

# ALUMNUS



## The MCI Experience

Inside and outside of the classroom

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# YOUR GIFT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

When I look back on my high school career I cannot think of a moment when I have had nothing to do. All four years, I have dedicated myself to serve the MCI community by volunteering for various causes and joining numerous clubs and organizations as my way of giving back. I have taken advantage of the many opportunities available at MCI by participating in sports, music, drama, student council, and Key Club. Being involved in a wide variety of MCI organizations has allowed me to meet, become friends with, and learn from a diverse number of people in the MCI community. I have come to discover more about myself through the different experiences each activity had to offer. It has been truly rewarding and this Fall, I will carry these valuable learning experiences on to Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, where I plan to major in music.

I have also learned that many of the activities and programs I enjoy so much are supported through the Annual Fund. My high school experience at MCI was valuable and I will support the Annual Fund so that future students will have the same, if not more, opportunities that I have had. Please help MCI each and every year through your Annual Fund support.

~Melanie Arias '10

Melanie Arias '10  
Pittsfield, ME  
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## Letter from the Headmaster

Dear MCI Family,

Greetings from Pittsfield where like much of New England, we've experienced an early spring which moved everything from the maple sugaring season to the behavior of the growing turkey population up several weeks from the norm.

However, while weather may affect the mood of a school community, it changes not the schedule, and as I write to you, 12th graders are preparing for their senior project presentations and final (final) exams, and the pace slows not a jot at MCI but rather quickens and intensifies in the weeks leading up to our June 6 Commencement. If you will be attending this wonderful event, at which Kenneth Cianchette '42 will be speaking, I look forward to seeing you there; otherwise, I hope your plans are coming together to "come home" to MCI for Reunion Weekend, beginning Friday, August 6. Once again, I'll remind you that for the second year we'll be holding our gala in Wright Gymnasium Saturday night, sponsored by the 50th Reunion class.

The school year was filled with accomplishments and celebrations—academic success, excellent individual and team athletic performances, outstanding music, art and dance, community service demonstrating care of and sacrifice for others on campus and in the surrounding community, and vibrant club participation. All this took place under the umbrella of the theme-of-the-year, Sustainability, within which we once again had numerous and varied noteworthy speakers, celebrated a week-long program on sustainability organized and presented entirely by the Student Government, welcomed dozens of presenters to campus for a one-day event where each visitor held a workshop focused in some way on the theme, and continued to research and implement ways to enhance our budding "green curriculum." All the while our recycling program gets better and better (and it was outstanding already!), and the Student Garden more and more prolific.

The MCI School Theme for 2010-11 will be announced at the last morning meeting of the year after I solicit nominations from students, faculty and staff. Of course, this does not signal the end of our focus on Citizenship (2008-09) and Sustainability. Both are ingrained in the culture of the school as we move forward, particularly as we begin implementation of the Strategic Plan which will undergo final vetting and approval at the June Board of Trustees meeting!

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Hopkins  
Headmaster



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR REUNION WEEKEND 2010 AT MCI! THIS YEAR'S REUNION PROMISES TO BE ANOTHER ONE FULL OF GOOD TIMES, GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FOOD AND GOOD ENTERTAINMENT.

# REUNION WEEKEND 2010: AUGUST 6 & 7

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, August 6, 2010

4:30 p.m. Hall of Fame & Distinguished Achievement Award (DAA) Induction Ceremony  
*Savage Family Dining Room, Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center*

### Saturday, August 7, 2010

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast and Historical Displays  
*Parks Gymnasium*

10:00 a.m. Class Agents' Meeting  
(Open to all Class Agents and interested alumni)  
*Kinney Conference Room, Student Center*

12:00 p.m. Reunion Luncheon  
*Savage Family Dining Room, Student Center*

2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Class Parties for years ending in "0" and "5"  
*Check with your Class Agent for times and locations*

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Social Hour and Dinner featuring the Al Corey Combo  
*Wright Gymnasium*

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Reunion Gala featuring DJ Dana Wilson  
*Wright Gymnasium*

To register please return the enclosed form or go online to [www.mci-school.org/reunion](http://www.mci-school.org/reunion)

## REGISTER NOW FOR REUNION WEEKEND 2010!

### Reunion Fees & Information:

Hall of Fame & Distinguished Achievement Awards: \$20 / person, cash bar\*

Reunion Luncheon: \$20 / person

Reunion Dinner: \$20 / person, cash bar\*

Reunion Combo: \$35 / person, cash bar\*

*Save when you reserve both the luncheon and dinner together!*

**On-Campus Accommodations:** We will be offering on-campus accommodations on a first come, first served basis in the Hurd Honors Dorm. The cost is \$25 per person / night or \$35 per couple / night. The price includes Sunday morning continental breakfast in Hurd House (Saturday continental breakfast is available in Parks Gym). Each room has two twin beds and sleeps two people. To reserve a room, please call the Advancement Office at (207) 487-5915. Space is limited so call soon!

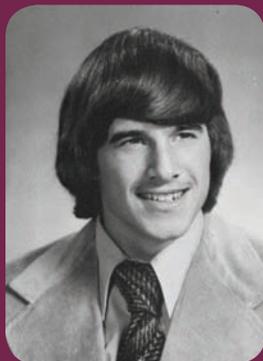
**Alumni Children's Reunion Program:** A Children's Reunion Program will take place Saturday, August 7th from 5:00 - 10:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Pittsfield. Games and snacks will be provided. This program is free of charge but pre-registration is required. For more information, please fill out the form in this magazine or contact Kristin Hersey in the Advancement Office at (207) 487-5915 or [khersey@mci-school.org](mailto:khersey@mci-school.org). Space is limited so call soon!

**Class Photographs:** There will be a professional photographer on campus to take class photos immediately after the Reunion Luncheon (2:30 p.m.) in the Student Center as well as before the Reunion Gala (8:00 p.m.) in Wright Gymnasium.

**Parking:** Parking is available on the roads in front of both Parks and Wright Gymnasiums as well as behind Alumni Hall and beside the Music Building. There will be no parking on Center Drive (the road behind Founders Hall) as it is now pedestrian-only.

## 2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Hall of Fame



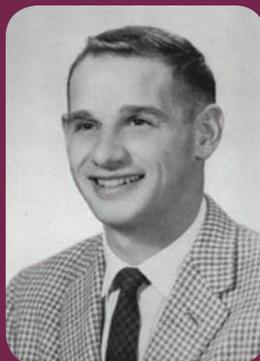
Scott Carter in 1973

Hall of Fame



Helen Esty Cianchette in 1948

Hall of Fame



David Mosher in 1969

Distinguished Achievement Award



Jack Mosher in 1983

# Sustainability Day 2010

"The opportunity to have such a diverse educational experience supporting a green lifestyle is exciting. We are hopeful that each student can take something from the day that can be beneficial to living a green lifestyle and encourage interest in possible green careers."

