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Head of School Report

WWBBS? What would Bugs Bunny say? With a half-eaten carrot from the Olney garden in his hand, his other hand on his hip and one ear flopping forward, he might ask, "What's up, Doc?" In reply I would say that we are all a-bustle here clearing the way for an excellent end to the current school year and laying the groundwork for the next. All that has been of value over the last decades continues on, full steam ahead, and some things new are percolating into a rich and exciting brew. I am talking about problem-based learning — a staple in many of our classes for years; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) — an old concept with a new presentation; Stillwater Science Center — additional new laboratory spaces for science; Project Lead the Way — the premier curriculum program for STEM; and a titillating program menu that we trust will draw new and qualified candidates to our doors — Introduction to Engineering, Agriscience, and more. As a matter of fact, a new prospective family popped in unannounced just this afternoon to see for themselves what was in the offing.

During the month of March, I was on the road for two weeks out of four and was regaled with reminiscences and prognostications from alumni and friends from Florida and the West Coast from Whittier, California, to Seattle, Washington. I am grateful for all the well-wishers, hosts and donors, who are keeping up with Olney news and who are spurring us on to greater achievement. On campus, we are busy making program adjustments to meet the ever-changing needs of this next generation of students. For those looking for greater clarity on this, I suggest reading "The Global Achievement Gap" by Tony Wagner. He outlines his design for a school program that suits the needs of 21st century students.

While many schools are still focused on strict control, straight rows of chairs, and passive and dutiful students, the workplace of the future will place greater emphasis on creativity and design, strong skills in both written and oral communication, willingness to learn and work cooperatively, possession of an entrepreneurial spirit, and a greater emphasis on retrieval skills than retention. Old-style schools follow a 19th century factory model based on separation of tasks, strict adherence to start and stop times, and efficiency a la Frederick Winslow Taylor (think of Lucy and Ethel on the candy conveyor belt). Schools of the future need greater flexibility in scheduling, ever more talented and energetic teachers, and access to tools and materials that might not be anticipated (think of Tom Hanks in Apollo 13).

To me, STEM is not really an enhanced science program. It is an ex-

Students tour the Applied Sciences Center at West Virginina Northern Community College's Wheeling campus as part of the annual Winter Outing. Officials gave them a glimpse of the technical careers of the future.

tension of the scientific method of defining the problem, seeking clarifying data, articulating a hypothesis, testing the hypothesis, analyzing the results, drawing a conclusion, communicating the results and repeating the process if necessary. This sequence can be adapted to humanities discussions or social justice issues as well. It is not limited to the sciences.

So here we go not only with full realization that we might encounter unexpected bumps along the way but also with a studied reassurance that this has greater potential for learning that is deeper, longer lasting and more sound. As we strive to prepare Olney graduates for leadership roles in the future, we are compelled to stray away from the canon, to look more boldly toward the unknown, to draw upon curiosity and creativity, and to exercise students' abilities to formulate new solutions to nagging and emerging problems.

For now, Bugs Bunny would say, "That's all folks!" However, he would know that this opus is just beginning.

Charlie Szumilas
Head of School

HEAD SEARCH

Charlie Szumilas, head of Olney Friends School, recently announced plans to retire at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

During his tenure, the faculty and Board of Trustees created a living strategic plan to guide the school into the near future. School facilities have been assessed with steps taken to upgrade, replace and repair them. The school decided and declared its unwillingness to lease mineral rights in an effort to help protect the environment.

Also under his leadership, the school acquired the Stillwater Science Center from the Stillwater Monthly Meeting and will implement exciting new elements into the curriculum to take advantage of that space. Academic offerings also have been infused with vibrant energy from new hires.

"We have faced challenges head on, and I am proud to have been part of this short segment of a long history," he said. "The legacy of Olney Friends School is intact, but the time has come for a transition to new leadership."

In response to his decision, Olney's Board of Trustees formed a Head Search Committee tasked with finding a new leader for the school.

The committee is comprised of:

Co-clerks

- **Phil Goodchild (Hon.)** (Board of Trustees, attorney, parent of **Hannah Goodchild '07**)
- **Emily Stanley '78** (Board of Trustees, teacher, parent of **Morgan Bailey '09**)

Members

- **Amy Davis '77** (Board of Trustees co-clerk, health planning administrator)
- **Lars Etzkorn '83** (Board of Trustees, attorney)
- **Jeff Moredock (Hon.)** (former Olney assistant head, retired head of independent school and retired National Association of Independent Schools chief operating officer)
- **Shelley Rockwell '82** (current Olney business manager)
- **Eric Lundblade (Hon.)** (current Olney teacher)
- Rich Marklin (professor at Marquette, parent of **Davis Marklin '14**)

The committee established a time line for the search, with plans to make a position description available to potential candidates in the coming weeks. The search is expected to progress as follows:

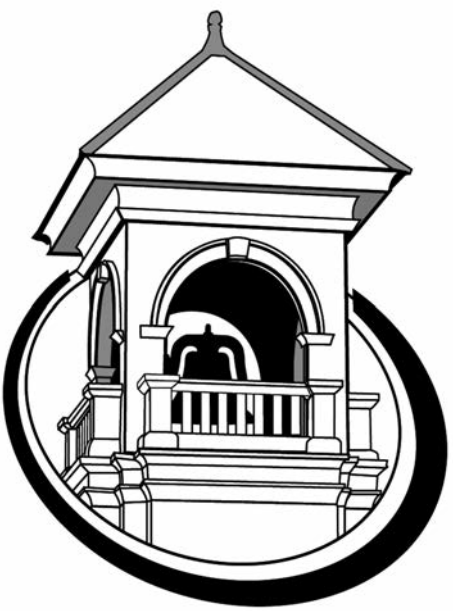
- Summer 2014 – Review resumes
- Early fall 2014 – Interview candidates
- Late fall 2014 – Campus visits by finalists
- December 2014 – Select new head of school
- July 2015 – New head takes the helm

Anyone with questions or information for the committee should email headsearch@olneyfriends.org.

Charlie's plan to remain through June 2015 should allow for a smooth transition to a new head's leadership.

"I pledge to pursue with all of my energy over the next 18 months the goals and objectives of the school," Charlie noted. "I know that I will miss these rolling green hills, the cows and goats, the pigs and chickens, but most of all I will miss the people young and old who have painted my years in Barnesville with good memories. When the time comes, I will leave behind my best wishes and hopes for a prosperous future for the school. I especially want to thank the Board of Trustees for allowing me the privilege of leading Olney Friends School for this active period in the school's history."

Updates on the search for a new head will be provided as they become available. They will be found on the school's web site, its Facebook page and in correspondence sent by email and the U.S. Postal Service.



AROUND CAMPUS

Olney Friends School has been buzzing with activity since students returned from holiday break. In addition to a rigorous academic program, students have taken part in athletics, enrichment activities and community service opportunities.

On Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day **—** Olney Friends School hosted an open house, including a complimentary lunch. The event gave a few local students and their families a peek at how Olney operates and what students stand to gain from an Olney education.

Staff and students enjoy a snowy afternoon near Livezey Lake.

Also in January, a Winter Outing to Wheeling, W.Va., made for a fun and educational day. The morning began at Wheeling Park, where students skated on the outdoor ice rink beneath the White Palace. From there, they visited West Virginia Northern Community College's new Applied Technology Center in downtown Wheeling to learn how workers are being trained for jobs in the oil and gas industries. Just across the street, they took a walk back through time to the Civil War at West Virginia Independence Hall. The trip concluded with a stop at the Ohio Valley Mall in St. Clairsville, Ohio.

But students didn't have to travel out of state to keep their skating skills sharp. The winter's deep freeze rendered the surface of Livezey Lake solid, allowing ample opportunity for supervised ice skating. Sledding also was a popular activity this winter, since the rolling hills of campus remained snow covered for weeks on end.

February Fridays — Some of the most exciting events of the last few months occurred as part of the school's "February Fridays" activity series. These events actually began a bit early, with a free public screening of the documentary "Gas Rush Stories" on Jan. 30. Documentary filmmaker Kirsi Jansa, a native of Finland, was on

TOP: Humanities teacher Jamie Zavitz ’81 pauses with a sled while participating in an outdoor activity with students.
RIGHT: Zavitz laces up his skates as he prepares to supervise students taking to the ice for an evening activity.

Sophomores Julian Sun, left, and Anteneh Asratu make their way back to Top Campus after sledding downhill toward Livezey Lake.

hand for the screening. The following day, she presented workshops for Olney students — one on fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, and one on "backpack journalism."

"Gas Rush Stories," a series of short documentaries, shows how shale gas drilling has changed and is changing the lives of individual Pennsylvanians. Funded by The Heinz Endowments and individual donors, "Gas Rush Stories" also takes a wider look at these issues: How is shale gas exploration changing the Pennsylvania landscape? How is shale gas exploration impacting the development of renewable energy?

Also on Jan. 31, Magician Michael Strough performed for Olney students then presented a well-attended workshop on the art of illusion. Strough lives in Belmont

Taemin Kim '16, from left, Anh Ha '15 and Kefan Bai '15 practice newly learned card skills during a February Friday workshop with magician Michael Strough.

and performs frequently for school events, conventions and parties throughout the region. He is married to Director of Advancement Jennifer Compston-Strough.

Toni Kellar of Senecaville, Ohio, also worked with Olney students in a February Friday drumming workshop designed to provoke thought and connections with nature and our local environment. Kellar is the director of Roots to Rhythm, an organization that leads collaborative drumming workshops in the tri-state area to build community and empowerment in schools, workplaces and other group settings. She also is the mother of current Olney junior Kayla Kellar.

