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This column is designed to keep you up to date on Academy initiatives carried out by the Headmaster, Administration, Faculty, and Staff. Pinkerton is constantly seeking ways to optimize the educational experience of our students. In this issue, we have chosen to highlight some of the creative opportunities available at Pinkerton's Library.

Libraries in general have undergone a sea of change in today's rapidly shifting world of information technology, and remaining relevant is one of their greatest challenges. Jennifer Warburton, Pinkerton's Director of Library and Media Services, is up to the task.

"The goal of libraries has always been to stay ahead of learning," according to Warburton, who has pursued that goal with great success. Under her guidance, Pinkerton's library has become a place that nurtures creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

Although Warburton playfully names graduate degrees as her, "drug of choice," her passion for discovery extends beyond her personal interests.

"I enjoy sharing the joy of learning," she says, and adds that the library's greatest success takes place when students learn to love learning—and they are doing just that.

Warburton is greatly appreciated by Pinkerton's students, and their enthusiasm for the library's events is so contagious that both administrators and teachers use these activities as incentives. Students struggling with disciplinary issues and classwork look forward to spending time at the library as a reward for good behavior or reaching academic goals.

Last year, the library introduced Friday "Makerspace" activities, which are always hands-on and often span a number of disciplines. Recently, there have been a series of engineering challenges utilizing only plastic straws and masking tape. Students with and without engineering interests swarmed the library to produce towers, competing for height, stability, or weight-bearing characteristics. Makerspace has even hosted boat design contests, complete with races.

Another enormously successful program at the library is *ThinkTank*, an initiative connecting students to external resources to help them realize a specific goal. Last year, *ThinkTank* enabled a group of students to enter the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest and travel to Washington D.C. to pitch their project to Samsung's CEO. The group placed in the top ten nationwide and won \$50,000 in Samsung technology for Pinkerton. Other student projects have included a science and math tutoring group and a political journalism group that ultimately received press passes to cover the 2017 Presidential Inauguration on site.

The addition of chess sets and other strategy games to the library has broadened social networks, as labels and cliques dissolve in the excitement and pressure of the game. Students are teaching each other how to play, and pairs are commonly made up of individuals whose social circles may never have overlapped outside the library. Chess has experienced a hearty revival, and the library's chess sets are in constant use. While some of this fervor for chess stems from the thrill of competition, Warburton also notes that chess—like reading—is a stable, linear activity that promotes concentration and gives students a satisfying contrast to the unnatural pace and high-stimulus environment of electronic media.

Changes in the patterns of childhood are closing many opportunities for young people to engage in the hands-on, self-guided learning that once took place naturally in the backyard. Warburton is a master facilitator who epitomizes her own belief in the power and joy of lifelong learning. Her progressive model has placed Pinkerton's library at the forefront of learning, transforming it into a safe, comfortable space where the buzz of collaboration is not just allowed, but encouraged.



*Jennifer Warburton, Pinkerton's Director of Library and Media Services*



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A handwritten signature in red ink that reads 'Timothy J. Butterfield DVM'.

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*Jennifer Warburton works with a student on one of the Library's Makerspace engineering challenges.*

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For the 18th year, Pinkerton captured the coveted Mack Plaque. Over 7,000 attended the Homecoming football game.

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# A LETTER FROM GRIFFIN MORSE, HEADMASTER

Dear Pinkerton Community:

It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve the Pinkerton Academy community as its Headmaster for these three years of curricular innovation, academic and athletic success, growth, improved morale, deep reflection, fiscal planning, and inspiring work with our students and staff. I very much look forward to fulfilling my responsibilities as Headmaster until the completion of the current academic year, my fourth and final year at the helm of the Academy.

I have deeply enjoyed and found personal satisfaction in my academic work with students and staff in classes of all disciplines. Having the chance to observe and evaluate the dynamics of the classroom has given me great pleasure and insight into what makes the value of a Pinkerton education. Similarly, the Headmaster Summer Reading program, besides setting a tone and passion for reading, has given me a chance to work more closely with Middle School students entering our ninth grade, their teachers, and staff.

The work outside the school with our sending school boards, classes, and administrations has created a K-12 mentality that has enhanced Pinkerton's leadership role and partnership with the sending towns and that ensures a smooth transition for our students and a strong sense of shared goals with their curricula. That is true as much in technology and English class as it is in Special Education, athletics, performing arts, and the balance of the Academy's offerings. I felt a great sense of endorsement from the entire Pinkerton community of these efforts, and, with the addition of 70 years of new and renewed contracts with the sending towns, I trust a stable foundation for Pinkerton to grow on guaranteeing stability for Pinkerton today and well into its future.

Above all, I have witnessed the rise and the recruitment and the rise of some extraordinary staff members whose work on a daily basis continues to impress me and defines the great renewable value of Pinkerton's education. They have joined me in a vision to make Pinkerton a Google School, a technology leader in the South Central district, and a forward-thinking institution that combines best practices in instruction with an intentional spirit of innovation and collaborative learning. Those achievements have echoed throughout our staff as they too have modernized workflow with countless software integrations, professional development engagements, and wireless work efficiency.

This growth and innovation always had its roots in what our students needed: a concussion management team, enhanced and safer facilities for our students with disabilities, more extended learning opportunities, greater guidance in planning careers, better support for their standardized testing, a safer and more secure campus environment, mastery of technology in research and life skills, greater pride in the school's newly branded image and web site, exposure to a rich culture of international artists and performers, partnerships and master classes with professional performers and agencies, more involvement in decision-making, and an ethical grounding in courtesy, respect, and responsibility.

While mining the historical documents from our attics and the annals of Pinkerton history, I was inspired by the loyalty of our alumni and the beauty of Pinkerton's historical narrative, even reliving it as one of the Headmasters who lived on campus to be a visible part of the life of our students, staff, and school visitors.

There is still plenty more work to do to continue improving the student experience and the work culture at Pinkerton and I intend to spend my final year sustaining the good momentum we have created in these three years. I stand poised to help to make the transition to a new Head of School go as seamlessly as it is in my power to and thank you all for the outstanding support I have received to make all these achievements possible.



Griffin Morse



*Griffin Morse*

Because Pinkerton Academy greatly values the input of our alumni community, it is important that you know we are in the early phases of searching for a new Headmaster. Headmaster Morse will remain with us until the end of June, 2018. The Board of Trustees has respectfully accepted Headmaster Morse's resignation, and we wish him all the best in his new endeavors. Thank you for your ongoing and continued support.

Timothy J. Butterfield, DVM  
*President, Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees*



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*New press box at Pinkerton*

## MACK ATHLETIC PLAQUE, A FAMILY RIVALRY

Back in 1976 when Londonderry had completed the construction of its own high school, they morphed into a new model for their relationship with Pinkerton...much like a grown sibling who chose to leave town but stay close. A Londonderry father and son, Wallace (Trustee from 1949-1974) and Andrew (Trustee from 1974-1982) who both served on the Pinkerton Board of Trustees saw long-term benefit in preserving that family tie between the towns so, in 1983, the school that amassed the most victories in the fall contests was awarded The Mack Athletic Plaque.

The Mack Athletic Plaque brings more than two schools together. From its inception, the Mack Plaque challenge acknowledges that brothers, sisters, parents, even grandparents might have attended the other school so the lines were not drawn for separation but blurred for the congenial nature of a family rivalry and that competitive but playful feeling between these two great institutions continues today in the same original spirit. Every fall when the teams are pitted against one another you hear those conversations throughout the day. Halftime or throughout the contests along the sidelines it is not unusual to see a sprinkling of red with blue t-shirts, red or blue pompoms, red or blue-painted faces and plenty of laughter and good fun, sometimes ignoring the scoreboard completely! It comes as no surprise that online cross-fire sometimes plays out in videos, raps, tasteful images and playful odes in the local newspapers to taunt and goad the opponents with good banter and playful satire.

My favorite aspect of the rivalry is unquestionably the Mack Plaque Captains' Lunch which always occurs the Thursday before the weekend of sports contests starts and, just as it says, the captains of each team sit to eat lunch with the other school's captains of their sport. Not only do these

talented leaders and revered athletes take time out of school to break bread together but they, along with their coaches and Athletic Directors, make respectful, encouraging speeches to one another, promising good sportsmanship, their best play and the desire to bring out the best in their own spectators. They set a tone and the meal is consistently the most timeless element of the rivalry: it feels like a celebration of traditional family values of courtesy, respect and responsibility. It invokes the joys, playfulness and wish for success that all healthy families want for one another even if it is at the mercy of their own family!

The fact that both schools have flourished in every way since 1974 when they parted ways is reflected in the scale of enrollment at both schools and their families' involvement in the school cultures. It is estimated that over 7,000 attend the Mack Plaque football matchup, which means a lot of opportunity at the gate. Well, both sides have been committed for years to the inspirational program, *NH Tackles Hunger*, for this unique rivalry and it routinely brings the most food in the state to our less fortunate communities. The results for this September's football game alone, for example, were:

**Food Donations: 4326 pounds of food**

**Money Donations: \$6068.29**

Whether you have family on the other side of the rivalry or not, who can resist the good fun, the high level of athleticism and the shared joy these teams from these two great schools bring us in one week of rivalries? All fall sports come alive and so does the entire region because this legendary rivalry comes from the heart of all of us – it comes from family.



# CLASSNEWS

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—1936—

**Evelyn Rider McCarthy** passed away at her home in Melbourne, FL on May 17, 2017. She was born on July 25, 1919 to the late John and Annie Rider of Derry, NH. Her heart and home for 60 years was in Woburn, MA. She is predeceased by her husband, Jim, her brothers, John (Helen) Rider, Arthur (Isabelle) Rider, Kenneth Rider, and Robert Rider and also a daughter, Anne McCarthy Corr, and her husband, who lived in Arizona. She is survived by her son, Jim, and his wife, Ellen along with grandchildren, Devlin, and Ciara, who live in Monticello, UT. Other survivors include sister-in-laws, Patricia (Robert) Rider, of Melbourne, FL and Evelyn (Kenneth) Rider of Winchester, KY, and several nieces and nephews. We will miss you Aunt Evie, and every time we see a cardinal, we'll think of you. **Ruth Wells** has given up her home in Barefoot Bay, FL where she still drove her car, did her own grocery shopping, and played cards every week. Ruth now lives with her daughter, **Polly Wells Tewksbury '67**, and son-in-law **Steve '66** in Chester, NH.

—1941—

**Billy Gurley '61** wanted to let classmates know that his mother Bea passed away. **Bea Gurley '94** passed away peacefully in Mount Pleasant, MI on July 9, 2017. Bea was a painter, an avid reader, kind of a homebody, and was very soft spoken. She is survived by her three children, Billy Gurley of Naples, FL, Dickie Gurley of Colorado, and Dr. Linda Traum of Michigan. She had 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren.

—1943—

We received a note from **Melvin Page**. He wrote: "I noticed no listing in the *Alumnus* for the PA class of 1943. I am 93 years old and had a stroke in 2014. I have been wed to the same girl for 72 years. We are not all gone yet."

—1945—

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**Albert Roger Booky** passed from this life on April 22, 2017, at the age of 91. He was born in Derry, NH on July 11, 1925 to James T. and Alice Booky. He had two brothers, Joseph and Ernest. He was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy before proudly serving in the military. He married Jessa Lee Hovey in Roswell, NM on August 26, 1955 and they had been married over 61 years. They were blessed with two children, two granddaughters, and one great granddaughter as well as a wonderful extended family. Albert was a long-time educator and author who loved the American West. He lived in the Hondo Valley and Roswell, NM for many years and had been a resident of Lander, WY for seven years. Albert is survived by his wife, Jessa Lee as well as many family, friends, and former students.

Writing today as Hurricane Irma is descending on the Caribbean Islands and expected to land on the Florida and east coast region with devastating effects. I have just spoken to my daughter, Jeanna, who has made plans to fly here if the storm does hit St. Petersburg as is being predicted.

In my last column, I wrote that Claire and I had visited Janice and **Tom Moynihan** at their new assisted living apartment in Londonderry, and I am sorry to report that **Tom '46** died on July 22. He and Janice began dating in high school thoughts and were married for 67 years. Our sympathy and thoughts are with Janice and all of their family.

