

world studies XI

of note

Homecoming 2013: July 26–28

- Friday at Red's
- Deerhead Reorientation Party
- Bleiler Invitational Golf Tournament
- "Bike for Ike" Cycling Tour
- Canal Lock Cruise
- Homecoming Picnic
- Faculty Open Mic
- 2013 Awards Presentation: Scholarships, Founders, Distinguished Alumnus
- Cayuga Lake Cruise
- Red Barn Revisited Dance Party
- Homecoming Brunch

... and more!

Watch for additional details online at www.eisenhowercollege.org and in a special spring mailing.

With the ECAA Board ...

- Nancy Fromer Wilson '78 appointed to the board to fill an open seat (term ends 2014)
- Tina Conte Brien '81 and Steve Van Arsdale '81 re-elected to three-year terms ending in 2015
- Officers elected for the coming year: Pam (Romeo) Havens '78, chair; Steve Suddaby '76, secretary; Susan (Wright) Passmore '82, treasurer.

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World Studies Revisited

Converted lecture tapes available soon! Check the website for full details.

Eisenhower is a part of us

*"My life has been a tapestry of rich and royal hue
An everlasting vision of the ever-changing view.
A wondrous woven fabric in bits of blue and gold
A tapestry to feel and see, impossible to hold"*

— Carole King

When I pause to closely examine the tapestry of my life, I find, at its core, something akin to a Time Lord—two hearts—forever intertwined, yet equally distinct. One heart represents my immediate, "relational" family, the other, my extended Eisenhower family. Should the second falter, or someday fail, my survival would continue. However, like the Time Lord, I would feel somehow incomplete—a key piece of who I was no longer accessible, no longer providing its unique source of "life blood."

In the runup to Homecoming, I found myself challenged to take a long look at my ties, and the ties of others, to this organization—why we devote so much time and energy to this enterprise and what that all means—for others and for us. It has never been easy for me to "quantify" what my Eisenhower experience as an undergrad and my ongoing, entrenched affiliation with this "merry band of brothers" has contributed to my sense of self and well-being. When asked this summer by my friend David Shaw, a reporter for the *Finger Lakes Times*, to reflect on the significance of our Eisenhower experience, I was quoted, in part, as saying, "Our education felt unique and, to a large degree, so did the environment. The general sentiment was that we each had a hand in building an extraordinary community, both inside and outside the classroom. It was a special time at a special place, with a special group of people who were enthusiastic, energetic, and generally optimistic."



I find I still feel that—every time we come together, in groups big or small. There is a chemistry and an electricity in the air that defies explanation. There is also a common understanding, acceptance, and appreciation of one another that transcends time, space, and place. And those interactions and shared experiences continue to matter. They matter a great deal. Perhaps that is why Homecoming always evokes such strong emotions

in me and never seems long enough. It is one of those rare opportunities when my second heart surges to the forefront and runs flat out.

It can become all too easy to focus on the fact that our college is gone and miss the fact that our college lives on, manifest in each of us—the lives we lead,

our sense of ourselves and others, and our interactions with the world around us. When I arrived at Eisenhower, I expected to receive a high-quality education. What I came away with was a life-changing, life-shaping experience—a "new heart"—that has impacted and intersected with all the highways and byways encountered and trod in the intervening years. And I gained an extended family that has always been close at hand—even when I was far away.

Eisenhower is not just at my heart; it is my heart. Well, at least one of them! And because of that, I cannot—nay will not—allow the dream, the promise, the uniqueness, the ideology, the essence of our collective spirit to go quietly into that good night. I strongly suspect that I am not alone in that sentiment.

Best wishes,
Pam Romeo Havens '78

Reflections on my first Eisenhower Reunion

Having missed all previous reunions, I found myself getting psyched up (yes, I know, a '60s idiom) for this one. For me, it began months in advance, telling tales of our college life to my family.

Through many career moves with my husband, Len, I had held on to boxes of personal memorabilia—yearbooks, scrapbooks, letters, cards, and pictures. I began to pore over them one more time, smiling and sharing the memories they created.