Another free public event was held Feb. 21 with area residents invited to a lecture by award-winning novelist Mary Doria Russell. Her talk was titled "Choosing a Major: Make your parents really nervous and achieve happiness." Her writing spans the gamut from historical fiction set in World War II Italy to science fiction that delves into religion.

ABOVE: Olney students laugh during a February Friday performance with magician Michael Strough. BELOW: Director of Roots to Rhythm Toni Keller performs for students during her recent workshop.

Teddy Ha ’15, left, learns cross stitch skills with Spanish teacher Cory Mathieu.

CARRIE NEWCOMER

Members of the faculty also shared their interests and skills with students during February Fridays. For example, teacher **James Gosselink (Hon.)** shared a slideshow highlighting his experiences while working in Bolivia. **Maintenance Director Dan Coppock (Hon.)** taught students how to inoculate mushroom spores, while Spanish teacher Cory Mathieu helped students develop cross stitch skills.

Other Activities – Meanwhile, a large crowd turned out for the free public concert offered by singer-songwriter Carrie Newcomer on March 13.

Described as a “soaring songstress” by Billboard magazine, Newcomer has traveled the world sharing progressive music that is based on the ordinary and infused with images from the natural world. She performs everywhere from concert halls to clubs, colleges, churches and synagogues and conducts workshops on creative writing, faith and the arts.

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At Olney Friends School, Newcomer didn't stop at performing; she also conducted workshops for students on March 14. She was set to release her 12th studio recording, "A Permeable Life" from Available Light Records, in April. A companion book, "A Permeable Life: Poems and Essays," also was released April 1.

Olney Friends School also welcomed West Virginia Poet Laureate Marc Harshman to campus for a pair of workshops and a free public reading on April 4 to kick off the annual celebration of National Poetry Month.

Olney students and 10 guests from Wheeling Country Day School participated in two hands-on writing workshops that afternoon, learning strategies for collecting information, making notes, generating story ideas and more. Staff, students and several visitors from the area then spent an hour that evening listening as Harshman read a sampling of his own poetry, as well as works of others. Harshman made his books available for sale at the event and stayed afterward to autograph them.

Harshman is a Wheeling resident, an author and a retired school teacher. In May 2012, West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin appointed Harshman poet laureate in recognition of his work as a poet and author of children's books.

Harshman has penned numerous titles, including a full-length collection of poetry titled "Green-Silver and Silent." He has won awards from Newport Review and Literal Latte for his short prose works. His book, "The Storm," is a Junior Library Guild selection, a Smithsonian Notable Book for Children, a Children's Book Council Notable Book for Social Studies and a Parent's Choice Award recipient.

Also for National Poetry Month, students memorized and performed poems at a Poetry Slam on April 18.

Mishka Smith, front, and Amihan Tindongan, both '15, tumble along a mat as part of a Gym Ex routine.

Former Olney humanities teacher **Abby Chew (Hon.)** returned to campus for a free public reading of her own poetry on April 19. Chew now works at a California boarding school and recently published her first book of poems, "Discontinued Country Roads."

Gym Ex

Emily Carton

Note: As a first-time observer of Gym Ex, humanities teacher and girls dorm staffer Emily Carton shares her impressions of Gym Ex below. The event again was planned and coordinated by ***Cleda Mott '57****, alumni liaison and student activities staff.*

As a recent addition to the Olney community, I was not entirely sure what to expect at Gym Ex. It is an annual community-wide gymnastics event; that much I understood. But what does it entail? Why are the girls so frequently asking for early dorm time to practice their "secret song"? What makes Gym Ex such a big deal? Isn't it just a bunch of students running around on gym mats? And, perhaps most importantly, what on earth are Poly Poles?

When the day of the event arrived, the significance of Gym Ex to the students immediately became clear. They anxiously but excitedly practiced their routines over and over again, hurriedly escorting me out of any practice space into which I unintentionally stumbled. The same anxious excitement was palpable at dinner that evening. Finally, the event began.

Each grade had the opportunity to perform a skit that represented the character of their class: the freshmen paraded their new class banner, the sophomores put on a highly entertaining rock performance replete with guitars and acrobatics, the juniors'

ABOVE: Gym Ex participants form a traditional pyramid. RIGHT: Seniors Majo Chavez, bottom, and Galatea Kurz perform a balancing act during Gym Ex.

ABOVE: David Lochner '14 reaches new heights during a trampoline routine at Gym Ex.

RIGHT:Juniors Jonas Robin, left, and Lee Tran hold Noah Howells as he prepares to launch a pie at someone during a fun Gym Ex activity.

BELOW:Junior Audrey Dennis dives into her Gym Ex routine.

difficult but well-coordinated demonstration highlighted their unity and class pride, and the seniors came roaring through the doors with glowstick lightsabers in hand. The students showed off all their recent achievements in tumbling, balancing and jump rope — including several double back flips, unimaginable student pyramids and impressively-coordinated double dutch jump rope routines. And Poly Poles, I learned, are moving sticks on the ground through which the performers had to pull off a complicated dance routine, all without getting their feet trapped.

The significance of the Gym Ex tradition was encapsulated, in my opinion, in the girls final song to the audience. When the last tumblers, balancers, dancers and jumpers had taken their seats, the lights were turned off, and the girls entered the room in a silent procession, holding candles whose light danced on their proud yet stoic faces. After a few minutes of silence, they began to sing a round of three traditional Quaker songs, their voices seeming to come from every direction: east, west, north, south, up, down, within and without. And then, all too quickly, the round was over. As they departed, the light of their candles slowly dimmed the room, leaving each audience member to reflect upon his or her own inner light. Gym Ex, it seems, is not just a gymnastics routine: it is a coming together, a celebration of community, a sharing of light.

Athletics

Leonard Guindon '70, Director of Athletics

Spring sports at Olney are providing a variety of opportunities for our students. For those looking for cardiovascular fitness, eye-hand and eye-foot coordination, options include soccer, Ultimate Frisbee and running. For those looking to gain food-raising skills while building muscle, there is Farm Team. Each activity is led by adults who are passionate about their sport.

Jamie Zavitz '83 reports that spring soccer is strictly about love of the game.

"No skill or conditioning drills — we just roll the ball out and play," he said.

Jacob Naegeli (Hon.) says running workouts alternate between distance runs and interval training. And Jacob doesn't just talk the talk — he has been putting in 63-mile weeks in preparation for the Boston Marathon.

The farm team led by **Sandy Sterrett (Hon.)** has been busy preparing and planting the gardens, helping raise the chickens that provide eggs for us daily as well as chicks that will be eaten Commencement weekend. They also help with kidding season in the goat barn.

Ultimate is led by Eric Lundblade and Emily Carton. On especially cold, rainy or snowy days they have passing practice in the gym. When it's nice, they can be found having a raucous good time pursuing that elusive disc on the playing fields.

Boston Marathon — Students aren't the only ones honing their athletic skills at Olney. **Jacob Naegeli (Hon.)**, fine arts and boys dorm staff, has a healthy, lifelong habit that helps him escape from the demands of daily life — and it took him all the

ABOVE: Yi Zhang ’15 prepares to take a shot during a Faculty vs. Students basketball game. LEFT: Jacob Naegel (Hon.) recently ran the 2014 Boston Maraton.

way to Boston in April.

Naegeli, 24, ran the 118th Boston Marathon on April 21. He finished in 155th place, easily achieving his goal of finishing in the top 250. With a time of 2 hours, 34 minutes and 7 seconds, Jacob finished 134th among men running the race and 123rd in his division. He ran his final mile at 9.89 mph.

Naegeli has been running since he was a child and previously completed a marathon and a 50K race. Naegeli grew up on a ranch near Thompson Falls, Mont. With the closest neighbor more than a mile away, Naegeli had plenty of ground to cover as a child.

Running also is a bit of a family tradition for Naegeli. His mother served as assistant coach for cross country after being a runner herself in high school and college. She eventually became head coach, and son Jacob was a member of teams she coached at both the junior high and high school levels.

“Really, I just enjoy it,” he said. “All my friends did it. I ran all the way into college, seven days a week, 365 days a year.”

Naegeli said he averages about 60 miles a week — a figure that has been climbing as he has worked to prepare for the marathon. Locally, Naegeli has twice competed in the 5K Barnesville Pumpkin Run, setting the course record this year. He also has quite a few favorite races, including the Missoula Half Marathon, in which he has participated since it began seven years ago. His family also holds a mid-summer, 5-mile trail run on their ranch each year. That challenge includes cross country running,

log jumps, a huge hill, bale jumps and crossing a creek.

More recently, Naegeli ran in the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon. He believes all of this prepared him well for the Boston Marathon, and he didn't let the tragic bombings that killed three and injured more than 260 participants and spectators last year deter him from taking part.

"It doesn't really concern me that much," he said regarding race security. "There's nothing I personally can do about it, so why worry? They have stepped up security, so there's no sense changing my life."

At Olney, Naegeli coaches running as a sport during the first and fourth quarters of the school year. In the fall, he encourages students to run longer distances to improve their endurance; in the spring, he focuses more on speed training.

One of the students who has benefitted from Naegeli's training is Jonas Robin, a junior from New York.

"Jonas ran a few times and really enjoyed it. Now he's thinking about signing up for the Pittsburgh or Columbus half-marathon," Naegeli noted. "In February he did a 13-mile run. He is completely self-motivated."

