the University of Maine, began his Patterson Lecture Series talk speaking about the many amazing things that he was able to do while serving as the Chief of Staff for Senator Susan Collins. Continuing on, he spoke of his childhood, growing up in a great Maine community that well prepared him for life, stating, "This place can take you wherever you want to go."

Abbott told the audience that participating in athletics is one of many great ways to learn leadership, but cautioned that there are many types of leaders and that one has to find the best fit for himself or herself. He also remarked that a person doesn't have to be a "star" to be a leader and that people often confuse fame for leadership. He explained that leadership comes from one's integrity, work ethic, decision making and judgment. Leadership is also the ability to bounce back from failure.

Pastor Bill Johnson of the First Baptist Church in Pittsfield told the students that it is important to know what makes their own life meaningful as it gives one direction. "Leaders need to know where they are going," he said. "In order to do so, they must understand why their organization exists." Like people, institutions that lose their way start to decline. Leaders must prove their character so that people can trust in their abilities. Johnson went on to state that relationships hold the clue to the

purpose and meaning of life and that personal sacrifices are often necessary for true success. "Success at the cost of our most important relationships is really failure in disguise," he explained.

Elaine Patterson, organization and leadership advisor for BreitBurn Energy Partners and MCI Trustee, shared some of her personal mottos that she uses as life guidelines. "I never had a detailed plan for life, but I did have a direction," she said. Having a direction helped her accomplish goals and continue to become a more successful leader.

While Patterson admitted that she hates being told what to do, she stressed that it is important to recognize the value of advice and help from others. "Look carefully at the people you are spending time with," she cautioned. "Be more deliberate about whom you seek advice from." Patterson specifically mentioned three mentors who all saw potential in her before she was able to recognize it herself: her childhood next door neighbor, her high school guidance counselor and her college career development officer. She told the students that having a mentor can often help a person to get out of his or her comfort zone and take healthy risks.

The next Patterson Lecture Series speaker will be Dr. Allen Dyer '63.



Steve Abbott



Bill Johnson, Ph.D.



Elaine Patterson



Seth Wilcox '15, Cody Vaughan '12 and Kenneth Basford '15 collect sap

## MCI Makes First Foray into Maple Syrup

For the first time in known history, MCI tapped the maple trees on the Boutelle Savage Front Campus. Students and adults gathered 220 gallons of sap from about 30 buckets on the front campus and produced about 5.5 gallons of syrup using an evaporator loaned by MCI Trustee Andi Vigue '89. Though not for sale, school community members and supporters will be able to sample the syrup.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## Allison Sinclair '12 Receives 2012 Maine Principal's Association Award



Allison Sinclair '12 has been selected to receive the 2012 Principal's Award. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and school citizenship. "Allie takes an extremely challenging course load and is described by her teachers as hard-working, self-motivated, and unwilling take the easy way out, even in classes that are challenging," Headmaster Hopkins noted in presenting the award to Sinclair. "Her class participation reflects her personality and character elsewhere: she communicates effectively, is an active listener, and makes clear that she respects the thoughts, opinions and efforts of others." At MCI, Sinclair has been a member of the Student Council all four years, becoming president her senior year. She is also a member of the Key Club and has served as the class president of her class for three years. Sinclair has played varsity soccer, basketball, and softball all four years at MCI and is a member of MCI's Captain's Club. She will be attending the University of Southern Maine in the fall. Allison is the daughter of Scott '76 and Kathleen '82 Sinclair of Pittsfield.

## Student Council reaches goal to raise \$2,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

For the past ten years, the MCI Student Council has chosen St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as the national charity they would support. St. Jude's, in addition to being a critically important research hospital, is a place where children eighteen years old or younger can go for treatment of cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. This year, three events culminated in a very successful fund drive. First, students and staff paid for the privilege of 'dressing down' on a designated Friday. Second, an extraordinarily generous man stepped forward and offered to help the fund drive while honoring his father. MCI Dean of Student Life John Dean had not shaved since the day of his father's death on March 16, 2011. The elder Mr. Dean was known for his great community spirit and for his flowing whiskers. MCI's John Dean, determined to shave his beard on the one-year anniversary of his father's death, decided to let the MCI community choose his new look. Students and staff "voted" by making a donation. In the end, it came down to the "Hulk Hogan look" or the "Muskeeter panache." He made his public appearance at a MCI pep rally on the 16th as Aramis. Lastly, MCI Student Council members and their advisor Tanya Kingsbury held a 24-hour fast, spending the time together in Parks Gym. Approximately 350 people participated in one way or another in these activities. The Student Council surpassed their goal of \$2,000, donating a total of \$2,011 to St. Jude's.



Dean of Students John Dean with his new facial hair

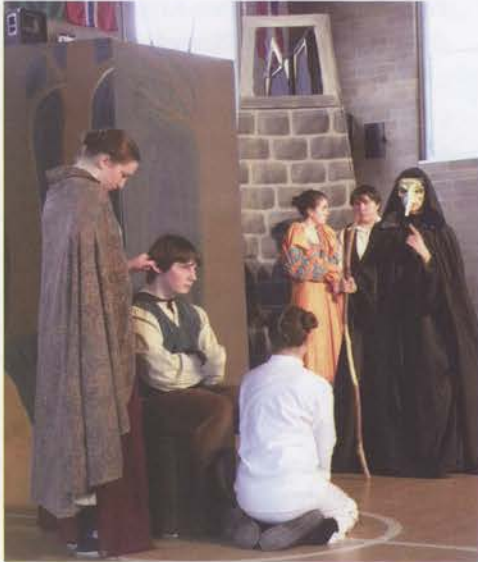


## Andrew Schanck and Vy Phuong Dang are Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2012

Valedictorian for the Class of 2012 is Andrew Schanck. Schanck has been a four-year member of the Jazz Band and the Concert Band, a three-year member of the Jazz Combo and a two-year member of the Jazz Chorus. He participated in track & field and the Future Problem Solvers and is active with his church. Schanck is the son of Lance and Marybeth Schanck of Pittsfield. Vy Phuong Dang is the salutatorian for the Class of 2012. She has participated in MCI's Cultural Diversity Club and Tennis Club while at MCI. She is also a member of the tennis team and was a Manson Essay finalist. Dang is the daughter of Quoc Tan Dang and Thi Mai Bui of Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam.



# THE ARTS @ MCI



## Drama Team Performs *Into the Woods*

The entire MCI school community was fortunate to be able to watch the drama team's presentation of Act 1 of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's *Into the Woods* on February 16th. The show is a compilation of several of *Grimm's Fairy Tales* with a new story written by Sondheim and Lapine to weave it all together. Directed by MCI drama teacher Rachel Damon, the cast featured Braden Socquet '13, Alena Bystrova '12, Mollie Sharples '13, Jessica Leibowitz '15, Morgan Thies '13, Sarah LaGross '13, Meri Berthelette '12, Gabby LaGross '12, Kevin Belgard '15, Wesley Burton '15, Gary Kersbergen '12, Alex Harvey '15, Erdi Aslan '12, Errol Kurtz '15, and Izzy Enriquez '15. Joe Girard '12, Haylee-Ann Snow '12 and Molly Raye '13 provided technical support.

## MCI Begins New Performing Artist Series

Similar to the School's Patterson Lecture Series which brings speakers to campus, MCI's Performing Artist Series brings talented musicians or musical groups to campus to enrich the students' musical knowledge and experience. "The concept for the Performing Artist Series was something Chris Hopkins and I had discussed at length for about a year," said Dean Neal, MCI's visual and performing arts chair. "In an aim to broaden awareness of musical styles, our goal is to bring performances to campus that the community may not typically hear. As much as possible, we would like

sible. I am excited for the growth that is possible in this area and would like to see at least four performances each year." The first group to come to campus was bluegrass band "Billy Thibodeau and New Union River" featuring MCI English teacher Steve Peterson as well as MCI alumnus Matt Stein '93. The School was also fortunate to host the University of Maine Singers as a stop on their New England Tour and will host MCI Girls' Soccer Coach and parent, Felipe Arias, this spring.

## Master Printer Doug Frati '72 Loans MCI a Printing Press

This year Doug Frati '72, MCI's assistant facilities manager, began working in the art studio with students on various aspects of printing. To enhance this offering, he lent a printing press to the MCI art studio and made a stand for use and functionality. "Printmaking, with its multiples and unique transformations has become a viable tool to many contemporary artists," explained Frati. "The press becomes a means to an end offering creative opportunity but also one that requires craft and discipline. Any student considering going on to a degree in art would benefit from an introduction to the use of a printing press." After graduating from MCI, Frati received a bachelor's of fine arts degree in printmaking from the Portland School of Art.

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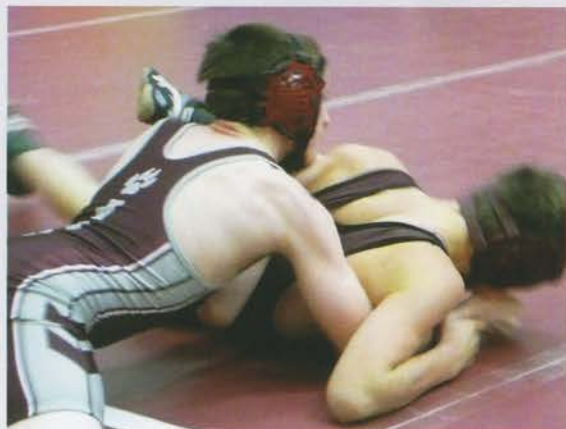
there to be a connection between the performing group and our MCI community but it will not always be pos-



Billy Thibodeau and New Union River Band  
with Steve Peterson and Matt Stein '93



# Athletics @ Maine Central Institute



## Winter Season 2012 Recap

The wrestling team had six wrestlers, Will Cu '13, Dylan Dahlbergh '15, Trevor Kitchin '14, Tanner Littlefield '14, Jacob McGowan '12 and Gus McWilliams '14 on the podium at the Regional meet and qualified for the State tournament. Dahlbergh and McGowan were runners-up at the State Meet.

The winter cheering team worked diligently throughout the season and improved their score by 10 points from the KVACs to the Regionals.

The rifle team had top finishers in matches all year and went to the State Meet. They came in first in the Scholastic Division and finished fourth overall.

The varsity boys' basketball team finished the season strong with a win against Camden Hills (for the first time since 2000).

Despite their record, the varsity girls' basketball team finished the season with good spirits and tremendous team unity and support.

The PG basketball team finished the season with a .500 record and played in the NEPSAC Tournament at the beginning of March. They ultimately fell to the tournament runners-up, St. Thomas More, in the quarter-finals.

Gary Kersbergen '12 practiced and competed on the ski team as an independent with Maranacook. He finished 3rd at the Class B State Meet for the Giant Slalom and qualified to try-out for the Maine State Team.

## Individual Awards

**Spirit Award:** Kylee Alton '12

**Most Improved Player:** Hannah Emery '14, Jerry Chen '13, Keiran Wickerham '13, Will Cu '13, Tanesha Smith '14

**Coaches Award:** Katie Cronkite '13, Adam Ogden '12, Min Du '13, Rachel Lanzikos '15

**MVP:** Trey Vintinner '12, Cameron Michaud '13, Kani Bertke '12

**Outstanding Wrestler:** Jacob McGowan '12

**KVAC All-Academic:** Gary Kersbergen '12, Trey Vintinner '12, Taylor Wright '12

Paula Arias '12 and Meghan Orchard '12 practiced and competed in indoor track as independents with Lawrence High School. They both received high praise and compliments from the Lawrence coaching staff and team members.

## Save the Date for Homecoming 2012 and the Third Annual Athletic Hall of Fame



Please make plans to come home to MCI for Homecoming Weekend 2012!

**Friday and Saturday, September 21 & 22, 2012**

In addition to the Homecoming parade, class competitions and sporting events throughout the weekend, there will be a Homecoming Community BBQ before the football game on Friday night. MCI will also celebrate the third annual Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday evening. Check MCI's website ([www.mci-school.org](http://www.mci-school.org)) for more information.



# MCI Awarded 10-Year Accreditation by NEASC

In February 2012, MCI received its continuing 10-year reaccreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). NEASC is the nation's oldest accrediting association, serving more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Accreditation by NEASC is "structured around carefully considered standards, self-evaluation, peer review and follow-up by the school." It assures that the school is "faithful to its mission, conducts its programs appropriately to meet its goals and fulfills the Standards of Accreditation established by the Commission on Independent Schools."\*

As part of the accreditation process, many MCI students, parents, trustees and community members, and most faculty and staff, participated in an intensive year-long self-study that covered 14 areas of the School including academic program, student experience, infrastructure and resources.

When the self-study was completed, a visiting committee, composed of specially trained faculty and staff from peer NEASC schools, visited campus for a three-day period. The visiting committee reviewed MCI's self-study and met with numerous school members. The committee then prepared a report for both MCI and NEASC that assessed compliance with NEASC standards, recommending that MCI receive reaccreditation. The report recognized MCI for excellence in several areas and also formulated recommendations for areas in which MCI could improve.

The report included commendations for the faculty at MCI stating, "The program is delivered by a dedicated faculty who

are passionate about their fields, care deeply about their students and strive to raise the bar of achievement for every student." The committee also remarked upon MCI's high rate of post-secondary enrollment in continuing education or job training.

The report applauded MCI for the School's new extra-curricular activity requirement, and the wide range and growing number of activities available to students at a time when so many schools are cutting and decreasing opportunities. Yet the report also noted the need to continue long-range planning to enhance the funding of extra-curricular programs so that they may grow and become even better.

The visiting committee also praised MCI for the dedication of its faculty, staff and administration in recognizing and addressing the needs of all students regardless of gender, learning styles and ability, race, age, ethnicity, family background, socio-economic status, sexual orientation or religious practice. Furthermore, the committee highlighted the breadth and depth of MCI's student support resources in the forms of counseling, academic support and specially designed programs and applauded the School for embracing its diverse population and appreciating the potential that diversity brings to all aspects of the school community.

The committee's report recommended that the school continue its pursuit of



## Accredited

ongoing education for the community regarding social issues. The committee also suggested that the School create additional educational opportunities for faculty and students to learn about different cultures and learning differences. Finally, the visiting committee concurred with MCI's own evaluation that the School must increase the access to and use of technology in the classroom and also recommended that MCI engage in regular curriculum review to ensure that subject matter and teaching techniques are preparing students for success after graduation.

"I am pleased, but not surprised that the visiting committee saw evidence that MCI is carrying out our mission in everything that we do," stated MCI Headmaster Chris Hopkins. "We recognized that the accreditation process at its best provides an institution with the opportunity to be self-critical, and we were just that, openly identifying and sharing with the visiting committee the areas in which we want to, and will, I'm confident, improve."

*MCI pledges to provide a rigorous, comprehensive educational program to a multicultural student body with a wide range of abilities and interests. In a safe and caring atmosphere, students will acquire knowledge, self-esteem, social responsibility and the critical thinking and communication skills necessary for global citizenship and lifelong learning.*

*MCI Mission Statement*





With bright eyes and a contagious smile, Samuel Gachagua '12 is the type of person who is a pleasure to be around. Positive and upbeat, Gachagua's ultimate goal is to help people and positively impact their lives. "I want a good education because ultimately it will be better for me and the people I want to impact," Gachagua explained. "I want to change society. With the way I grew up, I wasn't really happy and I want to change things for future kids. I don't want them to go through what I did."

Gachagua grew up in Kenya. "Before MCI, my life was not as great as many of the students here," he said. "Growing up there were a lot of hardships, family hardships." One such hardship was that Gachagua was unable to attend school for a period of time as he was unable to pay the required fees. "Because I wanted to go to school," he explained, "I would go back [to the school] the next day and then they would tell me to go home and get money." Eventually Gachagua ended up in an orphanage where he lived for eight years before getting a scholarship to attend MCI through a program called Hope Runs (see sidebar). Though he attended school through the orphanage, it was very different from MCI.

In Kenya, there were fewer class choices. Gachagua learned the basics including math, English, Swahili, chemistry, physics and biology. When Gachagua was given MCI's course catalog at the beginning of his first year, he was amazed. "I was given the chance to actually explore

what I like and given opportunities to take classes I've never had," he said. Gachagua went on to explain that he has had some struggles with some class work because of his background, but he spoke enthusiastically about his teachers. "It's really great to have teachers like this at MCI who can interact with students one-on-one." In his school in Kenya, there were ten or eleven teachers for about 600 students. "We couldn't get one-on-one help."

In addition to academics, Gachagua has taken advantage of the many co-curricular activities at MCI. He has participated in drama, fencing, Key Club and the Science and Outing Club. He was the treasurer of the Dorm Council for two years, and vice president of the Residential Life Council his senior year. He has been part of the track and cross country teams all three of his years at MCI, becoming captain of cross country his senior year. An inexperienced runner when he arrived at MCI, Gachagua quickly improved, earning the Most Improved Award in both track and cross country in 2011. This year, Gachagua placed in the top 10 at every regular season cross country meet he competed in. He also qualified for the State Meet. He attributes his success to his coach, Jessica Cardenas. "I didn't have the drive," he said. "I didn't believe that I could do it. She told me that I could. She saw that I had the potential to do it when I didn't."

Gachagua is also well-liked and respected by his classmates. During Winter Carnival, he was voted

# Philanthropy, Kindness and Kenya

## Samuel Gachagua '12's mission to positively impact the world



by his peers to receive the coveted Sno-ball King title. On winning his new title, Gachagua bashfully responded, "I felt a sense of accomplishment. I want to impact as many people as possible and if people don't think well of you, there is not as much that you can do." Because of his positive attitude and well-known interest in global issues, a group of students recently approached Gachagua about starting a new club on campus to deal with world issues. "We want to see what we as a small community at MCI can do because we are a part of the global community and proud of it," he said.

