

MHS 1964 Class Notes

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Best Wishes for a happy and healthy 2016!

Bob Allan writes: “New residence address for Bob and Michele Allan: 32 East Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152. After 15 years of overlooking Skaneateles Lake (between Syracuse and Ithaca), we've moved back in to civilization in the Village of Skaneateles, right around the corner where we lived when our kids were growing up. We are updating, remodeling and adding on to a house that has been lived in since 1804! With a big, old red barn and 1.5 acres we have one of the largest single family building lots in this village. It is not hard for me, as an attorney, to check all the ownership records back to the beginning, which is much longer than the standard title search the buyers are provided by sellers around here. With that timeline in hand I hope to match that up with census records to sort of visualize and personalize what it might have been like living in this house during the important events of the last 200 years. Neither of us has ever lived in a house nearly this old, so it has been quite an adventure. If any of you have done something similar, I'd love to hear your advice and learn from your mistakes! Best Wishes and may we all have a happy and healthy New Year!”

Samra Atran Wallach sends this note from Lauderdale By The Sea, FL: “After about 10 years into retirement, my art career was revived with a series of paintings commissioned for a new hospital wing project in Dallas. It is my hope that this work will bring some solace to patients as they heal and move forward. Although this is not my usual type of work, I really enjoyed the challenge. The lesson is it's never too late to make a contribution. Our family gathered for Thanksgiving in Florida this year and had a great time. Wishing everyone a peaceful, healthy and happy holiday season.”

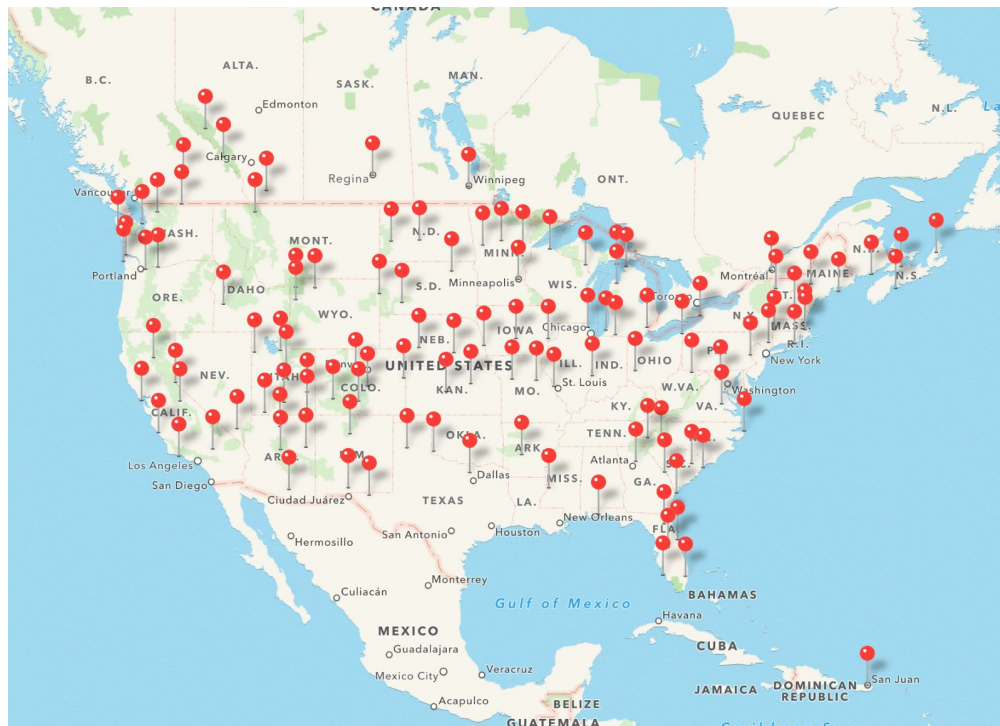
Brad Buck writes from Okatie, SC: “Classmates, I totally enjoyed reading what you all have written. Good times, folks! Enjoy, and may the rest of our lives be full of fun and adventures.”