**Claire Ball** and I just went to see Sam Low at Aurora Senior Living here in Derry. Sam has been ill for weeks with pneumonia, but is finally getting better. His wife, Barbara, is also there and we saw her as well. We had been very concerned because we had tried to reach Sam and were unsuccessful until Claire spoke with his son, Tom, who informed us of his hospitalizations and present location. We are looking forward to his discharge and being able to get together for lunch soon.

**Marion Guilbert** is still here in Londonderry, but is expecting to move to Berlin, NH, to live with her son and daughter-in-law as soon as she sells her home here. She spent a few weeks at their home in Berlin prior to possibly relocating and is hoping to be there with them soon. We would like to arrange a mini-reunion before she does leave.

It meant a great deal to me that the relatives of **Al Booky** and **Doris Richardson** wrote personally to relate how much both Al and Doris looked forward to reading the *Alumnus* and my column with news of our classmates. I was gratified to receive those letters and wrote to thank them, while telling them how much the loss of our friends has touched us.

**Barbara Trombley** has been living here with her daughter Anne, since she moved from Joan's home in Belmont, NH. We had made a date for lunch but had to postpone, so we are going to try again soon. Perhaps we can incorporate it with the mini-reunion we are hoping to arrange. There was an excellent article about Barbara's grandson **Bobby Marcotte '00** in the PA Summer 2017 *Alumnus*. It was on pages 26 and 27 in the back, in case you missed it. He has achieved some remarkable goals as a chef and is now volunteering in an advisory capacity to the Pinkerton Academy Culinary Arts program and promoting the Astro Cafe.

My daughter Jeanna has returned home to Florida. The good news is that Hurricane Irma downsized to a category one hurricane and much of St. Petersburg escaped with less damage than anticipated.

I have not heard from **Glenna Cote Downing '44** as to whether any of her classmates have contacted her since my article appeared in the column of the summer 2017 *Alumnus*. She wrote "Maybe someone from my class will read this. I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me." If you do read this Glenna I would be very interested to learn whether you did get any replies. Surely not every one of your "buddies from the class of '44 have passed or lost touch" as you wrote. I can assure you that it was a pleasant surprise to receive your letter after so many years had passed. It appears you have had a busy, active life and continue to do well still. It pleased me that you also play Bridge, drive, cook, and read, just as I do. Will hope that you write again Glenna, along with any other PA grads of our years who would like to contact me.

After playing telephone tag for a few days, **Verna Bent** and I finally connected and had a good conversation about the latest class news. Verna continues to speak often with **Marion Guilbert** and keeps in touch with **Bill Levandowski**. When I asked if she might be thinking of coming for our mini-reunion, she replied that she no longer drives that far. She still drives locally to her appointments and to do grocery shopping or other errands.

There is better news about Sam. He is finally recovering from his pneumonia and the persistent cough, which seemed unending; however he now has back problems which have affected his legs. He has an appointment this week with an orthopedic doctor and we trust he will soon be on the road to recovery.

I did not hear from **Virginia Lovejoy** after the summer *Alumnus*. We usually chat about the column and how she is doing. My hope is that she continues to do well. Our class has been pretty fortunate

health wise, but the recent losses have left us with fewer remaining classmates. **Bill Levandowski** is still in Portland, Maine. On our last two mini-reunions he has been able to, come so we would hope he will be here for our next one. **Ed Ross**, in recent years, has been one of the most faithful attendees at our reunions. We trust that he and his wife will be also be here.

I read in a recent obituary in *The Boston Globe* that Hank Spaulding's brother, Richard has died. To Ann, Hank's wife and the family we send condolences.

Derry of our youth was so small and we knew nearly everyone so that each time I write this column there is someone else whom we knew or grew up with that I note has died.

I saw that **Marie Murray Weston '51** is one whom I want to mention. Whenever we met she always was very complimentary of my *Alumnus* writing. Before her husband Carl's death and her move away we met at Holy Cross Catholic Church quite often. It saddens me that she had the dreadful disease of ALS. **Claire Marquis Lewis '51**, her class correspondent, had a wonderful article about her in the summer edition. Now I close with our summer's end and fall upon us, with winter soon to be here. I wish you all a good one.

*Elaine*

~1948~

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We enjoyed another classmate luncheon on July 28 with nine of us gathering. Those in attendance were **Bob** and **Jean Kelley**, **Richard** and **Doris Rand**, **Dick** and **GINNY Nelson**, **Pauline Butterfield** and her daughter, and yours truly. I announced that **Warren Pillsbury** had passed away on May 16, 2017 and his service would be at East Derry Congregational Church on August 5. Those attending the service from our class were **Bob** and **Jean Kelley**, **Dick** and **Doris Rand**, **Dick Nelson**, **Joanne Aiken**, and I. Those who stayed for the mercy meal really enjoyed talking to Warren's son, Robert. At the service, Georgia was played on the piano by Ron Zubes. Asked Robert the significance of that song because as far as I was aware, Warren never lived in Georgia. Robert said Warren and Ron Zubes used to have lunch on Mondays. When Warren found out that Ron played piano, Warren said "I never knew you played piano?" Ron's response was that he never asked! So he played Georgia at the service, which was one of Warren's favorite songs. Two of the grandchildren spoke about their grandfather and Robert read lovely note from **GINNY Lints** about being so fortunate to have an older brother to watch over her. Ginny lives in Florida and was caring for her husband so was not able to be in attendance. I still remember Ginny enough that when Robert read the note, I could picture her saying those words. On the back of the program was a beautiful picture of Beaver Lake that Robert had painted for his father so wherever he traveled he'd be able to see the lake. Talented family. On departing the function hall, we were presented with a bag of shells that had been gathered by Warren with two wonderful pictures. One was him gathering shells at the ocean and the other was him with his glasses looking like he's at our luncheon. His son Robert said for the last nine months of his life, in the assisted living facility, Warren was very happy. Robert went to visit one day and Warren looked at his watch, stood up and Robert asked him where he was going. He had a yoga class! Even with his son visiting he kept his schedule. We all really enjoyed the service and luncheon. Rest in peace, Warren.

Another class luncheon was held on September 9 before snowbirds left for Florida. It's such a joy to visit with everyone. Wish all of our classmates living in Derry would join us. Those attending were **Dick** and **Jean Kelley**, **Richard** and **Doris Rand**, **Dick** and **GINNY Nelson**, **Pauline Butterfield** and her daughter, Pam who drove her on her day off, and me. There were lots of laughs catching up. Happy holidays to all and may everyone stay healthy for a new year to come. Congratulations to **Joanne Aiken** on her first grandchild who

was visiting at the time of our luncheon. A good reason for being absent. *Lorraine*

~1951~

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Yo classmates! This article will be short, as there is not much news to write about. The good news is that my son, Jeff and his wife, Rita were not badly affected by hurricane Irma, only a few windows on the lanai were blown in, and also none of my Florida friends sustained much damage. Jeff did have to evacuate however, and they drove to Georgia but the storm followed them so they went on to South Carolina and after long lines of slow moving traffic and shortages of both diesel fuel and hotels, their daughter went online and found them. Hooray for technology (sometimes). On a sad note, my friend **GINNY Pillsbury Lints** lost her beloved brother Warren in September and the services were held at the East Derry church with many people in attendance. I was unable to be there, but my sister Lorraine was, as Warren was a very popular classmate. Some other classmates attending were **Richie** and **Doris Rand**, **Pat Butterfield**, **Bob** and **Jean Kelly** and **Dick Nelson**. I hope I didn't miss anybody. I am very sorry for Ginny's loss, as she and Warren were very close. I've had a real busy summer this year, ending my 24th year at Ellacoya State Park. We were very short of help this season and I had to take up the slack, especially in August when all of the college kids left early for school. I really do like my job a lot, so working is not a chore for me, rather something to get up for in the morning. Leaving for Florida early November, and will be there in time for Pat Henderson's 80th birthday party, hosted by **Marilyn Kumin Meyers** and her hubby John. Marilyn shares the same birthday, and she and John have pulled out all of the stops and have graciously invited me to stay with them as it is guilt a trip for me. I'm so blessed to have so many great friends and family members. Just got back from a MAHVELOUS three day weekend at our annual family reunion campout on Hermit Island in Phippsburg, ME. Weather sunny and in the 80s the whole time, and this year we had the most coveted sites on the island, on top of Joe's Head, looking out on the Atlantic and neighboring islands on the right and beautiful Head Beach on the left. Water was pretty warm and almost everyone went in for a swim. I was content to walk the gorgeous three quarter mile beach in my bare feet. A roaring campfire every night with endless food on the grill, s'mores and endless snacks and four great-grandkids running around with their new interlocking glow-lites. LIFE IS GOOD, BE HAPPY! *Claire*

~1952~

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**Gen Stannard Rowell** was recently honored with the 2017 Joseph D. Vaughn Award. Instituted in 1962, in memory of Joseph Vaughan, a NH legislator who was instrumental in creating a state agency dedicated to the well-being of older adults. Awards are presented annually to those who have shown outstanding leadership or meritorious achievements as volunteers, on behalf of older New Hampshire citizens.

Time goes by so fast when you get older. Can you believe it has been 65 years that we walked down the senior steps for the last time? How many of us remember our honor to withhold our class colors green and gold? We'll be loyal, we'll be true, to PA and '52!



We would love to hear from you and hope all is well.  
Ellie, Nancy, and Carol

~1953~

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*"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."* – F. Scott Fitzgerald

That beautiful time of year that boasts colorful leaves, spectacular views, honey crisp apples, pears, peaches, and squash. Love them all. We hope your Thanksgiving and Christmas will bring happiness and good health. Received a call from **John Havens** in early September. He is looking to find something from the archives that would identify him playing in the freshman, sophomore football games. John has been in the Tampa Bay area the past 20 years successfully involved in teaching golf. He said he left a few "Havens" up here to keep the family name in New Hampshire. John did visit the PA campus several years ago and watched a basketball game with us.

It is always good to see **GINNY CAREY BOYLE**. She spends her summers here in Derry and connects with old friends. Ginny plays Bingo with "Teda" every Wednesday. Ginny, Teda and I get to lunch together and talk about everything. Ginny also spent a week in the beautiful state of Vermont with one of her sons. Ginny lives in Florida and feels truly blessed that her property survived the hurricane. See you next year, Ginny!

Another classmate, **NORMAN FORTIER**, and wife, traveled from his home state of Washington in a travel trailer. He visited with his friend, **WALLY RAMSDEN** several times. He also got in touch with Marjorie Palmer, wife of the late **Webb Palmer**. That was a smart move, as Marjorie immediately invited him to lunch. She is such a great hostess, always quick to open her home. When I spoke to Norm, he wanted to know where the Oddfellows Building was. Norm, the last I knew it was on Oak Street. A series of fires from the previous locations landed them there. You probably remember the location in downtown Derry, next to the bank, adjacent to McAllister Court. Hope you got to see the Derry and Londonderry areas that are constantly changing and hope you had a good trip. We have a few friends and classmates in rehab. One is **Phyllis Verge Bergeron**, wife of **Ray Bergeron**, also PA 1953. Phyllis has a rare condition called Guillain-Barre syndrome. We need to think good thoughts and prayers for her. A card of encouragement could be sent to her at: Advanced Care Hospital of Montana, 3528 Gabel Rd., Billings, MT 59102. Her home address is: 3840 Rimrock Rd. Apt. 1001, Billings, MT 59102. We wish her well. Friend and classmate, **Delby Pugh** just came home from a month of rehab. He is doing very well. His second day at the facility, a 90 year old woman, who spoke only Russian, took a liking to Delby. She tried to push him into her room in his wheelchair! Lucky for Delby, his wife **Sally McGrath '56** was there and told her, "mine, mine!"

The lady was persistent and said to Sally, "You go!" Delby was rescued by his wife and all is well. Delby is back to Dunkin Donuts with his friends for his favorite cup of coffee. **Nancy Gray Sullivan**, if you are reading this, Delby said your coffee is as good at Dunkins!

**Armand J. Simard** recently passed away. He lived at Nutfield Heights in his later years where he proudly donated American flags to be hung. Often I would see him chatting with people. He shopped at Market Basket where I would see him and he always had a smile and a positive attitude, despite being confined to a wheelchair. He once asked me, "Why don't you sell that big house and come live at Nutfield?" I told him I would need two units, one for me and one for my stuff! Note: When Armand was in school, his name was Fernand. He later changed his name.