Living in the Honors Dorm at MCI has only served to strengthen his interest in world culture and global citizenship. "Basically I have lived in dorms my whole life, but I haven't lived with people from different cultures," he stated. "That is another part of MCI that I really like. I didn't know anything about American culture, about European culture or Asian culture, and suddenly I had to live with people that I didn't know anything about."

For his senior project, Gachagua is carrying on his mission of help-

ing others. He wants to engage the whole school and community to do "Five Days of Kindness." Gachagua is an intern for a non-profit called Think Kindness that "aims to inspire thousands from coast to coast to change the world through seemingly simple random acts of kindness" ([www.thinkkindness.org](http://www.thinkkindness.org)). Gachagua feels that little acts of kindness can ultimately change others actions, even if the person performing the act doesn't see the results. "That's the best part," he said excitedly. "You don't have to know."

Gachagua is in the same position as many seniors at this time, deciding what he wants to do next year. He has applied at Stanford University, Macalester College, Gordon College and Marymount Manhattan College. He has also been accepted into a one-year program called the Global Citizen Year. The Global Citizen Year is a bridge year program that gives high school graduates time outside of the normal classroom environment before college to work in the developing world.

Whatever he decides for next year, with Gachagua's passion for world



Gachagua and his teammates at MCI's cross country home meet on September 23, 2011.



Paula Arias '12 and Gachagua win the 2012 Sno-ball King and Queen titles.

issues and helping others, it is no surprise that his ultimate career goal is to get involved with philanthropy and possibly work for a non-profit that helps children. He especially would like to go back to Kenya and help there. "That's my home... The way I grew up and the way I was introduced to the world of helping people. If I didn't get help when I was a little kid, I wouldn't be sitting here... So I really want to give little kids the chance to come up in the world."

## Hope Runs

Hope Runs is a non-profit organization that uses running to empower orphans in Kenya with the tools of personal health, social entrepreneurship and education.

Founders Claire Williams Diaz-Ortiz and Lara Vogel met Gachagua at his orphanage, the Tumaini Children's Home, on the last leg of a 20-country tour. Staying at the orphanage as a base for climbing Mt. Kenya, Diaz-Ortiz and Vogel were inspired by the orphanage to "find a way to contribute something that further strengthened this community, and that supported the commitment to health and well-being that the Tumaini Children's Center had so prioritized." Hope Runs partners with orphanages in Kenya and Tanzania to provide extracurricular programming that uses sports and athletics as a primary means of implementing health, technology and social entrepreneurship training for children. Hope Runs also provides service-learning opportunities for international volunteers, and draws on local hires to implement its computer training, health and fitness classes, marathon competitions, educational scholarships and more. To learn more, please visit [www.hoperuns.org](http://www.hoperuns.org).







# *The Timeline Project*



## Feb. 1, 1866

Under the act of incorporation, MCI's trustees were permitted to establish a "literary institution" to promote the cause of education in the Pittsfield area.

## Aug. 30, 1866

The first classes begin.

The enrollment for the first term, which lasted from August 30 to November 7, 1866, consisted of eighty-three students: fifty-one "gentlemen" and thirty-two "ladies."

## Aug. 1868

The cornerstone of MCI's first building, "The Institute Building" (later renamed Founders Hall) is laid.

## June 1869

Miss Maris Simons, the first student to graduate from Maine Central Institute, receives her degree.

## June 1871

Though the exact date is unknown, by June of 1871, John C. Manson, a trustee and the local doctor, has established the oldest and one of the most desired prizes at the school, the Manson Prize.

## Aug. 1877

Henry W. Lancey of Petrolia, Ontario, originally of Pittsfield, gives MCI the bell for Founders Hall.

## June 1888

The MCI, a publication by the students issued three times during each school year, is printed for the first time. The MCI continues to be printed until 1943.

## 1893

Baseball and tennis take their place as the first sports on campus.

Most alumni know that MCI was founded in 1866, that Founders Hall was the first building on campus and that almost every student who completed his/her junior year at MCI has written a Manson Essay. Alumni might not know, however, that before both Parks and Wright gymnasiums were built, the "upper chapel" (Powers Hall) in Founders was used as a gymnasium. Or that MCI's first school band appeared on campus in 1908. Or maybe that the J.R. Cianchette Science Building, built in 1958, was designed by MCI teacher Paul Legge.

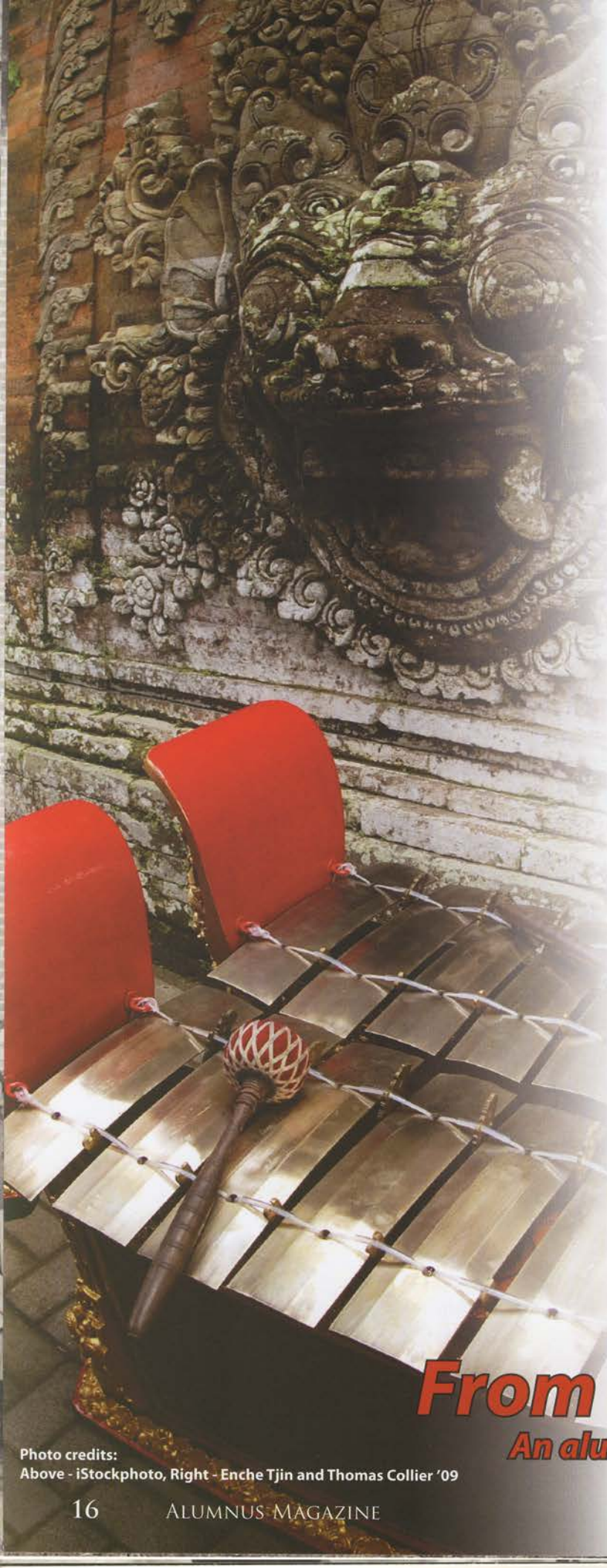
As MCI approaches its 150th anniversary in 2016, we look to embrace our rich history and (re)discover the things that make MCI so special. The Timeline Project is one tool to help us accomplish this goal. Beginning at the founding in 1866, the timeline highlights great moments in MCI's history. More than that, though, the timeline tells two important stories. First, from the charter and mission to the buildings and programs, it tells the history of a school that has impacted thousands of lives over almost 150 years. More importantly, it celebrates the lives of the people who have walked through Founder's halls, played sports in Wright or Parks and sweated through Manson Essay presentations.

By accessing MCI's website, MCI community members can submit timeline entries and/or photos to enhance the School's timeline and give a fuller picture of what the School is all about. Did your team go undefeated and win the state championships? Did your class win Winter Carnival all four years? Submit an entry and help make this a timeline representative of the history, traditions and culture of which alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends are so proud.

To view the timeline and/or submit an entry, please go to [www.mci-school.org/timelineproject](http://www.mci-school.org/timelineproject).

See the full timeline online at  
[www.mci-school.org/timelineproject](http://www.mci-school.org/timelineproject)





In an 1833 work, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote “music is the universal language of mankind.” As assistant professor of music at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, this is something that Dr. Bethany Collier, MCI Class of '96, has firmly embraced. Collier, an ethnomusicologist, studies social and cultural aspects of music in local and global contexts. Simply put, she examines “how and why people do what they do in their musical lives.”

Collier's area of specialization is Indonesia, specifically the role of gamelan in Indonesian life. Balinese gamelan is a type of Indonesian musical ensemble, often performed with both music and dance together. The instruments include metallophones (xylophones), kendang (drums) and gongs, bamboo flutes and bowed strings. Gamelan is often an integral part of sacred rituals or ceremonies and is also associated with theater.

Collier was first introduced to gamelan at the College of the Holy Cross, where she received her bachelor's degree in 2000. Gamelan had just arrived at the college and her music theory professor strongly encouraged her to attend a presentation. The first thing that struck Collier about gamelan was the lack of sheet music. “Music was always a literary experience for me,” Collier explained. “I always had a piece of paper. With gamelan, you learn by hearing it. It is very mathematical. You have to fit your pattern with others' patterns to make it work.”

Because gamelan music is memorized and played almost entirely without notation, it requires lengthy, rehearsal-intensive training, usually in a group setting. Part of the process of learning gamelan is coming to understand some of the philosophical differences between it and Western music. While in Western music, one instrument (a flute, for example) in an ensemble can be exchanged for another flute; gamelan instruments are built and tuned to stay together as a set and are generally not interchangeable. Also different from Western music is the emphasis on the group as a whole. Where in Western music the emphasis is often on the solo part - standing out as an individual within a group - gamelan is more about fitting in better with the ensemble to play better as a cohesive unit.

## ***From Pittsfield to Bali***

### ***An alumna's journey through world music***

Photo credits:

Above - iStockphoto, Right - Enche Tjin and Thomas Collier '09





Bethany Collier '96, assistant professor of music at Bucknell University, directs the Bucknell Gamelan Ensemble and teaches courses on music and culture and critical reading and writing.

After becoming interested in gamelan at Holy Cross, Collier received a music scholarship that allowed her to go to Bali. There, she fell in love with the history and culture. She also became more interested in the study of ethnomusicology. "Growing up in Central Maine, I didn't think about the different ways people make music, it was just something I did," said Collier. "However, there is great diversity in the ways of making music and the process is as important as the product."

Collier decided to attend Cornell University, earning both her master's and her doctorate in musicology.

In 2003, while Collier was still a graduate student at Cornell, she coordinated a conference about Balinese music at Holy Cross. There, she met members of the gamelan Dharma Swara, an ensemble based in New York. After graduating, Collier realized how much

she missed both Bali and gamelan. "I like being a scholar and teacher but wouldn't be a happy person without making music at a high level," she said. Collier joined Dharma Swara in the fall of 2007 and travels from Pennsylvania to New York to practice and perform with them.

*"That I could be living in Central Maine and have so many international faces around me was amazing. Having that international community around me made me want to understand more of the world."*

In 2010, Collier traveled with Dharma Swara to Bali where they toured the island and played in several villages. "We played against a children's group and they smoked us," laughed Collier. They also performed as the first non-Balinese group to compete against professional Balinese ensembles in the annual "battle-of-the-bands" concerts at

the Bali Arts Festival. This competition between gamelan ensembles takes place in an open air arena that seats 6,000 to 8,000 people and is the central feature of the festival. Winners are chosen based on audience response. For Collier the trip was a wonderful experience that was "extremely humbling."

Collier credits the "amazing music education" she received in middle school and high school in Pittsfield for "preparing [her] really well to be a musician." Growing up three houses down from MCI's campus, she attributes her interest in world music to the strong international community at MCI. "The international education made me more open to ideas that I needed to understand to get where I am today," she explained. "That I could be living in Central Maine and have so many international faces around me was amazing. Having that international community around me made me want to understand more of the world."

To learn more about Dharma Swara and to see videos of Collier playing with the gamelan ensemble, please visit [www.dharmaswara.org/videos.html](http://www.dharmaswara.org/videos.html).



# Reunion 2012 ~ August 3 & 4

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

- 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.      Opening Reception  
*Savage Family Dining Room*
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.      Hall of Fame / Distinguished Achievement Award Induction Ceremony  
*Savage Family Dining Room*
- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.      Reception for Reunion Classes  
*MCI Front Campus (under the tent)*
- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.      Alumni and Friends Reunion BBQ  
*MCI Front Campus (under the tent)*

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

- 8:30 a.m.              5K Fun Run / Walk  
*Leaves in front of Founders Hall*
- 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.      Registration, Continental Breakfast, Historical Displays and  
MCI Bookstore  
*Savage Family Dining Room*
- 10:00 a.m.             State of the School by Headmaster Chris Hopkins  
*Parks Gymnasium*
- 11:00 a.m.             Campus Tour  
*Leaves from Parks Gymnasium*
- 12:00 p.m.             Reunion Luncheon  
*MCI Front Campus (under the tent)*
- Immediately  
following the luncheon      Class Group Photos  
*MCI Front Campus*
- 2:00 p.m.              Campus Tour  
*Leaves from Parks Gymnasium*
- 2:00 p.m.              Alumni Book Reading / Book Signing with Vicki Sobota '82 (pen name Emery Lee)  
*Ella Powell Room, Powell Memorial Library*      <http://authoremerylee.com/>
- 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.      Class Parties for years ending in "2" and "7"  
*Check with your Class Agent for times and locations*
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.      Reception  
*Savage Family Dining Room*
- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
(Dinner served from  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)      Reunion Gala with the Gerry Wright Trio  
*Savage Family Dining Room*
- 8:00 p.m.              Class Group Photos  
*Savage Family Dining Room*



## Reunion Registration

To register for Reunion, please fill out the form included in this magazine, call the Advancement Office at (207) 487-5915 or register online at [www.mci-school.org/reunion](http://www.mci-school.org/reunion).

### Fees:

Friday Night BBQ: \$20 per person

Saturday Reunion Luncheon: \$20 per person

Saturday Reunion Dinner: \$20 per person

Reunion Combo (Friday Dinner, Saturday Luncheon and Saturday Dinner): \$55 per person

## 2012 Hall of Fame and Distinguished Achievement Award Inductees



David Fortin  
Hall of Fame

DAVID E. FORTIN graduated from Cony High School in 1975 and attended Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH graduating in 1979 with a bachelor's in history. After teaching history and coaching basketball in California for a number of years, he entered the business world in materials management. He returned to New England in 1987 where he met Tracie Caldwell '81. They married in 1990 and reside in Pittsfield where their five children all graduated from MCI, Abigail '99, Ethan '00, Allison '02, Lydia '09 and Zachary '12. Fortin continued his education earning his MBA in 1992 from Southern New Hampshire University. In that same year, he was elected to the MSAD 53 School Board of Directors on which he served for six years, the last three as Chair. He has been very



Joseph Veilleux  
Hall of Fame

active in the community coaching pee wee basketball, little league baseball, AAU softball and was a Cub Scout leader. Over the course of 14 years with Fortin's children in MCI, he attended countless athletic events, music concerts, arts performances, conferences, Homecomings and Winter Carnivals. Fortin was active in several booster groups, annual auction committees and three strategic plans, co-chairing the most recent strategic planning process. He and Tracie are also the co-chairs of the 2012 Senior Parent Gift Fund. In 1998, Fortin joined the MCI Board of Trustees serving on the Education and Advisory Committees. He termed off the board in 2007 but remained active serving on the Head Search Committee in 2007-08. He rejoined the board in 2008 as Vice-President and as a mem-



Dr. Allen R. Dyer '63  
Distinguished Achievement

ber of the Executive Committee. Fortin is currently serving in his second three year term where he is Chair of the Advisory Committee and also serves on the Student Affairs Committee. Fortin is most proud of his children's accomplishments to date; Abigail '99 is a lawyer and resides in Portland, Maine with her husband Steve Varga. Ethan '00 is an emergency room physician and resides in Boulder, Colorado with his wife, Christy. They are expecting their first child in July 2012. Allison '02 is a pediatric nurse, married to William Brown '98 who is an engineer. They live in Greenville, South Carolina with their son, Liam. Lydia '09 will graduate from Saint Anselm College in 2013, Fortin's alma mater, where Zachary '12 will enter as a freshman this fall.

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"My grandmother went up in her attic and at the bottom of her trunk she found her Manson Essay and she showed it to me this weekend. I thought you would like to see it," MCI's Humanities Department Chair Deb Rozeboom's eyes sparkle as she relates the story. "It was my first year here and I was assigned a class of juniors. I, of course, had no idea what the Manson Essay was. The students came in virtually on the first day saying 'I know what I am going to do my Manson Essay on. I know what I am going to do my Manson Essay on.' When we got to that part of the year and we actually got to work on Manson Essays, one of my students brought in [her grandmother's] Manson Essay that was tied together with string... that's when I first began to get an inkling of the power of this tradition."