Gretchen Greeley Waters writes from Rockland, MA: “My update for the year 2015: This year has been one of both peaks and valleys for me. I am finally adjusting to the fact that I am now a widow, as the reality of my loss is settling in. As expected, I can only take it “one day at a time” after losing the love of my life, Ken, with whom I was together for 24 years and had just celebrated our 18 years of marriage shortly before his passing. Unknown to most, Ken and I relocated from the States in the early years of 2000 to Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands where we both lived and worked for close to 7 years. This summer, the villa on the water which we had built finally sold, as it had been on the market since our departure. It took a huge load off my mind! I continue to work for Euclid Financial LLC, located in Providence, RI. In addition to being an event planner for them, I have become a member of their Board of Directors. We are again in training for next year's Tough Mudder in Vermont, though I found out the “hard way” at last year's event that I am unable to complete the final hurdle of the race . . . Electro Shock Therapy. Due to my TKR, composed of titanium, my knee locked in place in

trying to complete it. Along with my entire Company, I will be celebrating New Years on the Mexican Riveria! Something I am extremely looking forward to. I wish all a Happy and Healthy New Year.”

Susan Hackley <shackley@law.harvard.edu> writes from Boston, MA: “Hi, all. I've made a new trailer called "Veteran Kids," which you can see (it's short–6 minutes!) at the website achildsguidetowar.com. For Thanksgiving, we had a visit from my brother Herb's widow, daughter and grandson. It was wonderful. I love seeing old friends—I hope we have another opportunity to get together soon, maybe a cocktail party at the Milton-Hoosic Club again? It's great reconnecting.”

David Harris sends this update from, Elkins, NH: [Wife Mary Ellen and I have] “been living in our “Green Home” in New Hampshire since 2005. I finished my six-year term as a library trustee this spring. In trying to stay in shape, I have hiked over 100 miles this year and bicycled over 800 miles with 30,000 feet of elevation gain. In July, I led two hikes in Virginia for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. We are enjoying our only grandchild (10 years old). I am beginning to lose some vision due to macular degeneration. I volunteer at the historic home of John Hay, President Lincoln’s personal secretary, on Lake Sunapee. I lead hikes for the Appalachian Mountain Club and bike rides for a New London, NH, biking group, and am an active member of the New London Energy Committee. This spring we traveled to Florida for five weeks and visited friends and family during our travels. Thanks to our 50th reunion, I visited with Ralph Donabed while in Florida. (I wish our class list was in a digital format so I could refer to it while traveling.) This fall Mary Ellen and I drove our small camper van for seven-plus weeks out West to Yellowstone, The Tetons, Craters of the Moon, Arches, Canyonlands, Mesa Verde, Great Sand Dunes, the Eisenhower Library and the Truman Library as well as a number of other historic sites. Most of our traveling has been in the U.S. and Canada. [Below map shows] some of our travel spots over the years.”



Janet Larson Mullen writes from Milton, MA: “Hi, everyone. We have had a busy year. [Husband Bill and I] sold our house to my daughter and son-in-law in June and had to sort out 37 years of stuff and downsize to a 4-room apartment. We decided to take a year to figure out where we want to live. We took a family trip to Hawaii in August and had a great time! Can check that off my bucket list. We continue to get together with our old [classmate] friends: **Joyce Lennon, Cynthia (Lien) and Brad Burgess, Cheryl Farrington and Bob McCusker** and their significant others every few months and have lots of laughs. Wishing you all a happy holiday season and a healthy New Year! New address: 50 Eliot Street, #303, Milton, MA 02186.”

Linda Lewis Santoro <LindaJSantoro@gmail.com> writes from St. Petersburg, FL: “One of my small jobs in retirement is to function as a Group Leader at Road Scholar programs held at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. Imagine my surprise to discover Goldie Lansky, sister of [classmate] **Judith Lansky**, as one of the enrollees in my last program. Delightful lady! Only wish she had brought her sister along.”

John O’Connor wrote early in the fall: “Just had a full left knee replacement on 9/22. To Dennis “Moose” Brogna (left-footed field goal kicker): good luck with your upcoming knee replacement--you’ll do fine. They had me up after about 12 hours and I did my first flight of stairs within the first day; they don’t fool around. I live in Marshfield, MA, with my wife Dorothy, and between us we have five kids and nine grand kids--there is great stuff going on all the time. I played golf fifty times this year (before surgery), a number of times with my 15-year-old grandson who routinely out drives me (very humbling).”

Kevin O’Donnell writes from Milton, MA, that classmate **Dave Aieta** and his wife Pam, “and my wife Brigid and I flew to Prague in early September, and after a four-day stay there took a 7-day Viking River Cruise through Germany and concluded with four days in Paris (when life was simpler there). A great trip with great friends.”

In Memoriam

The following classmates have sadly passed away since our last Class Notes newsletter
Arthur “Buddy” Keif, Rifle, CO on December 21, 2015