Even though we have family and friends in the Rochester area and we have been back to campus several times over the years, I felt that something was missing beyond the emotional connection with Eisenhower.

This year, I knew I had to go back and find what it was. **It was people.**

While in Rochester, we called Jim Miller (my old boss in admissions) and found him on the (other) campus with time available on his schedule. My reunion began with the exchange of events and information about those we knew in common.

We couldn't make the Friday night fest, but we were at the Seneca Falls Historical Society early on Saturday morning to see the limited but significant display of memorabilia maintained there on the history of the college.

Milling about the room was a handsome fellow, who had a certain "do I know

you?" look about him. A word or two and the voice did not even have to say the words, "I'm Warren Hamilton." I knew, and the reunion had begun again.

In the Saturday hours that followed, we enjoyed the benefits of great planning by the reunion committee and the hospitality of the New York Chiropractic College. Several of their most enthusiastic students led a tour of the library, Mamie Doud, and the administration building. Hardly appreciating their pride and enthusiasm, we filled each venue with spirited conversation about professors' offices, lecture halls and the classic lectures heard therein, and other more personal tales.

The highlight of the afternoon was the chance to roam through a lecture hall piled high with the artifacts of our beloved college: pictures, yearbooks, articles, coffee cups, and even the residence hall building signs that evoked memories from beyond the classroom.

We were like ants on crumbs of sugar, picking up tidbits and scanning the room to be sure that those with a connection to any item had seen it. As if our collective memories weren't enough to get us in the reunion

spirit, these long-closeted treasures spurred the anecdotes and laughter to make sure we did!

Our semiformal evening dinner at the Hotel Clarence (formerly the Gould Hotel) provided another opportunity for everyone to visit and reminisce. The faculty who were able to attend helped complete the "reunion experience," relating their own stories about our successes and, ahem, challenges they saw us through as students.

The time flew by as I spoke with former faculty and friends from all the classes and listened as they related things that we had shared as students, as well as when I served as assistant director of admissions.

When the time came to say goodbye, I left with equal feelings of wistfulness and serendipity, realizing that we had reaffirmed that choosing this fledgling, little-known school was one of the best decisions we had ever made. As Frank Annunziata so aptly said, Eisenhower College was defined not only by the vision and the name but by the people who came, who endured, and who love it even more, 40 years later.

Gail (Mahan) Johnson '72

Reunion Photos ...



Scholarship committee grants 2012 awards

At Homecoming, we were pleased to recognize two local young people as recipients of the Eisenhower College Alumni Association Scholarship. They are ...

Michael Lakota of Port Byron. A 2012 graduate of the Dana L. West Junior/Senior High School, he will attend Virginia Tech in the fall, where he plans to major in biological systems engineering.

Michael's scholarship entry had a unique twist—he created a mini-movie documentary on our 34th president, the first scholarship applicant ever to take this approach. In addition to being an excellent film documentary maker, Michael has a long list of accomplishments, including membership in both the National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society. During high school, he participated in Goal Setting, the foreign language club, Masterminds, and varsity track. His

community service has included volunteering at Chapel House Homeless Shelter, the Matthew House Home for the terminally ill, and the FLCL Nursing Home.

McKenzie C. Schessl of Waterloo, New York. A 2012 graduate of Waterloo High School, she will attend St. Lawrence University, where she plans to double major in biology and psychology. She hopes to become a physical therapist and eventually work in a VA hospital helping our nation's veterans.

Her academic honors include silver and gold pins, silver and gold keys, and membership in the National Honor Society. She has also been a member of the Future Teachers Club, Interact, Student Council, Independent Technology Club (serving as secretary), Varsity Club, Spanish Club, and Ski Club. She was sophomore- and junior-class president and senior-class secretary.

Her community service has included Making Strides for Breast Cancer, Relay for Life, and the Beverly Animal Shelter. She has staffed the Interact booth as part of the Memorial Day Festival, assisted with the Community Christmas Project, and served as a middle-school tutor. In her spare time, she is employed at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in the entomology department as a lab tech.