Now, 20 years later, Rozeboom, who oversees the program, is amazed by the lasting impact of the Manson Essays. Every fall she and other humanities faculty members receive emails from former students in their first semester of college saying that they are better prepared to write term papers than many of their new classmates. When asked, almost every alumnus/a, regardless of age, can immediately state what his or her Manson Essay topic was. Last year, when a question about Manson Essay topics was posted to

MCI's facebook page, it received the most comments of any post since the page was created. For many, even if they didn't realize it when they were students, Manson Essays were a pivotal event in their educational lives and still evoke a strong emotional response.

Year after year the Manson Essay continues to teach students to read and think critically, to gather supporting evidence, to write an effective and convincing paper and to organize an

argument and present it orally. This strong, meaningful tradition that has its roots in the beginning of the School is still very relevant today.

The Manson Essays in one form or another were a part of MCI at least as early as 1871. Originally held the week of graduation, students were awarded a "prize of ten dollars, with diploma." This prize was not insignificant as the ten dollars would be roughly equivalent to \$200 today. The prize was originally funded by a Dr. Howe and MCI Trustee Dr. John C. Manson. In 1921, Dr. Manson's son, John W. Manson, left an endowed gift to permanently fund the prize in the memory of his father.

Initially, the Manson Essays were not limited to the junior class. "All students who have been members of classes in this institution at any time during the proceeding year, and who have not subsequently become connected with any other institution as students, shall be allowed to compete... but in no case shall a successful competitor be eligible a second time."

Men received a prize for the "best original declamation" while women won for "the best original essay... to be read or recited by anyone of the female department." Both the declamations and essays were on a given subject each year. Subjects found on archival programs were lofty topics that are strikingly relevant today: heroism, conservatism, taxes, legacies and ability versus circumstance. The presentations were made in Union Hall, Pittsfield's municipal building, and later moved to Powers Hall; the

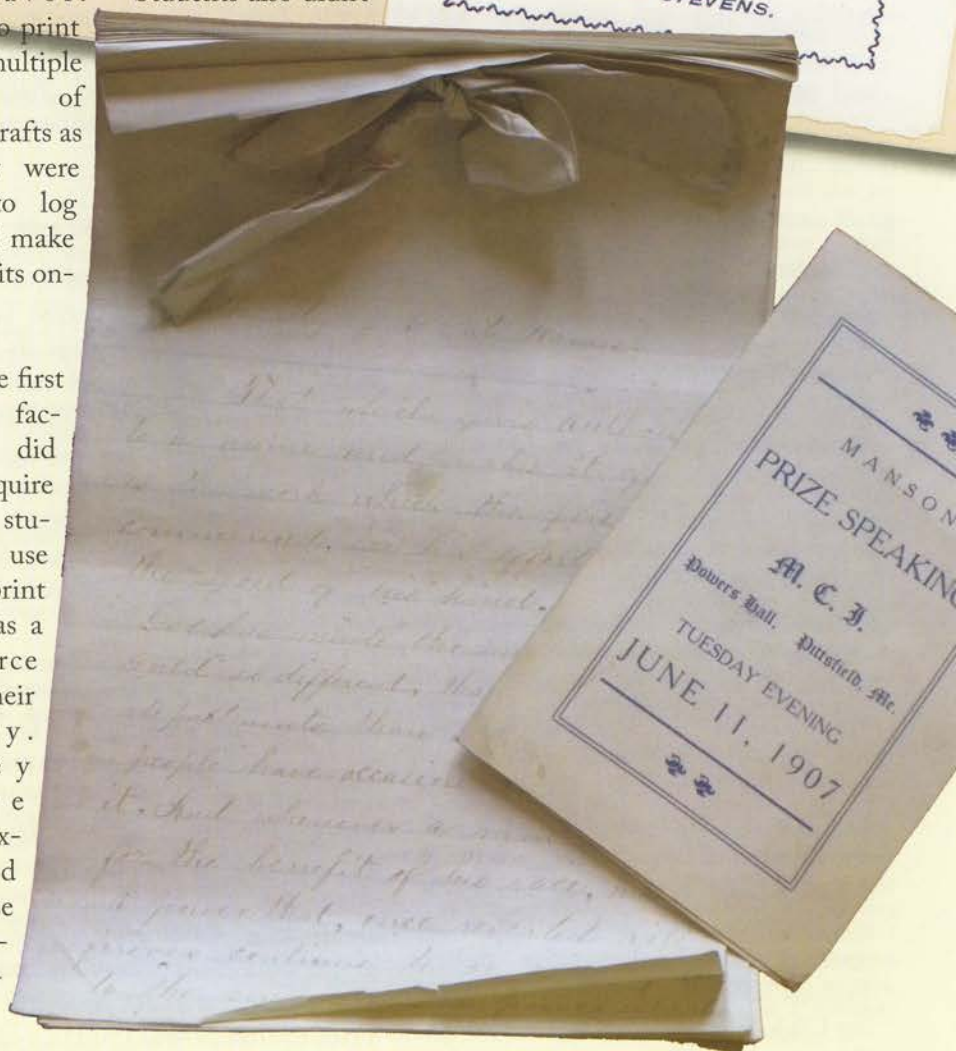
# A Prized Tradition

## The Evolution of the Manson Essays at MCI



Time is also spent with students instructing them on academic search-

For the first time, faculty did not require that students use a print book as a resource for their essay. They were still expected to use infor-



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tion from print resources, however, they were able to access it electronically through online databases and Google Books.

While in the past, Manson Essays were read aloud or presented by rote memorization, students are now expected to give their papers in a lecture style. They are allowed to use one 3x5 note card for reference, but need to be able to convey their original research in a thoughtful, organized manner.

Judging for the school-wide competition winners is based on the written grades of both the English and history teachers and the student's oral performance. The final selection of the winner is based half on the written and half on the spoken version.

Although the process itself has changed, with juniors using new tools and methods, the pride in being a Manson Essay finalist has continued unabated.



2011 Manson Essay winners Paula Arias '12 and Gary Kersbergen '12 with Humanities Department Chair Deb Rozeboom

Virtually every graduate of Maine Central Institute, for well over a century, has completed a Manson Essay. The tradition has continued, without interruption, through the Depression, two World Wars, political upheaval and through countless changes of prevailing educational philosophy.

It is clear that regardless of any changes, the Manson Essays will continue its tradition of molding young men and women into true academics into this century and beyond.

#### Hall of Fame and Distinguished Achievement Award Bios Continued (please see pg. 19)

**JOSEPH VEILLEUX** graduated from Waterville High School in 1966 and attended the University of Maine at Farmington, graduating in 1973 with a bachelor's in biology. He began working at MCI in 1982 and over a 26 year period taught biology, AP biology, anatomy and physiology, invertebrate zoology, mammalogy and botany before retiring in 2008. He served as the Science Department Chair and the Teacher Certification Coordinator for several years and was a member of the curriculum design, Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math and Science Center interior design, school accreditation, and scholarship committees. In addition to his teaching and administrative duties, Veilleux was the advisor for the Outing Club, Science Club and the Magic Gaming Club. He was class advisor

to the classes of 1987, 1991, 1992 and 1996. In addition, he served as a trip chaperone for student trips to Russia, Spain, France and Quebec and was the supervisor on several Appalachian Trail summer hikes, trips to Washington DC and Boston museums. In recognition of his service to the school and leadership within the school community, Veilleux received the Roderic L. Smith Faculty Chair Award.

**DR. ALLEN DYER '63** is a global health consultant in Washington, DC. His focus is on global health, mental health and psychosocial care, and staff well-being. Previously, he was the Senior Health Advisor at the International Medical Corps where his responsibilities included developing education programs and health policies in Iraq, Haiti, Japan, and in disaster areas worldwide. Prior to that he was Professor at James H. Quillen College of Medicine, East

Tennessee State University, where he has served as chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He has also served as interim chair of the psychiatry department at Albany Medical College, Psychiatrist-in-chief at the Albany Medical Center Hospital, Chief Medical Officer of the Capital District Psychiatric Center, and Professor of Health Policy and Management, State University of New York. He is the author of several books including *Ethics and Psychiatry: Toward Professional Definition* and served on the editorial board of the *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Brown University, then went on to receive his MD and PhD (ethics) degrees from Duke University, where he served on the faculty (psychiatry and community and family medicine) for over a decade.



**Class of 1933**

**Mable Warren Kinney** writes that she recently took a trip to the Hood Canal where she celebrated her 98th birthday, and will do it again in August on her 99th birthday! She lives with her daughter in Redmond, WA and has 4 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, and she says "they are all extremely beautiful, and talented. The honor I have received in living this long is having a beautiful, healthy, making-a-difference family."

**Class of 1940**

**James Merrill** writes that he left U of M when the war started and by the end of hostilities, was wed to the "most beautiful girl he ever saw," a wonderful lady now in the late stages of Alzheimers. He says that although they never became rich, most of his working days were as a partner in Bailey and Merrill builders, but they had a wonderful life with many years of dance lessons and dancing on cruises and in nice clubs in Europe and South America, in Mosley's in MA and Roseland in NY. He says his main claim to creating a better world is as a father to his daughter Jan (deceased) and his son Jimmy. All of his memories of MCI are great ones! Our condolences on the loss of Jan on 10/5/11. *Update:* "While I was in the hospital for a short visit to have a stent put in my aorta, my beautiful bride of sixty-eight years passed away after a long but apparently painless bout with Alzheimer's. Gonna be awfully lonesome!"

**Class of 1942**

**Arlene Frederick Beardsley** sent a picture of 1942 cheerleaders, **Ann Miliken Hamlin**, **Jeanne Palmer**, and herself.

**Class of 1944**

Congratulations to **Donn Fendler** whose book, *Lost On a Mountain in Maine!* is being rewritten into a new graphic novel, *Lost Trail: Nine Days Alone in the Wilderness*.

**Class of 1945**

**Arlene Barker Norgaard** writes, "I lived in Boston for a few years and then moved to Denver where I met and married my husband, Melvin. We were transferred by his company to the Reno/Sparks area 57 years ago. We are both retired and enjoy traveling, both overseas and in this country. Melvin passed away a few years ago. I have not been back to Maine for several years; however, did go back for my 50 year class reunion and enjoyed visiting with classmates who attended. The only contact with a classmate I've had recently is e-mail correspondence with



*Arlene Frederick Beardsley, Ann Miliken Hamlin, and Jeanne Palmer*

**Muriel Kensington Clements."****Class of 1946**

**Blair Libby** writes that he and Rita have 12 grandkids (youngest graduates from high school this year), 6 through college with 3 others nearly through. Three great-grandchildren have made the scene in the past 3 years.

**Eileen Gage** suffered a stroke in 2008 and is doing as well as can be expected. Her son says she enjoys company. Anyone who might like to visit her in Troy should call ahead at 207-948-2783.

**Class of 1947**

Class Agent **Alice Wright Fitts** submitted the following notes:

Received a card from **Joan Tinkham McAvoy**. She lives in senior housing in Watertown, CT. **David Macken** is also a resident of Watertown, CT. Joan has four children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She does not feel she will be able to attend our reunion this year. Our best to you, Joan, and we will miss seeing you.

I have talked with **Phyllis Frederick Luke**. They have a new address in Westbrook. Her husband, John, has medical problems, but they are doing good things.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our classmate, **Elizabeth Jean Merrithew Randall**, on 1/30/12.

**Margaret Webb Lowell** has some health problems, but is spending the winter in Florida with her husband Vaughan. I talked with her sister **Jeanette Fitts** for this info.

To all of my classmates: This is our 65th year since graduation from MCI. At Reunion, August 3 and 4, 2012, if you plan to come back, please let me know and I will try to arrange something fun for all of us to do.

Oh yes, all is fine with me and my family, and we are very busy. My children are **Kirk '69**, **Laurie '71**, and **Lewis "Ross" '78**, and they love

coming back to reunion. Grandchildren **Erin Fitts '02** graduated UMaine and is now teaching in Singapore. **Lewis R. IV '08** is a senior at UMaine.

**Class of 1948**

**Ernest DeRaps** writes that on January 22nd, he and his wife Pauline celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary as well as his 84th birthday. He and his wife have 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. After a 28-year military career, a 21-year employment with the State of Maine and 12 years building Insulate Concrete Form dwellings, he retired in 2008. He has now taken up art using acrylics, and has painted many Maine coastal and inland scenes. His biggest project has been a series of paintings of every lighthouse on the Maine Coast. During his Coast Guard career, he and his family served on three family lighthouses in the Penobscot Bay area, and quite a few years at sea on C.G. Weather Cutters.

**Theo** and **Shirley Bryant** are "on the go" most of the time. Between their several apartment complexes that need attention, to part-time insurance work they do during the day, and nights traveling from Dexter to attend the UMaine girls' basketball games, leaves little spare time. The 1st of March they are going to SC for rest and recreation. Ted keeps us informed of our monthly lunches with time and place. He does an excellent job.

Plenty of activities seem present for **Tom** and **Jane Millett**, too. A Christmas letter told of a yearly trip to Key West, FL which they always do, and Tom's involvement with tractors keeps him busy, busy. These include parades, and other events. His "old cars" need tinkering too. They have a 1914 Ford Depot Hack and a 1957 T-Bird. Their health keeps in good shape too!

**Bob Libby** is back doing volunteer work preparing tax forms for April. Fishing being over, this is the time to help others. All are well except a granddaughter who had a rod put in her broken leg. Soon she will be back to third grade with action. He asked if we remember learning to knit in the 5th grade. Education has changed.

**Arey Bryant**, our retired postmaster, is busy trying to "keep post offices" in business. He went on his yearly postmaster retiree's convention in Puerto Rico this winter. Next he goes to Washington DC to "chat" with the congressmen on how to get the Postal Service operating better!

**Alice Shaw Patterson** fell on the ice in Nov., breaking her wrist. All during the winter holidays until now she wore a HOT PINK cast. Her choice of color was great as it could have been orange, black or purple. Alice is

a weekly patron of Pittsfield Library where she also attends exercise classes on Tues. and Thurs. The Library was remodeled, and is different than your days there. Alice reported to me that in the fall, MCI has Community Service Days. All students volunteer to clean and help the community. They raked yards, moved furniture and other good deeds. Pittsfield appreciates their community service. This was good news. Alice is a happy great-grandma to 4 gals in Texas and Colorado. They keep her busy.

Quick chat with **Helen Esty Cianchette** who seemed to be busy all winter attending basketball games of her grandson in southern Maine. The grandson will enter George Washington University in the fall, thus ending her travels. She did open her beautiful home to people who were helping funds for the Seabastcook Hospital. She thinks she had over 100 "guests." Busy gal and the youngest gal of our class.

Did wish to have more responses from you dear classmates. Probably some of the greatest activity is the use of our Medicare cards! Wishing the best to all, **Liz Whalen**.

**Class of 1949**

**Marilyn (Polly) Bishop Glavine** writes that she and Jack are enjoying retirement in Naples, Maine, where they are both active in their church. Polly enjoys her garden club, Red Hat Society group and also sometimes plays the organ at her church. She has also taken up painting and Jack enjoys fishing. Although she had been a docent at Victoria Mansion in Portland for 13 years, she was forced to give that up due to an automobile accident which has caused her to now walk with two platform crutches. They lost their son Chris last year, and still mourn his loss, however on a happier note, have been blessed with a great-grandchild.

**Joyce Dobson Cook** writes that she has spoken with classmates **Joan Cookson Brochu** and **Mary Jipson Knight** recently. Her cousin **Doris Parsons Clough '40** passed away January 12, 2012.

**Basil Tasker** writes, "This past summer I completed a 34 day pulmonary rehab course at SVH Step Center to greatly improve my breathing quality and made significant strides on the power treadmill, hand bicycle and foot bicycle with the help of a very dedicated pulmonary health coach. I highly recommend a similar program for anyone suffering from asthma, COPD or emphysema, as it definitely improves your quality of living."



# Class of 1951

**Robert Vance** writes, I just celebrated 79 years on this earth! God is good and allows me to ride my motorcycle, hunt and serve him both here and overseas on various mission trips. I travel to either Nicaragua, Peru, Guatemala or some other country almost every year. There we teach, preach and lecture in Spanish. We just moved out of our home of 18 years and into the church parsonage at the Laurel Community Baptist Church's campus. The senior pastor has purchased a condo about 6 miles from the church. Thus, we can have the parsonage for the next few years. I serve there as the Associate Pastor.

From **Alice Fitts Ross**: We had our 60th reunion in 2011 with 11 classmates and guests in attendance: **Patricia Tinkham Levasseur, Arthur Johnson, Robert & Richard Berry, Robert Hutchinson, Marilyn Parkhurst Sirois, Raejean Lancaster Lester, Heather Roundy Read, Joan Perry Killam, Jean Perry Tilton** and myself. We had a wonderful time catching up on each other lives.

Condolences go out to **Sally** and **Kevin Dwinell** on the passing of their daughter, Missy, and Sally's sister, **Maxine "Mickey" Cianchette House '54**. Also condolences to **Jack Grass '50** on the passing of **Mary Lou Davis Grass**.

I received a note from **Willie White** that he has finally retired from selling Christmas trees. He writes he is in hopes to visit the old school when he comes up to Maine this summer.

I went to Florida for the months of January and February to visit my daughter **Kathy '87** and her husband **Robert '86 Beverage**. I had a wonderful vacation in the warm weather. They are now living in Punta Gorda and Rob is teaching in Immokalee High School. Hey guys, if you don't let me know what is happening in your lives, I can't give you much news!