Naegeli's success in the Boston Marathon attracted media attention for Olney as well. Not only was news of his plan published in local newspapers, but both local TV stations featured his story on their newscasts.

Community Service — In keeping with Olney's Quaker values, all students are required to participate in community service. Several opportunities have arisen in recent weeks with basic cleaning and maintenance needed at the Stillwater Science Center and in the Olney Friends School Library.

One group of students reached out to the larger community, however, by helping a local museum in need.

After a broken waterline soaked everything from ceiling tiles to irreplaceable historic records, John Mattox needed assistance in putting the pieces of his Underground Railroad Museum in Flushing back together.

A pipe in the second-floor men's room broke on Jan. 30; Mattox discovered the mess two days later on Feb. 1. By then, several rooms on that level had been flooded, and water had poured through the ceiling into the office. The damage extended to the basement, where a slave cabin setting and more were affected.

Four students from Olney Friends School opted to give up their free time and spend a Sunday afternoon boxing up books and artifacts, moving furniture and cleaning showcases for Mattox. Joining them were Head of School Charlie Szumilas and his wife, Susan, as well as Director of Advancement Jennifer Compston-Strough and Flushing residents Sandy Kidd and Michael Lindamood.

For sophomore Seth Solomon, the need to help preserve African-American history was a priority. Seth is Caucasian, but he was adopted by African-American parents.

"I feel African-American heritage is a strong part of my family because of my adoption," he said. "I also wanted to see the museum because I like black history."

Freshmen Emilio Valverde, Claire Bober and Holden Fry also volunteered to

Olney staff and students pose after helping to clean up the Underground Railroad Museum in Flushing, Ohio, in the wake of a waterline break that flooded the building. Seated are Susan Szumilas, left, and Claire Bober ’17. Standing from left are Seth Solomon ’16, Holden Fry and Emilio Valverde, both ’17, Flushing resident Sandy Kidd, Head of School Charlie Szumilas, museum Curator John Mattox and Flushing resident Michael Lindamood. Also on had was Advancement Director Jennifer Compston-Strough (taking the photo).

help and said they enjoyed the experience.

Mattox said at least 55-60 people have called to volunteer in the wake of the leak. Bethany College, Oakview Juvenile Residential Center and Awakenings Women’s Residential Treatment Center all have offered help — and that has Mattox looking on the bright side.

“Things happen for a reason,” he said, noting the crisis has brought him together with many individuals.

Farm Report April 2014

❦ Farm Manager Don Guindon ’74 and Assistant Farmer Sandy Sterrett (Hon.)

It has been a long, cold winter. We are excited about spring plowing and planting and the end of chopping ice and feeding through cold, wind and snow. The animals are eager for green grass.

Harriet Hart, admissions assistant and Hoop House volunteer, and Sandy Sterrett completed especially ambitious vegetable planting maps, received and sorted a large order of vegetable seeds and started some early seedlings in the greenhouse. The Farm Team cleaned and painted the spike-tooth harrow and the potato planter and, with Jacob Naegeli’s welding class, rebuilt an old pipe gate

ABOVE: Olney students Holden Fry (left) and Seth Soloman pitch in to help clean up the Underground Railroad Museum in Flushing Ohio after a waterline break that flooded the building. BELOW: Soloman helps Flushing resident Michael Lindamood (right) and Olney Head of Schoo Charlie Szumilas remove water damaged items from the museum.

Joe Kingery ’15, from left, Majo Chavez and Galatea Kurz, both ’14, Holden Fry ’17 and Assistant Farmer Sandy Sterrett (Hon.) pose alongside a newly installed gate with a few of the school’s chickens and Sandy’s dog, Buford. Photo by Lee Tran ’15

first made by the late Larry Mott’s (Hon.) 1980 vocational agriculture class. The old gate weighed about 150 pounds and was rusted through in several places; the new gate must weigh 200 pounds, but it is solid and painted with two coats of Rustoleum.

Don Guindon, class of ’74 and farm manager, has focused on the removal and salvage of the loafing shed by the Towe barn. Sugar Creek Builders have been replacing some posts, beams, flooring and some siding on the Towe barn. A new shed will be added off the south side of the barn, and the barn lot will be reconfigured to feed and handle our beef herd more safely.

Eric Simmons, food service manager, has been working with us to increase the amount of food grown on the farm that he can use in the school kitchen. We are planting nearly an acre of English shelling peas and another acre of beans with the hope of freezing enough to last for the entire school year. We are also doubling the amount of broccoli and spinach and tripling the amount of onions. The kitchen has purchased a pea shelling machine, but we will likely need help with picking and freezing. Eric has also used kitchen funds to support raising meat chickens; we had 150 peeps that were ready for commencement. The cold winter has helped keep our stored potatoes in good condition, and we should have them almost until school ends. Egg laying has picked up with the longer days, and we now have extra eggs to sell to the community and visitors and plenty for Eric to use for the school.

Eric, Don and Sandy have been working on outreach and fundraising to start

a Farm-to-School Internship program. We would like to have 4-6 interns for the three summer months to help us with increased vegetable production and preservation, fence building and repair and farm-related lesson plan development. If you know someone who is at least 20 years old who would be a good farm-to-school intern, please contact Sandy Sterrett at sandy@olneyfriends.org or call her at 614-746-5750.

We are pleased to be working under a newly approved strategic plan passed by the Board at its winter meeting. The plan aims to fully integrate and support the Olney Friends School Farm as an essential asset and unique characteristic of Olney Friends School and outlines four goals and the associated objectives and activities to meet the farm-related portions of the Olney Friends School Strategic Plan.

Specifically:

- make better use of the farm for the school as the extended campus and living laboratory for place-based, problem-based learning;

expand the farm-to-table program;

- invest in needed infrastructure;
- use the farm for a secondary income stream; and
- honor our Quaker heritage and the farm legacy with thoughtful stewardship of the agricultural land.

Focus on Advancement: Admissions and Development

Admissions Update

❦ Musa Hamideh '05, Director of Admissions

As I sat to begin writing this, I was in North Carolina attending the 24th annual Small Boarding Schools Association conference. It is an amazing experience to sit in a room with representatives of other schools that, like squares on a quilt, are all unique but make up a single piece. Meeting with consultants, heads of other schools and numerous education professionals is very exciting, and I look forward to continuing this relationship with the SBSA. While in North Carolina I had the opportunity to visit the Arthur Morgan School, a beautiful school for grades 7-9 nestled in the mountains of North Carolina.

It has been, as it always seems to be, a busy season in the admissions office. We are excited as we look toward opening day of the 2014-15 school year and the new students it will bring. Reviewing applications and hosting prospective students is an amazing experience. I can just imagine all the different lifelong friendships that will begin, as many have before, here on Olney's campus this fall. As of late March, we had accepted a diverse and capable array of students from four different U.S. states and four different countries from around the world!

As we look forward, I am excited to continue hosting prospective students and hope to fit in a trip or two to local feeder schools. As anyone reading the Current knows, word-of-mouth is our most effective referral source for new students. If you

A special guest, the Pirate Parrot, temporarily staffs the Olney Friends School booth at the annual Home & Business Expo in Moundsville, W.Va.

know of a student who would thrive at Olney, feel free to send him or her in my direction! I can be reached via email at admissions@olneyfriends.org or by calling 740-425-3655, ext. 214.

2013-14 Annual Fund Update

❦ **Jennifer Compston-Strough, Director of Advancement**

As of March 31, 2014, the Annual Fund total stood at $160,322, about 71% of our $225,000 goal. A report on annual giving showed 449 gifts to the Annual Fund.

Despite early reports that we did not meet our Dec. 31, 2013, goal of $100,000, we actually exceeded that goal by more than 20%. As of Dec. 31, 2013, the school had received more than $122,000 in gifts.

A March appeal by U.S. mail is yielding additional donations to help us reach our $225,000 goal by June 30; however, additional help from all of you will be required for us to both meet that goal and fund the renovations to the Stillwater Science Center. The estimated cost of that work is $498,000.

During his recent trip to the West Coast, **Charlie Szumilas (Hon.)** secured an anonymous pledge of stock valued at more than $27,000 to be used for development of the Stillwater Science Center. More than $15,000 in gifts dedicated to development of the center have come in, and a campaign to secure donations from businesses, corporations, foundations and individuals interested in science and engineering is getting under way.

Board giving stands at 100%. The total $19,452 in trustees' gifts and pledges exceeds the Board giving goal of $17,750, which represented a 25% increase over last year's Board giving.

Meanwhile, a tri-fold brochure highlighting the school's decision not to allow fracking was sent to 1,315 Meetings across the nation. The brochure included an appeal for support, as well as a pledge form. As of March 31, the brochure had generated 14 gifts totaling $5,361.66.

We would like to express a heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to Olney so far this year, as well as to those who will do so as the fiscal year draws to a close in June. Your support makes all that we do at Olney possible.

We would like to extend special appreciation to five- and 10-year reunion classes who will make special gifts to the school this year. Several individual class members have taken the initiative to help their classmates collaborate and plan to donate in an especially meaningful way this year.

To participate in class giving or to make an individual gift in support of the Annual Fund or the developing Stillwater Science Center, email jennifer@olneyfriends.org, call 740-425-3655, ext. 218, or visit www.olneyfriends.org/ support-olney/give-olney-online.

Professional Development

❦ **Cindy Rogers (Hon.), Academic Dean**

Classroom Faculty

In February, Dr. Keely Camden and her associate conducted a workshop on reading in the content areas and problem-based learning with our teachers. Classroom faculty members are working on identifying cross-curricular lessons that will be developed for the next year. Several teachers also have been infusing problem-based learning and inquiry lessons into their classrooms since the workshop.