In McKenzie's own words: "I chose to apply for this scholarship because I believe myself to be much like President Eisenhower. He was a man of principles, leadership, and determination. Those are three qualities that I pride myself on. I am one to speak my opinion and hold strong to my beliefs. I pride myself on the fact that I never compromise my standards. I know leading by example and determination are the best ways to make a difference."

"Overheard on Facebook": Homecoming 2012

Renee (Downey) Hart '76: You want to make a memory? You want to steal a piece of time? It didn't take long to re-enter when I got home. Can you drive me to ... ; what's for dinner? But for a few hours this weekend, we were so back. Walking the tunnels, laughing at the 'head. Sipping at Red's. Sooz and Misty strolling on the bridge. Hutton and John recalling, and not recalling, a single malt scotch. Cramer's tale of a calf in Slater. Carol and Debbie sitting cross-legged under the tree, all of us laughing to tears. To all who came, thanks for the moments, and to those who could not, know that we spoke of you. Remembering.

Nancy (Fromer) Wilson '78: Renee, you said it best: You want a moment in time? Boy oh boy did we get that. I'm just home from the incredible weekend and week on the lake that followed (yes it took my old bones a week to recover). The afterglow is still with me, and I hope it never fades. A year ago, I dreamed of a weekend with tons of people I remembered and loved, and now I want to thank everyone who pushed to get themselves there and make it happen. My heart was brimming then and is now still—and a big part of what was so great was watching everyone showering love and memories on one another. It was just an overwhelming good feeling that left me at once drained and exhilarated.

Deb Leal '76: Back from Seneca Falls. It's 6:10 p.m., and I haven't prepared dinner

yet, Renee. Unwilling to let the afterglow fade. Such good friends to be with—we continue to bring out the best in one another.

Pam (Romeo) Havens '78: Exhausted, emotional, exhilarated. Homecoming 2012 is now history. What a time it was. Thanks to all who traveled, near and far, to be with us. And for those unable to be "physically present," know that you were very much with us in spirit. Kudos to so many who made the weekend so special and memorable—and left it impossible for me to take a "final walk around" today. 'Til next year ...

Susan Schwartz '77: Sitting in the shade of a tree by Slater Hall—under our old dorm room, hanging out and laughing a lot with some very, very good friends. Time it was, and what a time it was. A time of innocence ...

Jeff Allstadt '81: [Enjoyed] just being in and around such people as I don't see in my life where I live. The activity didn't seem to matter much.

Peter Clarke '80: I can't remember who said it at the Deerhead, I think it was Emily or Linnie, that people at a reunion aren't caught up with what you did or didn't become, but with reminiscing about who you were when we were at Ike—I liked that. I'm not sure that either scenario puts me in a good light ... but I liked that!

Karen (Munze) Baker '84: Shortly before the event, I joked on this site: "Oh no! I forgot to lose 10 pounds!" Like Peter Clarke relayed—people weren't caught up with what you became—but what became of you—who were you and how did Ike influence who you are today—not what you are today. How anybody looked or what credentials you bring might matter elsewhere, but never seems to at Ike reunions. I've been to high school reunions where people feel like they have to report on accomplishments, but at the EC reunion, I heard people talking about how they messed up some things, or how they hit some rough spots, or how they cope—even with strangers—the guards were let down. A popular question I heard was "what book did you just finish?"

Barry Johnston '76: [Enjoyed] cycling with friends, old and new. The sun came out, and it was beautiful. But I am still trying to get a squeak out of my shoe cleat from scouting out the route in the pouring rain the day before.

Louise (McAdoo) Wagner '81: There were really good friends who I hadn't seen in too long like Debra Goodwin and Ganine Gambale and plus I loved hanging out with Renee (Downey) Hart over by Slater. It was great to have breakfast with Murray and

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Emily at the Clarence, too. In a lot of corny ways it did seem like ‘home.’