# Class of 1952

**Nancy Knight Billings** writes that she is still waiting for classmates to visit Martha's Vineyard! She has been married almost 55 years, and both she and her husband still work part-time, but stopped teaching and are enjoying "the good life." They have two granddaughters in college and a grandson who keeps them busy with sports. She said she will try to make Reunion this year for the first time.

Class Agent **Beverly Turner Breau** sent the following information:

Word has been received from **Edson Buker** that he plans to attend Reunion. He states he is still very busy with two community gardens in

Torrance, CA.

**Bev and Dave (McGaffin)** have had communication both by phone and e-mail from **Bob Collier**, who is retired and lives in Fort Lauderdale, FL. After graduating from medical school, he served in the U.S. 82nd Airborne and Special Services. Following this, he has been Director of Employee Health for Equitable, Continental and lastly for Metropolitan Life. Bob and his partner of 49 years hope to join us for Reunion, and we can ask him more about his varied career.

**Lynn Stavro Blood's** Christmas card indicated that she is looking forward to our 60th, and it may happen that **Sandra Humphrey Carson's** trip to Maine may coincide with Reunion, too. We hope so.

**Al Wyman** continues his work with the Historical Society. He drops by now and again with pictures he hopes I can identify. He also keeps busy with church and the Penny Wise Shop.

We have been saddened to learn that **Art Splain** passed away last May. Our condolences to his family. It seems we lose someone every year, which is all the more reason to try to get with one another this August.

**Armour Brown** has had a hip replacement, but don't think he has missed a reunion yet, so a little surgery recovery won't keep him away!

**Bev** has **Herman Roberts** and his wife in occasionally for apple pie (he provides the apples). She also continues to have lunch once a month with the folks in the Class of 1953. It is fun, and something that those of us in the area might consider doing. **Bev's** granddaughter, **Erin Fitts '02**, was home from Singapore in December. She still loves her job of teaching history to boys in a Catholic school.

We would like to thank **Sharon** in the Alumni office for helping locate **Bob Collier** and **Jim Daly**. Jim lives in Watertown, MA. We have been looking for both for the past ten years!

MCI will provide us a space for our class to gather after the luncheon, a chance for folks to tour campus and chat. Pittsfield has changed in the past 60 years, and perhaps you might want to visit old "haunts." If you are unable to attend Reunion, perhaps you could send a note to your classmates to be shared on our special day.

# Class of 1953

**Cynthia Brown Johnson** writes: The year 2011 was certainly an interesting one for **Art '51** and me. Our grandson Eric graduated from Marine Basic Training and we saw an amazing number of dedicated young people preparing to serve their country. We

then drove to Florida to visit our sister-in-law. Many MCI and church friends came to visit with us. On the way home we visited Art's brother, **Dick '49** and his wife **Alice '50**. We left in ice and came home in ice! In July, George and his two sons came to celebrate Art's 80th birthday. We had some wonderful days of celebrating. Sister Jean came up from Florida and spent two delightful weeks with us. We held an Open House for the Johnson family to come and visit. Kaye and Sterling dropped in to visit and made our day complete. Christmas found us with as many of our family as could be here. It was again, a wonderful family time.

**Joyce Hunt Rowe** writes: First I'd like to thank Kaye for all she does for the Class of 1953. For all the get-togethers we have throughout the year and for keeping everyone informed as to what is happening.... she does a great job. My first great-grandchild, a boy, was born August 12, 2011 and his name is Carson Jacob. He is a great joy. I am lucky that he lives close by. Dick and I meet with **Polly (Hoskins)** and **Vaughn Philbrick** at the Governor's Restaurant in Waterville once or twice a week. Dick and I will be going to Florida the first of February for about three weeks.

**Dave Fenderson** writes: I hope you are enjoying the sunshine! Nothing new from this end other than I'm still vertical and waiting for the ice to go out for spring fishing so I can get back to Rangeley. It is too hot in Florida for us.

**Jacki Smith Bennett** writes: Not much news other than I have a new address, but the same telephone number. I feel very lucky and blessed with all friends connecting and family so loving. I enjoy the monthly lunches with the girls. I'm not enjoying losing weight and hair - ending up partially bald and wrinkly. Have had problems with PAD and have had to use a walker for a couple of weeks but am getting better. I see a wheelchair in my future....darn! Love my new house and having my daughter, Bobbi, with me.

**Thelma Sennett Vining** writes: **Cliff '55** and I had a nice trip to Paris and London in April. We sold our house in Zephyrhills after having been there for twenty years. We bought a new house in Ft. Myers and moved there in January. We are presently renting a condo there as our new house was rented. We didn't expect to sell so quickly.

**Charlene Hunt Call** writes: The Eastern Star sponsored a trip to Washington, D.C. in September so needless to say, I took advantage of this beautiful trip. We toured the National World War II Memorial, the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, drove by Embassy Row, Washington National Cathedral and on day three we visited the Eastern Star International Headquarters. We enjoyed a guided tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial and then Mount Vernon, the estate of George Washington. We had a lighted tour of the city and all of the War Memorials. The trip up to the Lincoln Memorial was excellent and I was thankful for the elevator. We also did the Smithsonian Institute and the Air and Space Museum. One needs more than a day to see everything. The last day was spent at Arlington National Cemetery where we saw the Changing of the Guards and the laying of the wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Christmas was spent at our home this year but dinner was at our son Kendall's and his wife, Vicky's, to save work for Mom, which I appreciated.

**Joyce Bane Holt** writes: I was happy to run into **Gloria Beattie McNichol** and **Joyce Williams '48** at a restaurant in Pittsfield and also **Jacki Bennett**. I have a great-granddaughter, Madelyn Laura, born on October 28, 2011. I call her Midi. I also have a great-grandson, Demarks, who is three-years-old. Burley and I are pretty good. I had an eye done and Burley may have to go on dialysis but we hope not!

**Matt Scott** writes: Another year that Beverly Libby and I spent a winter in Zephyrhills, FL. We have traveled a lot in a hundred mile circle from our residence in Tippiacanoe Park. We ballroom dance three times a week for exercise and walk. I have been doing lots of peer reviews of manuscripts for a number of my colleagues at the University of Florida, Gainesville. These publications will be appearing in the *North American Lake Management Society* journal. I finished my 8-year tour of duty for the Board of Environmental Protection, serving as Chairman for 2 1/2 years. I have served the State of Maine since 1959 as an employee or on Boards of Commissions. I received the Honorary Life Membership Award from the Maine State Beekeepers Association at the annual meeting at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. This award is presented to any beekeeper from Maine who has kept bees for at least 45 years, and I am now into my 49th year of beekeeping. Finally, Bev and I will be traveling to Texas and Arizona in the motorhome and back to Maine by April 15th and plan to be at the MCI Reunion in August. Best wishes and good health to all.

**Priscilla Foss Rende** writes: Frank and I stay pretty much close to home in the winter doldrums! We play



dominoes a lot with **Arthur '51** and **Cynthia '53 Johnson**. This May my granddaughter, Christine, graduates from high school in Topeka, KS and will attend Harding University in Arkansas. My grandson, Matt, was doing quite well playing football as quarterback at Maine Maritime Academy until a serious injury sidelined him. He will graduate in May with a degree in International Business and Logistics. He has accepted a position with the Target Corp. Our second to last grandson is now 13 and attends Cony High School. He plays football, soccer and basketball and does a pretty good job playing the trumpet in the band.

**Eugene Cropley** writes: I have not been very active this year but I did get to go to Vermont to visit my son, **Tim '84**, for a weekend in June. Had a wonderful time. He took me to see the home where I lived in 1959. It hadn't changed much. We haven't had much snow this winter. We had a good Christmas, with half of my family coming to my house for the holiday. I hope to see you in the warm weather of spring.

**Philip Coffin** writes: Shortly after our annual trip to Maine for the summer, we spent a wonderful day with **Kaye Mooers** and Stirling at their home on Salmon Lake. Many of our classmates were there to enjoy Kaye's hospitality. Later in the summer we enjoyed the MCI Reunion luncheon with classmates and old friends. It was good to see so many attend. At home in Georgia, we had a nice Christmas Eve with all the family. The grandchildren and great-grandchildren had a great time while the adults ate the buffet and enjoyed each other's company. My late year medical checkup assured me that my health was good, but that I should be looking forward to a left hip replacement. Looks like that will be in my future and I don't look forward to that. I hope to see all of our classmates at the MCI Reunion this year.

**Sarah Chipman** writes: Just wanted to say that I am well and enjoying the warm Maine winter. We owe much to Kaye, our class agent, for keeping us so well informed.

**Gertrude Grignon Bizeau** writes: 2011 was a very hard year for me. I was in St. Joseph and EMMC for five months out of seven. I had bacterial pneumonia twice and a collapsed lung and fluid on the heart. Shocking the heart didn't work, so I ended up with heart surgery in October. I had home health care for 12 weeks. I found **Phil Buker** and we were able to talk. He has bone cancer and had to have his back fused in many places but he is feeling better. My grandson, Kelcy, had cancer surgery in August and chemo



Bill Bryant '56, Norman Nutter '56, Catherine Folsom Janus '56 and Jim Steeves '56 at Reunion 2011

for eight months but he has now been in remission for six months. I have had lunch with the "MCI girls" twice and my sister, **Beverly '51** also joined us. I hope this will be a better year for all of us.

**Dale Ray Seaburg** writes: Bob and I are both doing well and enjoy our winters in Florida. We have seen **Faye Ellingwood Shaw** a few times at the eye doctors and hope to see Kaye and Stirling also while here. During the summer we will make several trips to Maine to visit with family and to see our daughter and grandsons, ages eight and eleven. We are looking forward to our son's wedding in June!

**Polly and Vaughn Philbrick** write: Kaye, sorry I missed talking with you when you called Vaughn but I was in Portland with my daughter, granddaughter and great-grandson for a four-generation day and really enjoyed that. Last winter, Vaughn had a bout with skin cancer and this winter he had a cancerous tumor removed from his bladder so he is having treatments every week for six weeks and then once a month for six months. He also has failing kidneys so on the whole, not feeling too well. I am having trouble with disk problems in my back. I've had four back surgeries and that's enough. So, with medication I am being kept comfortable and live each day to the fullest. We are both looking forward to our 60th class reunion and, God willing, we will be there.

**Lou Pepin** writes that he and Doris are reasonably well for their age! Lou is still having dialysis three times a week and struggling with his balance but still keeps a good attitude about life. Doris, like many of us, has had cataract surgery and is doing well. They stay pretty close to home but enjoy breakfast out each Sunday with friends after church.

**Susan Robinson Farmer** writes from Colorado, where she has lived since her marriage in 1970. She and her husband are upgrading their home to be handicapped accessible and safer. They continue to run their USEA Abbe Ranch Riding Clinic and USEA Abbe Ranch Horse Trail for the 100+ horses and ponies in each event that learn and compete there. They

have 3 collies. She encourages all to view their website, <http://web.me.com/abberanch>.

This has been a very eventful year for me and as I look back and think about lunches out with classmates and how much support they give to each other in times of need, I'm thankful that so many keep in touch. Many of the "girls" have had monthly lunch gatherings and although I could only make a few of them, they were a lot of fun. Some of the spouses and partners would sneak along and sit by themselves and visit. In June, Stirling and I hosted a gathering at the lake in Oakland and it was nice to have so many come. Our Alumni Director, **Jen Beane '97**, joined us and we enjoyed eating and singing old songs while Stirling played the guitar. Others attending were **Lou** and **Doris Pepin**, **Frank** and **Priscilla Rende**, **Arthur '51** and **Cynthia Johnson**, **Gloria McNichol**, **Joyce Williams '48**, **Charlene Call**, **Joyce Rowe** and **Dick**, and **Phil** and **Maria Coffin**. **Joe Perseille '49** visited several times and it was good to see him and share some deer steak with him.

My summer activities were curtailed somewhat when I experienced an ambulance ride and my heart stopped - but a shot brought me back. We had to cancel our cruise to Bermuda but that was minor. I spent much of the summer packing up "stuff" and getting rid of "stuff" so I could make the move to Oakland. I will have to continue to move this summer as well. My son and his wife are living in my house in Manchester. Be sure to note my new address and phone number at the end of the class news.

Our deepest sympathy to Nadyne MacDonald and family in the loss of her husband and our classmate, **Charles MacDonald**, and to **Elizabeth Matteson Clark** in the loss of her husband, Joseph, and to the family of classmate, **Eletha O'Reilly**.

Stirling and I were fortunate to be able to go to Florida the end of November and stay until April. I was fortunate to still be in Maine the day my great-granddaughter, Hailey Olivia, was born. It was so good to be able to meet her and hold her before leaving

the next morning.

We spent Christmas with classmate, **Matt Scott** and his partner, Bev Libby, in Zephyrhills and it was so nice to be with friends when one can't be with family. On the way home we visited with **Cliff '55** and **Thelma Vining**. We also met up with **John '52** and **Faye Shaw**, Matt and Bev and another couple at a restaurant. We plan to meet the Vinings in Fort Meyers in March and the four of us will attend the MCI Reception on Marco Island hosted by **Robert '52** and **Rae Jean Knowles**.

Please note the following new address for **Philip Buker**. Mesa Verda Convalescent Home, 661 Center Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92627. Tel: 949-864-9500. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from fellow classmates. I've heard from many classmates about how much they appreciate hearing from classmates when they are in need of support. Thank you all for being the kind, caring people that you are. I'm proud to be your class agent.

Please plan to attend the reunion in August and start thinking about the year 2013....WHY? ... it's going to be our 60TH YEAR!!!! Please send me any ideas about how you want to celebrate our 60th reunion to my new address: 93 Ellis Pond Road, Oakland, ME 04963. My telephone number is 207-465-4548 and my e-mail remains: K.Mooers@juno.com

#### Class of 1955

**Leona Cross Lovely** writes that she retired from SAS four years ago and then worked at Redington Memorial Home in Skowhegan as a volunteer for the University of Maine Extension for three years until she had to move from the farm in Cornville when the man who owned it died. She now has 12 great-grandchildren. She enjoys writing letters, doing crafts, crossword puzzles, and country music. She plans to have a flower garden this spring.

**Anne McCready Bowen** said, "As most of you already know, we are firmly ensconced in Florida after 23 years of living overseas, and 9 years in Maryland. We are living between our daughters; one in Destin, FL and one in Mobile, AL. We are enjoying taking part in the activities of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We have 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren who are very active. We are fortunate to be fairly healthy and take a vacation about once a year. We are fond of cruising and enjoy the new sights in each port of call. Obviously, we have travelled a lot and hope to keep it up. Francis has a CDL drivers license, and as a hobby, delivers cars and trucks all over Florida, and sometimes all over the USA. Anne is doing her thing in



helping others and volunteering at the church, etc.

**James and Linda Hallee** wrote that they are enjoying a mild winter on the coast of Maine, and looking forward to a south Florida trip in March. They enjoy hearing news from MCI and Pittsfield, and have marked their calendar for Reunion.

**Carol Fenton Farnsworth** writes that she is living six months in the winter at "The Great Outdoors" in Titusville, FL. Summers are spent in York, Maine. She has three children: Mark and his wife live in Hawaii, Todd and his family live in Maryland and daughter Tracy and family live in NH. She is expecting her fifth grandchild soon.

**Dana Fields and Glennis Brown Fields '60** wrote that they both enjoy retirement and often lunch at the Early Bird restaurant in Oakland. Dana often sees former students who recognize him. They have enjoyed getting acquainted with the regular patrons. Their grandchildren are now 14 and 17, and are very good young people of whom they are very proud. They said "We keep the medical establishment in the black with regular appointments for all parts of our being and are very thankful for them and their service to us and for the health we have. We live a very quiet and simple life and do not travel, except by reading and listening to others' exploits."

**Avis Cookson Marcoux** lives in Winslow with her husband Albert. They are both retired though Albert still works part-time delivering flowers and umpiring baseball. They have four children, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Their oldest, **Denise Marcoux Nelson '77**, lives in Gorham with her husband, Stephen, and two children. Both Denise and Stephen work at the University of Southern Maine. **Marc Marcoux '78** lives in Burnham with his wife, Corrina, and teaches at Lawrence High School. They have four children, Scott, Sarah, **Jacob '08** and **Clay '11**. **Diann Marcoux Libby '79** lives in Orono with her husband, Bill. They have two daughters, Jessica and Kati. **Joey Marcoux '82** lives in Shawmut and teaches at Lawrence Junior High School. He also coaches basketball and softball. Joey has three daughters, twins Lauren and Erica, and his youngest, Paige. Avis writes "As you can tell, I am very proud of my family. They are what make my world go round."

#### Class of 1956

**Thomas W. Kelly III** wrote, "Since graduating from MCI in 1956, I graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 1959; entered the US Navy, and stayed for 30 years commanding 3 ships and 3 shore-based naval installations. After retiring in 1990, I traveled to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and was assisting a Prince in his business



David '57 and Marion Mosher at Marion's prom

dealings – stayed there for 4+ years, and then retired to Maine (Blue Hill). My wife, Laurie, and I have two homes – one in Punta Gorda, FL and a summer home in Holden Maine (Lakeside). We spend 7 months in our Florida home and 5 at our cottage in Maine. All is well and I must say that those enjoyable years and the professional guidance I received in 1956 at MCI have steered me well. I quarterbacked that great football team in 1956, along with being captain of our baseball team."

**Norman Nutter** writes, "In between taking my wife for appointments, I'm still working about 20 hours a week. I enjoy the work, like the people interaction, keep my mind active, work what time I please, and end up with a bit of extra spending money (for lobsters, etc). It doesn't get much better than that!"