Cory Matheiu (Hon.) has applied for a scholarship to The Cemanahuac Educational Community, located in Cuernavaca, Mexico. This scholarship will be awarded to a Spanish teacher for two weeks of Spanish language study at any time during 2014. If awarded, Cory would receive one-on-one language classes and participate in a wide variety of cultural and educational activities to learn about Guatemalan culture and society. Cory also would visit areas outside of Quetzaltenango and meet other students, teachers and local people. The dollar value of this award is $1,100, which covers the following: registration and tuition for two weeks of intensive Spanish language study, housing (double occupancy) with all meals and one field study trip.

STEM Update

❦ **Cindy Rogers (Hon.) & Jennifer Compston-Strough, STEM Co-Directors**

Cindy Rogers (Hon.) and **Jennifer Compston-Strough** attended the STEM-CON conference in Cleveland, Ohio. The conference featured leading experts and researchers from around the United States to highlight and discuss topics that impact K-12 STEM education. The conference was organized by Concept Schools.

Jacob Naegeli (Hon.) and Cindy visited Cameron High School in West Virginia. They spent the day working with a teacher who instructs Project Lead the Way's Introduction to Engineering course, which Jacob will teach in the fall.

In preparation for next year, Jennifer and Cindy have accomplished or are in the process of planning building modifications at the new Stillwater Science Center, choosing furniture and equipment, identifying possible sources of grant funding, creating STEM-focused marketing materials, designing science labs and much more.

The staff also is very close to completing the daily schedule for next year. The schedule has been revised to accommodate the new STEM classes and the new STEM building. Discussion on a potential change from Algebra I, geometry and Algebra II to integrated Math I and II classes continues.

At the end of April, Jennifer and Cindy attended the Extreme STEM Symposium presented by MedImmune and Northrop Grumman Foundation in Washington, D.C. Jacob and **Eric Lundblade (Hon.)** arrived the next day with seven Olney students. All visited the third USA Science & Engineering Festival, the largest science festival in the United States. Also present were **Charlie Szumilas** and **Board Co-Clerk Ernest Hartley '57**.

CLASS OF 2014

With Commencement on May 24, our seniors are making the following plans for their futures:

❦ **Zewudie Alalamerewu** has been accepted to Guilford College. The 21-year-old hails from Gogam, Ethiopia. He has not yet selected a college major, but he is considering the study of biology.

❦ **Majo Chavez** has been accepted to Hiram College, Wilmington College and Goshen College. Although she is undecided about her career path, Majo's interests lie in graphic design and biology. The 17-year-old senior is from Otavalo, Ecuador.

❦ **Dixuan Cui** plans to study computer science and can choose whether to study at Michigan State University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Colorado at Boulder, Purdue University or the University of Connecticut. He is 17 and from Shijiazhuang, China.

❦ **Derek Fok** plans to return to his native China to study music after graduating from Olney. A talented pianist, Fok intends to study for one semester with his father, who is a professor of music in China. After he further develops his piano skills, the 19-year-old plans to apply to colleges in the United States and the United Kingdom.

❦ **Minh Ho** has been accepted by the Rochester Institute of Technology and

by the Illinois Institute of Technology. Minh plans to pursue a degree in electrical or aerospace engineering. After completing college, he hopes his career path will lead him to build planes and other aircraft. Minh is 17 and hails from Hanoi, Vietnam.

❦ **Thai Huynh** has been accepted to Ohio State University, Northeastern University and the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York. Thai plans to double major in economics and mechanical engineering. The 17-year-old is from Hanoi, Vietnam.

❦ **Galatea Kurz** has been accepted by Knox College at Galesburg, Ill., Lawrence University, Wilmington College and by University of Redlands at Redlands, Calif., as well as by Rotary International's Youth Exchange program. The 17-year-old is a native of Tokyo, Japan, may study music therapy in college and also is considering the field of psychology. She has been invited to travel to Brazil as part of Rotary International's Youth Exchange program, with support from the Barnesville Rotary Club, to study for a year before entering college.

❦ **David Lochner** has been accepted to the University of Maine at Machias and to St. Leo University in Florida. The 18-year-old from Bradenton, Fla., plans to study marine biology.

❦ **Davis Marklin** plans to attend Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc. He also has been accepted by Gonzaga University, Seattle University and Loyola University Md., but he has committed to majoring in mechanical engineering at Marquette. Davis is 18 and a resident of Wauwatosa, Wisc.

❦ **Kelsi Miller** plans to pursue a college education in biology/pre-veterinary medicine and has been accepted by the Washington State University at Pullman, by Earlham College and by Warren Wilson College. She is interested in studying psychology along with life sciences. Kelsi is 17 and hails from Anchorage, Alaska. Her father, **John Miller**, is a member of the Class of '81, and several other family members attended the school as well.

❦ **Arbash Nazeer** has been accepted at Rochester Institute of Technology, as well as at Xavier University and the Pacific University of Oregon. Arbash intends to major in engineering or physics, but he also has an interest in psychology. The 17-year-old senior is a native of India but has lived much of his life in Saudi Arabia.

❦ **Francis Peet** plans to attend St. John's College at Santa Fe, N.M. He also was accepted at Davis & Elkins College and at Seton Hill University, but he said St. John's is his top choice because he is interested in its Great Books program. The 18-year-old is from Greencastle, Pa.

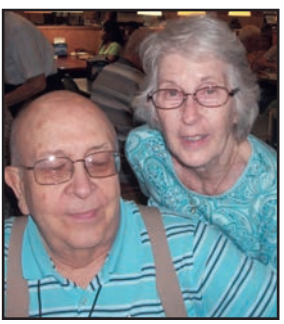
❦ **Mengtong Zhang** has been accepted by nearly a dozen colleges and universities throughout the United States and abroad, but she has decided to study at the University of the Arts in London. Mengtong plans to major in sculpture. She is not yet sure, however, about her future career path. With an interest in psychology, she may pursue work as an art therapist or she may enter the business world upon completion of her degree.

OLNEY ON THE ROAD

Alumni Gatherings

The annual Whittier Gathering was held earlier this year at the home of Dick and Barbara Emmons.

Gathering in Whittier, Calif., are from left, upper row: Esther Emmons Morrison ’81; Susan Szumilas; Charlie Szumilas (Head of School); Cayce Emmons Morrison; Jeffrey Morrison; and Barbara Voorhees-Emmons ’51. Lower row: Helen Emmons Marshall ’47; Rebecca Bailey Stansbury ’79; Nelson Stansbury; Jeff Nagle ’71; and Amy Marshall Delay ’71. Also present was Dick Emmons ’49 (taking the photo).



LEFT: Head of School Charlie Szumilas and wife Susan visit alumni and friends at the Sebring Gathering in Florida. MIDDLE: Kathy (Hinshaw) ’55 and Leroy Holloway enjoy the event. RIGHT: Wilford ’55 and Jean Hartley smile as they pose for a photo during their visit.

Alumni Gatherings 2013-14

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a regional Alumni Gathering near you. Each year, we plan these events to bring Olneyites together to visit and learn what is happening at Olney — with the convenience of meeting close to home. Head of School Charlie Szumilas will represent the school at most or all of the gatherings.

Watch for Olney eNews emails with more details, or email sue@olneyfriends.org for more information.

- TBD Philadelphia, Pa.
- TBD Chicago, Ill.
- TBD Madison, Wisc.
- July 25-27, 2014, Titusville, NJ

ALUMNI NEWS

65 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG: SPECIAL NOTES FROM THE CLASS OF 1949

The Olney Friends School Class of 1949 are, first row, from left, Lydia R. Brantingham, Paul W. Shaw, Mary Ellen Hamilton, Paul Yourex, Barbara Enoch, A. Foster Uuskallio, Patricia E. Woodward, Richard W. Emmons, and Margaret R. Bailey. Second row are: Norma L. Hinshaw, L. Jean Stratton, Sabron L. Reynolds, Mary Elizabeth Otis, L. Ferne Kissick, Lois A. Jacob, Hildegard E. Garve, Daisy S. Turkl, Ruthanna Mott, Bertha M. Livezey, Mary E. Chamness, Mary Frances Cox, Helen E. Stevens, and Beverly J. Rance. Third row are Addison C. Tanner, C. Richard Stanley, James L. Cox, Albert L. Holloway, Anthony J. Edgerton and Ernest Herz Hilton.

Note: In this section we offer special contributions from members of the Class of 1949, who are celebrating their 65th reunion this year. We offer a special thanks to Dick Emmons for organizing this effort among his classmates.

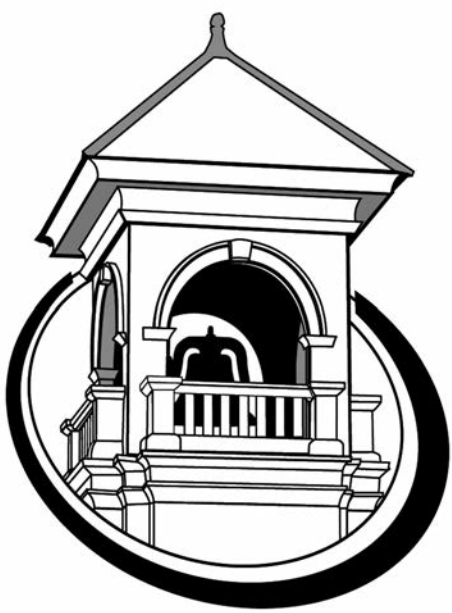
❦ **Richard W. Emmons**

Hi Olney!