Ganine Gambale ‘83: One of my favorite moments was when Pam (Romeo) Havens and I were standing in Red’s Saturday night just looking at the smiles in the crowd. Everyone looked so happy and, as Louise said, right at ‘home.’ I loved seeing all those people there. It was a great moment. And seeing Jeanne Lane and Tony Muzi when we got to the Deerhead was a wonderful surprise.

Renee (Downey) Hart ‘77: What Susie said. And what Louise said. It was like we never missed a beat. And my, how we laughed. Sooz, Hutton, Louise, Misty, John, Cookie, Deb, (the original) Cramer ... Oh, and Betty Hutton.

Louise (McAdoo) Wagner ‘81: One more thing, hearing these two students rushing

down the hall saying one of them had left her backpack at ‘the Delevan’ and I realized that it was **still** called ‘the Delevan,’ I was like ‘wow.’

Debra (Pethybridge) Goodwin ‘81: Many lit up faces and big grins when I recognized old friends, or they recognized me! Cramer, Van Arsdale, McAdoo, Diana, Emily and Murray, Ganine, Karen, Howie, Loretta and John, and many, many more! ... all great folks whom I treasure dearly.

Janice DeLucia-Waack ‘83: It was so great to see everyone and catch up, but the surprises were the best for me. The squeals of joy when you see people you haven’t seen in forever. Two for me: Jake walking into Red’s, and Tony and Jean Muzi at the Deerhead ... such surprises!

Jon Seip ‘82: Walking in to Red’s and immediately seeing Jake. Then Jake calling Muzi and leaving a message on his machine that he was late for lacrosse practice. And five minutes later when Muzi and Jeanne

walked in was priceless. Steve Butler seeing people for first time in decades—love it. Never forget a face, but names! Well, that is something entirely different. Loved Red’s and Deerhead.

Ganine Gambale ‘83: Awesome weekend. Great to see and reconnect with old friends and to spend time with new Ike friends. And yes Jim—I think for a few days, we were all back home. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard (especially my good friend Pam) and to everyone who attended and made it so much fun. Looking forward to our 30th next year.

Debra (Pethybridge) Goodwin ‘81: I loved the buzz at the Deerhead Friday night ... it was so crowded and so loud, I was hoarse at the end of the night! My favorite sound: squeals of recognition ... a great weekend, Pam and committee! I’ll be back! Thank you for all you do to keep our Ike family connected.

*Honored at
Homecoming 2012:*

Elaine Thiesmeyer
Founders Awards

Ron Free ‘72
Distinguished Alumnus

Seneca Falls Historical Society
Legacy Award

To read the citations, please visit
eisenhowercollege.org!

Homecoming Snapshots!



“Overheard on Facebook”: R.I.P., Warren Blackstone

In addition to expressing profound sadness and sense of loss when news of Professor Warren Blackstone's passing reached our Facebook page late last fall, we shared an outpouring of remembrances:

Lisa Swearingen Nesbit: He was my faculty adviser, and I loved his classes.

Frances Emerson '72: Dr. Blackstone is the reason why I love ancient history so much. He made it come alive with every lecture. I shall never forget his Rome campaign slogan, still rings in my ears. "Wine in every goblet. Two chariots in every garage." Not to mention, "Rape, pillage, and plunder. Have a good time."

Peter Clarke '80: His Ancient Rome class was a ... well ... classic! Big old brown textbook, with exam questions with answers that could only be found in the footnotes! Not to mention, the challenge to memorize the list of emperors! He was an under-spoken blast.

Tony Perrotte '83: He was the best. In my senior year at RIT, he convinced me to audition for one of his plays, *Romeo and Juliet*. I was no actor but he made the experience fun and memorable.

David Hart '81: Wow, this is sad news, especially the dementia part ... I wrote that dedication in the yearbook ... he was a pretty amazing professor ...



Professor Blackstone

Louise (McAdoo) Wagner '81: I remember that dedication, it's so true, he was a great teacher, just amazing. I just was saying how 'that's another story' made me realize never to lecture at students but to tell stories. His WS talks were always so interesting. Glad he went on to do amazing stuff at other schools, sounds like he had a remarkable second act.