I got to the last reunion. It was good to see a few that were not at the 50th five years ago. Those who did get there were: **Lonnie Allen, Barbara Vance Bell, Bill Bryant, Marvis Bryant Chambers, Eva Allen Charity, Forest Frost, Dale Hersey, Catherine Folsom Janus, Norman Nutter, David Reed and Jim Steeves.**

**Thaxter Trafton** wrote to share that the Maine Sports Hall of Fame will be honoring eight new inductees on May 20, 2012 at the Bangor Civic Center, and included in this group is **Edward Guiski '56**. He says, "Ed was one of the best athletes in Maine in both basketball and football. This is a great honor and long overdue."

**Bill Bryant** wrote from Vero Beach, where he and Pat are renting a small condo for a few months. Pat is doing hospice work, and Bill volunteers with a local group that helps kids 7-14 and their parents get in sailing boats. The boats are Optimists, a class of sailing dinghy that is nationwide. The kids get to build the boats with the help of parents and the volunteers, and learn to sail them.

#### Class of 1957

**Deane Jones'** wife, Pat, wrote to tell us that Deane passed away four years ago. Our condolences to his family.

**Mike and Tina McCready** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November. In June they are planning a cruise vacation to include their children and spouses and their

twelve grandchildren. In retirement, Mike is a regular construction volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and is a tax preparer volunteer with AARP.

**David and Marion Mosher** are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2. David taught at MCI from 1961 to 1987. All five of their children graduated from MCI, **Mary Beth Mosher '81, Jack Mosher '83, Mark Mosher '84, Kenny Mosher '85 and Sara Mosher Walsh '91.**

#### Class of 1958

**Spencer Brookes** writes from Wilton, NH where he and Mary Ellen raised their two children. They have two grandchildren. Spencer taught high school mathematics for 34 years, retiring 12 years ago. He is an active volunteer in numerous conservation organizations as a Master Gardener, Natural Resource Steward, and Energy Answers Volunteer. He serves on the boards of the Souhegan Valley Land Trust, the Monadnock Community Land Trust, and is a member of the Wilton, NH Conservation Commission where he serves as Land Monitor.

**Michael Harkins** writes that he returned to Maine after living in the People's Republic of China for 4-1/2 years, where he taught Oral English in two different schools. During vacations, he travelled extensively throughout the country and was treated very warmly wherever he went. He said "Though I would like to have done this at an earlier age, I will never have to sit back and say, 'I wish I had done it.'"

#### Class of 1960

**Mike Parker** and wife are upgrading their cottage on the Presumpscot River in Windham; they will live there year round. Their grandkids helped with the deck. Mike spent more than 60 days on XC skis this year.

**Rachel Fields Fleming** and family went on a Carnival Cruise, and had much fun laughing! Rachel's grandson works for the cruise line.

My brother **Larry Nash '66** died in upstate New York, where he and wife Phyllis had lived for years. He loved horses, poker, and great conversation. Come to find out, he used to pay his sister, Frannie, 25 cents a day to iron his clothes in the morning before school!

I cannot believe it, but I've done it again. The note re: Avis's daughter's marriage should have been **Kristie '99**, not Kim. Very much ouch. Avis's daughter **Susan '83** graduated from nursing school in May.

**Corris Dunton Richards** is the Town Clerk in Mattawamkeag.

**Michael Robinson** wrote to share that he and his wife, Carol, met at Colby College and subsequently moved to Syracuse, NY where he worked for General Electric for 9 years. While there, he received an MBA

at SUNY Albany. They moved to Stacyville, ME in 1973 to work for the family business, Sherman Lumber Company until its close in 2003. In 1996 he began attending Bangor Theological Seminary, and in 2002 graduated with a Masters of Divinity. They then moved to serve at a church in Dartmouth, MA until 2010, when they moved to Lincoln ME to serve at the Congregational Church. He says, "the door is always open."

**Wilbur Senter** writes, "I am still working in heavy equipment sales for Central Equipment Company in Stillwater, ME. I will begin my 22nd year as a Trustee for Simpson Memorial Library in Carmel, Maine, being the Treasurer for 20 years come June. I am also on the Budget Committee for the Town of Carmel. My wife Lois is enjoying her retirement after working for the state for 42 years. We are still living in Carmel, ME."

**Richard Pyrdol** writes "I am now in the 11th year of providing my volunteer services (recruiting and training for the Volunteer Program) to St. Joseph Hospital, a values-based Catholic healthcare provider located in Orange County, CA. St. Joseph, for the past 10 years, is consistently rated the "best in Orange County" and "one of America's Best Hospitals" AND "best place to volunteer." Currently, our Adult Program has over 1,000+ senior adults... and that does not include the Junior Adult Program (Juniors and Senior high school students). Last year, I was honored to have been nominated and receive the 2011 VIA (Value in Action) Service Award for my contributions to the hospital and to the community we serve. "Pretty good stuff" for an MCI boy!"

**Joel Stacy** writes that after 45 years of teaching in Maine and Florida, he has retired. Once in awhile he substitute teaches. He enjoys traveling and painting. Their daughter Vicky lives in Mauldin, SC.

**Joan Basford Bradley, Natalie McGuire and Sonia Mitchell Erskine** had a wonderful visit in Florida last spring, hosted by **Janis Withee LaHaie**. It was a welcome respite from the cold weather in Maine and Janis was an excellent hostess. The ladies enjoyed some day trips, great food and companionship.

**I (Marilyn Nash)** am happy to report that although I had been taking French, I am now taking Chinese.

#### Class of 1961

Well, our 50th has come and gone... what a great turnout and great time. It was wonderful to see classmates come for Reunion. Many I had not seen since graduation. Hope you all will come back often. Not only do you see our class members but you get to see members of classes before and after. A special thanks to Jean Pottle and



Blake Bartlett for coming and sharing their memories of the class of 1961. The highlight, of course, was being there to see **Terry Fredrick** and **Nancy Mercier McGinnis** receive their diplomas. Thanks to everyone who sent bios. It is always interesting to hear what classmates have been up to since leaving MCI. Here are just a few:

**John Carrao** writes that he enlisted in the Air Force and served from 1962 until 1966 as an aircraft machinist, working on B-52 bombers. After the service, he returned to Matinicus Island working as a lobster fisherman for 30 years. John and his wife Rebecca have one child and two grandchildren and live in Rockland.

**Rod Cross** writes that he attended UMO, Nasson College, Southern Illinois University and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Rod served 21 years as a USAF operation line pilot and staff officer. From 1968 to 1972 Rod served as an Air Evac and combat Search and rescue -SAR, general staff intelligence analyst, a combat SAR commander in the European Theater, and as Senior Examiner and test pilot, Presidential Wing, Andrews AFB, DC. Rod is the founder and owner of a jet charter management company based in Washington DC and Palm Springs, Florida. In his free time, Rod raises Doberman show dogs, enjoys yachting and working on his farm in South Alabama. Rod has two stepdaughters and has been married to his wife Wanda for 18 years. Rod says "he will retire when he dies."

**Stuart Gerald** writes that he graduated from UMO and the US Army War College and served in the military from 1965 to 1996. He retired from the Army as a Brigadier General and is a master Army Aviator. He and his wife Margaret have one son and two grandsons. They live in Madison, Alabama and summer in Belgrade, Maine.

**Donald Nodine** writes he graduated from UMO with a BS in bacteriology and worked in the Environmental Department on river clean up for Great Northern Paper Company for 31 years. He is now retired and enjoys kayaking in the summer at camp in Bingham and cross country skis in the winter. Donald lives in Millinocket and has two children and three grandchildren.

**Bennett Bickford** writes he retired from Duracell in 2006. He and his wife Sheila live in Sun City, Florida. Bennett and Sheila do a lot of traveling. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Bennett collects coins and enjoys riding in his golf cart.

**Kathleen Dewey Derrick** writes to share that she worked as an accountant in Guntersville, Alabama, but is now retired. She and her husband David have one child, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Louis Krause** received an AA in Nursing from Hartford Community College and worked for Christiana Care Health System for 30 years until he retired in 2005. Louis served in the Delaware Army National Guard for over 40 years. He and his wife LuWanna have two children and one grandchild.

**Maureen Reynolds Mangum** lives in Mapleton, Utah and works as a home health nurse. She and her husband have three children and eleven grandchildren.

**Richard Scott** received a BS in Dairy Science from Delaware Valley College. He returned to Maine and bought a dairy farm in Norridgewock. Richard cropped two hundred and fifty acres of land and had a herd of seventy milking cows. He and his wife have two children and four grandchildren. They have a winter home in Tarpon Springs, Florida, where they enjoy the sunshine and golf.

**Stan Moore** wrote from Florida, but says he'll be back in time to plant the garden late April. He has been married to Sandy for 40 years and they have a son and daughter, and 4 wonderful grandchildren. He retired in 2008, and they built a home in Newport near Nokomis.

#### Class of 1962

**Tom Winsor** shared that he is currently a member of the Maine Legislature. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and was termed out after 8 years, and was elected again last year after 8 years. He serves on the Committee of Appropriations and Financial Affairs. He has also been working part-time for the past 4 years with court docketing and imaging software for the Maine Probate Courts. After college and military service, he worked for Sears in a number of locations, and subsequently became a self-employed real estate broker in Maine for more than 35 years. He also worked in the Reagan administration for about 4 years during the eighties. He and Patricia have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

**Robert Curtis** writes that he retired from teaching with 33 years in education, 29 served in Brunswick. He lives in Bowdoinham, Maine and has two daughters and five grandchildren. He sends regards to old friends and is looking forward to seeing them at Reunion.

**Thomas Barden** is retired and enjoying life in North Monmouth, Maine. He hopes to make it to the Reunion to see old friends.

**Betty Jane Cole Nathaniel** has lived most of her adult life in Kapalei, Hawaii. She has four children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is retired, after working for the city of Oahu. She is busy in the community, and enjoys putting the finishing touches on her new home.

**Merlon Ouellette** is a retired plumber. He makes his home in Pittsfield and has three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He really enjoys woodworking and refinishing old furniture.

**Roderick Badger** is retired after doing research at the Jackson Laboratory. He lives in Hartland, Maine, and has two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Rosalie Brooks Withee** is retired and lives in Palmyra, Maine. She has four children. She loves being a grandmother and helping with her grandchildren.

**Madelyn Kenniston Given** lives in Poland, Maine, and spends winters in Florida. She enjoys her granddaughters' many activities. She continues to hike and travel, most recently in the Kingdom of Jordan and in the Grand Canyon. She is looking forward to our 50th Reunion in August.

**Jean Stackhouse Carnes** finished the large Reunion album quilt with 25 signatures of classmates and friends from our 25th reunion, and will have it at our 50th reunion for all to see.

**Linda Swift** is looking forward to the reunion this year and would like to know if anyone has any photos from that time period? It would be nice to see how we used to look. I have some from our class trip that she will bring. Hope to see others at the same time. She is still in business for herself, doing custom picture framing, and has seen other classmates when they come to see her at work. She hopes we have a big reunion this year.

Pastor **Larry Reed** has been both a minister and married for 45 years. He married a Canadian girl and they had their first parish on Cape Cod. They have two daughters, Melody and Joy. Their two grandchildren are 12-year-old Austin and his sister, 1-1/2-year-old Brooke. Their lives are full and overflowing in the community of Harveys Lake, PA, where they have lived for 30 years. Larry is also Chaplain for the fire department. He loves colonial history and portrays a minister in historical re-enactments of a 1790 house. Larry and his wife, Beth, are planning to attend the 50th Reunion, and looking forward to the chance to re-connect with classmates.

My old suitemate, **Preston Carter** writes that after leaving MCI, he attended college and medical school in Vermont, and then began a career in General Surgery in the US Army Medical Corps. He is now in his 42nd year of practice. The great majority of that time has been at Madigan Army Medical Center, the Army's teaching hospital about 40 miles south of Seattle. He is still in active practice. In a few years, his wife, Beth, and he will look forward to returning to Maine for retirement. Despite many years in the Northwest, Maine, he says, has always been his

home. They have two grown sons, and one teenage granddaughter. His years at MCI gave him a solid educational foundation for the life to come, and he is forever grateful. So many great mentors and teachers, including John Shields, Peter Bradshaw, John Dana, and my formidable Latin teacher, Hazel Earle, to mention just a few. Also what great classmates! It should be a great time catching up on Reunion weekend, and sharing our collective memories of those formative years.

**Judie Mercier Vacchina** writes that she has been living in the San Francisco Bay area for most of the last 45 years. She is still working as President of Amazatto Foods, her business, which she started in California. They have an office in Pittsfield, at the old Lancey Street School. Her sisters **Sandra Friend '59**, **Nancy McGinnis '61** and **Jackie Robinson '70** work out of this office. Amazatto Foods is a national company that makes a full line of frozen pastas, pesto's and sauces for the foodservice industry. Her husband is a trial lawyer in SF. They both love to travel and since her husband's family lives in northern Italy it has given them plenty of opportunity to spend a lot of time in Europe. They have three grown children and three grandchildren, they all live in the area. They spend a lot of their free time at swim meets, ballgames and crew races. Their eldest granddaughter, Catherine Breed, is a freshman at CAL and on the CAL and USA swim teams, and recently won two gold medals for the USA at the Pan American games. Now onto Olympic trials. They have a home in Venice, Florida. Judie says, "We are healthy, happy and continue to be very active, skiing, sailing, biking, hiking and traveling. Our most recent trips were Russia and Patagonia. More trips planned for this year and next. I just had a nice visit with **Jean Stackhouse Carnes**, what fun to see each other after so many years. I hope to see many old friends at the Reunion."

**Will Fahey** writes that some of his favorite memories are of The Lancey House, Dr. Stanley, and that he could go on forever. He said that he and Cassie will be in Scotland during the 50th Reunion this summer.

**Bob Kocsmiersky** writes that he is married with 4 children and 8 grandchildren. His youngest daughter is getting married this coming fall in Philadelphia. He has recently reconnected with some classmates through Facebook. He retired from teaching high school math at Portsmouth, NH in 2000, and he is spending a month in Port Charlotte, FL this winter.

And last but not least your class agent (**Peter Redfern**) has spent most of his years in Maine, with a brief stint with ABB Environmental in Florida. I retired 12 years ago with most of the time spent in engineering and engi-



neering consulting and currently reside in Scarborough, Maine with my wife, Carol, of 45 years. We have one son, Peter, and two grandchildren, McKayla and Adam. For relaxation, we cruise around the world a have managed to see about 65 different countries, so far. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 50th and hope that we see a good turnout.

I especially want to thank **Jean Carnes** for her judicious note taking while she was calling class members for the majority of these notes. Without her effort we would have a very small column for the magazine.

## Class of 1963

**Jim Burger** wrote to share that for the fifth year in a row he was recognized in Best Lawyers in America in Technology, received AV Preeminent Rating in Intellectual Property by Martindale-Hubbell, and is Vice Chair of the Intellectual Property Owners Association's Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Committee. He advised Wikimedia in the in the recent online protest (Wikipedia blackout) against restrictive intellectual property legislation, and was instrumental in having Congress insert a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act to prevent dangerous counterfeit products from entering the country.

**Sehl Burns** writes "I returned to MCI only once to show my wife the campus while vacationing in Maine a few years back. We have six grown children and 11 grandchildren with two more expected this summer. At 68, I'm still working at my funeral business and other endeavors. I am a graduate of SUNY College at Brockport '69 and Onondaga Community College, Syracuse NY. I also served in the United States Marine Corps and was recently placed on the William Nottingham High School Wall of Fame in Syracuse. One son attended our old arch rival Bridgton Academy, lettering in football and lacrosse."

**Skip Ettinger** writes, Since my last visit at MCI in August of 2011, I had the pleasure of attending the LPGA Safeway Classic in Oregon with my wife Sung Hee. We had a great time and met with Ai Miyasato, Grace Park, and Na Yeon Choi. This past Christmas and New Year break I went to Florida and visited my son and daughter and my beautiful six grand children in Orange Park. I also visited and played golf with Donald Ettinger in Ocala and then on to Zepherhills to visit with my mother Ruth Walker. I am still involved with Special Forces at Fort Lewis, teaching karate and combatives. I am also teaching karate thru the Parks and Rec's for the city of Dupont, Wahington where

I try to better the community thru the teaching of Martial Arts. On the weekend of February 25th, we competed in the WIS Open Karate Championships. I am so proud of my students. I had taken 18 students and we had returned home with 34 medals. We also were named the most outstanding dojo. I was proud of my student Drew Derrick-Bisbee who runs my school in Jacksonville, FL. He has taken three gold medals at the World Games the past two years and this year he was named Captain of the US National Team and will go to the World Games in Switzerland. I want to extend an invitation to anyone who should be visiting Washington State to drop by for lunch and get together and also remind my classmates that our 50th Reunion is coming up and hope everyone will attend. God bless everyone and let's make the 50th a great event! We are all getting older and perhaps this will be the last chance to see everyone.

**Phil Crossman** writes, I have recently retired from the building business and now own and run the Tidewater motel on Vinalhaven Island in Maine. My wife Elaine and I are the parents of Katie, a law student at Northeastern and Sarah who is married and lives right next door with her husband and our new grandson, Finnley. I published a book of humorous essays, favorably reviewed by a *NY Times* critic, in 2005 after having been a columnist for the *Working Waterfront* for many years. Another book is in the works.