It is hard to believe it has been 65 years since graduation and 19 years since I retired after 30 years as public health physician/scientist/virologist/epidemiologist/administrator at the State Health Department in Berkeley, Calif. **Barbara Jo (Voorhees) '51** and I moved here to Vashon Island, a 20-minute ferry ride from West Seattle, Wash., and love being close to **Esther '81** and family (on Vashon Island), **Stephen '85** and family in Seattle, and my sister **Helen '47** in Seattle, plus more relatives and Olneyites nearby. We see the rest of our family once or more each year: **Chris '78** in Indianapolis, **Ann '80** in Pataskala, Ohio, and **Maria '89** and **Toki '90** in Mason, Ohio, and their children when we go East, or when we can get them to travel West.

We keep busy with vegetable and flower gardening, chickens, art projects, hiking, doing and making up crossword puzzles (me) and writing poems/rhymes (me), as well as some travel — annual trips to Idaho/Wyoming for downhill skiing with Barbara's sis **Kathy '65** and **Wayne Stanley '68**; and summer trips to Silver Lake, Lassen Co., Calif., where family members often join us. We also travel "abroad," including a 6,000-mile trip in summer 2012 pulling a trailer through British Columbia, the Yukon and a bit of Alaska. We plan to do more exploring of the Northlands, especially, in the future.

We continue to support liberal and Quaker causes and efforts to help make



the world a better place and are so grateful to Olney for helping us and for continuing to nurture and graduate future leaders and helpers who are so much needed!

To contact us, email rwemmons49@hotmail.com; write to P.O. Box 1339, Vashon, WA 98070; or call 206-567-4179.

❦ Lois "Brookie" Schrevelius

As Dick says, "Hi Everyone!"

It is very hard to believe it is our 65th. I have been back a few times and wish it could have been more.

I got married the summer of my graduation. Hubert and I started building homes and building offices for business. When you raise four girls, run two businesses and all the other things that come along, you do not think of what you might like.

After 28 years of our two businesses, Hubert's heart got bad. He passed away one night very suddenly.

I remarried several years later. We did a lot of traveling. Seeing so much of the world was very interesting.

I do a lot in my church. I have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

David, my second husband, has a boy and a girl who are all grown up. David's parents are from Sweden. They loved it here. They had three boys, with David the oldest.

David has been in a veterans' home for two years. We tried everything, but nothing worked to help him. He has a "non-sickness-sickness." He remembers nothing; it is very sad.

I sold my business and my home. I live in one of those 55 places. It's OK. Olney, I have a lot of things I kept about the school. Sorry I will not get to the 65th. Contact me at 14 Phineas Ln., Coatesville, PA 19320.

Best wishes to you all.

❦ Sabron Reynolds Newton

Hello, Forty-Niners!

It was great to see many of you at our 60th reunion in 2009 and always a pleasure to find a note from one of you in the Olney Current. I have missed the deadline for class reunion news more than once in the past, but you probably already know that Bob and I left Chicago in 1998 to retire in Whittier, Calif. For Bob, who grew up in Southern California, it was coming home. He has been able to continue doing the mineralogical research he was doing at the University of Chicago at UCLA, his alma mater.

One advantage of this location is that we were spared the Midwest's polar winter this year. Another is that every year in March, the Southern California

Olney reunion is held in Whittier (before our day, in Pasadena) and someone from the staff brings news from the school and PowerPoint slides. On the down side, there are earthquakes, the threat of drought and being too far away from our children and grandchildren.

Last June, we went north to celebrate our 80th birthdays. Our daughter, Miriam, in Minnesota arranged for us to be together with her family for a few days in scenic and historic Sitka, Alaska. I had spent two summers there in the early 1960s as a volunteer librarian at a church-related boarding school transitioning to a junior college (and later to a four-year college, which has since been laid down). Sitka was still fascinating 50 years later. On our way home, we detoured from Seattle to the San Juan Islands for a Newton family gathering to observe the milestone birthdays of Bob and his twin brother, Mark, hosted by their nieces. Our son, Ben, and his family flew out from Maryland to join us for this weekend event.

Locally, our activities center on our Friends Meeting. In the past month we have attended three memorial services, helped host the annual meeting of the Western Association of Friends and helped cook a meal for the homeless. Bob edits and writes for the Meeting's monthly newsletter, which I proofread, contributing an occasional article.

At home, I continue compiling information on interesting Quaker women from 1650 through the 20th century. Who would have guessed that Tr. Mary's Quaker History class would have led me into this long-term hobby? I have been concentrating this year on the Quaker women of Whittier, who began arriving in 1887 from Quaker communities all over the United States and Canada, including places familiar to me from eastern Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. Those who settled here established homes, citrus ranches, businesses, schools and a college, and they are mostly buried in what claims to be the world's largest cemetery, Rose Hills. They drew in some valuable members from other traditions. But I must leave it to someone else to explain how their descendants dispersed.

Contact me at newt33sb@verizon.net.

Warm greetings to all of you, dear classmates of 65 years ago.

❦ Jim Cox

Since our 60th reunion in 2009, I have been diligently and successfully working at growing old, but not very gracefully. Having Type I diabetes for 44 years is taking its toll, and I am now almost totally blind. It is a situation I find very hard to accept! On top of that, spinal arthritis has me pretty much confined to a wheelchair whenever I am taken out to visit a doctor or have an occasional meal at a restaurant.

But on the bright side, I am very happy to take advantage of the Library of Congress' Talking Books for the Blind and I have "read" more books in the past three years than in my entire life up to then.

My wife, Carolyn, a registered nurse, has been a cheerful angel of mercy taking care of me. Contact us at carolc1103@hotmail.com.

❦ Paul Shaw

I continue to enjoy sunny Arizona, living on over 3 acres of beautiful natural desert in the foothills of the Tucson Mountains. I get around the house and nearby with a cane but do not travel much. My wife, Jeanine, retired four years ago from the U.S. Forest Service. We have enjoyed being in many natural settings while following her career through California, New Mexico and now Arizona, where I first landed when I came west with my parents as a child. We enjoy having visitors at our home in Tucson. Contact us at quailknoll@earthlink.net.

❦ Anthony Edgerton

Sixty-five years? In brief?

After Olney and a year on the home farm, I went to Hiram College and then to alternative service in Mexico and El Salvador, where I met my wife to be, Chonita Reyes. Back home, I got a job breeding cows for COBA (Central Ohio Breeding Association).

We had two children, **Carl '77** and **Maria '78**. After listening to Dr. (Martin Luther) King's "I Have a Dream" speech, we moved to Indiana to work for American Friends Service Committee, working to integrate public housing. From there, we joined a group in Philadelphia who were living communally called Movement For New Society.

This group grew out of a Quaker Action Group. Chonita and I shared a job doing social work at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. From there, we moved back to a trailer in Columbiana, Ohio, situated on the home farm and I got a job as a social worker. On a trip to a funeral home, we were hit head on. Chonita never recovered.

I decided to move to Cleveland to get more schooling. At the Cleveland Friends Meeting, I reunited a friendship with **Lois Graham '50**, who was a year behind me at Olney. We were married there and, being of retirement age, moved into the family farmhouse, where we are enjoying the scenery and occasional visits from family and friends.

Contact us at tonloed@yahoo.com.

❦ Mary Otis Way

Hi to Olneyites from the class of '49!

We graduated 65 years ago. Wow! I can't say that it seems like only yesterday, because I know it's not. It's good to greet classmates and others who read the Olney Current. My husband, Roger, and I raised four kids, the oldest of whom turns 60 in another month.

We lived in Stanley, N.Y., for many years and he was a Pomologist at Cornell University, charged with developing apple varieties. He developed two which are significant: One is the Empire, named for the Empire state, and the other Jonagold, a cross between Jonathan and Golden Delicious. They are both widely grown. In 1988, the Japanese apple growers society invited Roger and myself to go to Japan, as they grow the Jonagold there. They honored him with the trip and a Samauari warrior's helmet which is on display here at Foxdale Village, where we now live.

I worked as a nurse after our kids got a little older. First as an RN evenings in a nursing home and later for 12 years as school nurse in our local junior-senior high school. We were active in the Central Finger Lakes Friends Meeting.

Foxdale is a Quaker-directed retirement village with about 300 residents. It's located in State College, Pa., and was built in the early '90s. It underwent further construction last year. We have an active residents' association, so there are many activities and programs to keep us busy. The health wing provides care for those who need it.

Our daughter, Shirley, lives in Ithaca, N.Y., and will be moving into an Eco Village there soon. This is constructed using the latest technology for heating (solar panels), insulation and energy efficiency wherever possible. Her job is coordinating Alternatives to Violence Projects for New York state. They do training in nonviolence in prisons in the U.S. and abroad.

Roger and I are in good health and looking forward to hearing from all of you. Email us at rdmeway@gmail.com.

❦ **Margaret "Peg" Simone**

Hello,

When I last wrote for the Olney Current, I was getting ready to leave Kent for Willow Brook retirement center in Delaware. The move was accomplished after deciding what one needed in an apartment, giving things away, then an auction. I got there and found that I could not move in. After a seven-week wait for the state to certify that the place was ready for occupancy, we finally moved in. My sister, **Gert Torry '52**, came at the same time, so we spent time staying in a vacationing friend's house with **Amy Davis '77** and finally with my brother, **Warren '45**, and sister-in-law, **Mary Lea Bailey (Hon.)**. We felt like nomads but were thankful we did not have to stay in a hotel.