~Carole Kauffman and Irma Cushing,  
MCI Faculty Coordinators



Clockwise from top: Mary McCaslin helps students identify herbs and make organic pizza. Kevin Wakefield '10 learns how to make organic personal care products. A representative from North Ridge Energy Solutions explains how an EOS Solar collector stores energy. Zach Raye '11 and Lee Pushard '11 work together to make a cold frame structure.

On April 16th, MCI partnered with Unity College, the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, the Maine Energy Education Program and other organizations to bring over 35 workshops to campus. The workshops explored sustainability topics including alternative energy, organic gardening, cold frame structures, solar vehicles, recycling and art, ethical hunting and trapping, using organic herbs, lead poisoning effects on wildlife, medicinal plants, outdoor cooking, mountain bike repair, creating healthy personal care products, hydrogen fuel cells, and many others. Students attended the workshops in small groups that allowed both hands-on and in-depth exploration of each topic.

# The Student Garden



Our garden is not big, or small,  
It is not short, or very tall  
But those who tend her may be all  
Of these, our gardener role call.

These youngsters brave the rain and cold.  
To harvest in the snow is bold  
But Mainers, so it has been told,  
Aren't always from the normal mold.

Our sign reminds us, on its post  
That our school gardened before most.  
Of this, we're not too shy to boast.  
To Mr. Payelian, we toast.

From early on, kids worked this land.  
No big machines to make things grand.  
There wasn't even a brass band  
When final stone was placed by hand.

To compost's worth, we can attest,  
No sprays to kill a random pest,  
We give our soil needed rest,  
Organic is what we think best.

Why work so hard? What is the gain?  
There is much pleasure from the pain  
Some for credit, some for grain,  
Some have family roots to claim.

Our past was farms and farmers here,  
They're mostly gone, we often hear.  
Our elders' hands worked very near,  
Our students learn that food is dear.

To reap what's sown is number one,  
You take what's given from the sun  
And learn the joy of work well done  
Which is a different kind of fun.

By Suzanne Hopkins

*During the 2009-10 school year, MCI applied for a grant in support of the student garden. The grant application required a creative piece about the garden and its impact on the school community. This poem is the result of the application.*

# Patterson Lecture Series

## Speakers 2009-2010

### SUSTAINABILITY: PLANET, COMMUNITY, SELF

MCI's Patterson Lecture Series experienced great success again this year at bringing engaging, knowledgeable speakers to campus. Each presenter brought a unique perspective to the theme of Sustainability, covering a wide range of topics, from the mathematical theorems involving population growth to deep sea wind power to the health and well-being of individuals.

Former Governor Angus King was the first speaker of the year. Well known for his commitment to environmental issues, he began his presentation by discussing the importance of protecting the earth and leaving it in good shape for generations to come. He went on to share with students a collection of life lessons and tips to sustain oneself as an individual.

Dr. Mitchell Thomashow, the president of Unity College in Unity, Maine, spoke at the School in early December. He talked with the students about the many new green job and educational opportunities that are developing and asked students to consider what their life will be like in the future. Thomashow also explained the simple ways in which we can alter our daily behaviors to start living more sustainably and the ways which the community can work to make MCI fully sustainable.

Thomas Wire '03 received international attention for his study analyzing population growth and carbon emissions that was distributed to delegates at the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. He spoke to the students about the timeline of human history and our impact on the environment, focusing on environmental sustainability in a global sense. Wire remarked that global sustainability is a difficult topic as it seems quite impersonal. Though we are often tempted to

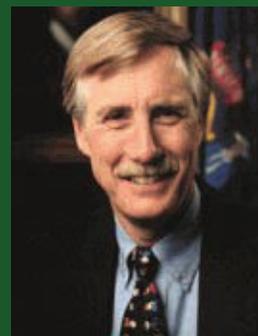
ask how one person can make a difference on a global issue like sustainability, it is vital to understand our massive impact on the earth.

US Congressman Michael Michaud spoke about the challenges that a community shares saying that "the shape of our future relies heavily on whether or not it is sustainable for generations to come." He went on to talk about the importance of long-term solutions for problems such as health care, the national debt and energy consumption and viewing issues through the "lens of sustainability" if we are to succeed.

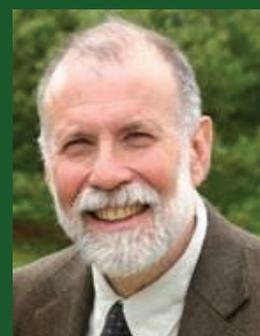
Dr. Habib Dagher, the Bath Iron Works Professor of Structural Engineering at the University of Maine at Orono and director of the Advanced Structures and Composites Center, spoke about Maine's position in the "clean energy revolution" stating that there are approximately forty nuclear power plants worth of energy off the coast of Maine in deep sea wind. He explained that if Maine could generate clean energy and sell it, there would be the potential to create jobs and help improve Maine's economy while reducing reliance on fossil fuels and helping the environment.

Dr. Rene Collins asked the assembled students "Which organ does the heart feed blood to first?" She explained that the heart feeds itself first, drawing the connection that one must take care of oneself. Collins went on to discuss the importance of smart decision making, understanding the consequences of decisions and having a roadmap or GPS for your life.

The final two speakers for the 2009-10 school year will be the President of Central Maine Power Company Sara Burns and Maine Environmental Protection Commissioner David Littell.



Former Governor Angus King  
October 16, 2009



Dr. Mitchell Thomashow  
December 2, 2009



Thomas Wire '03  
January 27, 2010



U.S. Congressman  
Michael Michaud  
February 12, 2010



Dr. Habib Dagher  
February 24, 2010



Dr. Rene Collins  
April 28, 2010



Sara Burns  
May 12, 2010



David Littell  
May 19, 2010

# The MCI Experience

Basketball, drama, band, outing club, math team, soccer, key club, student council, art club... the list goes on and on. How co-curriculars continue to enhance learning outside the classroom.



MCI's Vocal Jazz Group, *Caravan*, has been having a banner year. At the 42nd annual Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 13, *Caravan* was recognized as a finalist in their classification and received third place overall. Their third place award earned MCI two 25% tuition awards to a selected Berklee College Summer Program.

*Caravan* also competed in the Maine Music Educator's Association State Jazz Festival in Houlton on Saturday, April 10th. There they earned a gold rating, averaging over 96 out of 100 points from the three adjudicators. One adjudicator was so impressed that he wrote in his scoring comments "This is a professional sounding group." The rhythm section was recognized as the best rhythm group in their division and Cameron Neal '12 was recognized as outstanding male vocalist. The group's performance in the afternoon earned them the honor of competing in the evening finals where they were awarded first place in the state in Division II Vocal Jazz.

*Caravan* is an exemplary, but at the same time typical, co-curricular group on campus. Indeed, there are several groups that could have been highlighted in this article.