**Wally Ramsden** passed away on October 7. He had been fighting a series of health issues. The last two weeks he improved somewhat, but then his condition worsened, and he succumbed to his illness. Our condolences to his wife, Patricia, and their children, and

grandchildren. Wally loved his family and was proud of them all.  
*Janet, Bob, and Telly*

~1954~

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We are sad to report the passing of **Barbara Boulter**. Condolences from the class to her family. My days of serving guests in over. My sister, **Sandy Hume '60** came to the beach to host my nursing school 60th reunion, which had been planned for several years. Ronnie and Sue Lawton came shortly after that gathering. The coolers were full and the room set up. I telephoned **Ken Whitney** to ask if we could gather some classmates for an impromptu lunch. He started calling. Many had plans, but these classmates came and we had a great gab fest: **Bob Gorham, Carole Evans, Elaine Biron, Ron Lawton and Sue, Barbara Kelly, Ken Whitney, and Jack O'Brien.** Sue Lawton manned the kitchen and allowed me to talk and visit. I had a wonderful day. I send each of you a big hug, even from my walker. **Alicia**

The services for one of my oldest friends were held in October. I used to talk to **Ken "huh?" MacKinnon** (our joke) every day. If the phone rings at 8 p.m. I still think it's him calling. I'm back - living at Birch Heights, slower than before, but I'll get there. Alicia is going through a rough patch and would love to hear from you all. **Ken**

~1955~

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I can't believe it's time for the fall issue! Where has the summer gone and so fast? Everything is dying outside. The leaves are starting to fall. The mornings are cold, but I'm not complaining, just stating a fact. We're still here it enjoy it! Not much news, at least no bad news, or maybe I just haven't received any. Our great friend and classmate **Pat Fling Henderson** was here for a nice visit. We had a great time, but she was a little anxious because it was when the hurricane was hitting Florida and she was very concerned about her place. Thankfully her only damage was tree branches. One of the lucky ones. My heart goes out to everyone who suffered damage in any of the storms.

On a much nicer note, I received a very nice email from

**Joan Bagley Davis**, which I am including in this issue. Joan writes, "Thought you would enjoy this news. **Elmer Davis**, our classmate and Joan's husband recently got two bronze metals and a gold in swimming at the National Senior Games in Birmingham, AL. He swam freestyle in 50 meters, 100 meters and 150 meters. Elmer has been competing for many years in cycling, running and swimming, marathons and triathlons, but this is a real highlight for him and the family. Joan also sent a picture of Elmer which I have included. Hope you all enjoy it." Thank you, Joan for that update. We all really enjoyed it. Congratulations to you, Elmer! A job well done.



*Elmer Davis*



Well, guys, that's all I have! Have a great fall and the good Lord willing, you will hear from me in the winter issue. Please give me some info on you, so we can all catch up on each other's lives. Stay happy and healthy 'til next time and always remember! EVERY DAY IS A GIFT! *Pauline*

—1956—

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I finally received some news. I need more. In a note from *Barbara Morrill Whitcraft*: "Dear Ed: I want to thank you and all those who put on our 60th. It was terrific. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I am so glad I could make it. As I was driving back home I actually felt happy. Thanks again." I have been on the reunion committee many years and enjoy it very much. We spend half the time planning and the other half reminiscing. I know our committee members *John Goyette*, *Gretchen Conner Hicks*, *Marcia Boyle Abbott*, *Beverly Newcomb O'Donnell* and *Bob Dabrowski* all feel the same way.

Received another note from *John Goyette*: "Dear Ed, As we know, both you and Bo are already members of the Appalachian Mountain Club's 4,000 footer club. The club is an elite circle of climbers who have achieved the distinction of ascending to the summits of all 48 of New Hampshire's mountains over 4,000 feet high. Mt Washington is the tallest at 6,288 feet elevation. This week, my partner, Margie Long, and I joined you guys in the winner's circle. On Sunday we bagged #47, Mt. Adams, followed by #48 Mt. Isolation on Wednesday. We had terrible weather on Adams again. Margie's two daughters joined us for the final climb and celebration. Margie and I began our 4,000 footer quest in 2004. We have completed an average of several climbs each season. Our journey received a setback two winters ago when Margie slipped and broke her leg. She hiked the last two mountains with a titanium rod in her right femur. 'No guts, no glory' as they say. We DID it! Cheers."

*Lil Matarozzo Kennedy* came to Derry from Florida for a visit with her siblings in June. Her sister Rita Raiche invited me to her house for an Italian dinner with Lil and other family members. *Betty Hilliard Bernier* and *Madeline Clark* were also there I recently lost two aunts. *Lorraine Ninan Holm* and *Bertha Wiggin Holm* who both died within two days of each other in May 2017. Lorraine was 91 and Bertha 90. They were the last of my aunts and uncles. They were both in the Class of 1944. Sadly, Lorraine's only child *Corrine "Cory" Holm*, Class of 1971 passed away unexpectedly on August 14, 2017. She was 63.

I understand that both *Lillian Matarozzo Kennedy*, who lives in Palm Bay, FL year round, and *Bob* and *Janet Horsfall Bettez* who live in Naples during the winter escaped with little damage to their homes from Hurricane Irma.

Recently, I proudly received, from the American Legion Post # 9 in Derry, a Certificate of Continuous Membership of 50 years. I was in the US Army from 1962 to 1965. In August I turned 79 years of age, which means all of us are now 79 or will be soon. Next year will be the BIG 80. Friends say age is only a number. But 80 is such a big number. June 1956 just does not seem like that long ago. My oldest two grandchildren just started high school; I know that puts me behind many classmates. On my list from Santa this year is some classmate news. Please help me out. *Ed*

—1958—

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*Wayne Ross, Ken Hepworth, and Brad Ek, representing the class of 1958, had a nice visit together.*

*Greg West* and I have been in touch with each other, mainly discussing playing baseball at Pinkerton. I was the clean-up hitter and Greg batted right behind me. Greg had a better arm than I and was a stalwart pitcher for PA. As we compared notes of old, I asked him if he would submit a bio and he did. I am hoping others will follow, so we can enjoy reading about your past endeavors.

"First summer out of high school I worked at Hood Farm with *Larry Harding* and *Herb Hanson*. I worked at Standard Sash and Door in the fall and then worked at KlevBro in the winter with *Walter Hanf* (Sally's father) and *Alphonse Kelly* (remember him?), a onetime classmate of ours 'til he left school, in the shipping department. In May it was off to Alaska to try to catch some work fighting forest fires. *Ray Richardson '55*, went with me. My older brother, Bill, started doing this in 1956, when he went to Claremont College in California after discharge from the Army. Not a good fire season for money, but made enough to go to Mexico City College in Mexico City. Got as far as Claremont, CA with a friend who lived there but Mexico would not let me into country without parent consent and my mother wouldn't do it. So, I went back to Derry.

"Winter of '59-'60 *Bob Boulter* and I worked at Impco in Nashua and our boss was Herb Hanson's dad. Don't remember how or why we ended up there but do know that's where Bob met his lovely wife, Lucy. In May I was off to Alaska again. I made enough fighting fire to go to school but came home to UNH because of great in-state tuition. I went to UNH until January of '64 and back to Alaska each summer between school years for fire work. In November of '63 I applied for job as smokejumper in Alaska at urging of some jumper friends who I'd met on fires (and in bars). Much to my surprise and delight I got the job! I dropped out of school as I had to report for work on the first Monday in April. Went through six weeks of training and parachuted to five fires that summer before breaking my ankle. We could work 180 days as seasonal employees, so I transferred to a survey crew and worked until October. Three other guys and I were now very concerned about the draft and learned that the only Army Reserve unit that had openings in the country was at Ft. Wainwright right there in Fairbanks, so we joined. Basic Training was at Ft. Leonard Wood, MS and Truck Driver School at Ft. Dix, NJ. I got out just in time to go home for a week and then back to Fairbanks for work.

"I jumped from '64 to '69. All fires were in Alaska except in August of '67 I jumped seven fires in Montana and Idaho. I was promoted to Squad leader in '66 and was proud to be first Alaska trained jumper to be so promoted and one of only a handful to do that after only two seasons of jumping.

"I returned to UNH the fall of '65 and '66 to finish school and in the fall of '68 decided it was time to do something different so I took the LSAT at the University of Alaska and also had to take a four hour Spanish course so UNH would give me a degree so I could get into law school.

"I started Willamette University College of Law in August of 1969 and graduated in May of 1972. I liked Salem so decided to stay there after passing the bar exam that summer. Got married in May of '70 and spent summers of '70 and '71 back in Alaska fighting fires some more.

I was elected president of law class both the second and third year. I spent five years in practice and three at the City Attorney's office before being elected to a judgeship in the District Court in May of '80. Started that job in January of '81 and had also been a Juvenile Hearings Referee for three years while in practice. I was humbled to receive the highest rating of 58 District Court Judges in '82. I was elected to be a Circuit Court Judge in May of '86 and was appointed by the Governor to that job in August. Became Presiding Judge of our judicial district in '90 and served until '95. In '96 became vice president of Oregon Circuit Judge's Association and president in '97. I retired in June of 2003 when it became apparent that my wife Susan's cancer was winning the battle.

"Along the way we had **Jocelyn ('78)** and **Mark ('82)**. She lives in Salem and has four children. She finished number one in her law class in 2004, but spent less than a year in practice before becoming a full-time mom. Some of you may remember she came to the 1988 reunion. Mark is in Anchorage, AK working with Verizon and lives with Megan, who we were just informed is pregnant. She has a lovely little girl named Ava. We are hopeful they will marry before the blessed event but these are different times.

"Susan succumbed to cancer in August of 2004, but not before we had a chance to spend two winters in our retirement home in Saddle Brooke, AZ which is about 20 miles north of Tucson in the Santa Catalina Mountain foothills. I met Norma here and we have been married since August of 2006. She still dabbles in real estate while I go off to the softball field two to three days a week and to the bridge wars four to five afternoons a week.

"We sold our Oregon property and our cabin on Swift Reservoir in Washington and we now spend two weeks twice a year at a place in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. We have been going to the same place for 10 years now and, of course, like it. Son Mark has been there several times and we spent a week in April both this year and last with him, Megan and Ava. Her parents joined us from Georgia this year.

"My favorite hobby is Duplicate Bridge. I am now a Diamond Life Master (more than 5000 master points) with the American Contract Bridge League. I have been fortunate enough to pick good partners and I have won numerous regional and sectional championships. I have never won a national title but finished third in a team event in San Antonio in 1998 and third of 298 pairs in a pair event in Phoenix in 2013.



*Members of the class of 1957 gathered at Jane's Uncommon Cafe in Londonderry. Those who attended are as follows: Left row (front to back): Bertha Gero Donovan, Beverly Berry Paradis, Sandra Newcomb Dorval; Right row (front to back): Arline Cournoyer Tsitsilas, Sally Thibeault Phelan, and Kaye Sutton Nugent*

"Enough, way more than you wanted to know I'm sure but hope this INSPIRES others to let us know what they've been up to for the last almost 60 years!"

Remember Brad wants to start planning for our 60th reunion! Best to all, **Wayne**

—1959—

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Hello classmates, my best wishes to you all. I hope that all of you who reside in Florida or have relatives in Florida made it safely through Hurricane Irma with only minor disruptions.

**Ken McCann** sent you the following: "I thought I would drop a line to bring you up to date with things in my life. I retired three times, finally getting it right; I worked in the NH Community College System for 20 years as an administrator at four different campuses and the Office of the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education. For seven years after the Postsecondary Education positions, I was the New England coordinator of Troops to Teachers. Concurrent to doing this, upon my return from Vietnam, I remained in the Army Reserves for 28 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

"Recently, I have just returned from in Ellensburg, WA after living there for seven years. It feels good to be back in New Hampshire, however, saddened because of leaving daughter Kim and twin grand kids who live just north of Seattle. The twins began Eastern Washington University this fall. It is hard to believe they are now 18. Where has the time gone? I had the opportunity to travel around our great country, having driven from coast to coast three times. Our country is indeed a beautiful one, as many of you know.