Conrad Janke '78: If I remember correctly, he never got a doctorate because he didn't think he needed one; he didn't! Being a professor didn't mean he just taught us, but he interacted with us and with many others.

Janet Day-Strehlow '77: I remember how close he and Jamie Campbell were and what an incredible friend he was. Warren also directed us in *Philemon*, a musical which still sticks with me today. He brought out performances that I don't think we knew we had in us. A really incredible man.

Tracy (Summers) Branigan '82: He made an impression on everyone he met ...

Jon Seip '82: I remember a warm spring evening when a bunch of us were having an 'unauthorized' fire on Punkin Park (many of you on this board remember that night). Professor Blackstone came up, and he was so happy that we were using the park 'as it was intended.' He hung there with us for some time—it was a lot of fun.

Roger Carey '83: His was truly a life well-lived where he positively touched so many people, especially his students that made them better, smarter, wiser people. I've



Philemon

always loved history and his lectures rocked. When I became a high-school history teacher, a great part of my approach was to help my students to realize there's always more to the story or another story that illuminates more of the truth about a certain event or matter. That's a big part of what I learned from the history department at EC early on, and especially Warren Blackstone. Thank you sir, and rest in peace.

Deb Leal '76: After reading Professor Blackstone's obituary, I realize how much I missed by not getting to know him better. His demand for names and dates on timelines totally intimidated me. I loved to hear him present lectures and run seminars (storytelling, like Barry says). But his world studies tests scared the crap out of me.

A. Cornelius Baker '83: He was a very creative and interesting man. I owe a lot of my life's work and my being in Washington these past 30 years—due to an internship at the Kennedy Center that he recommended. I am deeply grateful for his guidance and opportunities presented.

Deb Leal '76: I also was thinking about *Philemon*. As Janet says, it was an inspired and inspiring show. I have some very cool black and white photos of the actors and the beautiful capes. Along with Janet, the Frost brothers, David and Peter, were both in the show, as well as Mike Cartusciello, Susan Schwartz, I think Michael Brown and Janet Brown? Others? It was an intense experience. Playing piano for that show was incredible and with the help of Joe Salam-beni (sp?), who was my piano teacher at the time, it was probably the best I ever played. That music was hard! Professor Blackstone brought out the emotional intensity and spiritual conflict of the show and Mike C. made us laugh by tickling Susie's leg under her skirt while he was waiting to be 'born.' Fond memories of Mike and Warren. RIP, friends.

Ellen Silverman '76: I was always amazed on how much knowledge he carried in his head. When I talk about my college experiences with friends and colleagues, I always tell them about the joint Warren Blackstone/Jamie Campbell WS lectures on early Christianity. As with all of my professors at

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Eisenhower, he was an amazing teacher who has had a hand in my professional/intellectual development.

James D. Audlin '75: A wonderful teacher and a fine human being.

Susan Schwartz '77: He was one of my mentors and challenged us at every turn. He did indeed teach us that the story of our lives, our history is what is important—and what makes it interesting. The experience of being in *Philemon* was one of the high points of my college years. He helped set me on the path I am today—and taught us

all how important it is to think, interact, and live. He will be missed!

Conrad I. Hinckley '75: I knew Warren as a professor, a colleague, a friend ... so many memories yet the best was being able to set my watch by his daily arrival in my office on the mezzanine above Jacob's Lounge. He would blow in, head down, pontificate for 10 minutes and leave ... often the best part of my day. I shall miss him.

Kevin Rafferty '75: Like Jamie Campbell, he was a truly inspiring teacher, and more than a little intimidating. But I loved the intellectual atmosphere in his classes.

Marie Lamb '79: I knew Warren from World Studies, of course, but also because I did *Gilbert & Sullivan* under his direction with the Seneca Community Players. Warren was a great friend, and also introduced me to conductor/voice teacher Morris Bleiwas, who did the music for the G&S and who became a major good influence in my life. Morry passed on in 1987, and now Warren is gone ... I think of Morry often, and I will always remember Warren with fondness and gratitude as well.