*Caravan* is composed of fifteen diverse individuals with varying interests. Some participate in athletics, some in drama, and some are in groups like the Math Team. What brings them together is their love of music. Like most of the co-curriculars on-campus, *Caravan* meets regularly. They practice in their section (male, female, rhythm) once per week and again once a week as a full ensemble. Typically the members participate in 10-12 performances

## **MCI's Caravan**

**Back (L to R):** Walter Reuter '13, Shane Huffer '10, Aaron Kirouac '10, Amelia Linde '11, Cameron Neal '12, Andrew Chamness '12; **Middle (L to R):** AJ Denis '10, Ben Glidden '10, Melanie Arias '10, Paula Arias '12, Meghan Hughes '11, Mackenzie Chamness '10; **Front (L to R):** Gabrielle LaGross '12, Dennis Wu '10, Mr. Dean Neal, Sarah LaGross '13

a year. The group is limited to 15 students in order to mirror college and professional ensembles. Because there are so many students interested in vocal jazz, there are actually two groups on-campus, *Caravan* and another group, *Maiden Voyage*, primarily made up of students that are experiencing this music for the first time.

The students, displayed by the image on the cover, are involved in many concurrent activities. Dean Neal, MCI's fine arts chair and the director of *Caravan* said, "I try to schedule our weekly full practice times around events to avoid conflict, but conflicts still occur and we try to evaluate where the greatest need is. Sometimes it's very clear that a student must be at an athletic practice rather than a music practice but sometimes it's the opposite. The School is supportive of students in the music program and that support is there for students of music to participate in other activities."

In fact, MCI encourages students to take part in multiple activities, recognizing that learning doesn't stop in the classroom. Students are told when they arrive at MCI that their involvement beyond the classroom can be critical in their development as young adults, in their success in high school and in their post-secondary pursuits. "We hold an activities fair every fall to make sure that students know what co-curriculars are available at MCI and to answer any questions that students may have," said Earl Anderson, director of athletics and activities. "We also hold events like the Annual Auction that support music, athletics and other student groups."

Students who participate in co-curricular activities have the opportunity to engage and excel in a variety of pursuits outside of the classroom. Studies have shown that participation in these activities can increase standardized test scores, GPAs, and rates of volunteering and activism. Participation can also decrease unhealthy risk behaviors.

In addition, co-curriculars can enhance how students learn about themselves and others around them. "Being involved in a wide variety of MCI organizations has allowed me to meet, become friends with, and learn from a diverse number of people in the MCI community," said Melanie Arias '10, a member of *Caravan*. "I have come to discover more about myself through the different experiences each activity had to offer."

MCI currently offers nearly 40 co-curricular opportunities, in addition to various intramural sports that take place throughout the year. To guarantee the right number and mix of activities, the School is in the process of examining all athletic, club and other programs which operate outside of the classroom. The co-curricular subcommittee, one of the eleven strategic plan committees that will help guide MCI for the next five years, was tasked with making recommendations on how the School "will provide excellent opportunities for students to explore new experiences and achieve a level of mastery in those they love." With a large percentage of students involved in co-curricular activities this year, it is clear how vital the activities are to the campus community.

But really, this is nothing new. The first volume of the yearbook, published in 1913, lists activities like debate team, literary societies, chorus, band and athletics. As MCI alumni throughout the years reflect back on their time at the School, many of the memories that resurface involve co-curricular activities. In fact, the co-curricular program that MCI has today would not be possible without the commitment of the students that were here in the past. Dean Neal, who has taught at MCI for twenty years and directed vocal jazz for sixteen, reflected, "I am amazed at the gifted and talented students that have been an integral part of our development. While the students of *Caravan* have worked very hard this year and deserve all the accolades, they still re-

member as young children hearing MCI's vocal jazz group and wanting to be a part of it some day. That day came for them and they have proudly carried on the tradition of excellence that was established years ago."

Learning and growth extend beyond the classroom into a wide array of co-curricular choices. The scope of these activities is as diverse as the MCI population. MCI's commitment to serve all students is reflected in the range of the following offerings:

- Art Club
- Band
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Cheering
- Chorus
- Civil Rights Team
- Creative Writing Club
- Cross Country
- Culture and Diversity Club
- Drama
- Fencing
- Field Hockey
- Football
- French Club
- Future Problem Solvers
- Garden Club
- Golf
- Jazz Combo
- Key Club
- Masardis
- Math Team
- National Honor Society
- Outing & Science Club
- Peer Leaders
- Poetry Out Loud
- Prize Speaking
- Residential Life Council
- Rifle Team
- Role Playing and Gaming Club
- Soccer
- Softball
- Student Council
- Tennis (Varsity)
- Tennis & Chess Club
- Track
- Wrestling
- Yearbook Staff

## Diversity Club Hosts Second Annual International Food Festival

The Culture and Diversity Club hosted their second annual International Food Festival on Sunday, March 28th in Parks Gymnasium.

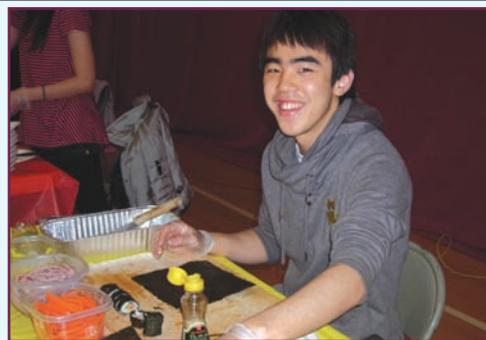
The festival, first held in spring 2009, was created by students in the club as an opportunity to celebrate diversity on campus -- a cultural exchange through food. "People can learn a lot about the different foods. And if they like them, we can show them how to make them. In doing so, we can teach them more about our cultures. By sharing our cultures it is our hope that we can learn more about each other and become friends," said Vu Hoang '11, the president of the Culture and Diversity Club.

Over fifty students helped prepare and cook food and demonstrate cultural games and activities. Attendees had the

opportunity to sample cooking from Japan, Vietnam, China, Korea, Thailand, the Marshall Islands, Albania, Germany, Russia, India and Sweden. They also were able to purchase crafts and decorations from the countries and participate in activities like the Vietnamese Bamboo Dance.

While the cuisines came from exotic locales, most of the supplies for the festival were purchased at Bud's Shop 'n Save in Pittsfield to help illustrate that the dishes that they prepared could be made from ingredients that are available locally.

During the 2009-10 school year, MCI was home to a student body that represented 16 countries and 14 states.



Richard Kim '11 from Korea



Vu Hoang, Teddy Wang, Gina Le, Tina Trang, Lynn Nguyen, Danny Van, Lina Nguyen, Quan Tran, Linh Tran, and Ian Tran from Vietnam



Gracie and Alana Oliver '12 prepare food from the Marshall Islands

## MCI Hosts First Annual College and Career Fair

MCI hosted its first annual College and Career Fair on April 6th in Wright Gymnasium.

Representatives from over fifty colleges, universities, technical schools, the Armed Forces and area businesses were present to hand out information and answer questions from attendees.