## Class of 1964

Class Agent **Barbara Vigue Day** sent the following: I hope this finds you all well and happy. Remember this year's Reunion weekend is August 3 and 4, 2012. And - our 50th is only two years away and will be here before you know it. Please remember if you're willing to help or have ideas what you'd like to have at our 50th, please let me know. Wouldn't it be great to have our largest reunion yet?

I saw in a newspaper clipping that **Ed Toulouse**, who retired in 2004 after teaching French and photography at Hampden Academy for 32 years, has returned to the school to teach French.

**Donna Brooks Rolfe** retired in December 2011 from Edwards after 35 years. What a wonderful surprise party! The fire hall was packed with her friends and family (great cake, too!).

**James "Jim" Scribner** said he is hopeful he will make it back to Maine from Whistler, BC Canada this summer.

**Robert Mercier** moved this fall down to Ocala, FL and plans to return this summer to Reunion.

**Dorothy Creasy Ackerman** moved back to Pittsfield. Looking after two young granddaughters keeps her feeling young.

I spoke with **Joan VanDerveer Gould**. She's in MA, and retired from nursing. She enjoys visits with her two grandsons.

**Charles Philbrick** wrote that they are enjoying Florida, and have visited the Keys.

I want to send a very special thank you to **Carolyn Dutil Belanger** and her husband, **Buzzy '59, Bob Mercier, Dot Ackerman, Joan Gould** and **Georgie Brown Farrin** for helping yours truly with our area needy children Christmas gift project. What wonderful, sharing friends.

**Ralph Damren** shared that he received "The Maine Football Official Recognition Award" from the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, and in April will receive the "Larry LaBrie Award for Outstanding Contributions to Interscholastics" from the Maine Principals' Association. He and Roberta have two new family members - Mercedes (a yellow Lab) and Zane (a gray cat).

**Marlene Hunt Ward** writes to say she has one child and three stepchildren. She now volunteers at the hospital where she worked as a medical technologist for 39 years. They live in the country and love it. Her husband plans to retire from the service in six more years.

**Bonnie McGaffin Baker** writes from Rhode Island that she volunteers with hospice, and has received two Presidential citations for her work. She has 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Jane Woodruff Woodcock** continues with her community service, helping with Pittsfield recycling.

**Bob Menucci** is continuing his work with MCI Board of Trustees.

**Thomas Pickford** writes that he is a retired teacher after 38 years at Berlin Junior High School. He and Nancy have been married 44 years and have two children, Tommy and Katherine. Tom now subs at Gorham High School, which is 6 miles away. He coached both basketball and football during his teaching career.

## Class of 1965

**Dean Springer** writes that in 2003 he retired after 35 years with MDOT. He now works for Car Quest Auto in Newport to support his golf "habit." He is on the golf course most of his spare time in the summer and he and Rosemary go to Myrtle Beach for a week in early spring when they can. He said they both try to attend Reunion every year, and are looking forward to

seeing everyone this year. He received a phone call awhile ago from **Harlan Tilton** in California, who said he is planning to attend the 50th.

**Charlene Buzzell Lowe** writes that she heard recently from **Glenn Hinckley**, who went to a psychic when he was in his fifties and she told him that maybe, because his father and both of his father's brothers and his grandfather were all ministers, that maybe he should think about becoming a minister as well! But he said he needed the instant gratification of working with his hands. He has spent a lot of time "truth seeking" and has concluded that he must continue to spend more time on himself and others, and that he craves to work with Spirit many times more than he craves chocolate, ice cream or coffee! (Now, I don't know about the ice cream part). She also received a nice note from **Pete Vigue**. Charlene is looking forward to semi-retirement next year. She is planning to work 3 days a week so she can have more time to travel, work in her gardens and read.

**Del (Bunny) Soule** writes, A big event is coming up on June 30th when my wife, Karen, retires with 30 years of Federal Service. She has served for many years as the Public Affairs Officer at Ft. Jackson, SC. We are looking forward to this next phase of our life together - retirement. This will also give us more time to continue our section-hike of the Appalachian Trail (over 800 miles completed so far).

**Gale Pomeroy Russell** wrote that she retired from Verizon in 1995 and moved to Virginia where she was a nanny to three children for 11 years! She now lives in SC where her two sons (Eric & Robert) and 2 granddaughters (Olivia & Audriana) live. At the time, her daughter-in-law Tammy was in Iraq and due home in December 2011. (I would like to thank Tammy, on behalf of my classmates, for her service to our great country). She likes ceramics and sewing and keeps busy with her family. She really enjoyed reading the *Alumnus* and catching up on her classmates. She keeps in touch with **Patty Russell Stevens** and **Betty Goding Williams** quite often. She appreciated that they kept in contact with her the past year as she was going through some health issues. We hope that all is well with you now, Gale, and that you will continue to keep us updated.

## Class of 1966

**Peter McAleney** says he still has great memories of the times at MCI and Pittsfield. He is still in the lobster business on Portland Pier.

**David Allen** says "Same old stuff. I am content with what is."



**Anna Maria Parker** writes, There was fun to spare at our 45th MCI reunion last August. Those who made an appearance were **Norb Young** (and Chris), our illustrious President of the MCI Trustees who, in that capacity, is doing such a fantastic job for the school (forever now to be listed first, even though his last name begins with Y!), **Vicki Boetsch Harriman** (and Herb), **Greg Martin**, **Carl McCrillis**, **Pam McLean Paquin** (and Ron), **Dalen Mills** (and Liz), **Kathy Sweet Waugh** (and Charles), **Judy Hobbs**, **Tom Webster** and yours truly. After a yummy and fun banquet under the big tent, our class adjourned to the Kinney Room by the new dining room and had a thoroughly enjoyable, low-key, nostalgic visit with each other. It was great to be back!

**Prescott Arnold** is busy in retirement fixing up his motor home, trying to incorporate a corner lot home next to his property, AND making treks to Virginia Beach to visit his daughter, her husband, and 3 grandkids. I'm still working on getting him back to a reunion, no matter how high gas prices are!

**Linda Harris Fortier** wrote that she is living near Bradenton, FL. Her hobby is making jewelry and doing small local craft events. Unfortunately, she lost her younger sister (**Nancy Harris Waldron '68**) and was unable to come to our 45th because she went to Maine in July to scatter Nancy's ashes and couldn't make two trips. She hopes to make it to a future reunion, as she has family in Maine and enjoys returning. She also attends MCI's Florida reunions.

**Rex Fowler** writes that his new group, The Nutoptions (his additional group - he's still with Aztec Two Step too), just sold out 4 shows in Florida in February at the Kravis in W. Palm Beach and Sunrise Theatre in Fort Pierce. It was very exciting. Rex was in Florida for two more weeks on vacation for seven days with his son, Rufus, starting in Boca Raton. Check out The Nutoptions on YouTube! Also check out Aztec Two Step, who has just celebrated its 40th anniversary together. We're proud of you, Rex!

**Vicki Boetsch Harriman** wrote that she is enjoying retirement and content to be on the farm full-time. She says health issues continue to surface but she manages to keep them at bay. She's doing some program planning at the local library in Union and having fun with that. She says "We finally finished the farmland conservation project on Come Spring Farm [where she and Herbie live] with the Georges River Land Trust & Maine Farmland Trust. Now the farm is pro-



Vicki Harriman '66 on Sportster

tected as a Forever Farm and they have no more fears of that beautiful piece of paradise being developed. It's a big relief."

**Linda Abbott Morgan** is back in Maine, renting out her home in Atlanta, and looking out after her mom in Dixmont. She came to visit me in Tucson and oh! what fun we had with the memories!!!

**Glen Robinson** wrote: "I won't bore you about what I've been up to for the last 40+ yrs. I did however hook up with Norb, Dalen and their wives in Oct. 2011 down at Dalen's place. Really enjoyed the boat ride around the Island and lobster, mussels & beverage."

**Kathy Sweet Waugh** and her husband, Charles, celebrated their 10th anniversary on December 31st. Last summer they joined **Norb** and **Chris Young** on one of their lovely boat tours for the first time.

**Claude Sniezek** shared that he retired from the Bristol County Sheriff Office with the rank of Captain after 23 years of service. He married his childhood sweetheart, Susan Hartigan, and they have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. They spend 6 months of the year in FL and the other 6 months back in MA. He says "Although I have not been back to any of the class reunions, I still think of my time at MCI and the people I met there. I hope to return someday, if not in the near future to visit that little town that I liked so much." How about this year, Claude?

Thanks to everyone who communicated! Hope to see you in August 2016, if not before!

#### Class of 1967

**Sheilya Cookson Voter** writes: It's hard to believe that this year is our 45th Reunion. Hope to see many of you on campus on August 3rd and 4th.

I've had two e-mails from **Tilda Ouellette Shameklis**. The first was to tell me that she will be at Reunion this summer. The second was to say that she has kept in touch with **Betty Campbell**, **Jeanette Harding**, **Nancy Niles** and **Carol Lovely**. We are hoping to convince as many of them as possible to come to Reunion.



Norb Young '66, Glen Robinson '66 and Dalen Mills '66 (with Norb's dog, Winnie)

**Tim McGowan** surprised me with a call to let me know that he, too, plans to be at Reunion. He has moved and is living in Alabama now. Tim plans to contact some friends regarding Reunion.

My husband, Dale, and I still live in Burnham. We have two girls - both MCI grads! Our oldest, **Gretchen Voter Abbott '93** is currently working on her Ph.D. at Rutgers University in NJ and is extremely busy teaching and studying. **Jen Voter Beane '97** has returned to MCI as Director of Alumni and Communications. Her husband, Oliver, also works at MCI.

I had the pleasure of visiting briefly with **Sue Haseltine** (whom I hadn't seen for 30+ years) at the MCI Auction last spring. Then, at Reunion I saw **Nancy Christie Sander** even more briefly when her mother was inducted into the MCI Hall of Fame.

**Jim Toulouse** wrote: "Sandy and I marked 40 years of marriage on 8/21. Emily (32) and Laura (31) both have attended school, lived/ worked in NYC since '99. I have worked in insurance (underwriting, or risk evaluation/pricing - YAWN!) since 1974 with 34+ of those years at Unum (previously known as Unionmutual) as well as Hartford ('74 to '76) and Lincoln Nat'l in Milburn NJ in '85/'85. It pays the bills. Sandy works there too. I will try to make the 45th Reunion. Unfortunately the Reunion, being on the first weekend in August, always falls on the running of the Beach to Beacon 10K road race here in Cape Elizabeth. Being an avid runner, I have run all 14 (aka a 'streaker!') and August 4th, 2012 will mark the 15th."

**Nancy Christie Sander** volunteers at the Peconic Community Council, Maureen's Haven and Homeless Outreach in the office at least once a week, but on February 12th, she "Took a Plunge for the Homeless" in the Mattituck! Brrrr! Her uncle, **Dr. Preston Carter '62** and his wife **Dr. Beth Carter**, joined her. She wrote to say that she and Nick enjoyed a tour through northern and central India in November. Hindu guides (as well as Sikh drivers) ushered them through the cities, towns and villages along the way. Many well educated Hindu guides

spoon fed them history on the way to shrines and 14-17th century Mughal (Muslim) empire palaces. They went to Sarnath, Om Mani Padme Hum, where Buddha gave his first lecture. She said in the end, the Hindu god Shiva captivated her husband and he sent home a large dancing Shiva statue. Now she will remember this trip always!

**Bob Haskell** called to say he just had his first grandchild, Gavin. He has five grown children (a set of triplets!). Bob just retired after 40 years of teaching at SAD 15 Gray/New Gloucester, ME. He will be working the basketball tournament in Portland and at the State Class A tournaments at the Portland Expo at the comp desk. He's enjoying retirement, and looking forward to coming to the Reunion in August - his first time to attend!

**Michael Wiers** recently completed a two year term as president of the Seabiscuit Valley Chamber of Commerce. He wrote that he recently had a pleasant visit with classmates **Terry Towne**, **Doug Fernald** and **Bob Ashe**. Unfortunately, it was at the funeral for Terry's mother, Marie Towne.

**Nancy Lee Booth** recently retired from her job as a dental assistant after 27 years. She enjoys her time at home with her Schitzu Beau, and visits to a dear friend in the nursing home. She laments that so many from the class are no longer with us.

**Richard Prone** writes that he is a retired Amtrak locomotive engineer, and enjoying the freedom that goes along with it. His daughter, Lauren, is engaged to an Englishman, and a fall wedding is planned on Cape Cod. He said "I hope I don't faint walking her down the aisle!" He enjoys traveling, and has a Bermuda trip scheduled this spring with his wife, Kathy. He and his brother, Lee (also retired) take a few weeks every summer to rent a jeep in the west and explore the old US routes. This year, they are going to Idaho and Montana. He says to give his best to all his friends and classmates at MCI.

Congratulations to **Alan Bemis**, who was re-elected for his third term on the Rochester, NH Police Commission, according to Fosters.com.

**Dick Chaplin** called to say that after MCI, he went to Unity College, where he received a BA. He has lived in Westbrook all his life, and is retired from the office products industry, and is enjoying it. He occasionally runs into **Bob Haskell**. Dick has a '77 Malibu Classic, which he likes to take to car shows, and plans to drive it up for Reunion weekend!

I would be happy to hear from more of you. Don't forget Reunion! Our class party will be held in the Kinney Conference Room on cam-



pus. Look for more details in this issue of the *Alumnus* or on [www.mci-school.org/reunion](http://www.mci-school.org/reunion).

## Class of 1968

**Jean Hammond Watts** and her husband Harley traveled to Germany last summer to visit their son in Frankfurt and also visited Prague. The whole family went to Brooklyn to visit their daughter and see her son perform at BAM. Six other family members spent a week in St. Lucia at Christmas. Their fifth grandchild is due this spring. She caught up with **Lolly Susi**, **Sharon Hanson Ringuette**, **Cheryl Foster Duplissee**, **Karen Perry**, **Darlene Kvingedal**, **Kathy Starburg Warburg**, **Dora Barrett Miles** and **Rick Parkhurst** one night in Newport.

## Class of 1969

**Dale Lowe** writes "I am a full-time faculty member and teach at the University of Maine at Orono and also work full-time as a Family Nurse Practitioner in primary care and have a caseload of about 400 patients. I have three children and four grandchildren. I have a home in Brewer and one in Glenburn on Pushaw Lake. I love the water and being outside, but due to work responsibilities do not get to spend as much time outside as I would like. It is amazing to think that we graduated from MCI over 40 years ago. How time flies!"

**Jim Maynard** writes, "At the end of 2009 I retired from Berry Dunn, a CPA firm, after 36 years in the Bangor office. Since then my wife, Cindy, and I have spent a few months each winter in the Florida Panhandle (Miramar Beach). We still have our home in Veazie, but spend most of our non-winter time at our camp on Green Lake where we enjoy kayaking and cruising the lake in our pontoon boat. I play golf two or three times a week and my bucket list includes attending The Masters someday. I did have the amazing opportunity to meet Arnold Palmer in January 2011. My daughter, Kristin, graduated from Virginia Tech in 2007 and works as a marketing manager in the Washington DC area."

**Dianne Debay Whitney** writes, "I follow some of the class on Facebook and would like to thank others of you who comment on big sporting events; it keeps me current as I no longer bow to the 'cable gods.' I reconnected with **Beverly Deane Knowles** last summer in Pittsfield. She has a beautiful new granddaughter and family. It is always nice to reconnect with you folks. I still work at Kennebec Valley Community College as the main receptionist (it's nice not to take your work home with you) and take



Dr. Bill Cunningham '70 putting up his dentist sign in 1977 and taking it down in 2012.

the occasional class. Maybe someday the classes will result in some sort of a degree, right now it just fun to be in class with all ages. Last May I got to take a trip of a life time; my brothers, **Ralph Debay**, **Mike Chadbourne '72**, and sister, **Debbie Debay Keefe '72** travelled to Adelaide, South Australia to attend our youngest sister's wedding. This was the first time we had all been together since my wedding in 1990 and the first time the four of us stayed together since Dawn was born forty years ago. Australia is a designation I would recommend to anyone, the country is beautiful and the people very, very friendly. I look forward to returning again in the future. I'd love to hear from any and all of you when you have a chance."

## Class of 1970

**William (Bill) Cunningham**, DMD, writes: "On March 16, 2012, I am closing my dental office in my home at 290 Main Street in Pittsfield ME, my hometown, and retiring at age 60, after practicing general dentistry for almost 35 years. After MCI, I earned a BS degree in Biology at Bates College in 1974, and graduated with honors from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1977. I married Karen Lord, from Marblehead, MA, who I first met at Bates, on August 6, 1977, opened my dental office on August 30, 1977 and have been busy treating patients there ever since. My wife and I plan to continue living in Pittsfield, and spend our time doing outdoor activities and traveling to see more of the US, Canada, and the Caribbean. We also plan to visit our son, **Alex '04**, as he travels around the world presenting papers on his research in Robotics at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. I invite my MCI classmates to stop in to visit my lovely wife and me, so we can share stories of our retirement activities and memories of MCI."

**Jackie Mercier Robinson** writes: "**Amy Robinson '95**, **Connie Mercier Curtola '67** and I took a 9 day trip to Italy. We went to Rome, Venice, Florence and many of the surrounding villages. We enjoyed driving around Chianti in a little Mini Cooper convertible, taking in a few museums, eating some great food, visiting some wineries and tasting a little vino."



## Class of 1971

**Rodney Leighton** wrote from Rhode Island to share that he and his wife Jill have a daughter who is a high school senior. A retired Navy veteran (22 years active/8 years fleet reserved) who served from Vietnam to Desert Storm, he is now Facility Manager/Engineer/Safety Officer of a pool product manufacturing plant. He is responsible for Hazmat, EPA, training and recycling operations, for which he received a state award in 2008. He said that the education he received made a great difference in his success in life.