Currently, I live in Dover, NH and am enjoying life there, finding things to do for enjoyment and entertainment. For the body, I participate in a senior yoga class twice a week. For the mind, much reading, and for civic duty participating in a program called Pease Greeters. This group meets service personnel either returning from deployment or on the way to one. We greet them at Pease Airport, providing food and other amenities as they wait for their continued flight either to home or a duty station somewhere in the world. I am a recent member of this wonderful group of volunteers who have met 1,270 flights in the 12 years they have been doing this, serving close to 300,000 of our country's finest men and women. If in the Dover area, feel free to give a call, (603) 397-7627 or text Kenneth.mccann0@gmail.com."

Thank you, Ken, for the update and welcome back. A group of classmates and spouses recently met at the Concord Common Man to welcome Ken back to New Hampshire. Present were **Roger** and **Barbara Beliveau**, **Janet Peabody**, **Ken McCann**, **Bob** and **Yolande Klein**, **Joe** and **Norma Plaza**, **Ray** and **Kay Vercoe**, **Connie Sutton Bell**, and **Ann** and **Dick West**. We had a wonderful meal and much reminiscing.

Thelma wrote the following: "As I write this I am in New Hampshire enjoying my annual visit. I spent one week on Peaks Island Maine, my old childhood home. Several members of my family were able to be there as well. My sisters were unable to join us as Dorothy was in the ICU at Elliot Hospital first and then transferred to Mass General in Boston. She is staying with her daughter right now in Plymouth. They still have no definitive diagnosis for her as yet. I am staying a little longer to see if they are able to tell her anything after her follow up visit on the 23rd. As usual I am with my daughter Lynn. She and her family now live on Audubon Road right by Massabesic Lake. It is a great location."

Thank you, Thelma, our thoughts and prayers go to you and your sister, Dorothy.

**Joe Stowers** sent the following comments: "My wife and I went to Hampton Beach to see the sand sculptures, and while there we went to the White Gull Hotel which is owned by Jimmy Pinard,



we sat on the porch and watched humanity walk by. Jimmy is the surrogate father to 20 female exchange students who come over to work as service people at the local establishments. Jimmy is a story all to himself, from class cheer leader, to become a Minister, then to become a wounded Marine Corps officer, then back to the church, that's quite a career change. My hat is off to him. Thanks for doing what you do. Joe Stowers"

Joe thanks, and our applause to Jimmy for what he has done and is doing.

**Betty Scruton Noddin** called to say that she has moved back to New Hampshire from Florida. She is so happy to be out of the Florida weather and just before Hurricane Irma hit the state. Her new address is 3 Summer Street, Belmont, NH 03220 and she can be reached at (603) 307-0822. Welcome back, Betty.

It is with sadness that I tell you that **Nancy J. Noyce Geisser, '63**, wife of John A. Geisser III, PA 1959, passed away on July 10, 2017. She was married to John for 57 years. She had been in poor health for many years. A graveside service was held on July 15, 2017. John's address is 21 Cornwall St., Exeter, NH 03833. The class of 1959 extends their sympathy to John and his family.

It is also with sadness that I tell you that Joseph P. Mastromarino, husband of **Claudette Ruel Mastromarino, '59**, passed away on April 25, 2017. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, May 8 in Derry. The class of 1959 extends their sympathy to Claudette and her family.

It is again with sadness that I tell you that **Theresa Bernier Beliveau, '39**, mother of **Roger P. Beliveau, '59**, passed away on September 27, 2017. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on October 2 in Derry. The class of 1959 extends their sympathy to Roger and Barbara and their family.

My next deadline should be February. We hope that your memories of the class of 1959 are good ones, and we want to hear how you are today. Each of you is an important part of our class. Please "keep in touch" and "be in touch."

The leaves are falling; enjoy the fall. Snow is coming for some of us; stay safe. Have a joyous holiday season, a bountiful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a joyous New Year.

If you are in the Contoocook area, please stop by. We would love to see you. Thank you all! Stay well. *Dick West*

### —1960—

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Well, here it is October already. I hope everyone's summer was good. Mine was okay, but it has been hectic. I have one hell of a fall coming up. I have two children having knee surgeries, one going to have to have back surgery, a granddaughter having another baby, a great-grandson who is going to have teeth pulled in the hospital, and I have been sick with a cold or flu. Other than that all is cool with me. Just frustrated but I think that comes with the times.

I have been working on my Family Tree a little. I have recently found a relative from the Lithuanian side. I didn't think I would ever find anyone and it's such a shame at how little we know about our families. I have found ancestors that served in about every war this country has had or been involved with. I have found out some very interesting information and I just wish I had known some of it before there was no one to tell. There is still so much for me to learn but I'm getting tired. My Endo Doctor keeps playing with my insulin dosages and it messes with me. Sorry, for the rant this time but I may feel a little better.

I heard from **Bob Manning's** wife, Beanie, and she stated that he was keeping very busy and is doing well. Other than that I haven't heard from anyone else so I am assuming that all is okay with everyone.

Well, I guess it is time to end this for this time as I am still not feeling well and it is my birthday today.

Until next time, have a great fall. *Natalie Shripsa Fuller*

### —1961—

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Thanks to **Bob Morneau** for keeping us aware of classmate news. Bob sent me the following info on the passing of classmate **Theodore F. Coulter**, of Port St. Lucie, FL on August 25, 2017. He was born December 22, 1943 in Concord, NH, to Gerald Coulter, Sr. and Alberta Marcouillier. He was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH, Class of 1961. He was a US Air Force veteran, serving from 1962 to 1964. He married his wife, Starr (Schryba) Coulter, in 1967.

Ted is survived by his wife, Starr, daughters Rebecca and Kelley, son, Kevin, brothers Gerald, Gary, and Wayne, sisters Diane, Sherril, Michelle, Anita, nine grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Ted was a devoted husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, son, brother, brother-in-law, and friend. The class extends their deepest sympathies to all who knew and loved him. He will surely be missed by so many.

That's all for now. Stay well and stay in touch, classmates.  
Joan Eaton Tessier

Hope you all had a nice summer and fall by the time you read this. We have a new classmate who has joined our class luncheons, **George Paradise** and his significant other Carol. George has a great sense of humor I have found and enjoys life to the fullest. He was married for 48 years before he was widowed and is the father of three children. George was a pipefitter for 13 years putting in sprinkler systems in Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. He later became a plumber until he retired. He has enjoyed traveling throughout his life to places including Cayman Islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, and Grenada to name a few. George and Carol enjoy camping in a travel trailer, and he also enjoys fishing, woodworking, and racing at New England dragway in Epping, NH. Nice to see you both each month.

I recently received a call from **Bob Perry**. He and his wife Jeanne were going to be in Old Orchard Beach, ME celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. He had hoped to come to a class lunch, but the weeks they were there didn't fit in the class lunch schedule. Bob and Jeanne live in Asheville, NC and have three children. Bob owns his own contracting business (remodels), and Jeanne is a hairdresser who specializes in doing hair and make-up for weddings. She travels to where the wedding will take place within 100 miles of her home. Bob also enjoys doing gardening at his home. Hope you two had a great anniversary vacation.

**Billy Gurley** and his wife Natalie surprised the people at the class lunch with a short visit in August. It just so happened that it was one of the smallest luncheons as of late. Many of the regulars were sorry to have missed you.

We have recently lost two classmates. **Nick Daskal** passed away in August. He resided in Goffstown, NH and leaves his wife of 25 years, four children, 12 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

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*We caught up with one of our talented graduates, Jonathan Baker '93, founder and owner of **eqpd** in Twisp, Wa. This is the story of his journey, in his own words.*

## Ultimately, use your skills and passion to make the world a better place. It's the most rewarding way to spend your day.

Anne Parker **(AP)** Tell me about your Pinkerton experience: Who were the teachers who influenced you most and why?

Jonathan Baker **(JB)** I grew up Derry, less than two miles away. My mother (Patricia Ferland '74) encouraged me to run for class president freshman year and asked, I quote "if not you, then who?" It's interesting the simple things that can motivate. I was president all four years '89-'93. I wasn't necessarily academically strong, my joke was I had the lowest GPA in student council, but I was excited to accomplish things. I was energized by the students and teachers around me and I wanted to be a part of that. I was introduced to lacrosse my freshman year and quickly found a sport I enjoyed and could compete at, as I never really played sports until high school, though my father (David Baker '71) did take me to karate classes with Peter Murphy in my younger years. I finished my time on the varsity lax team as captain and academic All-American. All my coaches, but especially O'Reilly and Murphy taught me the rewards of leadership, a strong mind and a healthy body for life. I was also involved in *Mogul Monsters* - a

weekend ski group that gave me access to something I am still chasing to this day, snow. But most of all, it was the arts that I loved. I was always interested, but the quality and quantity of choices was a dream: fine art, architecture, painting, ceramics, woodworking and two of my most influential teachers, Alan Hall and Rolfe Voltaire. I spent every moment I could drawing and ultimately these skills culminated in my acceptance to the Rhode Island School of Design. Now 42, I feel extremely fortunate to have had such a wonderful childhood/young adult experience and my time at Pinkerton was some of the most influential and formative years of my life. Thank you for being a safe and inspiring place.

**(AP)** How and when did you decide to go into industrial design?

**(JB)** After graduation I studied architecture for one year at Roger Williams in Rhode Island. It was a well-regarded small school where I could also play lacrosse. Within six months I realized collegiate sports were not for me and my studio teacher introduced me to the field of industrial design. To me I.D. looked like small scale architecture that I could



build quickly and would allow me to draw more interesting forms. These things convinced me that I needed to change majors and become completely engulfed in the arts. I applied to the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) with an industrial design major and spent three sleepless years in Providence fascinated with this new world of deep creativity.

**(AP)** What companies influenced your pursuit of creating American made, durable items?

**(JB)** I was awarded an internship at Patagonia my junior year at RISD. I've had lunch with Yvon Chouinard (creator of Patagonia) twice and to this day I am continually trying to create a product/business that can move the world in a more sustainable direction—one that “uses the principles of industrial design to reduce our environmental footprint and restore regional manufacturing,” which is the mission statement of my business eqpd (“equipped”). I was also lucky enough to be a freelance designer for *Cascade Helmets*, the #1 manufacturer of lacrosse helmets in the world. I spent 15 years designing helmets and protective equipment, all of which were built in the USA. This gave me a real understanding of the connection between design and manufacturing and formed the perspective I have today—“that design creates jobs.” If those designs are not being made here, then we are giving away one of the biggest benefits of good design—jobs.

**(AP)** Describe a typical day at the office/shop.

**(JB)** Being the founder of a start-up is relentless. I started eqpd about four years ago and it has taken every skill I've ever learned, from the classroom to the backcountry, and tested me on a national if not global level. I have big ambitions for eqpd because I know its foundation is honest and our ability to use design for everyone can help influence positive conversations within society. My days are spent doing a mix of shop tasks and production needs, refining messaging/marketing, editing, creating presentations for clients, book keeping, inventory, design reviews and a bit of philosophizing, dreaming and sketching.

**(AP)** What advice would you give current students?

**(JB)** “If not you, then who?” If you have a dream, believe in it and work as hard as you can to accomplish it.

*Baker prototyping a new design*



*A sample of Jonathan's bag creation The LastBag*

We all have the ability to do great work. Find your interest and learn as much as you can about it. Study it on your own. Apprentice with a mentor. Practice. Visit others and see how they are doing it. Write it down and try to articulate it. Draw it and try to visualize it. Say your ideas out loud so you can hear what they sound like. Refine and evolve vision. Times change, so should you. Don't let others deter your vision—remember, it's your vision, they can't even see it... yet!

Ultimately, use your skills and passion to make the world a better place. It's the most rewarding way to spend your day.





# PINKERTON GOLF TOURNAMENT



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*Keith Phelps, Eric LaFleur, Shawn Levesque, and Craig Peabody represented the class of 1987.*



*Dean of Students Tim Powers enjoyed a round of golf with Trustees, Kimberly Smith and Ed Karjala '86.*



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*Dave White '88, Andrew White '89, Mike White '86 and Troy Folkins '86*

Linda Pearson passed away in April, and leaves a son and daughter and three grandchildren of which two are newborn twins. Linda resided in Sarasota, FL. Condolences to these two families.

Joan Lavoie Desclos who is the person who keeps track of all of us is looking for someone who might have a yearbook that they would like to pass on.

If you have one you can email her at Miniaturesarefun@comcast.net.

I sincerely hope that all of our Florida classmates are safe after hurricane Irma tore through. You have all been in my thoughts and in the thoughts of many other classmates.