Nearly 250 parents and students both from MCI and surrounding schools attended the fair.

"Hosting the college fair on our campus brings representatives to our school and community," said Lisa Manter, associate director of academic and career planning. "It allows them to see where our students come from and remember the conversations that were held here. It is a great opportunity for our school and community to come together. I feel that this is something that will continue to grow each year."



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## Vivian Wang '10 Wins State Art Contest

Vivian Wang '10 won first place in the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) State Art Contest on May 10th. Vivian advanced to the state contest after winning first place in the regional contest, awarded by the Pittsfield Arts Club and the Pittsfield Tuesday Club.

Vivian, who did not start drawing until she came to MCI from Taiwan, is currently in Advanced Art at MCI. She will be attending the School of Visual Arts in New York City next year.



Vivian Wang '10 receives the GFWC award from Carol Ouellete and Connie Thies for her self portrait done in India Ink.

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## MCI Key Club Hosts Three Blood Drives

The MCI Key Club hosted three blood drives this school year, partnering with the Maine Blood Center. The school community has a long-standing tradition of success with blood drives, averaging over thirty pints per drive.

The Maine Blood Center, located in Bangor, Maine, organizes about five drives per week at locations like high schools, businesses, churches and local community events. All blood that is donated through the Maine Blood Center stays in Maine.

"I think that the Maine Central Institute Key Club is one of the strongest student groups that we work with," said Heather Babcock, donor recruiter with the Maine Blood Center. "The volunteers are enthusiastic and very into community spirit. We always have a successful drive at MCI due in part to the group's great organizational skills. The students are all very polite -- we love coming here."



Adam Pomeroy, MCI's Environmental Science Teacher, donates blood at the May 11th drive in Parks Gym.



Meagan Ames '10, a member of the Key Club, donates blood in Parks Gym.

## Co-Curricular Highlight

### The MCI Math Team: 2009-10 Season Results

In five regular season meets, MCI placed second in the Eastern Maine Mathematics League and first in the middle sized schools division for the region. MCI tied for 7th place overall in the State of Maine.

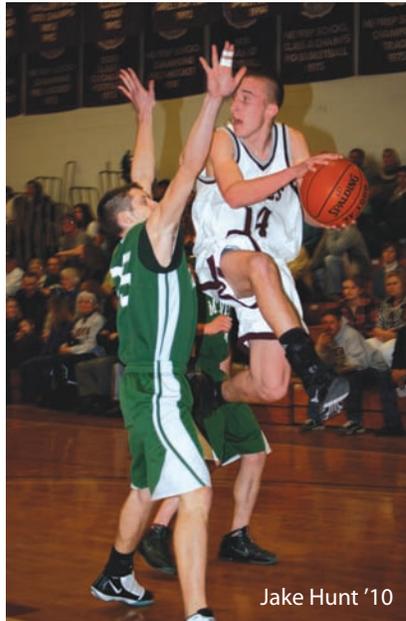
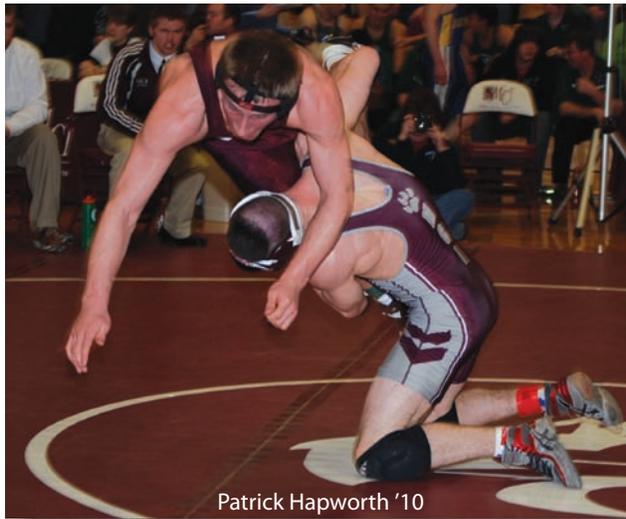
Out of the top 100 students in the state during the regular season, Jerry Zhang '11 placed 5th, Teddy Wang '10 placed 20th, Snow Yao '11 placed 40th, Ling Tong '10 placed 56th, and Angela Jiang '10 placed 100th overall. Zhang ranked first out of all the juniors in the state.

Competing against 96 other schools and over 900 students, MCI scored 6th place overall at the State Championship Meet on April 6th. This put MCI in second place in our division, missing first place by 9 points (roughly 2 questions).

Out of the top 100 students at the state competition, Zhang placed 13th, second for the Class of 2011; Tong and Hongli Jiang '10 tied for 20th, 13th in the state for the Class of 2010; Wang placed 64th; Jiang placed 73rd; and Kevin Booth '10 placed 99th.

Because of their rankings during the regular season, Zhang, Wang and Yao have been invited to participate on one of Maine's teams at the American Regional Mathematics League competition at Penn State on June 4th and 5th. This competition "is the World Series of mathematics competitions."

There were 45 students who competed on the Math Team this year.



## Athletics at MCI Class of 2010 Winter Sports Awards

State Champion: Patrick Hapworth (Wrestling)

Third in State: Revelin Goeway (Wrestling), Chris Ouellet (Wrestling)

100 Career Wins: Revelin Goeway (Wrestling), Patrick Hapworth (Wrestling)

Second Team All Conference (KVAC): Jake Hunt (Boys Basketball)

Slalom and Giant Slalom Silver and Bronze Medals (KVAC Championship): Rebekah Kallgren (Skiing)

Coaches Award: Kristen Cote (Cheering), Casey Egerton (Boys Basketball), Patrick Hapworth (Wrestling), Cody Southard (Rifle Team)

Spirit Award: Whitney Houston (Girls Basketball), Jennifer Orchard (Rifle Team), Courtney Welch (Cheering)

Most Valuable Player Award: Jake Hunt (Boys Basketball), Ridge Lawn (Rifle Team)

All-Academic Award: Casey Egerton (Boys Basketball), Whitney Houston (Girls Basketball)

# Mark your calendars...

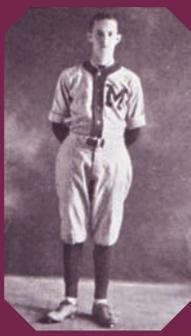


## MCI ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

HOMECOMING 2010 ~ SEPTEMBER 17TH

Come celebrate MCI's rich athletic heritage at the Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony which will take place during Homecoming 2010. The Sports Hall of Fame was established to recognize those members of the MCI family who have distinguished themselves as outstanding contributors to athletics at MCI, and possibly beyond, by instilling a continuing commitment to, and the promotion of, the values and philosophy of sportsmanship including fairness, dedication, perseverance, winning without boasting and losing without excuse.