Sal Patricolo '84: Such fun doing his plays at Ike! God rest his soul—he is and will be missed greatly by this former student.

The Eisenhower Rocker



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Nelson B. Delavan Jr., 1925–2012

The name Delavan is well known to every student who attended Eisenhower College, for it was in the Delavan Little Theatre that all Eisenhower students attended World Studies lectures. The trustees of the college were so indebted to Nelson Delavan Sr. that they dedicated the theatre to Nelson and his wife, Elizabeth, who herself was devoted to the college and its students, always participating in the annual awards ceremony for the seniors. It is only fitting that we recognize the life of their son, Nelson B. (Pete) Delavan Jr. who passed away on January 27, 2012.

Pete, as he was known to his friends, was by profession an artist, and he taught part-time at Eisenhower in the later years of the college. He and his wife, Edith, who predeceased him, were esteemed citizens of Seneca Falls and Seneca County. After his father's death, Pete and his siblings administered the Delavan Foundation, which made grants to schools, libraries, and all sorts of causes in the county. As a couple, Pete and Edith were

instrumental in founding the Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry in Seneca Falls.

I am personally indebted to the Delavans. Without the neat and copious notes taken by Pete's father—as secretary of the committee for the promotion of a new liberal arts college and later the board of trustees—I could not have written the history of Eisenhower College. The alumni should also know that, as administrator of the Delavan Foundation, Pete granted me \$8,000 to

cover a large portion of the cost of publishing *Eisenhower College: The Life and Death of a Living Memorial*.*

In gratitude, all profits from the sale of the book have been donated to the Eisenhower College Alumni Association. Thus all Eisenhower alumni have benefited from the generosity of Nelson B. Delavan Jr.

David L. Dresser

**An order form is enclosed for purchase of Dresser's book.*

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like alumni send their news¬es

Gail M. Johnson '72 shared this story with us, "Last summer, Len and I celebrated our 35th anniversary with a day sailing around Portland, Maine, with a charter boat and captain. In the middle of the bay, we were small-talking about college experiences when Captain Lyman Stuart—formerly from Newark, New York, and the Gow School in Buffalo—mentioned that he went to Eisenhower College, charter class. I stood right up and said, 'I graduated from Eisenhower College in the charter class!' We discussed how many had started but didn't finish, as the 'freedom' from the private prep school had taken his life to these interests ... women and drinking! He ended his college days after one year to join the Navy and then became a family man—now married for 32 years with two grown children. The captain and I had been in the same Cayuga Hall, our first coed dorm during year. The more we talked throughout our wonderful sail, the more I looked at him to find a feature, which I could recognize in the face of Lyman Stuart! Behind the mustache was the same boyish smile that I remembered from 'Tadd' Stuart! Perhaps you will remember his name as 'Tadd' and not necessarily Lyman. He didn't use his formal name until later in life! He is now retired and runs the Handy Boat Marina with sailing classes and charters off Portland, Maine. 'Tadd' and I shared much in common during that first year as many of our classmates may have done. Can you imagine what he said to his wife when he

came home after our charter? She now has someone who can confirm all of those stories that he has been telling about his first college experiences. 'Tadd' is trying to remember the name of the lovely coed who was photographed with him on the cover of the *Reveille* during our freshman year. He and this coed were lying on the grass together. This photo has been in his collections for the past 40 years. Perhaps it will help jog any memory to help 'Tadd' in his remembrances (see photo below). Captain Lyman 'Tadd' Stuart can be reached at lstuart1@maine.rr.com. He is now living with his wife near Portland, Maine. Be sure to mention Eisenhower College for a special charter discount!"

Phillip L. "Phil" Weisberger's ('72) stepdaughter was married in October 2011. She is going to be a third-year medical student! Send congratulations to Phil at 503 Oak Dr., Carmel, IN 46032-2048; plwind@sbcglobal.net.

James R. Keenan '73 is happily retired and living in the "Sunshine State." Catch up with him by writing to 96014 Out Creek Way, Yulee, FL 32097; or by sending email to jaggers97@aol.com.