I felt sorry to leave Kent, friends and activities but am very happy to be here. The apartments are roomy, and we even have our apartment cleaned monthly. There are enough activities to keep anyone busy and able to find something of interest. There are field trips, so I have become acquainted with historic sites, parks, industrial tours and restaurants. Most of the activities are organized by the residents. I planned on just resting when I got here but am involved with the book, knitting and quilting groups and the annual garage sale committee. We have a very nice restaurant. I enjoy having guests.

Warren and Mary Lea are my next-door neighbors. They moved a little over a year ago.

This is the first time that Willow Brook has had three members of a family here. It is so easy to get together for birthdays and holidays.

My son, **Eric Davis '74**, is still at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He keeps busy teaching and with the Emergency Department. His daughter, Caitlin, graduated from Ithaca College in June with a double major and honors in physics and math. She certainly did not get her ability from her grandmother. She has chosen to stay and work in Ithaca. Amy Davis is still in Columbus working for the Ohio Department of Health. It is nice to have her close, available for visits and as a traveling mate. She is helping me learn about Columbus and the activities and places of interest.

If you are near Columbus or Delaware, please come for a visit or I can meet you someplace. My address is: Peg Simone, 100 Delaware Crossing West, Apt. 1014, Delaware, Ohio, 43015. I can be reached by phone at 740-201-3322 or email at msimone009@yahoo.com.

CLASS NOTES

1955

❦ "Rufus" Byerly Podolin '55
(Ruthpodolin@aol.com)

My husband, Mike, and I moved to Medford Leas, a Friends Continuing Care Community this past June. It is a lovely and interesting community about 30 minutes from our previous home in Haddonfield. We are very happy here and invite anyone passing through to visit us (667 Medford Leas, Medford NJ 08055; 609-975-8011)

Situated in an arboretum, there are many delightful trails to walk. A bonus is that **John Caughey (Hon.)**, a beloved teacher of Olney days, has been a resident here for 19 years; his late wife **Polly (Hon.)**, another favorite teacher, was here with him until her death in '97. Tr. John has long been an active part of the "Trail Committee." Now that walking is more difficult for John, Mike has taken over maintaining his trails, although John is still an active part of the committee.

Another bonus of our move is that our daughter, Deb, and her family acquired our Haddonfield home of 45 years, so we get to go back and visit it often, and without any of the work of its upkeep! While there is a Friends Meeting here on campus that we attend occasionally, and at least three others closer, I usually try to return to Haddonfield Friends Meeting for worship and activities.

In January, we became great-grandparents with the arrival of Scarlett Ruth, born at home with a mid-wife in Walden, Vt., on her parents' farm.

Classmates, I am excited that our 60th Olney reunion will be next year! I hope to see you all then.

1959

❦ **Jim Haworth (simonstargazer@gmail.com)**

As a member of the class of ’59, I am excited to return to Olney to see the gang again. The past year has been an eclectic one for me.

Though being retired from St. Vincent Hospital since May 2012, I have remained available to fill in for vacations, etc. In fact, I ended 2013 by working three days a week in December and started this year by working three days a week in January.

Speaking of hospitals, my wife Pat spent a week in St. Vincent followed by two weeks in the Rehab Hospital of Indiana, recovering from an infection in her leg – not a good time.

I attended my 50th from Earlham, along with **Dorothy Churchwell ’59**, **Dave Fankhauser ’59** and **Antero Cortes ’59** this past summer for a good time.

In June I attended the 314th anniversary of George "the immigrant” Haworth coming to America in 1699 on a ship with William Penn. I am one of the eighth generation descendants of George, though most of the 200-plus attendees were ninth generation descendants. Several in the group have done DNA testing and found out that if we can trace our lineage back to George, then we all share at least 64 genetic markers. Outstanding! The group has met every five years since George the immigrant came to America, except this reunion, which was set for three years.

My highlight from this three-day celebration in Fishers, Ind., was giving a 20-minute reading from the four books of humorous and motivational short sayings I have written since 2005. I was totally amazed at being interrupted by laughter and clapping numerous times during the reading. It was very rewarding to say the least.

My wife, Pat, and I also attended a three-day Altman family reunion in August with siblings from California, Texas and Ohio. The highlight for many of us was a hilarious game of Duck Pin Bowling in the historic Fountain Square section of Indy. A visit to the locally famous Grey’s Cafeteria in Mooresville was enjoyed, as well as a salad pitch-in at a cousin’s home in Fishers.

Early this year Pat’s third sibling, John, was inducted into the Mooresville High School Hall of Fame. (another mini-reunion!)

The rest of my spare time has been spent helping our son, John, flip a house that he is now living in as we continue to work on it. So much for retirement!

❦ **Gay M. Wellman (welm@kennylakeak.net)**

It’s hard to believe it’s been 55 years since our class graduated. It’s just as hard to believe I’ve lived in Alaska for almost 36 of those years or that we are now into our 70s. I don’t know about you, but I don’t feel like I imagined a 70-year-old would feel, though there are times when the body seems to be trying to tell me something. There are far too many happenings to recount here.

Kelsi & John Miller ’81, granddaughter and son of Olney Class of ’59 graduate Gay M. Wellman.

Let’s just say it’s been a great ride so far, and I’m hopeful for several more decades to provide opportunities to fit in even more new experiences.

We are still living comfortably in Kenny Lake, but we are losing some of our neighbors. The makeup of the community is changing from farm homesteaders to retirees who turn into snowbirds and people seeking getaway places. The old-time homesteaders who arrived here starting in the late ’50s are passing on, and their homesteads are mostly either returning to the wild or are slowly being sold off. The cost of living is quite high, especially for fuel and electricity, and there are minimal work opportunities so young families have a hard time here.

One of our biggest challenges is finding people who are able or willing to do the volunteer work that a community like this needs. In my work it is easy to find elders and others who need assistance in order to stay in their homes, but finding those to do the work even for a salary is very difficult. I’m still working almost full-time for the Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska.

I work out of our home traveling around the basin and to Valdez providing support and education for families with elders who are either frail or have some sort of dementia. Another big part of my job is facilitating educational webinars using the GoToMeeting format and the phone as well as doing fun groups like Senior Scribblers and TimeSlips. Anyone anywhere who has a phone and a computer can join in. My aunt from Nova Scotia has called in to some of my presentations. So if any of you are interested in learning about the issues around caregiving from someone from Olney, just let me know and I’ll send you the links and phone number to call.

I will be attending commencement this year mainly because my son John's ('81) daughter, Kelsi Miller, is graduating. It was a real joy for me when she decided to go to Olney for the last two years of her high schooling. It's been the best thing for her and for us. She has had experiences she would never have had anywhere else and now has friends from all over the world. Who can ask for anything else for a grandchild? There is talk of a 55-year reunion for the class of '59. We did really well for our 50th. We'll see how many make it this time.

We always welcome visitors to our corner of Alaska. We have over 100 acres of mostly spruce and aspen woods located on the main road into the Wrangle St. Elias National Park. There are hiking trails and a camping area and beautiful views. We have designated the land as a nature preserve with the intention of protecting it from development. It gets used by a local nonprofit called the Wrangle Institute for the Science and the Environment. David and I are both on the board. Come on up to see for yourselves what we are creating here.

❦ Stan and Kathy (Sidwell) White

We are still alive and kicking. Stan has been retired for the past nine years or so, and Kathy retired "officially" last year. She actually retired before that but kept on working. Now she is just on call — about one or two days a month. We find plenty to do with our Yearly Meeting: Kathy writes on Faith and Practice, while Stan maintains the yearly meeting database and helps publish the newsletter. We also are active with our local Monthly Meeting (we both on several committees), Camp Woodbrooke (a nonprofit children's residential camp where Stan volunteers half his time as treasurer, maintenance man, office keeper, etc.), the National Stanley Family Association (a national genealogy and cousin association where Stan is treasurer and sales manager for genealogy books published by the group), keeping track of our grandchildren who mostly live nearby, and other things as they arise. I always warn people when they tell me they are looking forward to retiring that they will actually be busier than when they were working. We are also looking forward to our oldest granddaughter's (Stephanie White Sieger's ('83) oldest daughter) graduation from college this May and her wedding next January in Florida.

We have had a very cold and snowy winter this year, which allows Stan to use his snow blower and which will reduce the bug and mosquito population this summer, thankfully. We are trying to reduce the clutter and stored items in our home so when we need to move sometime in the future, we will be ready for it.

One retirement adventure we have had since our 50th reunion was spending all of July in a studio apartment in Nova Scotia. It was our first time living near an ocean; we explored much of the province and lived like newlyweds again.

Speaking of newlyweds, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary a cou-

1983 — Members of the Class of 1983 pose during their reunion in 2013. In front from left are: Irene Stratton Tait, Stephanie White Sieger, Jamie Zavitz and Joel Rockwell. Back row: David Sowards, Jon Hull, Jon Rockwell, Barb Warrington Pasternak, Lars Etzkorn, Kim Mott Saderholm and Ed Rantanen.

Olney Class of 1984 graduate Ellen Scattergood and her husband, Jun (right), on their hot-air balloon adventure.

ple of years ago. We are sorry we won't be with you at commencement, but we have a yearly meeting commitment that weekend. You have our love, and we think of you frequently. Take care.

1984

❦ **Ellen Scattergood (ellenscattergood@gmail.com)**

This year marks 22 years of living in Japan. Not quite half my life yet, but that'll happen soon enough.