You know it would be awfully nice to hear from Bill Trobec, Tom Gonye, Colleen Cote, and any other one of you. It's all of you who make this column worthwhile. We would like to know what's going on in your lives.

Hope to hear from you. Be happy, Ellie

—1962—

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Well, all is reasonably well here. Summer is over and we are preparing for the inevitable cold and snow. Hmmm, I am looking at shoulder replacement (right shoulder) just as soon as it can possibly be scheduled.

I've been bone-on-bone for at least the last three years and decided to "push" for treatment. No date for surgery yet, but please keep me in your prayers. I may be retired, but I'm far from spending my time in the rocking chair watching old movies! My calendar tends to be very full, and I don't look forward to not being able to get out and about or drive. Other than this, it's been really quiet lately! Haven't heard so much as a whisper from anyone from the class of '62! Is anybody out there? I'd really like to hear from you. Please send me some news—I know some of you must be doing interesting things. May your holidays be happy and spent with those you love; may the New Year bring you good health and happiness. Sue

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Greetings classmates, we hope you are all well and have enjoyed a great summer. We also hope all of you living in Florida came through Hurricane Irma alright.

It is with great sadness that we report that Brenda Morneau Levesque passed away on July 6. Her long, hard battle with cancer is finally over and she is at peace. She had a great support system and was well loved. Joanna Myette Wentworth, Sharon Manning Ryan, Lillian Carter Cassidy, Dianne Levasseur Charron along with Anna Lemire Duggan, and Joyce Pollard attended Brenda's memorial service, at Peabody Funeral Home in Derry.

Also in July, Nancy Jenkins Anderson's husband John passed away. Our condolences to Nancy and her family.

Joyce Pollard Clark, after returning from her wonderful cruise, had a stroke and is in rehab. Fortunately she's doing very well and is expected to make a full recovery. Please send her get wells on Facebook.

Dave and Jane Pelletier Graham send the following: "This is our 50th Anniversary year so we have been trying to do special things each month. August was a trip to Scotland with our family. There were 15 of us, with our three kids, their spouses and our seven grandchildren. We visited castle ruins, Hadrian's Wall,



Dave and Jane Pelletier Graham celebrated their 50th anniversary by taking a trip to Scotland with their family.

Wallace Monument, Stirling and Edinburgh Castles, the Graham castle ruins (Mugdock) and had High tea at Buchanan Castle Country Club with the 8th Duke of Montrose, the chief of Clan Graham, James Graham. The highlight of the trip was to march up the Royal Mile, in Edinburgh, all dressed in our kilts, into Edinburgh Castle where we opened the Edinburgh Tattoo along with members of the Stewart Clan. There were 80 Clan Graham members with us! Each evening of the Tattoo this year a different Clan was part of the opening ceremonies, a thrill of a lifetime as this has never happened before! There were thousands of people, sitting in the stands, to cheer us on.

"We just returned from Tulsa, Oklahoma where we attended our annual meeting of the Clan Graham Society of North America. Dave was sworn in as the President of the Society for the next year. I was elected as part of the nominating committee for the next two years. Our Duke, James, from Scotland was there also. We marched in the Clan parade and we were the honored clan for the Scotfest Games there. We had a great time and met some new Grahams!

We will finish out the season of New England Highland Games in Scotland, CT on October 8. We have a Graham tent set up each year at Richmond, RI in June, Topsham, ME and Quechee, VT in August, and Loon Mountain in September. We meet many Grahams and Highland Game goers and march in the Clan Parade at each of these games. We offer homemade Graham crackers at the tents and get good reviews on them. Graham crackers were invented by a Graham, of course!

We received the following note from Doni Cooke Logan. Glad she's still keeping us up to date.

"It has been a somewhat interesting and harried summer for me. In between having two back-to-back groups of human visitors and another visit from an unwelcome hurricane named "Irma," I have been quite busy to say the least.

During the second week in July, my Arizona friends arrived for a five-day visit and to look at The Villages area as their possible future residence. Two days after my friends left for their home state, my daughter Michelle, son-in-law Dan, and grandson Coleman came for another five-day visit. We had a lot of fun, but the time they stayed was short and went by too fast. We had planned to do some sightseeing, but my grandson had some minor health issues preventing him from doing anything too strenuous. The threesome did manage to go to Daytona a couple of times to enjoy the beach, but I stayed home to prepare dinner for the starving group when they returned at the end of each day. On one of the five days, I did manage to drag them all off (screaming of course!) to the Russell Stover Factory for some delicious chocolate and ice cream treats.

"As for being affected by Hurricane Irma, we were luckier than some residents in this state. Other than the complete disruption of our lifestyle to prepare for such a massive storm, we received only minor tree damage. The crazy news media used its predictable



and consistent scare tactics to frighten us for two weeks prior and another week after the storm. Since this particular hurricane was supposed to be the largest storm to ever impact the state, we were prepared for it. Needless to say, the Florida Keys and Naples areas were heavily impacted. We lost power for only five hours, while other areas of the state didn't have any electricity for a week or so. Our television and internet service was down for a few days. While my cable service was sketchy, I did check in with my Vermont cousin to keep me informed of the happenings around the state of Florida!

"Since arriving in The Villages, I have been told by more than one person that we live in the safest part of Florida—we are in the north central section in between Orlando and Tampa—however, when the storm decided to change its course from the east to the west coast, and then meandered north, the strongest part of the storm passed straight over us ... so much for being in the safest part of the state! Thank goodness Hurricane Jose didn't decide to pay us a visit and, as of this writing, Hurricane Maria is keeping its distance, too. Hurricane-free Arizona looks even better to me now than it did when we lived there. In spite of the hurricanes, though, I still like living in Florida. I am in the planning stages of trying to get up to New England in October and, if it all works out, I'll connect with a few classmates, friends, and family members while I am there."

Vin Waterhouse sent us this fun note about his 3rd Annual Whiffle Ball Game. "It all started back in 2010 when Eddie Bureaugard sent me an email from my website and we rekindled our friendship from work days at the Derry Bingo Hall. Eddie reached out to several more of we 'Ogres of '64' (his words but appropriate) and we found ourselves meeting for dinner once or twice a year chatting up our Pinkerton days and re-acquainting ourselves. Some of those who showed up from time to time were Eddie, Neil Whitehouse, Dick Pounder, the late Art Tsetsilas, Paul Brassard '65, Steve Plocharczyk, Billy Newcomb '65, Ron Gagnon, Bruce Clay, Gene Thibeault, Jim Guinesso '65, Phil Corneliusen, and I.

"In 2013, my wife and I moved from Massachusetts back to 6 Premier Drive in Londonderry, NH and in 2015 we hosted the first annual whiffle ball game in my back yard (Premier Park).

"This year the players were Team #1 Steve Plocharczyk, Bill Crucius '63 and myself, Team # 2 Eddie Bureaugard, Paul Foden '63, and Paul Brassard. We played nine innings in total in denial of any present or future aches and pains. Instead, we created aches and pains and had a great time doing it. We are the "seventies players" and I don't mean 1970's. My team won and our captain Steve Plocharczyk is in possession of the coveted gold (plastic) medal. We look forward to defending our championship and welcome any Pinkerton "seventies" to play with us."

If anyone wants to participate next year, Contact Eddie Bureaugard or myself and we will keep you posted. Do it now while you can. Defy age!

MaryAnn LaMothe sent the following news. "We recently returned from our first trip back to New Hampshire since becoming full-time residents of Florida. We had an enjoyable visit with family and church friends. We visited Southwick Zoo in Mendon, MA. Gerry grew up in Mendon and as a teenager had worked at the zoo. It was greatly enlarged from when he worked there and is well worth the visit.

"We were able to see our middle daughter, Sara Levasseur Wilson and her family, who were coincidentally visiting New Hampshire. Missed seeing our oldest granddaughter, Sydney, as she is a freshman at Boise State University where she is a Bronco's cheerleader. While we enjoyed seeing family and friends, we both found that we didn't really miss New Hampshire and are glad to be back home in Port Richey. Hope that we will be able to make connections this year with classmates that we didn't get to see this past year."

Our world traveler Gene Thibeault and his wife Deb are still at it and sent this note. "If you haven't seen Gene's amazing photo collections, look him up on line. In May we visited the Baja where

we were honored to pet some friendly grey whales. We then visited into the depths of the Copper Canyon where we helped in a 50 mile race, The Caballo Blanco, we saw over 500 Tarahumara Indians run along with many other nationals. Deb and I also had lunch with members of the Sinola Cartel, not on purpose. We spent much of the summer in the Northwest, British Columbia, and Idaho where we did a 180 mile bike ride on a 'Rails to Trails' route. Lastly we saw the amazing total eclipse from the top of a ski hill in Idaho. Headed to Australia for two months this fall and China next spring."

Dick and his wife Jeanne met Bruce Clay and Phil Corneliusen at the Crawford Notch train station for their more or less annual hike in mid-September. We had a great day climbing Mount Willard and then sharing lunch at the Highland Center. There was the usual catching up on each other's lives and reminiscing of old escapes. It was great to hear from so many classmates, and we hope to hear from more of you for the next edition. Keep those cards, letters and emails coming!

I'm was waiting for info from Jane and David Graham, but I did get a note from Jane that they bought land on Mooselookmeguntic Lake, in Toothaker Island, ME and are building a home there.

I know Leigh and Marsha Currier live on Sebec Lake, ME which is farther into the state, and Bernadette Roy and Frank Costello have a place to summer on Three Ponds, ME too.

I meet classmates, Sharon Manning Ryan, Lillian Carter Cassidy and Dianne Levasseur Charron to attend Brenda Morneau Levesque's Memorial Service, yesterday at Peabody's Funeral Home in Derry. Anna Lemire Duggan and Joyce Pollard were there at the same time as we were as well. A solemn, sad event. Brenda fought cancer hard. She had a great support system and was well loved.

Richard and Joanna

—1965—

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My daughter lives in Houston and came through Hurricane Harvey unscathed. Her condo was fine, no damage, but her work place was not so lucky. She is a stage manager at Houston Grand Opera which suffered severe water damage. They found out that their whole season of performances will have to be done elsewhere. Evidently the infrastructure of the building will have to be redone. The parking garage and their basement were totally under water and the stage area had six inches of water on it. She is coping well, but of course it has an impact on all. I can't imagine what it would be like. Judy Edwards

Cheryl Myette Soly wrote: "I retired in June ending 51 great and fun years of hairstyling. I sold my home in Derry in August and have moved to South Hampton, NH. My son Kevin bought a beautiful large country home and I have an awesome in-law apartment. Hard to believe it has been two years since our 50th class reunion. Several of us still get together every month or so in Derry—Cathy Feil Emerson, Marilyn Smart Clukey, Patsy Roberts Wood, Linda Boles Dupere, Patty Pingree Mantini, Linda Guinan Laine, Linda Indoccio Collins, Joann Indoccio Russo, Joanna Myette Wentworth, Carol Degroot Fontaine, Ethel Gallien, Nancy King Craig, Patty King Boone, Charlotte Dunne, and Heidi Woodward Hartwell. Also bumped into Stan Follansbee at one of our luncheons, he is also retired now. If all goes well a few of us are trying to get together for a road trip, thoughts are to Nashville or a cruise or both!"

Lana True Stevens wrote: "I finally decided to retire in June from Clemson University and have enjoyed every day since retirement; it is nice to have very little responsibility and a lot less stress in my life.

I made a trip to New Hampshire this summer and our family threw a surprise 70th birthday party for Linda True, Phil Torre, and myself. It was fun seeing family and friends that I had not seen in years. Linda and I took a quick trip up to Hollis, ME to see Graydon Stull. He is retired and doing well. While in New Hampshire I saw Pete Desrocher and his wife. They will be moving to Florida this year, but will still have ties in New Hampshire. Pete does some work with the NASCAR races at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH and he is not ready to give that up yet so they have plans to return each summer. In October I took a short trip to Florida to visit **Carol Cadieux** and **Gary True '63**.

They moved to The Villages in Florida last year and just love being there as there is so much to do. They spend a great deal of time playing golf and pickle ball. I played a little bit of pickle ball while I was there, but I still think tennis is the sport for me."