MCI Athletic Uniforms circa 1925



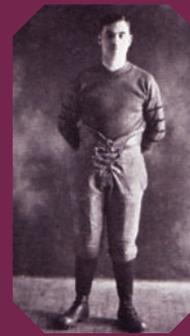
Baseball



Basketball



Field Hockey



Football

## MCI ALUMNI GOLF OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010

The Alumni Open is the Alumni Association's biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will go towards the Alumni Association's scholarship and other support the Alumni Association provides to the school and the community each year.

Cost: \$500 per team (foursome)

As a player in the Open, you will receive a tee package that will include a continental breakfast, use of a golf cart, a barbecue lunch and the dinner and awards ceremony after the tournament.

This year we are adding an Alumni Challenge in honor of John Dana '49. The challenge winners will earn recognition in MCI publications and on campus as well as bragging rights for their class. There is no extra fee to enter the challenge.

**To qualify for the Challenge:** At least two members of your team must be MCI alumni that graduated in the same year.

**To win:** The qualifying team with the lowest net score will win the challenge.

**Challenge Prize:** The team's name will be added to a plaque that will be displayed on campus. Get bragging rights for your class!

For more information and / or to register your team, please visit [www.mci-school.org/GolfOpen](http://www.mci-school.org/GolfOpen)





## We Still Make 'Em Like They Used To Maine Central Institute's Unique Ballet Program

By Colonel Michael Wylly

What do a medical doctor, an honors student at Boston Conservatory and a professional ballerina have in common?

They all graduated from MCI as members of Bossov Ballet Theatre.

Dr. Risha Moskalewicz, who graduated from Loyola University's Medical School, and Lori Celeste, now finishing her sophomore year at Boston Conservatory, were both valedictorians of their respective classes at MCI in 2001 and 2008. The professional ballerina could be Anna Marie Cowan '07 or Natalie Robison '09, both of Columbia Ballet in Columbia, SC; Giovana Puoli '06 of Sao Paulo, Brazil's Dans la Danse Ballet; Shelby Dyer '02 of Colorado Ballet; Jillian Cyr '08 of Ballet Theater of Maryland; or others who graduated from MCI as Bossov Ballerinas and branched into more contemporary dance; Molly Gawler '03, now with Connecticut's Pilobolus Dance Group; Beverly Jensen '04 starring in musicals from Broadway with New York's Tressor Group and touring Asia. And, Bossov's strong male dan-

seurs, including Michael Dunsmore '05 and Calder Taylor '04 are both now dancing the classics with Idaho Ballet and Maryland, respectively.

The standard of excellence now seen daily in MCI's historic Powers Hall, are exacted by two Russian teachers to whom ballet's tradition and discipline are literally sacred. Artistic Director Andre Bossov and Associate Director Natalya Getman were both trained in St. Petersburg's "Vaganova Academy," originally the Imperial Ballet School of Russia, alma mater to Russian ballet's great names: Pavlova, Balanchine, Nureyev, Makarova and Baryshnikov.

Posture, positions of the feet, arms, hands, even the fingers, are corrected until they are precisely as they should be, and the dancers are critiqued and graded accordingly, including in grueling semester examinations that count for 20% of the semester grade. But the strict regimen does not end with technique. The "presentation" or "stage presence" is also expected daily. "When in the studio it is as if you are on stage" says Bossov, who includes a year-long

course in acting as part of the four-year curricular course in ballet. Two of every ballet student's five academic periods each semester are devoted to ballet. After school, the dancers are back in the studio for two-and-a-half hours, Monday through Saturday, sometimes longer when they are rehearsing for a show. Morning classes include Natalya's rigorous pilates exercises every third day, designed to keep the dancers trim, tough and employable when they graduate.

The focus on excellence does not end when dancers leave the studio and attend their other classes. Posture must be a habit. Shoulders back, back straight, head erect at all times; no slouching with hands in pockets for the boys. It's not difficult to spot a dancer moving around the campus. Says Natalya, "ballet is a beautiful art, so, girls, you must always look beautiful – how you dress – how you walk – you represent our profession."

The pride instilled in Andrei and Natalya from childhood in being dancers is tangible; a uniquely Russian tradition

*Pictured above (L to R): Giovana Puoli '06, Gillian Bowen '11, Johanna Reuter '10, Lori Celeste '08*

that spans the age of Tchaikovsky and Petipa, on back to the Ballet School in the Winter Palace founded in 1740 by Empress Anna, niece of Peter the Great, perpetuated by her successor,



Bossov dancers perform during their 2009 trip to St. Petersburg, Russia

Elizabeth, Peter's daughter, all traceable back to the court of France's Louis XIV, the grandeur of which was such that Peter introduced its fine points to St. Petersburg, Russia, which would surpass and replace Paris as the epicenter of ballet. Dance so steeped-in-tradition in this way is a bit of an anomaly in America. That it is our campus in Pittsfield where it stands steadfast and infuses itself into our own culture is in keeping with MCI's mission of bringing the best of all cultures to our students that they might learn and partake of all that is finest.

Bossov students wrote their own Code of Ethics in 2000 and it includes the dictum to "Develop a *habit* of excellence by applying yourself fully in all things undertaken, including academic endeavors, standards of dress and personal appearance, and leadership roles assigned." So, all grades count, no matter the subject; likewise, conduct and deportment, everywhere.

To our South, in the city of Waterville, Bossov's annual *Nutcracker* ballet has become a staple each Christmas. When the Corps de Ballet comes on stage in the snow scene in perfect unison, there is typically a hushed gasp of awe from the audience as the training and discipline take their effect, each ballerina instructed to *become* a snowflake, a part of the storm. Bossov eschews the artificial snow used in some *Nutcrackers*. The dancers become the weather they

emulate. While the *Nutcracker* follows a tradition dating from 1892 in St. Petersburg, Waterville audiences

were treated to Bossov's *original* ballet *Alice in Wonderland* in May, and then for those who train with Bossov through the summer, the troupe will perform what is recognized as classical ballet's quintessence – *The Sleeping Beauty* the Tchaikovsky-Petipa masterpiece of 1890, handed down, teacher to student, to Andrei and Natalya, and now, unmodified in its purest form, to our dancers at MCI.

Asks Andrei rhetorically, "If the dancer can do it in the studio but not on the stage, what is the value?"

The stage, too, is part and parcel to the education.

Comments Bossov Ballet Theatre's Executive Director and Founder, Michael Wyly, "Whether our dancers go on to dance professionally, or choose other fields – journalism, medicine, whatever – they will always carry with them that special respect for tradition and excellence, learned in the studio from Andrei and Natalya. And even if they never dance another step after they graduate, we want them to look back at their time at MCI the rest of their lives, as a joyful time, doing what they love – dancing – and learning from it, that anything worth doing is worth doing right."