After Olney was Earlham, where I studied Japanese and had a chance for my first trip here. After Earlham, and some time off to work, I was at the University of Michigan, until an opportunity to join a study abroad program in Yokohama presented itself. That was 1992. Soon after, I decided to stay in Japan in-

definitely. And I met Jun. We got married in 1993, moved a couple of times, and 10 years ago we bought a small place near Shinagawa, in the southern part of Tokyo. It's a wonderful city to live in, and it's particularly beautiful this time of year with the cherry blossoms.

Over the past 20 years, I've been teaching EFL (English as a Foreign Language) and doing a little freelance translation and editing work. In 2001, I decided it was time to finish grad school, so I spent a few very busy years teaching full-time and getting my MA in TESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language) through the Tokyo branch of Columbia's Teachers College. This allowed me to move on from the Catholic prep school I'd been teaching at for a few years to a university job.

I enjoy teaching and try to give the students something different. After six years of what amounts to non-stop entrance exam preparation, they're understandably sick of grammar, translation and textbooks, so I get them talking, researching and making digital portfolios about topics that are relevant and interesting to them. The students call me Ellen, Quaker-style, and the comment I get most often is, "I've never taken a class like this before." It's a huge compliment. The universities call me an "adjunct lecturer," but really that just means that I don't have to attend faculty meetings or help with the entrance exams. It also means I don't get benefits, but it's a good trade. I'd rather have the time off.

And with the time off, and no kids or pets to worry about, I'm able to travel and do the other things I enjoy doing. Together, Jun and I have been to many interesting places around the world, including a ride in a hot air balloon.

We like to travel to the many, many hot springs around Japan, to eat, drink and soak merrily. But he's a busy man, and I have teacher-length vacations, so I've also been able to go some places on my own and with friends. Recent vacations have included fun trips to Hokkaido, Okinawa, Cambodia and back to the U.S. I don't remember having any specific expectations for what my future would be like when I was at Olney, but the paths I've chosen have led me to a place in life where I am happy and fulfilled, and for that I'm grateful.

I'm sorry to miss our 30th reunion, but if any of my fellow classmates or Olneyites find themselves in Tokyo, or if you just want to catch up, please don't hesitate to drop me a line.

❦ Josh Smith

I've been living in New Mexico since leaving Olney (with a year stint on Cape Cod, Mass., during a college transition). My next graduation was from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque in 1993 (nine-year plan!), with a BA in professional writing and a minor in chemistry. The head of the writing program thought my combination of chemistry and writing was interesting, and he set me up with an internship at Los Alamos National Laboratory, an enormous multi-program scientific institution in Northern New Mexico that is mostly famous for its role in creating the first atomic bomb.

Olney Class of 1984 graduate Josh Smith with his wife, Mandy, in New Mexico.

I started in the Chemistry Division and am currently with the Chemistry, Life and Earth Sciences Directorate, where I am the communications lead. The spectrum of work that takes place in our directorate is always fascinating, and being able to contribute in a small way to what I see as efforts to solve (or at least ameliorate) important problems continues to be rewarding and challenging.

Soon after moving to Los Alamos in 1993, I took up rock climbing as a hobby, and if I'm honest, that's probably at the root of why I'm still here. Northern New Mexico is not Yosemite, but it is a unique and wonderful place to explore and climb. I've had the chance to find and help develop several rock climbing areas, and being able to contribute appreciably to the sport in that way has been hugely entertaining. Climbing of various sorts (from little cliffs to big mountains) has led me on adventures all over the U.S., to South America and even once to the Himalayas.

One day about 12 years ago, I went on a trip with a wonderful woman who not too long afterward became my wife. Her name is Mandy, and we have two dogs, no kids, and a nice little two-story house on a dead-end street. Together we enjoy skiing in the winter, hiking up the mountain in our backyard and discussing who gets to wash the ubiquitous New Mexico dust off the dogs before they're allowed inside. It's a very good life.

Of the numerous events that have punctuated my time since graduation, one stands out. It's the death by suicide of my dear brother, Donald, in 2004. Most of you who know me will remember **Donald '86**, an introspective and intelligent soul who is greatly missed. My biggest take-away from that tragedy was a deeper understanding of the ephemeral nature of our lives and ongoing desire to maintain a sense of balance and contact. I do my best to live each day with a sense of appreciation.

1998

❦ **Rachel Stile (rstile44@yahoo.com)**

Hi Friends,

What a year it's been! Dani and I both decided to pursue master's degrees; mine is in social work, and he will be getting his in Spanish with the thought of perhaps teaching at the college level. Chaya Rose is 4 (going on 16!) and is a great big sister to Ana Rivka, who just turned 1 last month. I'm finally finishing school, as well as my internship as a bereavement counselor with a local hospice agency. Graduation is coming up in May; hard to believe! I'm looking forward to getting out into the "real world" and finding meaningful work. My next hurdle will be studying for and passing my licensure exam sometime this summer. Busy, busy, busy! It was great seeing some familiar faces at Commencement 2013, and we are hoping to repeat that experience this year. We hope everyone is doing well.

FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED

❦ **LORENA PEMBERTON RUTLEDGE – 1938**

Lorena Pemberton Rutledge, 94, of Danville, Ind., passed away Nov. 18, 2013. Lorena was born Nov. 14, 1919, in Damascus, Ohio, to A. Lindley Pemberton and Louisa (Hampton) Pemberton. After her mother's death, her father married her step-mother, Mary (Warrington) Pemberton. Lorena was a birthright Religious Society of Friends with Damascus Friends Meeting in Damascus, Ohio. She graduated from Olney Friends Boarding School in 1938 and worked at the school after graduation before moving to Indiana, where she completed some college course work. She was married 66 years to the late Marvin Rutledge of Danville, Ind.

She was preceded in death by brothers L**aurence Pemberton '33**, **Clarence Pemberton '35** and sisters **Margarete Wiseman '36**, Dorothy Lilly and **Bertha Eagleton '41**. She is survived by sister **Elma Dixson '45** of Salem, Ohio.

Also surviving are three daughters, Marilyn Barber of Marietta, Ga.; Nancy Wills of Zionsville, Ind., and Janet Cunningham of Danville, Ind., along with six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Lorena was a homemaker, an active member of the Danville Friends

Church, past president of the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers, a member of the Mill Creek Homemakers Club and a former assistant Girl Scout troop leader. After Marvin and Lorena retired in 1981, they wintered in Florida for the next 24 years.

Lorena was laid to rest in the Lizton Cemetery in Lizton, Ind.

❦ JOHN E. HALL – 1940

John E. Hall, 90, went to be with his Lord on Monday, Feb. 3, 2014, in Cornwall Manor, Cornwall, Pa., formerly of Eagle, Pa.

He was the husband of **Dorothy Barker Hall '44**, whom he was married to for 67 years. He was born on March 7, 1923, in Barnesville, Ohio, a son of the late Jesse Wilmer Hall and Mildred Edgerton Hall. He was a retired employee of Wyeth Laboratories in West Chester, Pa., with 30 years of service. John was a member of the Gospel Light Baptist Church of Walkertown, N.C., and loved spending time with his family.

Surviving in addition to his wife are children Rebecca Lynn Jones and husband Jerry of Waxhaw, N.C.; Larry Hall and wife Sue of Birdsboro, Pa.; Irene Biggans and husband Bob of Bellefonte, Pa.; Ginger Van Steenvoort and husband Mark of Leesport, Pa.; Philip Hall of Ephrata, Pa.; David Hall and wife Beth of Belews Creek, N.C.; daughter-in-law Alison Hall of Reamstown, Pa.; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and sister **Melva Hanson '44** of California. He was preceded in death by sisters **Lillian Doudna '40** and **Elenor Lucash '42**.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, in Lebanon, Pa., with interment in the Schaefferstown Cemetery.

❦ RAYMOND WILLIAM STANLEY – 1940

Raymond William Stanley, most recently of Copeland Oaks in Sebring, Ohio, passed away peacefully in the company of family on April 19, 2014. He was born in Fairhope, Alabama, on February 21, 1922, the youngest of seven children of William B. and Edith Wiles Stanley. He spent his childhood in Fairhope and Greensboro, N.C., before attending Friends Boarding School (now Olney Friends School) in Barnesville, Ohio.

Ray's Quaker belief in pacifism led him to perform alternative service during the Second World War as a conscientious objector. He volunteered for medical trials that tested human endurance, leading to a lifelong interest in educating the public about the importance of working actively for peace.

In 1944, Ray married Olney classmate **Huldah L. Starr '40**, from Ontario, Canada. They settled in Middleton, Ohio, where they ran a general store before Ray entered employment with Deming Pump Company. He and Huldah raised six children in Middleton and then moved to Barnesville, Ohio, in 1985 to manage the Walton Retirement Home. In 1997, Ray and Huldah made a final

move to Copeland Oaks, where Ray spent the next 17 years enjoying clock repair and volunteering at the Thrift Shop, ushering and doing woodworking.

Ray is survived by his wife, Huldah; his children, **David (Carolyn (Hon.)**, **Wayne (Kathy Voorhees '65)**, **John '68, Elizabeth '76** (Tom), **Emily '78 (Dan Bailey '70)**, **Peter '82 (Liz Mora '90)**; grandchildren, **Jesse '94** (Erica), **Amy (Hon.)** (Ron), **Morgan '09** and Rebecca; and his beloved 1914 Model T Ford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ray's memory to Olney Friends School, Barnesville, Ohio, or the Oaks Foundation at Copeland Oaks.