**Cathy Feil Emerson** wrote: "Good morning Class of '65. Hope the summer was eventful for all! New Hampshire will always be home for me. We sold our house in Chester and will be here in Zephyrhills, FL. Our son **Ross Jr '94** is in Raymond, NH and we will still be traveling home to New Hampshire for the holidays. Our daughter **Jessica '96** resides in Zephyrhills since June of 2017. **Chery Myette Soly** finally retired and sold her house in Derry. She now resides in Hampton and Linda Guinan Laine also lives in Hampton. We had a summer filled with gatherings at Derry Pizza and T-Bones in Derry. In June we met at Derry Pizza to celebrate **Linda Guinan Laine's** birthday! Many had not seen her since we graduated. Before my trip back to Florida, which was delayed a week related to the hurricane, **Linda Boles Dupre** was leaving the next week for a Safari in Africa. Please note all the pictures I take are posted on the Pinkerton Alumni site and my *Facebook* page. I challenge the Class to send some news regarding your well-being, travels, and grandchildren. Will be looking forward to seeing you at the reunion at Dr. P. Phillips Park in Orlando in the winter of 2018.

In 2017 we were represented by **Me Cathy Feil Emerson, Eileen Beckett Brown, Paul Brassard, Graddon Stull, Arlene Cox Sawders, Pete Desrocher**, and **Carol Cadieux True**. I will depart with Happy Holidays to all."

**Carol Cadieux True** wrote: "Gary and I are celebrating living in the bubble at The Villages in Florida. We should have made the move years ago. We're having so much fun playing golf, pickle ball, shuffleboard, water aerobics classes, and music at the squares. We have made many new friends, and have fun playing with our Florida family on a daily basis. One way to describe the lifestyle is like being teenagers on steroids! We just returned from a quick trip to New Hampshire to celebrate our son Jared's birthday. We stayed with Paula and Paul Brassard, so we had a few walks down memory lane. Our daughter Kim surprised us with the news that she is expecting her eighth child. Being grandparents is one of the best jobs in the world! They are certainly great kids, but we are NOT biased! Lana came to visit us in Florida for a few days, so we quickly got her involved in the activities down here. Gary's in great health. I've had implants in both knees, and still finishing the recovery process on my right knee. Hoping to be the bionic woman by Thanksgiving." **Lana**

—1967—

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Our 50th class reunion was a big success. Our evening started off with cocktails and lots of appetizers. A wine toast was given by **Chuck Myette** (who was our MC) before our delicious buffet dinner. Our music was a one man band "Ski and the 99ers" that was great, compliments of **Steve Mauzy**. A slide show of our years at Pinkerton and all of our old favorite places in Derry was put together by Chuck. Gifts were given out to who traveled the farthest (**Carolyn Hackler** from Tucson, AZ and **Larry Halleran** from Washington



*The class of 1967 celebrated their 50th reunion at the Executive Court in Manchester, NH. Those attending included, front row, left to right, Lynn Panzarella Bankowski, Joan Anderson Cook, Carol DeGroot Fontaine, Nancy Geisler Klardie, Linda Healey Magnusson, Polly Wells Tewksbury, Judy Gilcreast Hatch, Kathy Magee Hall, Marion Willey Tilton. Second row, Jon Fraser, Jerry Papillon, Donald Lavoie, Glenn Paradis, Marion MacLeod Low, Jane Marraty, Beverly Fuller, Charlotte Dunne, Donna Foisy Elliott, Bonnie Welch Park, Annette Cadieux Scott, and Chuck Myette. Third row, Donna Tunberg Arnold, Heidi Woodward Hartwell, Sherri Hazen, Mr. Noseworthy, Terri Geary Gauthier, Tina Heffernan Bruno, Carolyn Hackler, Debbie Putnam Halleran, and Kevin Scott. Back row, Mark Aldrich, David Fancy, Glenn Keith, Steve Mauzy, Larry Halleran, Rita Whitney Page, David Lindahl, and Arthur Hicks.*

State). We also had classmates from Florida at the reunion. Our class advisor **Donald Noseworthy** and his wife also attended.

We had a total of 59 people attend the reunion with 37 being classmates. We had a moment of silence for the 24 classmates we have lost. They are: **Suzanne Fisher, Anthony Paoloni, Keith Crull, Tim Dubeau, Joanne Morse Currier, Joanne Latulippe Maurice, Nona Derocher Neclosi, Paul Hoover, Alan Weston, Bob Knowles, Dale Dearborn, Joset Giblin DeFrancesco, Phil Belanger, Susan Bouchard Foster, Dick Cummings, Steve Hartwell, William Dearth, Walter Robie, Patrice Cuffe Dumas, Barbara Root, Dorothy Mason Grover, Andrew Liles, Charles Torre, Judy Tufts Christianson**. We also had 21 missing classmates that were never found. All in all a great time was had by all, visiting with old friends.

**Jay Jones** was supposed to attend, but was unable due to health problems. Hope you are feeling better, Jay. He lives in Bonita Springs, FL. Jay always attends our class reunions. Missed you this time.

I got an email from **Norman Lee**. Norm lives in Merritt Island, FL with his wife, Lillian. Norm has been married 46 years and has two children a boy and a girl, and five grandchildren. He has his captain's license and is into water sports and fishing extensively. Norm says the mountains provide a healthy lifestyle and he was hoping to attend the reunion, but couldn't get away.

Steve and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on October 7. Our three children, Stevie, Shawn, and Stacy gave us a surprise 50th party. We had our 10 grandchildren there ranging in age from 4 to 20 years. I was also very fortunate to have my 98 year old mother (who now lives with me) there. My mom has finally agreed to give up her home in Florida where she still drove, did her own grocery shopping, and played cards every week, to move north. Steve and the family just love having her back home. That's all my news for this time. Remember to write or call with any updates. Take care and happy holidays. **Polly**



—1968—

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Hello Everyone! Oh my! Fall here in New England is not without spectacular color! The weather has been unusually warm some days, other days cool in the morning and evenings, beautiful during the day. We haven't heard from classmates to include in this column. Hear ye! Hear ye! The Class of 1968's 50th reunion is set! Spread the word! I only hope that knowing soon enough those who have attended, and those who have not will plan to join us. The reunion will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 6-11 p.m. at the Puritan Conference Center in Manchester, NH (ample parking). There will be live entertainment by "Ski" along with a four course entrée buffet, with coffee, tea, desserts, and a cash bar. Seating is limited so reserve your seats now! The cost is \$65 per person. For your reservation you are welcome to send a check payable to: Pinkerton Class of 1968 and mail to the Alumni Center, 5 Pinkerton Street, Derry, NH 03038.

I am really excited about our reunion! Yes, through the years, many of us have changed naturally or due to medical issues. So many classmates are no longer with us. What matters is that we rekindle friendships and enjoy the evening! Don't wait! Time will go by quickly! Reserve your seat now! Happy holidays to you and yours. Best regards, *Bren'*

—1969—

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Just received word in September that *Susan Campbell Wood* passed away in July 2001. Thanks *Beverly Bennett Robie* for finding the info through channels on our classmate. Beverly is so dedicated to the class. If anything happens to me, I'd like Bev to be class correspondent. Anytime, the job is yours.

*Kevin Landry* from Florida and New Hampshire was at CMC Hospital in Manchester this summer. He had heart surgery and is doing well. They thought he had severe neuropathy. Now with a change of meds and six weeks of cardiac rehab, they found it was plexopathy and his intense pain is much less so he can sleep and mend. Get better soon, Kevin!

Well, Hurricane Irma came and visited in Florida. We were at our summer home in New Hampshire and still are, since at this date, we still have no electricity down there. With 95 degree heat and 84% humidity and no AC due to no electricity, we're staying north until there is. We heard from neighbors who sent us photos of the damage and set up tarps on the roof. Insurance has been called as well as FEMA, so we're fine, just need someone to fix it or it'll be us on the roof. As *Frank Rowan* outside of Atlanta said, our house has a case of "The Shingles." Indeed it does, Frank. Heard from *Lauren Conway Carr*, *Monica Ewing Moreland*, *Hazel Hamlett*, and read on *Facebook* that the Cutter twins, *Carol Dublois Phillips Barnes*, and *Shelly Wallace Chase*, are all fine in Florida and cleaning up like the rest of us around our homes. If there's anyone I missed that got hit, my apologies.

When I get an email from *Marcia Miller Peterson* in Colorado, I know there's been another grandchild born. Newest grandchild #15, Michael Patrick Miller Jr. was born in August. Her family is spread out in Kansas, Arizona, Georgia and Colorado. "I'm very blessed," she said, and now I'll have to wait for great grandchildren.

As any of you on *Facebook* know, I do a monthly listing of classmates with birthdays for the month. If your name isn't listed, let me know, and I will remedy it. Email is still the same: Linwickens@gmail.com, so I really want to hear from you. This should be the last *Alumnus* of 2017. I'd like to take this moment to wish everyone a

very blessed holiday, good health, and peaceful prayers for the New Year. Also a reminder if you know someone has passed, please let me know. I need to hear from someone who knew the classmate, or any relatives, so it can be announced properly. Just call me to say, I heard or think someone died, isn't a proper announcement. There are several I have heard are no longer with us, but need to hear from a relative, or read an obit. Susan Campbell Wood's passing over 16 years ago was a sad announcement. Do me a favor so the Alumni Association and I can have a correct list. It is so good to hear from you all. We saw *Eileen Martel Spink*, her husband Ray plus *Judi Chase* and *Mike Clayton* here in Pittsburg. They just moved to a larger home. Glad all are happy and well. *Linda*

—1975—

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*Vicki Rollo Clifton* wrote: "Wanted all to know that my daughter, Heather Roberson's oldest child, my only grandson, Triston has enlisted in the US Army as an MP (military police) and will be leaving on July 31 to go to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. I know that this is a great thing to serve our country, but I hate him going. So worried about the state our country is in and hope he will never have to go to war and see terrible things. But that is his choice and I will stand behind him 100%. Love hearing about my classmates."

*Trisha Ingalls Schena* wrote: "Just made plans for a weekend get together in January with *Vicki Rollo Clifton* and *Wanda Staples Dumas*. We all will be turning 60 next year and it has been years, actually way too long, since three friends have been together. Wanda and I have been friends for over 50 years. Wanda and I met when we were in second grade together and Vicki in Junior High. We are all meeting in St. Augustine, FL and I can't wait. The three of us have always stayed in touch, but always had miles between us. So we are really excited about our little reunion coming soon! Looking forward to spending time with my two best friends! Wanted to share that."

*Nancy Nadeau Lafleur* wrote: "*Cheryl Barry Hill*, *Chris Phillips Caron* and I, *Nancy Nadeau LaFleur* (known as the "Three Musketeers") got together for a wonderful girls weekend in Intervale, NH. No matter how far we have traveled or how many new friends have entered our lives, there are no better friends then those you met in kindergarten! The laughter never stopped as we reminisced of Hampstead Central and Pinkerton Academy graduates!"

*Barb Calabro Schlumper* wrote: "It has been a long time since I did a submission for the *Alumnus*, but I enjoy reading all those that are printed in each edition. My husband, *Dave Schleumper '73* and I celebrated our 30th anniversary this year! We are so fortunate that all members of our family are healthy and doing well. Our newest grandchild (a girl) was born in February, to our youngest, Amy. She is now just over six months old and has a wonderful personality just like her four cousins, whom we enjoy spending time with. In January we went to Disney World with our son, daughter-in-law and their two children. We had so much fun seeing the park again through their eyes. Dave and I continue to cross items off our travel bucket list. We have seen so many unique and beautiful sights over the years. In 2016, we missed the 40th reunion as we spent three weeks traveling to Stockholm, St. Petersburg (Russia), Tallinn (Estonia) and Helsinki. In the spring of this year we spent two weeks in southern Spain, and in October we are heading over

to Israel. Next year we are hoping to get to New Zealand (a trip we postponed this year due to the arrival of our granddaughter). Still living in New England and although the winter snow clean-ups can get to us, it surely doesn't compare to the hurricanes (wind and flooding damage) and wild fires that are taking place in other areas of the country. For any classmates that are in those affected areas, my thoughts and prayers are with you."