*Michael D. Wyly, a 1962 Annapolis graduate and retired U.S. Marine colonel, founded Bossov Ballet Theatre in 1996 in order to make Andrei Bossov's talents, as teacher, dancer, choreographer, and director, available to American youth and young people from around the world.*

## Giovana Puoli '06: A Bossov Success Story



Giovana Puoli came from Sao Paulo, Brazil, to Maine in the summer of 2004 to study under Bossov. Following five weeks of Summer Intensive training, she performed the role of Myrtha in Bossov Ballet Theatre's *Giselle*. She enrolled in the Bossov year-round high school program and received her high school diploma from Maine Central Institute in the spring of 2006. After returning to Brazil she was employed by "Dans la Danse", Sao Paulo's ballet company under the direction of Gisele Bellot. With "Dans la Danse" she has performed as Sugar Plum Fairy in their *Nutcracker* as well as the grand pas de deux in *Paquita* and pas de trois from *Le Corsaire*, among other roles. She attributes her success as a ballerina to the training she received from Andrei Bossov and Natalya Getman.

Puoli applies her skills in English, learned at Maine Central Institute, to teach ballet at St. Paul's, a private English-speaking Episcopal school in Sao Paulo.



# MCI THEN & NOW

## 16th Annual Auction



**Friday June 18th**

**Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center**



Honorary Chairs Mike '62 and Priscilla Savage

Join Honorary Chairs Mike '62 and Priscilla Savage for an evening full of fun and exciting bidding. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for registration, and guests can enjoy a delicious menu of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar beginning at 6:00 p.m. In addition to our live auction, we will be offering a basket raffle, with drawings throughout the evening.

Even if you can't join us for the fun, you can still participate by bidding on one of the great silent auction items featured on the next page. Just call the Advancement Office at (207) 487-5915 or email [alumni@mci-school.org](mailto:alumni@mci-school.org) by 12:00 p.m. on June 18th.



A sampling of baskets for the 2010 Raffle: Girl Scout Cookies, Pet Treats and Crayola Products

MCI's Annual Auction directly benefits our music and athletic departments. Each department receives 45% of the profits and the remaining 10% goes to other worthy co-curricular programs. The money raised has purchased items like new sports uniforms, educational trips for students, supplies and many other important things for music and athletics.

**\$20.00 per person / \$35.00 per couple, Cash Bar**

**Schedule:**

**Registration 5:30 p.m.**

**Social Hour 6:00 p.m.**

**Auction begins at 7:00 p.m.**

To register, please contact Kathy Kitchin at [kkitchin@mci-school.org](mailto:kkitchin@mci-school.org) or (207) 487-4461.

You can also register online at [www.mci-school.org/auction](http://www.mci-school.org/auction).

Space is limited - reserve your seats now!

# Silent Auction Items

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## ITEM 1 Water Tour of Mt. Desert Island and Acadia National Park

Leaving from Great Harbor Marina in Southwest Harbor enjoy a four hour cruise on *Ulla*, 28' Ellis – Lobster “Yacht”, captained by Norb '66 and Chris Young (and boat dogs Winnie and Some – both Bichons). Cruise to Bar Harbor passing famous Acadia locations such as Thunder Hole, Sand Beach, Great Head and the mountains of Mt Desert. Return with visits into Seal Harbor, Northeast Harbor, up Some Sound (the only fjord on the east coast of the US!) continuing out to the Cranberry Islands before returning to Southwest Harbor.

You are sure to see seals, dolphins, varieties of sea birds, including ospreys and bald eagles... and even humans – may even have a Martha Stewart or Rockefeller sighting!

- Picnic Lunch of local seafood included
- Accommodates 4 to 6 people in comfort!
- A Saturday or Sunday in July or August to be mutually agreed upon

Donated by Norb '66 and Christine Young.

Value: \$600

Suggested Minimum Bid: \$500



The *Ulla* Lobster “Yacht”



## ITEM 2 Apple iPad

Wi-Fi, 16GB storage, 9.7” hi-res touch screen

Donated by the MCI Auction Committee.

Value: \$499

Suggested Minimum Bid: \$399



## ITEM 3 Oceans of Romance Package at the Ocean Point Inn

Located in East Boothbay Maine, the Ocean Point Inn is perched at the tip of a scenic, rockbound peninsula. This is the perfect place for your romantic seaside getaway or a memorable Maine vacation with your family. The package includes three nights lodging, three full breakfasts, a bottle of champagne and a box of chocolates, a Schooner tour, picnic lunch and a three course dinner. The Inn also has a pool and hot tub.

Donated by the Ocean Point Inn.

Value: \$700

Suggested Minimum Bid: \$550

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To bid in the Silent Auction, please contact the Advancement Office at [alumni@mci-school.org](mailto:alumni@mci-school.org) or (207) 487-5915 by 12:00 noon on June 18th.



Elaine Patterson in *USA Today*  
April 2009



Andi Vigue '89

## MCI Welcomes Two New Trustees

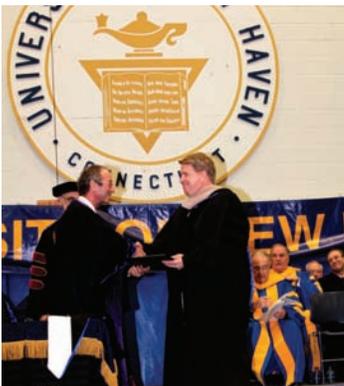
MCI was pleased to welcome Elaine Patterson and Andi Vigue '89 to the Board of Trustees at the February Board Meeting. "We see their appointments adding strength and foresight to an already talented and dedicated board," President of the Board Norbert Young '66 said.

Patterson has over twenty-five years experience in all aspects of Human Resources including international HR, compensation, succession planning, change management, executive coaching and employee communications. Patterson was a Human Resources executive at UNOCAL Corporation (now Chevron Corp.) from 1980 – 2005 and currently is an organization and leadership advisor at Breitburn Energy in California. Patterson has a Bachelor's

Degree in Economics from Trinity College and a Masters in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University. She is also on the Board of Trustees at Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

Vigue grew up in Pittsfield, Maine and graduated from Maine Central Institute in 1989. Currently, Vigue serves as the President and Chief Operations Officer at Cianbro Corporation, Maine's largest construction firm. He is the direct supervisor of key sectors within the company, including Corporate Engineering and Estimating, Career Development and Employment Services, and Quality Control. He oversees a workforce of approximately 2,500 team members, and annual revenues in excess of \$470 million. Vigue has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maine, Orono.

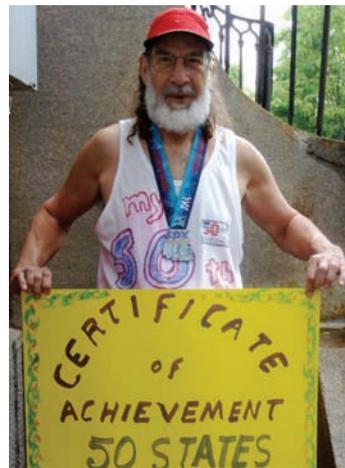
## Hazell Awarded Honorary Degree



Jeffery Hazell '79

Jeffery Hazell '79 was awarded an honorary doctorate of Business Administration by the University of New Haven during their Winter Commencement on January 16, 2010. Hazell owns and operates Boston Lobster Feast, a chain of seafood restaurants, and is the proprietor of the Bar Harbor Lobster Co., one of Florida's most successful seafood companies. Hazell has been very supportive of UNH's Department of Hospitality and Tourism, including funding the Hazell Nut Cafe to provide on-the-job training to students from the Hospitality and Tourism program. In 2007, Hazell was honored by receiving UNH's Distinguished Alumni Award and was also inducted into MCI's Hall of Fame in recognition of his support of MCI.