Get in touch with **Geraldine "Geri" Maschio '73** via her new email address at maschiogeri2@gmail.com.

Vice Admiral **Ann E. Rondeau '73** had a retirement ceremony at the National Defense University campus on April 11, 2012. Below is a *Navy News* article from April 12, 2012, about her retirement: "A change of presidency and retirement ceremony for Vice Adm. Ann Rondeau took place April 11, at the National Defense University campus. Rondeau passed leadership of the National Defense University to Ambassador Nancy McElDowney. McElDowney will be the interim relief of Rondeau until Major General Gregg Martin, U.S. Army, assumes the presidency this summer. Martin is currently the Commandant of the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. After 38 years of active duty naval service, Rondeau was surrounded by friends, family, and co-workers who were all a part of her military career. 'This is a day to understand what it really means to have gratitude,' said Rondeau. 'I am grateful to the Navy, and

particularly indebted to sailors and my former commanders. I am grateful to the military and to this profession of warfighters and peacemakers, and all those wearing the cloth of this nation.'" Send congratulations to Ann on her successful career at 249 2nd Ave., Fort McNair, DC 20024; ann.rondeau@navy.mil.

Last February, **Dean A. Little '74** wrote: "I retired for the fourth time. Reading, writing, drawing, working the land—building stone walls. Start the College for Seniors in March/April at UNC-Asherville." Write to Dean at 3627 Paint Fork Rd., Mars Hill, NC 28754; or send email to deanalittle@gmail.com.

After 37 years in active ministry, **John E. Nuessle '74** is moving toward retirement at the end of this year. He is continuing as a mission consultant for the United Methodist Church. John and his wife, Ginewa Wills, are now independent travel agents with Cruise Planners. Are you looking for an exciting and relaxing cruise vacation? Reach out to John at 3901 Independence Ave., Apt. 5D, Riverdale, NY 10463; nuessle@hotmail.com.

When **William F. "Bill" Grant '75** wrote to us in February, he announced, "After 10 years as a fundraising consultant for Catholic parishes and a variety of other nonprofit organizations, I returned to my 'old' job with the Catholic Diocese of Erie. For 15 years, I had served as director of development for the diocese. Our daughters are grown now. Julie has two children, and we joke about the fact that we are too young to be grandparents. We love those kids, and they entertain us endlessly. Our other daughter, Jennifer, graduates from medical school in June. She will be a pediatrician. I just finished serving as president of our local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), and for 20 years, I've served on the board of a foundation that started a health clinic and school in India." Reconnect with Bill at 1304 Chelsea Ave., Erie, PA 16505; wfg1304@yahoo.com.

Richard E. Combes '76 is a professor of philosophy at the University of South Carolina Upstate, in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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Lyman "Tadd" Stuart

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Contact him at 168 Timberlake Dr., Inman, SC 29349; rcombes@uscupstate.edu.

Barry Johnston '76 was recently appointed an American Heart Association Training Center faculty for basic life support courses. Contact Barry at 325 West Chestnut Street, Souderton, PA.

Katherine D. (Alexander) Newsum '76 would love to reconnect with more alumni! She and Cliff have a few EC people they are able to keep in touch with, including **Coach** and **Marion Bleiler**, who visit when they are in Florida for the winters. Katherine wrote that with four dogs and a very old cat, they don't travel much ... however, they think they have found a good pet-sitter, so that may change! Get in touch with the Newsoms at 5809 Windmill Ct., Orlando, FL 32809; kat32809@yahoo.com.

"I am still working for Cisco Systems after 14-plus years, just outside Munich," writes **Janet L. Day-Strehlow '77**. "I keep in touch with F-suite (**Mindy [Paticoff] Weinman, Deb Sharpe, Elaine Briceland, Pat [Warner] Shelby, Patty [Jackson] Cook, Ellen Silverman, Denise [Muench] Lipman, Janine Forsythe, Robilee Smith, Mary Lea [Wood] Blake**), and we have had two mini-reunions at **Pat (Warner) Shelby's** parents' house. I also keep in touch with John Austin." Catch up with Janet by sending postal mail to Speichersee Str. 89, Landsham D-85652, Germany; or by email at jdaystre@cisco.com.