**Robin Anderson Simard** wrote: "In July, Dan Thibodeau and I traveled from Toronto to Vancouver via train in our own sleeper cabin. We traveled with my brother **Scott Anderson '80** and Donna Gilbert. This has been a bucket list item for me for a long time and my brother and I talked of this for years. The scenery was absolutely breathtaking, the food was great, the travelers were so nice and the staff was fantastic. We had so many unusual things happen that made the trip extra special, including delays that allowed us to see Frasier Canyon in the Rockies that is not usually seen due to it being night when they pass through it. The vistas were magnificent and it was so relaxing being disconnected from the world. We traveled with a family who won the "Amazing Race" Canada, people from Australia, and those who were going to or coming from Alaska cruises. Next we spent three clear, perfect days in Vancouver City and took a sea plane to Victoria for a day. What a trip of cars, buses, planes, trains, sea planes, taxis, bikes, walking then flying back to Boston for a van ride home. As you can read we really enjoyed it. Additionally, Dan surprised me on my birthday weekend and took me to the Mount Washington Hotel at Bretton Woods, NH and scheduled the Cog Railway up Mt. Washington, another bucket list item. What a great long weekend.

We had snow on the top but 100+ mile views which is unusual. The hotel history is amazing including the only duplicate chandelier on the Titanic and the feel is that of a cruise ship. My daughter, Rhianna, accepted a regional manager position based out of Asheville, NC so I will have an additional place to travel during the year. Next week my brother Scott and I travel to Illinois to visit our dad's brother who we really did not know growing up, but we are excited to get to know him, now. Life is so busy, exhausting, and exciting all at once. I've moved to 535 McDaniel Shore Drive in Barrington, just a hop, skip and a jump from **Mike Fayle**! Life is wonderful and all is well. I wish more of you would get in touch! Well, I did receive the following report from **John Richardson**. Thank you John!"

**John Richardson** reported that he and 13 other classmates got together in Barrington, NH recently to celebrate everyone turning 60 years of age in 2017. **Mike Fayle**, **Curtis Quimby**, **Myra Hogan**, **Casey Schnackenberg**, **Jacqui McCartin**, **Deirdre Hicks Barrett**, **Julie McCartin**, **Karen McPhillips MacKenzie**, **Keith Dalrymple**, **Tony Foley**, **John Derhak**, **Paula Roy**, and **David Robertson** were in attendance. Many old times and fellow classmates were remembered. One and all wanted to wish everyone in the Class of 1975 a happy birthday, whether this year is their 60th or not. The group also took time to celebrate the publishing of John Derhak's latest novel, *"The Guardian Angel of Death."* A fine book that would make his former Pinkerton Academy English teachers proud! It can be found today at <http://www.moererepublic.org>.

A few more comments on this event from **Dee Hicks Barrett** – "Paula has retired from her many decades of work as a guidance counselor. She currently teaches yoga on a regular basis! **Mike Fayle** has also retired. The rest of us are still at it. Some are enjoying grandchildren, just ask Myra. Others enjoy traveling; in fact Karen has taken a liking to California. Curt travels so much it makes my head spin. Keith has a new awesome job and Dave is busy working out of MIT. Tony would like to retire. Jacqui enjoys rowing and Jill is content living down south. Casey should play the guitar more. John D. Is an accomplished author and John R is the funniest guy I know!"

**Susan Kroner** wrote: "Greetings from Falls Church, VA (a suburb of Washington, D.C.)! I am pleased that I have finally started



*Class of 1977 — 40th Reunion*

getting the Alumnus. You may or may not remember me, Susan Shapiro. I came to Pinkerton in January of our junior year from California. When I left New Hampshire, I moved to this area and have remained. I married a wonderful man in 1981 and became a Kroner. We had three children (two boys and one girl). I have worked in graphic arts, computer programming design, and found my way into floral design where I have remained! I love working with color and texture and try to concentrate on weddings and large events.

"We are blessed with two beautiful grandsons. The first is four years old, the other just three months. They are local and we love spending time trying not to spoil them. We are both retired, Stephen more so than me as my passion still brings me back to work now and again. When not busy with babies or flowers, I enjoy quilting, traveling, cooking, and exploring new wines. I am still in touch with two of our classmates, **Diane Nichols**, who lives in Richmond, VA and **Nelson Parraway**, our class president who now resides in Florida.

"I guess that more or less fills in the big blanks since 1975. We do plan a trip to visit Vermont in September. We may just stop in Derry just to see if I remember anything about it. Thanks for being a contact point."

—1976—

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Condolences from the class to **Douglass Knight** whose mother, Jean Walker Knight, passed away on June 20, 2017 at the age of 90.

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The Class of 1977 held a 40th Class Reunion on September 23 at Hidden Valley Campground. It was coordinated and hosted by **Kevin Kingsbury** along with his girlfriend Adrienne. It was a perfect day for catching up with folks and reliving memories. The food and beverages shared was excellent. **Ed Fayle** provided us with fantastic music along with his friend and honorary classmate Matt, this will never get old and is always enjoyed, thank you! **Chuck Cole** took the class picture as well as some other shots during the day, thank you! Shout out to **Beth Ehrgott Bartlett** for remembering and singing the class song! Several of our classmates are now retired and taking interests in different activities. Classmates **Karen Barton Brown**, **Gail Cully**, and **Laurie Beaulieu** traveled a distance to attend the gathering.



For those who could not make it, we missed you! Please join our class *Facebook* page, Pinkerton Academy Class of 1977. I know many would like to hear from you and catch up with Classmates! Happy fall! **Colleen Duquette**

**Robin Skinner-Cavusoglu** wrote: "Hey Colleen, So much fun at the campground. '77 This Is Us, 40 years later, I just want to reconnect, share some memories and laughter. We had seven towns and a large spectrum of personalities. Some of us have been over achievers and are both married and grandparents, several times over. Good for you! Life is a journey for which you cannot purchase a ticket for a specific destination. If you think you have, for certain there will be road blocks and detours. Here are my details, so far. Still on my first marriage with four children plus my husband's niece, nephew and widowed sister-in-law. Last child is a senior in high school. This is my sixth time going through the college visits and application process, maybe time to write a book on the subject? Our eldest son turned 30 this week and his PhD research made a big splash in science world. Here is the link to the open resource stuffy paper: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-017-00581-w>. There have been 40 + online news, blog and print articles in 10 countries in less than a week. He has shown that water evaporation has real potential as energy resource.

"Now, if you had asked me for news last week, would have probably bragged about one of my other children. None are married or parents yet, so we have delayed that stage in our life, for now. "I lost both my parents two years ago and it has been very difficult to march on. It just seemed to happen at a time where everything was a struggle: economy, health challenges, new business, house in need of repair. There is always something put on hold for something or someone else. Two steps forward, one back. But then, I try to remember, I am moving forward. So, in response to moving forward and to prove to myself I can, I am taking some online classes. Let's see if this leads somewhere new. Sleep is really not a necessity, right?

"What if we did a 40+1? Or let's at least crack all our heads together for a 45. Make a weekend of activities. If I knew about the Friday football game earlier (Pinkerton's schedule is only online after the school year starts and not very detailed) I would have come earlier for game. We could have gone to local wineries/breweries. Toured the school, found free or nearly free stuff to do to just hang in groups and catch up."

—1978—

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Another freshmen class has started at Pinkerton Academy. Where does the time go? Just think 40 years next year since we graduated in the heat of the day. Stay tuned for details for the reunion. Please check out **Sherri Cummings Farrell's** articles that she posts on line or in the *Derry News*. She mentions interesting tidbits that happen in the town or on a personal level. I love when she visits different businesses in the area.

Many of our classmates are selling their homes that they raised their families in and they are downsizing whether it is local or in sunny Florida. **Tom Lerman, Bonnie Kirkness, Joe O'Brien, Jo Ann Kingsbury, Linda Williams Desmond** etc. Please check out **Stan Olshefski's** band Seneko. You can like the Seneko music *Facebook* page. Congrats Stan!

Also check out **Jeff Hawkes's** band and **Joey Ouellette's** band. They perform locally. We have a lot talented classmates. Condolences go out to the following classmates: Condolences to **Cindy Bailey Holton** on the loss of her father, **Eric Harms** on the loss of her mother, **Tina Jeffers Brophy** on the loss of her mother, **Sandy Price Eaton** on the loss of her father, **Michael Hilliard** on the loss of her parents, **Jeannette Indoccio** on the loss of her father, **Sharon Grabowski** on the loss of her father, **Linda Rainey Flewelling** on the

loss of her father, **Viviane Blunt Bausha** on the loss of her mother, and **Jim Mastromariono** on the loss of his father. Enjoy the holiday season! **Sue**

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I have great news to share! **Jill McGregor Flanders** got a kidney at Massachusetts General Hospital! She writes: "Hi Ellen, I have amazing news I've had my kidney transplant. It was through the National Kidney Exchange. My husband John was not a match so he signed up to be part of a swap. My donor was an altruistic donor and signed up without knowing someone who needed a kidney. John will be donating his kidney next week. They call it a staged chain. Five people will get a new kidney when it's done. I feel I have two heroes, John for getting me on the list and my unknown donor. Now my job is to take very special care of this gift and find a way to get the \$7,000 a year for my meds even with insurance. If all goes well this new kidney could last over 20 years. I'm an optimist and I'll go with that. If you know anyone that's interested in donating suggest they contact [kidneyregistry.org](http://kidneyregistry.org) or when you renew your driver's license you can sign up as a deceased donor. You can't take it with you. One week later I'm feeling so much better and I already have normal kidney function for the first time in 11 years! My cousin started a go fun me page here is the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/jills-kidney-transplant-medical>. Thank you all for the prayers and well wishes sent my way I definitely felt them." Hope you all have a fantastic fall! **Ellen**

—1982—

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Hello Class of 1982! **Cindy Green** and I are still doing well after Hurricane Irma came up the Florida Gulf Coast. We experienced some flooding and some downed trees but the house is still standing and we can be thankful for that, considering the disaster some areas experienced.

I was not able to attend the class reunion due to a scheduling conflict. I'm sorry I missed everyone. The pictures are on the Pinkerton Academy *Facebook* page and it looks like everyone had a really good time. Here is a synopsis of the event: The Class of '82 held our 35th year reunion over Homecoming/Mack Plaque weekend in September. Members of the class met under the Class of '82 tent on Friday night to watch **Brian O'Reiley's** Pinkerton football team beat Londonderry by a score of 35-7. We were also treated to a great half-time show by both the Pinkerton and Londonderry bands. On Saturday afternoon members of the class joined Alumni Director, Anne Parker, for a tour of the campus. The tour took classmates throughout the campus and into old and new buildings to see how things have changed. Those on the tour were astonished to see how much the campus has grown.

The reunion weekend culminated on Saturday night with a reception in the Senior Café located in the Arts and Humanities building. The café was transformed into a red and white, balloon filled party venue with delicious food, a cash bar, music and great conversation. Highlights of the night included perusing old yearbooks, taking selfies with the "Class of '82" frame and watching the blast from the past slideshow. Many of those in attendance continued the party afterwards heading to the Stumble Inn in Londonderry to catch **Darren Ball's** '81 band. It was a great night of reminiscing and catching up with old friends.

Special thanks goes out to the following people for making this event possible; **Stephen Carelli**, **Denise Young Donahue**, **Cindy Winship Lautner**, **Chris Riddell**, **Maureen Corbin Clucas**, **Lynn Karakostas Kegley**.

A very special thanks to **Chris Beliveau** who was the catalyst behind the reunion and for all of his hard work to make it a success. To those of you who couldn't make it this time, we missed you and hope to see you in five years!

Here are some brief updates of some classmates who were able to attend the reunion: **Rick Thompson** is currently living and working in Billerica, at Billerica Memorial High School as a special ed. team chair. He has two daughters in NYC, one who is a freshman at Hunter College and plays on the varsity basketball team there. **Laura Bantick Lowery** is currently living in Stratham, NH, married with five children. Working at Stratham Memorial School as a literacy tutor. **Cindy Dickens Senkbeil** is currently living in China, ME. She is married with a 29 year old step-daughter, Jayme, and a 13 year old daughter, Acadia. She has been working at the Bath Iron Works for 28 years and is retired from the Navy after 27 years.

**Brian Magoon** has been working in real estate for Keller Williams in Bedford, NH since 2005. He has three kids and will be married for 30 years this coming November. **Kerry Walsh Query** wrote: "I'm living in Plaistow with my two 15 year old sophomore daughters. They keep my amazingly busy with field hockey, band, government club, theater and just being crazy outgoing teenagers. I work for Portsmouth Hospital in the outpatient rehab department. I have been there for almost 20 years working with an amazing group of physical, occupational and speech therapists. Most there as long or longer than I have been there.