## Hallee Becomes 50 State Finisher



Thomas Hallee '59

Dr. Thomas Hallee '59 has completed his quest to run a full marathon in every state of the United States of America. When Hallee turned 60 in 2001, he decided that he needed to get into better physical shape. He started training and during one of his early marathons, learned of the 50 States Marathon Club. After running

marathons in ten states, Hallee qualified to join the club. "It has been a fun association and continuing motivation to keep running," Hallee said. Hallee's 50th marathon took place on Sunday, May 2 in Providence, Rhode Island.



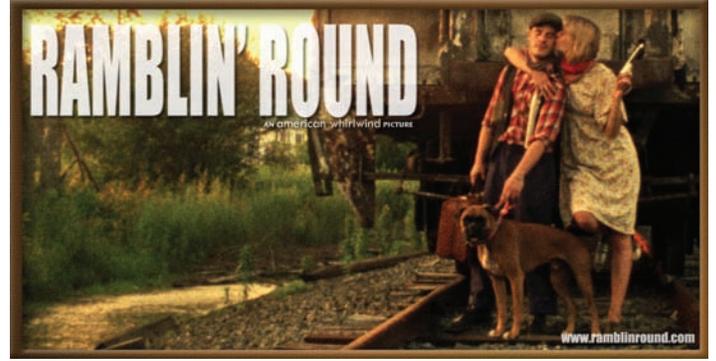
## Resiliency Run



MCI proudly sponsored the first of 21 marathons that Colonel John “Jack” Mosher ’83, a current trustee, is running in partnership with Major Jay Brock to raise awareness about sustainable lifestyles and risk reduction for the veterans of our armed services. Over 30 MCI faculty, staff and students joined Col. Mosher on the “One Life Resiliency Run” on Saturday, May 8th from the John Paul Jones Memorial Park in Kittery, ME to the Newburyport, MA town square park. Col. Mosher will run 20 additional marathons ending at Arlington National Cemetery on the weekend before Memorial Day. The 21 marathons signify the tribute to the fallen veterans by the 21 gun salute. MCI’s sponsorship of the run came about after Col. Mosher approached the School to participate given this year’s school theme of Sustainability and its connection to wellness of self and body and other issues like childhood obesity.

Col. Mosher is the recipient of two Bronze Stars for valor and service, three Meritorious Service Medals, eight Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Combat Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab, Airborne and Air Assault Wings and the Military Mountaineering Expert Rams Head Device. He has also received his War on Terror Service Medal, his NATO Service Medal and his Afghanistan Service Medal. Col. Mosher was recently awarded one of the first “Caring About Lives in Maine Award.” The award was given to him in Augusta by the Maine Youth Suicide Prevention Program. Col. Mosher is also this year’s recipient of MCI’s Distinguished Achievement Award which was developed for the purpose of honoring those alumni and friends (faculty / staff) of Maine Central Institute who either achieved excellence while at MCI or who went on to achieve excellence after graduating or departing MCI.

## Bennett Wins Fellowship for Short Film



Ryan Bennett '04 was awarded the 2010 Maine Individual Artist Fellowship by the Maine Arts Commission for his short film, *Ramblin' Round*. Individual Artist Fellowships “reward artistic excellence, advance the careers of Maine artists and promote public awareness regarding the eminence of the creative sector in Maine.” Bennett also recently founded American Whirlwind Pictures, a production company. The new company is in the early stages of production on a feature film based on *Ramblin' Round*. Principal photography is slated to begin in July 2010 in central Maine. *Ramblin' Round* is the first narrative feature in a slate that includes two additional features, a television pilot, and a documentary already in production.

## MCI Receives Anonymous Donation for Piano Lab



MCI was able to enhance the piano lab after receiving an anonymous donation of \$3,600 to purchase six electronic pianos. “Because of the generosity of the donor, our pianos will be upgraded to the weighted action category, which is necessary for the students to acquire a sensitive touch, depending on what composition they are working on,” explained Gerry Wright, MCI’s choral music director. “It’s always gratifying to know there are people out there who believe in the musical training of children and are willing to support it financially. Again, many thanks to the donor.”

# Where are they now?

Whether they live locally or around the globe, MCI alumni are doing great things. Below are four “snapshots” of alumni then and now.



## John Battendieri '65

After MCI, Battendieri traveled to California where he produced “Mr. Natural” apple juice, paving the way for other growers to recognize a demand for packaged organic products. He is a former president of Organic Food Products Inc. and the founder of Santa Cruz Organic, which is now owned by J.M. Smucker. Currently, Battendieri is the CEO and co-founder of Blue Horizon Organic Seafood Company, based in Aptos, California, which produces hormone- and antibiotic-free seafood that is raised by family farmers using sustainable and organic methods. He is also a founder of the Santa Cruz Cancer Benefit Group that raises funds for cancer research and treatment.

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## Tania Carnrick '73

Carnrick attended the University of Maine at Farmington and graduated with a BS in Speech Correction. She later attend the University of New Hampshire and earned a Masters of Science in Communication Disorders, and then worked in public schools for several years as a Speech Therapist. Currently, she and her husband, Doug, own Belgrade Lakes Resources, a camp rental business in the Belgrade Lakes region. Carnrick has spent the last 17 years as a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of Maine as a leader, trainer and product supervisor. She also volunteers for her church and is currently a very active, dedicated member of the Board of Trustees at MCI. When not busy with volunteering, she and Doug, along with their children, Jillian '05 and Jarrod, enjoy time at the lake.

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## Larissa Vigue Picard '88

Picard graduated from Bates College, lived in Vermont for 15 years, then returned to Maine with her family in late 2007. Currently she is the Community Partnership Co-ordinator at the Maine Historical Society where she oversees the Maine Community Heritage Project, which fosters collaborations between historical societies, public libraries, and schools to research local history, digitize historic items, and build websites on Maine Memory Network, MHS's digital museum. Picard also runs a reading and discussion group for the Historical Society and is a freelance writer. In her “spare” time, she runs a Literature & Medicine program at Central ME Medical Center in Lewiston for the Maine Humanities Council.