Class Agent **Laurie Fitts Loosigian** writes: Female classmates from MCI '71 and some classmates from Pittsfield schools have been gathering for dinner at the Putter the night before Reunion for some time now. We often see **Debbie Morancie Giallombardo**, **Tam Wright Monette**, **Sally Hodgkins**, **Tam Cianchette**, **Linda Sweet Thornton**, **Marjorie Jones Scott**, **Mary Lloyd Smith** and **Laurie Fitts Loosigian**. **Libby Winsor** came last summer and **Johanna Furbush Farkas** has come in the past. Male classmates are welcome to join us. We were happy to see **Sherry Dinsmore** before she passed on. Last summer marked our 40th Reunion and **Milton Webber** and **Anne Duncombe '83** kindly hosted our gathering at the Webber home next to campus. We saw **Marlin Smith** from Hawaii, **Richard Ingraham**, **Tom McGowan**, **Sally Hodgkins**, **Tam Wright Monette**, **Dave Harmon**, **Doug Cousins**, **Jolene Roberts**, **Bill Smith**, **Tom Mayhew**, **James Braley**, **Joe Getchell**, **Debbie Morancie Giallombardo** and **Steve Salley**.

**Nan Fowler** wrote that she is well and is enjoying seeing people on Facebook.

**Joel Abbott** served as Police Chief in Oakland until 1993 and moved to Florida for work. After marrying **Rita Glencross '76** he returned to Maine and manages Tire Warehouse in Skowhegan. He and Rita have three sons in Colorado, Florida and Boston.

I have completed my transition to Apple Annie in Brentwood, NH and would love to see some of you in the fall! I'm a new grandmother and am loving it! We welcome communication

from classmates, so if you send me an email or message on Facebook, I'll put your news in the *Alumnus*. Thanks to all of our classmates who responded to my letters about giving to the Alumni Fund. I love my connection to MCI and all of you and appreciate your gifts.

## Class of 1973

**David Kievman** wrote that he is married to Nidivina, who he met in the Philippine Islands. They have three children, and live in Albuquerque, NM. He served in the Air Force from November 1978 until August 1993. While in the Air Force, he traveled the globe on temporary duty assignments. Now retired, he tries to keep busy, recently purchasing a 97 Honda CBR 1100xx that he is trying to restore. He also likes to work with computers, both PCs and Macs, and has a huge music collection on his iPod.

**Sherri Palmer Thornton** recently went to Montreal, Canada for an International Association of Forensic Nurses Scientific assembly. She is the program coordinator of the forensic program at Maine General Medical Center. She was honored as one of the top 100 forensic nurses of 2011 that make a difference and traveled to Virginia at the end of March for the American Youth Horse Leaders Symposium. She is one of 3 finalists as the leader of the year.

**Tania Carnrick** writes that she's been busy planning events for the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting. She has been a volunteer for them for the last 19 years. She plans to cut back next year so she and Doug can do some traveling. She is still on the MCI Board of Trustees, and is thrilled to have **Susan England** back on the Board. She said she hears from some classmates through Facebook, and can't believe the 40th Reunion will be next year – so put the first weekend in August next year on your calendars to come to Pittsfield!

## Class of 1974

**Michael Hatton** wrote to share that he is Captain of the oil tanker *Maersk Peary*, and recently took a load of fuel from Agioi Theodori, Greece to the National Science Foundation's McMurdo Station in Antarctica on January 24th as part of Operation Deep Freeze, the station's annual replenishment of fuel supplies. Operation Deep Freeze is a United States civilian and scientific operation on the Antarctic continent which is overseen by the United States Antarctic Program (USAP) as well as the National Science Foundation.

**David D'Arcangelo** writes that his latest book is *The Secret Asset*, and invites you to view his web site at



www.theseecretasset.com.

**Loretta Young McNichol** writes that she is a Postmaster. Now living in Belgrade, Maine, she says that she lived in New Hampshire for 10 years and loves being home near her family and friends. She has one daughter.

**Patti Davis Buck** writes, "Bruce and I had a great trip in May 2010 to England, Wales and Ireland with my brother, **Ken Davis '70**, and his wife Barbara. Bruce and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary last fall. We will have been 18 years in Brentwood this spring. I continue to work as a physical therapist at Exeter Hospital, honored every day to be invited into the lives of so many wonderful people. Besides work, I keep busy with various committees at my church, hiking, biking, and (when there is snow!) skiing and snowshoeing. Our two children are on their own now; Chelsea, living in nearby Raymond and Alex, now with the US Navy stationed in Norfolk, VA. Bruce and I hope to be doing more traveling in the future and always look forward to our short trips throughout New England; perhaps even a pass through Pittsfield for Reunion or Homecoming Weekend!"

#### Class of 1977

Hello Everyone! It was great to hear from a few of our classmates recently and here are a few updates. As you know, 2012 marks our 35th Class Reunion and we will be in touch with details regarding a class gathering soon.

**Kelly Lary Ramsdell** writes, "I work in Human Resources with UTC in Pittsfield (everyone knows us as Edwards) and have been there 32 years. I am married to Joe Ramsdell Jr. and we live in Canaan. We have 2 boys, Joseph III, who is 29 years-old, and Matthew, who is 27 years-old and we have 2 grandchildren. We are currently in process of tearing down an old house (where Joe was raised in Canaan) and will be rebuilding in the future. We both are into bowling and we bowl on a league together in Skowhegan. Bowling in tournaments has allowed us to take many trips over the years and to visit many of the states. Good way to take vacations, bowl and explore other states!"

**Suzanne "Suzi" Kohler** writes, "I'm now living in the Boston area, where I work as a Market Development Manager for Coca-Cola. My daughter, Keisha, is just finishing her PhD in Environmental Chemistry at Oklahoma University! I have two wonderful grandchildren now! Maya is 4, and William will be 2 this summer. I still enjoy vacationing and visiting family in



Michael Hatton '74 in Antarctica

Maine, and now have fun traveling to OK as well."

**Susan Williams Ouellette** writes, "I am the Human Resources Manager at Kleinschmidt Associates here in our Pittsfield, ME office and have been with the firm for nearly 13 years. **Kelli Russell Frost** and I seem to "work" the same circles career-wise. Kelli and I both grew up working at Cianbro during high school and college, both attended Thomas College, and then worked together again at MCI for several years. Now, for the past 5 years, Kelli and I have been working together again at Kleinschmidt and we are having a ball. Arthur and I live in Pittsfield and just passed our 31st wedding anniversary. How time flies. We enjoy spending our time free time on home improvement projects and playing golf."

We also received the sad news that **William P. Scholz** passed away at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago, Illinois on April 29, 2010 at the age of 50.

#### Class of 1978

**Martin MacGown** wrote to say that he and his wife Lynette just became grandparents for the third time. After retiring from a 21 year Marine Corps career in 1999, he completed a graduate degree and now serves as a Senior IT Systems Analyst for Maine-General Medical Center in Augusta, and Professor of Information Technology for the University of Phoenix. One of their children, a Marine, just returned from a combat tour in Afghanistan, and their eldest son is co-founder and Chief Technology Officer for Piston Cloud Computing, Inc. in San Francisco. They recently visited their daughter while on a trip to Florida.

**Paul Kohler** shared that he attended UMO and worked summers at Cianbro Corp. He earned an AS in Civil Engineering Technology and a BS in Civil Engineering. In 1985, he started as a field engineer at S.W. Cole Engineering, Inc. and moved to Standish, ME in 1992 to manage their Gray, ME office. In 2010 he became the President/CEO of the firm. He and his wife Sue have two children, currently at UMO. He shared that he recently skied at the

Loaf with MCI ski team buddies **Peter Fendler '80**, **Mike Fendler '70**, and his brother **Peter Kohler '80**. He said, "Now I just need to get Chico (**David London**) and Pepe' (**Peter Cianchette '79**) up to the Loaf and get the trio back together - not sure if Chico can keep up with us anymore, though!"

**Gary Liimatainen** writes that on Valentines Day, he "took the plunge" and gave Annette a ring. (He said, "Finally, after 8 years, heh?"). No date is set yet. They are leaving for their annual trek to sunny Florida. **Jim** and **Lisa Killam** and **Dean Olmstead** are going down again to spend the second week with them. They also expect to meet up with **Kathy Berlinghoff '83** and her husband TC (Todd) for "their usual antics." Also hoping to link up with **Gary '69** and **Amy Fitts**. The new house is nearing completion, and he says hopefully they'll be able to kick back and enjoy it this summer.

#### Class of 1979

From Class Agent **Trudi Ames**: Hello classmates of 1979! Hope everyone is doing great. I haven't heard from anyone, so thought I would just go with what I have heard or know about. Facebook seems to be the place to catch up on all the good stuff. It seems almost everyone is on and stays in touch. I have had the opportunity to see **Jim Allen** a few times. He is working at GE in Bangor and still lives in Pittsfield with his family. **Trent Richardson** has his own business now if anyone needs lawn care or snow removal or such. I'm sure he'd be glad to take your call. **Trent and Judy (Arsenault)** have also been busy doing some skiing this winter with their sons at Sugarloaf. I see **Marie Sanborn** in Reny's often. On a sadder note we lost a member of our class this year. Marie's brother, **Charlie Sanborn**. RIP Charlie. **Sandy (Moody) Perkins** and husband Jeff have been busy this winter. They have moved to a new house and have been busy renovating and moving. Kevin and I still live in West Pittsfield and our daughter is off at college and doing great. I see **Karen Cropley Holmes** around occasionally and she is still in the Portland area. I also run into **Annette Bouffard** often and she is do-

ing well. It's "old home town meeting place" at Buds Shop N' Save for anyone that's around and hasn't seen anyone. **Barbara (Morra) Flood** and **Regina (Flood) Basford** have been seen in that meeting place. In fact, I have one of Regina's puppies (who was not a puppy for long, he is 110 pounds and will be 3 in May of this year). **Charlie Russell** built himself a new home this last year and last time I saw it he was almost done. I ran into **Mike Bennett** filling the beer coolers at Robinson's Mobil. Still wearing shorts in January. Makes me cold just thinking about it. **Phil Hendricks** is busy with grandkids and his band, The Custodians of Rock and Roll. If you haven't seen them, you should check them out. I also see that **Kathy (Kelly) Thoreson** has moved back to the area. I haven't laid eyes on her yet, but am sure I will soon. **Dena (Frost) Hall** is busy now with a grandchild as well. **Doug Starbird** is now retired from the Maine State Prison. **Quin Bartron** has moved from Mass. to Pennsylvania with his family. **Steve Chandler** has been doing Judge Duty as well as his practice. I see **Gene Taylor** a lot on the road - he puts some miles on, that's for sure. **Beth (Cookson) Bickford** and Shawn are enjoying the grandchildren as well and Beth has a new hip and is ready to go. **Susan (McGowan) Huffer** and Alan are doing well. **Susan (Sinclair) Stafford** is also doing well and is engaged. **Jim Lynch** kept busy this fall renovating his brother Michael's new home. **Eric Witham** and family are doing well. **Dean Billings** is (oh, I have to be nice) doing good also. Well I know I have probably missed someone, but hopefully there have been a few people that have sent in their stories to the Alumni Office directly. It won't be long until the next reunion. Hope everyone has a great summer and stay safe.

#### Class of 1980

**Rick Partridge** was honored as "Veteran of the Year" in the 80th Assembly District in California in June 2011. Rick entered the US Marine Corps in 1984 and was stationed in numerous locations during his military career, including Jordan during Operation Desert Storm (1994-1995). After leaving the service in 1997, he moved to Imperial County, where he works for the State of California Employment Development Department, and since 2000 has served as a Veteran Representative in the Disabled Veteran Outreach Program. He and his wife Margarita volunteer at various non-profit organizations such as Girl Scouts of the Desert and the Cancer Resource Center. They have one son who is three years-old.

**Regina Foltz Minnick**



wrote to say she has "hooked up" with a few long lost friends on the MCI Facebook page and urges others to join. She recently drove from the top of the states to the bottom and got her parents together after 41 years.

After graduating from MCI in 1980, **Ali Foughi** attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering with highest honors. Ali then joined the LTX Corporation in Westwood, Massachusetts where he designed high-performance instrumentation for Automatic Test Equipment and broke new ground by introducing the industry's highest performing analog filters. He remained at LTX for approximately 10 years, and in 1993 he relocated to Sunnyvale, California to join Maxim Integrated Products. At Maxim, Ali led two major business units with approximately \$300 million in annual revenue, hundreds of professionals in multiple design and application engineering centers in the United States, Europe and Asia. After nearly 18 years of service, Ali left Maxim in 2011 and is currently a consultant to high-technology start-up companies. Among other things, Ali enjoys spending time with his 2-year-old daughter, traveling and learning about other cultures. Ali credits his professional success to the excellent education he received from MCI. He cherishes the experiences and fond memories with his classmates and holds high regards for the excellent teaching staff at MCI. He views Mr. **David Mosher '57** as a role model.

**Belinda Sterling-Lafamme** writes, "My husband, Carl, and I are enjoying life with our dog, Brandy. We are amazed that life just seems to keep getting busier. Still feels odd not to have my children living at home. I still work for Skowhegan Family Medicine as a Medical Assistant, and as of the new year, we are now part of Redington-Fairview General Hospital. I still love my job. I am also doing my 15th season at H & R Block. I also do photography as a hobby, and occasionally do weddings, senior pictures and family pictures. My oldest son, Chris, is living in Colorado where he is doing music and enjoying snowboarding when possible. He made a surprise visit to Maine after not being home for 3 years, which was the highlight of my summer! My youngest is completing his 4th year at Orono, majoring in athletics training and loving it. My step-daughter, Kristine lives in Oklahoma with my two step-grandchildren, Nason and Annabelle. I recently saw **Sandra Plourde Powell** and her mom.



*Rick Partridge'80 is honored as "Veteran of the Year"*

## Class of 1981

**Lecia White Wilson** has been married to Dale Wilson for 23 years. They have a son, **Brandon Wilson '09**. She also has 2 step-children and 2 granddaughters. She and Dale took last winter off and traveled with their RV across the states to Nevada, spending time in Myrtle Beach, New Orleans, Texas, Las Vegas, and Florida. They hope to do it again!

**Tina Jones White** wrote, "Sorry I missed our 30th Reunion." After 21 years with State Government and 25 years in Maine State Retirement, on December 30th, she retired "in order to preserve the benefits I worked all those years for." She is enjoying some time off. Her husband of 17 years also retired, but went to work for his brother's company.

## Class of 1982

**Patrick Jordan** writes from Phoenix, AZ where he is working for Goodrich Interiors, designing and maintaining aircraft evacuation systems for the Embraer EMB170/190 series aircraft. His work brings him frequently to Sao Paulo, Brazil. In his spare time, he enjoys the warm weather, hiking, mountain biking, and training his third rescue dog.

**Cheryl Pareson Austin** writes, "I live in Wells, ME with my two children. Courtland (13) and Macy (10 1/2). Both attend Wells Junior High. For Christmas, the three of us plus my mother, **Avis Ames Pareson '60** went on an eight day Caribbean Cruise. Lots of fun! The kids and I spend our winter weekends at Sugarloaf. They are both in ski and snowboarding programs. My son is attending a winter snowboarding camp at CVA this week. I have volunteered as an Ambassador at Sugarloaf for the past five years. I am also on The Wells Park and Recreation Board and The Board of Visitors at MCI. I love keeping up with friends and classmates from MCI on Facebook -- especially **Nancy Bertrand Shorey** who keeps me filled in on happenings in Pittsfield. Our class is very excited about our upcoming 30th Reunion! I'm also very busy with managing and owning rental properties at Wells Beach and Sugarloaf."

## Class of 1984

**Leisa Heal Turner** has been living in Jackman, ME for the last 24 years. She has 2 grown daughters. She does home health care for the elderly and loves it! In her spare time, she continues to write poetry and has had several published. She is currently waiting to have her first novel published. She just purchased a new home where she lives with her boyfriend and their 2 dogs. She says "Life is good!"

## Class of 1986

**Bill Dow** writes "Things are going pretty well down here in the deep south Atlanta, GA. I was truly surprised to hear that **Peggy Maynard Olson** is living down in this neck of the woods. I have to imagine between the two of us, we can affect a pretty good Southern version of the song *Wicked Good*, although I suspect it will never carry the mystique of the version that is sung up there in God's country. **Matt Raynes** and I are spending a lot of time together doing business. It turns out that his legal eagle expertise is just what my company needs. That MCI/Bates thing is a hard combination to beat! Last time he and I had this much quality time together was when we were working for Leroy Starbird painting the JR Cianchette house up on North Main Street."

**Jeffrey Hartley** shared that he and his wife were recently in Manila, Philippines for two weeks. He said it was awesome to experience a new culture. They have two children, Ashley and Luke.

## Class of 1987

**David O'Brien** shared that he recently had dinner with **Scott Olney**, **Gary Soucy** and **Jason Fender** in Lakeland, FL. Scott and David both live in Valrico, FL, where David owns his own company, Survtch Solutions. David and his wife Cindy have two daughters, Shelby and Delaney.

**Glenn Steadman** wrote that he is working as a Microbiologist at Genzyme in Framingham, MA. He recently wrote a sci-fi novel called *The Transpod*, and his former rock band "Din" has a song on the *Guitar Hero*!

game (*Fly on the Wall* that has sold 6.9 million copies to date). He lives in Boston with his girlfriend, and they have a daughter, Rachael, and son, Bailey.