I very much enjoyed reconnecting to some old friends. I moved away senior year. I may not have graduated from Pinkerton, but I still will always consider this my graduating class. I spent all of my school years, kindergarten through half of 12th grade with this group. It was great catching up with some old classmates at the reunion and the night prior, having dinner with a few friends from junior high that could not make it to the reunion as well as others who were able to make it. We picked up right where we left off over 35 years ago: **Kathleen Phalen**, **Yvette Thibault**, **Lisa McGregor Micali** (who also moved away during high school), **Colleen Kelly Lavoie**, and **Wendy Holbrook Courtney**."



*Members of the class of 1982 celebrated their 35th reunion at Pinkerton in September.*

—1986—

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It's not every day that you find a friend that is perpetually cheerful. I was fortunate to know one - **Wally Ramsden '53**. Condolences to Wally's wife, Pat, and his children, **Christopher Ramsden '85**, **Catherine Ramsden Coughlin '86**, and **Julie Ramsden Romano '91**. At least once a week, he would visit the Pinkerton Alumni Center (along with his amigos **Bob Morrison** and **Telly Wells** also '53) on their daily walk just to say hello. It was always a pleasure to break away from my computer and chat. If he were having a bad day, I never knew it. He always seemed to find something to smile about. He loved his wife, his children, his grandchildren, and his friends. He loved Pinkerton and from the bottom of our hearts, the Pinkerton family loved him. Rest in peace, my friend. I will miss you. **Anne**

—1987—

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Eric and I would like to call out a BIG thank you to the classmates that helped pull it all together! Thanks to **Ed Puffer** for being our *Facebook* and financial *PayPal* guru! Would also like to thank **Jayne Rouleau Jackson** and **Heidi Sheehan** for all their input and help locally to get us all set up. As always please reach out if you have any additional news you'd like to share with the class! Please note my new address as I've moved again. Have a safe and happy holiday season. **Leslie**

We hope everyone had a good time at the reunion. Thank you to those of you that came and also a big thank you to **Ed Puffer**, **Heidi Sheehan** and **Jayne Rouleau** for all their help pulling it all together. It takes a lot of work to make these things happen and Leslie and I greatly appreciate all your assistance.

Anyone who didn't get their photo booth picture strip please let me know. I have digital copies.

As many of you know **Lisa Richard** lost her son Sebastian (on right) in June of this year in a violent, senseless crime.

A GoFundMe page was established to raise money to offer up a reward for any information that leads to the conviction of those responsible for his murder. If you would like to make a donation please visit this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/sebastian-dvorak-family-fund>.



*Lisa Richard with her son Sebastian*



*Michelle Higgins, Craig Belcher, and Joe Froio took time out for a quick photo at the 1987 reunion.*



Lisa really wished she could have been with us at the reunion but could not make it. She did send me this note that I'd like to share with you: "Cherish these high school connections and foster them. They may seem transient, infrequent and like flashes on Facebook but the bonds we formed in our youth give us strength as we maneuver through life whatever comes our way. We are there for each other when times are tough. When Sebastian was killed I was crushed, devastated, numb, angry and sad all at the same time....not even sure what to do minute to minute, reminding myself to just get to the next breath. Having my high school friends fly in to support me with no expectation from me at all, got me through and left me grateful beyond belief. The Facebook messages, the pictures sent to me of my son with my high school friends and the texts helped me get through the nights and early mornings when everyone else was asleep and I was alone in my loss, I thank you for the countless messages that continue to come my way and comfort me. I don't even know the words anymore to say thank you....I am grateful. Connections are all we have at the end of the day and I am grateful to have so many in my court, I thank you from the bottom of my heart....be present, soak life in, hug each other, hug your kids, focus on what matters, make everyone feel better than they did before they engaged with you....if I've learned nothing I've learned that."

Words of wisdom for sure Lisa, thank you. Have a good, short winter and I hope to see many of you soon. Thanks, *Eric*

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The Class '88 has starting planning their 30th reunion. The committee is looking for a few more classmates that they were unable to find on Facebook. If you are interested in receiving information regarding the reunion please email *Tracey Zysk* at traceyzysk@comcast.net or go to the PA 30th reunion page on Facebook.

#### ~1989~

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Hello all from the class of 1989. It has been quite a few editions of *Alumnus* since we have heard any news from our class. I am sure there has been a lot going on in all of our lives so write me and I will send it along so that we can all keep in touch. As for me, I am currently living in Boston and I work a nurse practitioner at Winchester Hospital in the Department of Emergency Medicine. I am also a Fellow in the Center for Bioethics at Harvard Medical School, working on the research topic of opiate abuse and teaching in the Bouve School of Health Sciences at Northeastern University. My wife Kate just started a new job at the Nature Conservancy, working on the Global Team for Ocean Conservation. My daughter Emma just started her second year at Stonehill College and for the time being is studying sociology. Aside from that I tried my hand at amateur lobster fishing and after just a few hundred dollars spent on gear and bait, did catch one lobster. I've been in touch with a few of you but it would be great to hear what everyone is up to. Cheers.  
*Stephen*



*The Class of 1997 20 year reunion*

#### ~1997~

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The class of 1997 held their 20 year reunion in September at the Puritan backroom in Manchester. It was a great night catching up with a lot of different classmates!

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*Chris Sumner '03* and *Tyler Casey '03* got married during a beautiful beach wedding on the outer banks in North Carolina on October 7, 2017. They just got back from their honeymoon in Bali which was amazing and bought a home in Lynn together a few years back. The best part of their story is that Chris and Tyler met at our 10 year Pinkerton reunion back in 2013 and have been together ever since. They're grateful they both attended, otherwise we may never have met. *Tim*

#### ~2011~

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*John Jacob Banarhall*

*John Jacob Banarhall* graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, Class of 2016, majoring in mechanical engineering. During his time at West Point, Jake played for Army West Point rugby team as the starting scrum-half and served as vice-captain his senior year during the 2015-2016 season. In addition to rugby 15's, Jake also competed with the Army rugby 7's team in the Collegiate Rugby Sevens Championships. 2nd Lieutenant Banarhall leaves Ft. Benning, GA heading to his permanent post with the 82nd

Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC as a fully qualified Airborne Army Ranger/Sapper with skills he will use managing his first platoon.

~2014~

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Hey Class of 2014! We're so excited to finally start having a column in the Alumni Magazine. **Natalie Fabrizio** and I (**Kinsey Manchester**) will be your class correspondents. We hope everything's going well for you all!

Here are a few updates about members of our class. **Amanda Joncas** spent last fall studying business abroad in London, England at Regent's University. During the same semester, **Kelly Fitzsimmons** traveled to Paris, France and had an internship with a French fashion start-up company while still managing to visit 10 total countries. **Natalie Fabrizio** also got to study abroad, spending a term during last fall in Cape Town, South Africa. **Meredith Haney** is currently studying in Buenos Aires, Argentina for the semester in order to finish up requirements for her Spanish minor and become more fluent in the language. And I am studying in Dublin, Ireland this semester and have been fortunate enough to also study abroad in New Zealand this past winter. We do have some engagement and graduation announcements to share! **Cassidy Hurley** graduated cum laude from UCF Rosen College of Hospitality, finishing in three years while working full-time with Universal Resort in Orlando, where she still works now. **Sarah Hatch** finished her Bachelor's degree in three years as well, and is getting married in November of next year to her boyfriend Zack; they plan on moving to New Jersey after the wedding. **Julie Dodge** is marrying her boyfriend Philip so that they can be co-located when Julie finishes boot camp for the U.S. Coast Guard later this month. Congratulations to all of them! We'd love to hear from you! Please send updates to me (kinseymanch@gmail.com) or Natalie at fabrizion17@gmail.com. Thank you, and until next time! **Kinsey**

## Take note...

If you didn't see any news for your class, feel free to send it in! You can email the Alumni Center directly at [aparker@pinkertonacademy.org](mailto:aparker@pinkertonacademy.org) or via regular mail to Alumni Center, 5 Pinkerton St. Derry, NH 03038. Of course, the option is always open to connect with your class correspondents! They would love to hear from you.

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Red and white day at Pinkerton

## TAYLOR RAE LANCASTER '16 WINS BEST DIRECTOR

In early October, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) announced the winners of the 2017 National Student Production Awards. This awards show is no small deal, evidenced by the presence of Tom Bergeron (you may know him from *America's Funniest Home Videos* or *Dancing With The Stars*) as host. There were submissions from talented high school students all



*Taylor Rae Lancaster*

over the country, hoping to have their work recognized on a national scale. From the thousands of submissions, NATAS narrowed the field down to roughly 200 students whose work was considered in the national competition.

For many, this event may have flown under the radar. But for Taylor Rae Lancaster '16 and the Pinkerton Academy Video Production family, this event was front and center. Lancaster was up for Best Director in her film *Sketchy*, completed during her senior year at Pinkerton. When Bergeron opened the envelope, Lancaster's name was on the card. After such an incredible achievement for an alumna and our school, we wanted to catch up with Lancaster to talk about the big news!

Bryan Geary (BG): What year did you graduate? What are you up to now?

Taylor-Rae Lancaster (TL): I graduated in the spring of 2016 and I'm currently living in Florida. I split my between working as a dog groomer (I love animals) and making YouTube videos.

BG: What are your best memories of Pinkerton?

TL: My senior year was fantastic because I was only there to take fun courses. I was in Video Production then I'd hop over and hang out in the Fine Arts building and draw in those classes.

BG: What made you want to get into video production?

TL: I've been making videos since I was 12 years old and using *YouTube* as my platform. It's been a great deal of joy and really acts as a creative outlet for me; I'll probably be making videos forever.

BG: What made you want to submit the film for the National Student Production Awards?

TL: I made it with the intention to do so—my teacher [Mr. Lord] approved, and I thought it was a good film, so why not?

BG: It's been some time since you actually completed your film – did you ever imagine when you were working on it that it would win this type of honor?

TL: Not at all. I hoped it would get something, but definitely wasn't expecting it.

BG: Is "*Sketchy*" your favorite piece of work from high school?

TL: Absolutely. We all worked really hard on it and it was never even going to exist, I can't believe how well it's done.

BG: You thanked Mr. Lord and Mr. Hall in your acceptance video—what impact did they have on you as a student?

TL: I was going to back out of the idea of "*Sketchy*" because I was too overwhelmed and didn't want to take on the commitment. Mr. Lord subtly persuaded me to do it, thankfully! He helped immensely throughout the entire project, and he's taught me most everything that I know about editing. Mr. Hall was my Graphic Design teacher. He used to talk about the stigma against artist and art students, inspiring the idea of "*Sketchy*." I'm eternally grateful for these teachers; they taught me things that I still use today.

BG: What was it like to watch the NATAS broadcast and see your name called?

TL: It was really cool! My mom freaked out haha; she enjoyed it a lot.

BG: Was there one specific project or moment that made you realize filmmaking was something you were good at?

TL: Haha, does "*Sketchy*" count? I feel like that's a decent indicator that I'm not awful at filmmaking. (Kidding). I make children's videos and they tell me that they love my videos. If a kid says it, they're not gonna lie to keep your feelings intact.

BG: What advice do you have for students that want to get into video production and filmmaking?

TL: There's nothing about being creative that is easy. You have to be extremely self-disciplined and most importantly self-motivated, but there's nothing more satisfying than seeing your finished project. My favorite thing about filmmaking is designing characters and making the most out of an environment for artsy camera angles. It's all supposed to stem from enjoyment, but don't let frustration end a project too soon—trust me, I've been there.

BG: What does the future hold for you?

TL: I have every intention of going to college. I would like to get into a great art school and major in animation, and either take on a double major or a minor in filmmaking. I want to have my own cartoon and comic. I'd also like to write and publish books. It's all a process. I'll get there.









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*The annual Florida Reunion will be held at Dr. P. Phillips Community Park on Sunday, March 4, 2018, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This multi-class reunion will be a great place to meet up with Pinkerton alumni who are visiting or living in the Sunshine State during the winter. The alumni association will provide breakfast treats and coffee, but be sure to pack a lunch to enjoy. We hope to see you in March! The park is located at 8249 Buenavista Woods BV Orlando, FL 32836.*

*Marsha Hepworth Solms '61 showed her Pinkerton pride at last year's reunion, complete with class ring!*