Christine Poler married **James T. Fleming '77** in 1981. She transferred from Ike in 1978 to the University of New Hampshire and graduated in 1980. She is a paraprofessional at the Thompson Brook School in Avon, Connecticut. Christine and Jim have three sons: Michael (27), a graduate of Fordham and a third-year law student at Brooklyn Law School; Andrew (26), a graduate of Keene State College who lives in Portland, Oregon; and Alexander (22), a graduate of Fordham and a second lieutenant in the United States Army. Connect with the Flemings by writing them at 7 Simscroft Place, Simsbury, CT 06070; cpfbear@aol.com.

Linda (Tiernan) Kepner '78 has worked at the Peterborough Town Library—the

world's oldest public library—for 29 years. She had her third novel published—an ebook romance, *Second Chance*, by Crimson Romance (she has already published one science fiction and one fantasy novel). Linda's husband, Terry, has just started a book-publishing company for web-comic artists. She adds, "Our 16-year-old daughter, Quinn, is drawing for him, too (pocket money!)." Send congratulations to Linda on her third published novel at 162 Onset Rd., Bennington, NH 03442; ltk01@aol.com.

Write to **Pamela C. Quiggle '78** at her new address: 1130 E. Redfield Rd., Tempe, AZ 85283.

"I have worked in higher education for 25 years, including seven years in Ohio and 15 in North Carolina," reports **Michael G. "Mike" Magoon '81**. "I moved to the Mt. Rushmore state 18 months ago." Stay in touch with Mike at his new address 213 W. Duke St., Vermillion, SD 57069.

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Rosemary Agonito's latest book, *Miss Lizzie's War*, is a Civil War novel based on a true story. According to her description of it, as the Civil War slogged on, an underground unionist movement flourished in the heart of the Confederacy. An unlikely leader, Elizabeth Van Lew, a wealthy and well-connected member of Richmond's elite, skillfully directed this clandestine group and became General Ulysses S. Grant's spy in Richmond. The story revolves around Elizabeth's double life: her scheme to plant a former slave as her spy in the Jefferson Davis home, her secret romance with a union prisoner, the dangerous work entailed in running a spy network for the Federal Government in the Confederate capital, terrifying flights to freedom engineered by Elizabeth for escaped prisoners and slaves, and ongoing Confederate investigations and arrests of unionists. She adds, "The book fills an important gap as we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War." Agonito's first novel, *Buffalo Calf Road Woman: The Story of a Warrior of the Little Bighorn*, won the prestigious Western Heritage Award for the Best Western Novel in 2006 (previous winners include James Michener, Larry McMurtry, and

Barbara Kingsolver). Visit her official website: www.rosemaryagonito.com, or contact her at agonito@aol.com.

"Judy and I enjoyed dinner with **Liz Galloway '76** and **Lee Stierhoff '75** at her home in Baltimore in January," writes **David L. Dresser**. "We also enjoyed an art show featuring Lee's paintings. Liz is a fundraiser for the Park School, and Lee is a broker with Diversified Insurance." Dave and Judy are still at 7302 Wyers Point Rd., Ovid, NY 14521; ddresser@ithaca.edu.

Richard R. "Dick" Klotz has new contact information: 5450 Witherspoon Dr., G405, Colfax, NC 27235; rrklotz@triad.rr.com.

After 29 years of outstanding service to the department of computer science and the RIT community, **Walter Wolf** retired in April 2012. Send congratulations to him at 1229 Birdsey Rd., Waterloo, NY 13165.



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We regret to announce the deaths of:

Paul E. Albertson Jr. '73
July 19, 2008

Eric E. Bjerke '73
July 28, 2012

Nelson B. Delavan Jr.
January 27, 2012

Felicia Ann (Hoffman) Gubnitsky '74
October 10, 2011

Robert C. Morehouse Jr. '72
2009

Maureen K. O'Donnell '75