❦ MARY ELIZABETH KISSICK (GRANT) FOSTER – 1941

On Feb. 25, 2014, Mary Elizabeth Kissick (Grant) Foster died in her room in the assisted living section of The Aristocrat nursing facility in North Naples, Fla., where she had been for several months. After her second husband, Lee Foster, died in 2005 she continued to live alone in their home in Bonita Springs. Due to declining mental status, however, she went to live in the nearby home of her niece, Kathy Haines, last year. She went to The Aristocrat in summer 2013. Her sister and brother-in-law, **Ferne '49** and **Harvey '47 Haines** (formerly of Bonita Springs, who now live 100 miles north in Avon Park) were visiting her on the day she died.

Her 90th birthday would have been June 27. Her wish was cremation, so no funeral was held.

She was born June 27, 1924, in Beloit, Wisconsin, to William Perry Kissick and Lelah Ferne Coffin Kissick. She attended Olney Friends Boarding School in Barnesville, Ohio, and Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where her father, William Perry Kissick, was a history professor. She loved writing poetry, reading, classical music, studying history and all animals. She also studied German and Spanish.

She moved to Bonita Springs in 1962, having previously lived in Malvern, Pennsylvania. Immediately she, along with her sister, Ferne Haines, joined the Fort Myers Symphony Chorus.

Mary served on the board of directors of the Chorus for several years. She loved studying music and performing with the chorus for approximately 38 years.

She was a well-known realtor-broker for many years and served as president of the Bonita Springs Board of Realtors for several terms.

Mary worked in Dr. Gordon Kleinpell's Bonita Springs office for several years and also worked with Able Care Home Services for several years.

Mary and her late husband, Lee Q. Foster, lived in Imperial Harbor.

She is survived by her son, **Gerald B. Grant '65** of Holland, Pennsylvania; sister, L. Ferne Haines (Harvey) of Avon Park, Fla.; step-daughter, Candace Foster of Naples, Fla.; niece, Kathryn L. Haines of Bonita Springs, Fla.; nephew, Thomas H. (Wendy) Haines of Ft. Myers, Fla.; great nieces, Gwen

Duttko, Pamela (Johnny) Gibson, Melanie A. (Jeremy) Payne and two great-great nieces and four great-great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

❦ CARROLL "BUD" MILES – 1946

Carroll "Bud" Miles died Sept. 3, 2013, after suffering a heart attack while caring for his beloved ponies. The emergency squad took him to Alliance Hospital, from which he was transferred to Canton Mercy. He died peacefully a week later. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marie Miles, and their infant son, Charlie.

Carroll was born to Zalo and Lydia Guindon Miles in Salem, Ohio, Feb. 4, 1929. He is survived by his second wife, Marlene; siblings **Mary Iona Miles Aufrance, '44**, **Richard Miles '50** and **Suselma (Susie) Miles Roth '54**; his children, Robert, Linda, Carolyn, Raymond, Ronald and Rose; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He and Marlene served as foster parents to many more children for more than a decade.

After graduating, Carroll fulfilled his Conscientious Objector requirement by accompanying horses to Poland to help reestablish the Poland Farms - a trip aboard a ship that he talked very little about except to say it was a demanding, smelly job. Upon his return he took a job with a neighboring farmer who farmed with horses.

Within a couple years Bud met and married Marie, bought a farm on Route 62 between Damascus and Salem, where they raised their family.

In retirement Bud continued to stay active. He was involved with the Damascus Ruritan and the Damascus Historical Society. He and Marlene were active members of Salem Friends Church. He spent many hours carving show-winning rocking horses as well as raising and training his ponies to pull carriages in many local parades.

As president of the Damascus Historical Society, he spent many hours researching and restoring local history. His favorite projects were the restoration of the Delzell barn and an early 1900s horse-drawn taxi with **Ray Stanley '40** and Earl Mather.

He left this world suddenly without a chance to say goodbye, but his boisterous laugh and caring heart travel on in this, his poem:

Traveler
Come rest your load
Beside the road
And watch the world rush by
Soon you know
Troubles will go
Adrift like clouds in the sky.
~ Carroll Miles

❦ MARJORIE RUTH ROGERS – 1946

Marjorie (Midge) Ruth Rogers passed away Nov. 4, 2013, at McKay Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah, from pneumonia at age 84.

She was born April 28, 1929, in Dayton, Ohio, to Joseph Walton Rogers and Ruth Wenonah Cowan Rogers and lived in Bellbrook, Ohio. She attended Olney Friends School and continued on to Earlham College in Richmond, Ind.

Marjorie worked for the Civil Service in the Department of the Air Force in Dayton, Ohio, until 1959. She was transferred to San Bernadino, Calif., which she loved, and where she lived until 1965. She was again transferred to Hill AFB, Utah, working from 1965 until her retirement in 1974 with 26 years of service. Marjorie was married to Donald E. Kirby on June 16, 1956, in Ohio but later divorced. Marjorie resided in Kaysville, Utah, from 1965-2011, when she moved into Pheasant View Assisted Living in Layton, Utah.

Marjorie loved her home in Kaysville and taking care of her yard and the beautiful iris that she grew. She also loved the opera and music of all sorts. She loved animals and was always very compassionate. She had a whole family of neighbors and friends who will miss her greatly.

Marjorie was a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker).

She is survived by her brother, **Harold W. Rogers '50** (Shirley) of Bellbrook, Ohio; two nephews, David Rogers and Phillip Rogers; and a niece, Cindy Rogers, all of Bellbrook, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents.

It was Marjorie's wish that no funeral service be held. She requested that she be cremated and her ashes scattered off the coast of San Diego, Calif., which she loved.In lieu of any flowers, please donate to the Best Friends Society, Humane Society or charity of your choice.

❦ PERRY HUNTER – 1947

The Class of 1947 is saddened to report the unexpected death of Perry Hunter, a beloved member of the class and a strong supporter of Olney for many years. He had been residing in Stonington, Maine, since retiring from his business in Norfolk, Conn. He is survived by three sons and a daughter.

❦ VERA E. MILLER (HON.) – LAUNDRY/BAKER '57-60

Vera E. Miller, 79, of Barnesville, Ohio, died Monday, April 28, 2014, at Barnesville Health Care Center.

She was born July 4, 1934, in Barnesville, Ohio, daughter of the late Lester E. Phillips and Dorothy V. McKendree Phillips.

She had worked as a cook at Olney Friends School for many years. She enjoyed canning, preserving the summer flavors for many seasons. Her passion was gardening and her gardens were acres upon acres, giving her much delight.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul

Edward Miller; brother, Howard Phillips; grandson, Dustin Starr; and great-granddaughter, Anna Marie Fulton.

Vera is survived by her daughters, Margaret R. Starr of Speidel; Julie (Robert) Blackman of North Carolina; son, Dale W. (Elizabeth) Miller of Barnesville; grandchildren, Dorothy, Kimberly, Justin, Austin, Dalton, Dakota, Kylie and Christopher; great-grandchildren, Kyi, Taison, Gunner, Daugherty, Abby; sister, Linda (Jerry) Glover of Paris, Ohio, and brother, Harold (Janet) Phillips of Barnesville.

❦ WILLIAM RAY MOFFITT – 1964

William Ray Moffitt died April 22, 2012, in Emmetsburg, Iowa, as a result of liver cancer. He was born May 22, 1946, in Indianola, Iowa, the son of **William E.' 43** and **Anna Mae '43 (Starbuck) Moffitt**. He graduated from Simpson College in 1968 with degrees in Spanish and elementary physical education.

He is survived by wife Alberta of Emmetsburg; children Jeremy of Urbandale, Iowa, Adam (Heather) of Savage Minn., and Megan of Emmetsburg; granddaughter Chloe; his parents Anna Mae and William; sister **Patsy '71** of Urbandale; brothers **Daryl '67** (Rosemary) of Flintstone, Ga., and Dennis (Debbie) of Indianola.

❦ ANITA CUSTARD ZOLIN – 1965

Anita Custard Zolin passed away Feb. 20, 2014, from a heart problem. She is survived by her son, Jon Zolin, and two sisters, Holley Robinson of Indianapolis, Ind., and Cindy Aque of Atlanta, Ga., and their children. Any donations in her memory can be made to Olney Friends School. The school was very important to her.

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COMMENCEMENT 2014

The Class of 2014 poses on the Senior Steps following Commencement.

The Class of 2014 celebrated commencement with grace and enthusiasm, as well as with numerous guests representing friends, family and many Olney classes of the past. Mother Nature provided a gorgeous weekend for the festivities, so visitors were free to gather at favorite spots all around campus, including the lawn in front of the Main, the East Porch, the Music Box and swings and picnic tables overlooking Livezey Lake.

As always, the Olney kitchen provided delicious meals throughout the weekend. About 40 people visited the new Stillwater Science Center while it was open for tours. Several five- and 10-year reunion classes met in various places around campus, and all alums had the chance to catch up with each other during a Friday afternoon reception.

ABOVE: Members of the Class of 1949 gather at Stillwater Meeting House. They include, from left, Mary Iona Miles Aufrance, Art Stanley and Marie Smith Kirk. BELOW: Seniors David Lochner, from left, Francis Peet and Arbash Nazeer reveal their secret, superhero identities after graduating with their classmates.

Have a great summer
from
Olney Friends School!

ABOVE: Seniors Galatea Kurz, from left, Minh Ho, Majo Chavez, Kelsi Miller, Arbash Nazeer, Mengtong Zhang, Davis Markiln, David Lochner, Zewudie Alalamerewu and Derek Fok threaten classmate Francis Peet with “lightsabers” during their Gym Ex skit. BELOW: Olney Class of 2015 members show off their banner, as well as some feats of physicality, during the Gym Ex event.