**Pam Niles** shared that her daughter Courtney graduates from Mount View High School in June and then will be going to college at University of Phoenix to study early childhood development.

**Jean McGowan** lives in Portland, Oregon and is the Development Director at Waldorf School, a K-8 private school. She has two children and loves living in the northwest, and is fortunate enough to spend a month every summer in Maine with her parents and siblings.

**Barbara Pomeroy** e-mailed that **Troy Fubler** is apparently deceased, and there is a facebook group devoted to all those who knew and loved him. She encourages classmates to share memories of him, and post any photos.

## Class of 1988

**Larissa Vigue Picard** returned to Maine in 2007 after 15 years in Vermont. She is the Community Partnership Coordinator at the Maine Historical Society where she works with historical societies, schools, and libraries around the state on projects in conjunction with MHS's Maine Memory Network, a statewide online museum. She also manages MHS's Facebook and Twitter accounts, writes two blogs for the Society, and runs an annual book discussion program. Outside of work she leads a book group at Central Maine Medical Center, writes, and tries to keep up with her 7-year-old son, Nicholas. Her husband, Curtis Picard, is director of Maine Merchants Association, based in Augusta.

**Donna Deckert Handoe** writes that her family has moved twice in the last two years, from Fort Drum, NY to Fort Hood, TX, and then to Fort Bliss, TX. An active Army family, they are waiting for orders to relocate once again this summer. Her husband, Frank, is attending the Sergeants Major Academy. Their son, Ryan, is 7. Donna is a stay-at-home mom and volunteer with many Army family programs: their unit's Family Readiness Group Co-Leader, an Army Community Services and Army Family Team Building Master Trainer, and the AFTB Volunteer Program Manager. If anyone is wandering the country, look us up, we love visitors.

**Loren Martin** is married to Dan and still living in Concord, NH. Our oldest son Jeff is in his third year at Penn State studying architectural engineering and is on the Deans list. Our youngest son Jacob is 12 and is doing well in school and very active in sports.



Very happy and healthy. Would love to hear from classmates. With the help of Facebook, I have kept in touch with many.

**Kendra West Turo** is still living in Rhode Island and married to John. She is teaching in Connecticut, and is proud Mom to 10 year-old triplets, John, Julia and Nicholas.

**Clint and Anne Lasselle** are still living locally and report they are expecting a granddaughter, Delilah Anne in May. Congrats to you both!

My good friend **Wendy Higgs** recently married her sweetheart Randy Dow on September 2, 2011 and is very happy and looks wonderful! Marriage definitely agrees with her.

**Aaron Basford** is living in Gardiner with his family and has been very active with the Gardiner Robotics Team lately. Sounds like his son is following in Aaron's footsteps and is challenging himself with high school honors classes. Reminds me of our days with Mr. Slagle, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Bessey. You must be so proud!

**Karin Archer Thornton** is married to Joe, has 2 kids and is living in Readfield, Maine. She is a physical therapist at Maine General Medical Center, and Joe is the executive chef at Granite Hill Estates in Hallowell. Their daughter Kelcey is 13 and enjoys band/chorus, softball and field hockey. Thomas is 9 and is an avid hockey player (goalie) and loves soccer, lacrosse, football. She loves keeping up with friends on Facebook or e-mail.

**Nicole Grant Degifico** is married to Tom. They live in Scarborough with their kids and are always traveling! I am always so jealous of those vacation pics.

**Dan O'Shaughnessy...** my long lost pal. We reconnected on Facebook and so glad we did. Dan is married to Melissa and they live in Colorado with their one-year-old daughter Madison. Dan is a golf pro and loving it!

**Michelle Shortreed Lowe** is a freelance court reporter living in Atlanta, Georgia with her husband. They had a dream wedding in Disney where Michelle was one of the most beautiful brides I have ever seen!

**Matt Morin** is my NH neighbor, living in Derry and is currently in a relationship with fellow MCI alum, **Jen Bassler '89**. So glad things are well with you two. What a cute couple.

**Don Neville** is married to Sandy, living in Pittsfield on their farm with their critters. Enjoying visits from their granddaughters!

Thanks for the updates sent in and for those that didn't, thanks for keeping your updates on Facebook. This is a small portion of friends on FB, if you are a friend and didn't see an up-

date in this post, expect it in the next one. If you'd rather I didn't, just let me know. Miss you all and wish you all the best!

Class Agent **CJ Mitchell** writes: "Still living in Burlington, VT working for GE Healthcare. Have four wonderful kids (7, 7, 11, 13). We enjoy boating on Lake Champlain, skiing in the winter as a family, and my son and I hiked to the top of Mt. Mansfield last summer. Looking forward to a two week trip to Italy in May."

**Lee Nolan** was married to **Jessi Littlefield '03** in August 2011. Great ceremony - beautiful day - lots of friends and family. Most memorable wedding vows of any wedding I have attended.

#### Class of 1989

Congratulations to **Laurie McGann** and **Peter Logiodice '94**, who were married on December 16, 2011!

**Brenda Hartley Orffer** shared that she is an event designer for Washington Health Care Association and was elected to serve as President for the National Long Term Care Meeting Professionals during their annual convention held in Las Vegas in September 2011. She, her husband Colin, and their two daughters Nadia and Arianna, reside in McCleary, Washington.

**Doug Quint** was featured on the New York City episode of Anthony Bourdain's new show, *The Layover*, on the Travel Channel. Quint and his partner Bryan Petroff, serve a "mouth-watering array of soft serve ice cream, topped with a variety of things ranging from Dulce de Leche and Nilla Wafers to toasted curried coconut and bacon marmalade" from a truck and, now, a storefront called Big Gay Ice Cream.

**Christopher Hamilton** writes that he coached both of his sons (Kyle and Tyler) this past summer to their fourth consecutive Vermont State Championship 10U and 12U Call Ripken Baseball team from Hartford, VT. It was very memorable for him and the boys when they were runner up at the Regional Championship one game away from going to the Cal Ripken World Series in California. Christopher also coached both boys football teams for the past three years. Tylers team has been undefeated for the past two years and Kyle first year as a 4-5 grade team was also undefeated.

#### Class of 1990

**Steve Philbrick** writes that he is married and has one step-daughter and a granddaughter. He and his wife bought the old drive-in movie theater in Detroit where they run their business, Philbrick Enterprise, LLC, do-

ing RV rentals and supplies along with the Pool & Spa Place II. He currently drives truck for Alliance Imaging doing mobile MRI's as a full time job, and his wife works full time in Belfast for Bank of America.

**Sue Petela Hodsdon** writes, "I recently gave birth to twins on January 1, 2012. Alex Robert Hodsdon weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and Ayla Gail Hodsdon weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz. My husband and I celebrated our 10th anniversary this past summer. We are extremely blessed to now be a family of four!"

#### Class of 1991

**Tobin Anderson** completed his first year as Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Sienna College. He had previously been Head Coach at Hamilton College for seven years and compiled a record of 118-63.

**Lisa Lundberg Libby** writes to share that she had a beautiful baby girl named Gia May Libby on September 9, 2011.

**Chad Friend** writes the he and his wife Darla recently visited Maine and met up with a few alumni. He was promoted to Second Mate with Transocean Deepwater Offshore and is working towards his Chief Mates license. He and his family live in Northern KY, just over the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

#### Class of 1993

**Matthew Stein** shared that he is married to **Donna Ward '95** and they have two beautiful daughters, Emma and Leigh, who keep them very busy. Matt is an Intellectual Property and Technology lawyer with Pierce Atwood in Portland. He recently was at MCI to play music with faculty member Steve Peterson for a Morning Meeting, and enjoyed seeing several former teachers and friends. Donna is training for her first triathlon in May.

**Annie Mathews Shank** is married to Michael Shank and they have two children, 11 and 18, and two grown step-children. She says she has moved a lot, but is now settled in Florida. She is a licensed Parelli Natural Horsemanship Instructor, teaching people how to train their horses using natural (to horses) and humane methods, and she loves her work!

#### Class of 1994

**Courtney Cianchette Harvey** writes that in May of 2011, she self-published a novel, *Open Window: Truth from the Shadows*, which is a young adult paranormal romance. She shares that she has had some great reviews from various newspapers, as well as appearing in the top 100 on Kindle eBooks in the Women & Children's category. She

is currently writing the second novel which will be part of the trilogy in this series.

#### Class of 1995

Congratulations to **Jaime Gray** who has been named the new Supervisor at the Madawaska Port of Entry, part of the agency's Boston field office which includes Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut, with 875 assigned officers. Previous to that, he spent five years with U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Nassau, Bahamas. Welcome back to Maine, Jaime!

#### Class of 1996

**Marisa Frederick Folster** writes that she has a new son, Braden Christopher Folster, born July 9, 2010. He has an older brother, Phillip Folster, Jr., who is 7 years-old.

#### Class of 1997

Congratulations to **Martinique McNichol**, who will wed Nathan Allen in October 2012 on Peaks Island. Marti is employed at Casco Federal Credit Union in Gorham as Operations Manager.

**Jarod Rollins** wrote, "I moved to Dresden, Germany in 2005 to earn a Masters degree in molecular bioengineering. After that I worked for a year in the same city as a lab manager in the Max Planck Institute for cellular biology and genetics. I am currently living in Cologne, Germany where I am a few months away from finishing my PhD in plant genetics. My research has been focused on drought tolerance in barley. This summer I am looking forward to moving back to the East Coast (hopefully Maine) and to meeting up with the class of '97 for our 15th reunion."

**Aaron Rosen** e-mailed: "I do have a little news...I got married! March 13, 2011 in Oxford, UK to Carolyn Kincade. We were pleased to have our dear friends **John Houton '96** and **Rachel Fendler '01** from MCI in attendance. Since then I moved on to a research fellowship at Yale University. I will leave Yale this May to begin a permanent position as Lecturer in Sacred Traditions and the Arts at King's College London, University of London. Finally an end to my diasporic wanderings!"

#### Class of 1998

**Patrick Steeves** writes, "After 12 years at Cianbro, last July, I took an opportunity at a different company. Still in the construction industry, this job has allowed me to be closer to home and enjoy more of the many things our 2 boys are involved in. Attended 3 weddings last year for





Allison '02 and Mike '98 Brown's son, Liam, in his new MCI shirt.

'98 grads and it was great to see everybody!"

#### Class of 1999

**Nicole Cianchette Steeves** writes, "I'm currently completing my 4th year as Associate Director of Admission at MCI. In those four years of recruiting students for MCI, I have been to 9 different countries and many places in the US, experiencing different cultures and meeting many people along the way. Pat and I have been married for 10 years this October, and have 2 healthy boys and 2 large labs, which makes for a very active, noisy, and happy home."

#### Class of 2000

**Nicole Neal Ferran** shared that she has been married for 5 years, and has a son and daughter. She has worked at Mount St. Joseph for the past 10 years and just recently bought her first home in Winslow.

#### Class of 2001

**Ari Zandman-Zeman** shared that he was married 8/14/11, and they took a honeymoon to India for two months and then Israel for four months. He moved to Durham, NC with his new wife three years ago while she went to Duke Law School and he launched his company, [www.Rubberbanditz.com](http://www.Rubberbanditz.com). They will be moving to LA in the fall, and he will be starting his MBA at UCLA.

**Danny Flaherty** writes that he has been working for Athenahealth in Belfast as a Client Support Center-Trainer since September 2008. In March, he will be taking on a task to help build a new Knowledge Base for the organization. He is married to his best friend, Michelle, and they have two beautiful daughters, Kaia and Aria. They live in Appleton, ME currently. He continues to find ways to travel the world and experience new things.

**Michael Susi** writes, "After spending 2011 living in Hawaii and working on my Masters Degree (MEd) at the University of Hawaii, I was recently hired at Lawrence High School as the In-School Suspension Supervisor. I was also just re-hired by MCI to be a Dorm Supervisor in Rowe Hall and



Alex Cunningham '04 at the International Robotics Competition in Turkey.

I'm looking forward to returning to the sidelines to help out the MCI football team this fall. Also, I ran into **Brandon Badeen '99** for the first time in a few years. He said he is newly married and living in Hartland."

**Joseph Walker** called to say that he has moved to Dexter, where he is an over-the-road truck driver. At present, he is not working due to medical problems. He got married on January 28, 2012 and has a step-daughter. In his spare time, he likes to play games on Play Station II.

#### Class of 2002

Congratulations to **Sheena Farmer!** Sheena was featured in the *Morning Sentinel* newspaper recently. She has been selected to take part in a NASA exercise to develop a prototype vehicle to roam Mars. She was one of 48 scholars chosen nationwide to visit NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL. Her career goal is to design aircraft at Lockheed Martin, a global company that researches, designs, develops and makes tactical aircraft.

**Allison Ross Brown** is married to **Mike Brown '98** and their son Liam will be 2 years-old on May 11. Allison is a pediatric nurse and Mike is an engineer. They have lived in Greenville, SC for about five years and spent a year abroad in England.

**Alisia Melvin Leavitt** graduated from Southern New Hampshire University in NYC and has been selected as a Merit Scholar.

#### Class of 2004

**Bill Cunningham '70** wrote in to tell us that: "My son, **Alex Cunningham '04**, is in his third year studying for his PhD in Robotics at Georgia Tech in Atlanta and recently competed in an international robotic competition in Istanbul, Turkey."

#### Class of 2007

**Mark Neace** writes, "After MCI, I went to Orlando, FL, to Full Sail University to pursue my Bachelor's Degree in Digital Arts and Design. While participating in school, I was sponsored by the University to participate in a national video game (Halo3) tourna-

ment in Dallas, TX. After graduation I worked as an Associate Producer for WABI TV5 in Bangor, ME, and also did freelance work for Omni Technical Consulting and the Maine Golf and Tennis Academy, and even produced my own YouTube video series to teach various topics within the design field. Those videos qualified me for the YouTube partnership program. In 2010 I enlisted in the US Army. I completed basic training out of Fort Jackson SC, received intelligence training in Fort Huachuca, AZ and was stationed in Fort Lewis, WA. I am now currently working as an Intel Analyst in Zabul, Afghanistan with the 3rd Brigade 2nd Infantry Division until the end of the year. I am proud to be serving my country and to have had the opportunity to have such an eventful, exciting life."

#### Class of 2008

**Aude Jouanguy** wrote that he received his Associate of Art Degree from Green River Community College last summer and transferred to Evergreen State College in Fall 2011.

#### Class of 2009

**Nate Olsen** writes that he is studying for a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Global Management at Susquehanna University. He is an active member of the Phi Mu Delta Fraternity which focuses heavily on service. In 2011 he spent 3 months studying in London and consulting with a motorcycle manufacturing company in the Czech Republic. Upon his return, he traveled to Eloy, AZ to compete in the National Collegiate Parachuting Championships with the University of Massachusetts: Amherst skydiving team, where they set two National Skydiving records.

#### Class of 2010

**Aaron Kirouac** writes that he has been working hard on his college career in the Lodging and Restaurant Management program at Southern Maine Community College. He plans to continue towards a bachelors degree in that field, as well as degrees in culinary and business, and possibly in fashion design, with the hopes of starting a business in event planning. He works at the McKernan Hospitality Center, and is moving into an apartment in South Portland with his partner, Justin Rondo.

**Danielle Varney** writes that she graduated from culinary school and is engaged to Donovan Carbonneau. They are expecting their first baby.

**Terra Frederick** recently made the Honor Roll at Eastern Nazarene College for the fall 2011 semester.

**Josh Berryman** is leaving April 16th for basic training, going to

Fort Jackson, SC and then Fort Leonard Wood, MO for AIT.

#### Class of 2011

**Justin Boles** has moved to Windham, ME and is receiving training as a Correctional Officer.

**Yuya Izumi** was traveling in Europe for 3 months and reports that all of her money and her passport were stolen, and her visa expired. She met **Riki Watanabe '12** when he had a winter break in Tokyo. She will go to college in WA in the spring.

**Brooklyn Rowe** recently took a trip to Jamaica. She is working at Kohls in Augusta, and has seen some MCI teachers there.

**Ryan Crocker** writes that school at UMF is going well, and he has lunch or dinner with a few classmates from MCI. During the past winter months, he's also been playing hockey with classmates down at the rink on MCI's campus.

## In Memoriam

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

Arthur W. Danielson '33  
Jennie Reynolds Thompson '33  
Evelyn Dodge Joy '36  
Charles A. Rowe '36  
Elizabeth Bellofatto Huff '39  
Doris Parsons Clough '40  
Elaine Enman Bean '42  
Neil E. Daggett '43  
Pauline Webber Porter '43  
Elizabeth Merrithew Randall '47  
Robert C. Hughes '48  
Constance L. Given '53  
Albion L. Payson '54  
Clair H. Lewis '55  
Deane Jones '57  
Kelly York Merrill '63  
Stanley E. Brooks '71  
Susan Cookson Carey '72  
William P. Scholz '77  
Jesse T. Duke '79  
Michael E. Quigley '82  
Andrea Walker-Brown '86

Our deepest condolences go out to the 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](mailto:alumni@mci-school.org) about the passing of alumni/ae or friends of MCI.





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- Senior Chapel ..... June 1
- Graduation ..... June 3
- Reunion Weekend ..... August 3 & 4
- Hall of Fame / Distinguished Achievement  
Induction Ceremony ..... August 3
- Homecoming ..... September 21 & 22
- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction  
Ceremony ..... September 22