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## Aaron Rosen '97

Dr. Aaron Rosen is the Albert and Rachel Lehmann Junior Research Fellow in Jewish History and Culture at Oxford University, where he also holds a research fellowship at St. Peter's College. Rosen earned his PhD from Cambridge University and his undergraduate degree from Bowdoin College. He has been a visiting scholar at the University of California Berkeley and a post-doctoral fellow at Columbia University. He has taught courses on subjects ranging from the history of Christian art to British comics to modern Jewish philosophy. Rosen's first book, *Imagining Jewish Art: Encounters with the Masters in Chagall, Guston, and Kitaj* (Oxford: Legenda, 2009), was short-listed for the Arts & Christian Enquiry / Mercers' International Book Prize.

# *The MCI Directory Project*

Every five years, MCI prints an alumni directory, and the 2010 directory project is underway! Over the next couple of months, Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI) will be contacting MCI alumni like you via mail, phone and e-mail to request that you update your information. **We understand that you might not want to provide your information to just anyone, so we want you to know their request for your information is legitimate.**

For more information about the project and PCI, call (207) 487-5915 or visit [www.mci-school.org/2010directory](http://www.mci-school.org/2010directory).



# Class News & Notes

1942



**Carolyn Foster** and **Arlene Beardsley** say “We became best of friends when Carolyn moved to Pittsfield in 1937. We have been close ever since, so I think this snapshot can prove how long a relationship can last!”

1946

**Donna Hodgins Graham**, Class Agent, says “Well, let’s see – I could use our class space to scold. I think I’ll just apply pressure and ask as many as can, to show up for Alumni Weekend.”

1947

**Phyllis Frederick Luke** wrote: Hello to the Class of 1947! That was a very good year. Would love to hear from any or all of you. My phone number is (207) 591-5514. Had a nice note from **Margie Webb Emery Lowell**. She and Vaughn are enjoying the winter at their home in Zephyrhills, Fl. She was honored by her family with a birthday party on her “Big Day.” John and I are doing great. Keep busy – can’t believe it has been 63 years since we were seniors at MCI. Time does fly when you’re having fun!

**Alice Wright Fitts**: I just got out my *Trumpet* of 1947 to count all of our graduates, and there were 104 listed. There are now 46 of us (23 in Maine). I hope some of you from Maine and other states can come back for reunion this year. If so, we will plan something special.

I am very lucky to be living so close to MCI because I can attend so many functions that go on there – ball games, field hockey, musical programs, Patterson Lecture Series, etc. – many fun things. The school looks so good and is doing very well. The new Headmaster and his family have settled in nicely.

I have three children who graduated from MCI and are college graduates, six grandchildren, five of whom are college graduates, and the youngest, a graduate of MCI, is in his second year at UMO. The two oldest ones are school teachers, one in NH and one in MA, the next one is in the musical profession. The fourth

one, a grad of MCI, is in Singapore teaching in a high school there and loving it. The fifth one is in the Bahamas as an intern at a Science Institute. I am so pleased, proud and happy for all of them.

**Des Fuller** is in NH at his daughter’s home while he is having medical tests done. Good luck to you, Des.

**Marilyn Bunker Cianchette** keeps busy with family, bridge and activities at Ocean View in Falmouth. Marilyn’s hobby is jewelry making, and she does a beautiful job.

1948

This has been an interesting year as most of us are celebrating our 80th year or have reached it in the recent past. Please join us in August to celebrate 62 years out of MCI as well as the octogenarians years!!!

**Keith Weeks** is still very involved with the VFW in Arlington Va. His wife Elsie is President of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. They are very proud of their granddaughter who entered college this year. She is very artistic. She goes to George Washington University as well as an Art School.

Speaking of grandchildren, **Helen Esty Cianchette** is in the “academic environment” with one attending Brown University and one at the University of Denver. She will attend the graduation of a grandchild from the U of Michigan in May. She must know all the college cheers!

Helen had a nice note from **Loretta White Thomas** who lives in Sudbury, Mass. As her 3 sons live in the area, it makes a nice place to remain. Loretta was so happy to read about Founders Hall being repaired in the fall issue of the *Alumnus*. Yes---we all are so proud as that was a very important building of our past!

**Buffy Hatch** and wife Polly are now permanent residents of Florida. (We hope you were warm this winter!) They may visit Maine in the summer. (Give us a call!)

**Tom Millett** is full of energy. Both he and wife Jane are retired from police work and live in CA. He is happy that his grandkids have jobs! Tom is involved with Chamber of Commerce, Downtown business Assoc., two Historical Societies, and Western Antique Power Assoc. They restore and display old farm machines (it reminds him of the farm days growing up in Palmyra). They love their annual trip to Key

West.

Congrats go to **Alice Shaw Patterson** who was inducted into the MCI Hall of Fame last summer. Alice has been very active over the years helping with Alumni affairs and outside activities. She has been a busy gal. We are proud of you.

**Ruth Percival Parkhust** keeps busy in Florida. Her community has so many activities that it is hard to choose what to go to. Seems like plenty of water exercises with pools, saunas, etc.

**Marilyn Willy Gerry** and husband traveled to Arizona during the summer, visited Hoover Dam and Las Vegas too!

**Arey Bryant** went to Alaska to a Postmaster’s Convention. He didn’t see any “wildlife” but saw glaciers and even met someone who lived in Clinton—a small town down the road from Pittsfield. He enjoyed the trip. Arey celebrated his 80th in January. I heard half the town was there and the food was excellent! Arey is our “host” with the “most” when it is treat time on Reunion day. He welcomes us to his home. Thank you, Arey.

**Peanut Coolbroth Fowler** celebrated her 80th at a luncheon with classmates. She and hubby Stanley are always busy—active couple.

**Theo Bryant** and wife Shirley are also very active working for insurance companies checking out real estate, taking photos. They also have season tickets for boys and girls basketball games at the U of ME. They travel in “mean weather” too. They will have 5 weeks “rest period” in South Carolina this spring.

**Bob Libby** related that he got a chance to meet our Headmaster, Chris Hopkins, in Chicago. Bob keeps interested in MCI events. We all are proud of MCI’s progress.

**Leroy Pinkham** wrote to the School saying: “My wife, Carolyn, died on August 17, 2007. A year later, being disabled from an accident in 1988, I decided to move into a nursing home.” Leroy still appreciates getting mail from MCI.

**Joyce Beattie Williams, Robert Beattie, Charlie London, Helen Cianchette, Alice Patterson, Arey, P’nut Fowler, Theo Bryant** and I try to meet once a month for luncheons. We have other alumni join us too. They are fun times. I journeyed down to Rockland the other day which was the highlight of the winter. That area sure has grown! Best to you all, and please send info about you and yours. Keep in touch. Fond memories and hello to all.

-“Liz” **Elizabeth Coolidge Whalen**

1950

When we graduated almost 60 years ago, we had no idea how the world would change, did we? I

have moved back to the central Maine area, and I'm now living in Waterville with my husband, Rudy, and two arrogant cats. Recently we entertained some MCI alums at our home for lunch. **Joanne Peterson Adams** and **Hazel Watson Grove** joined us. **Mary Dysart Quint** was having a great time in New York City with her son Steve, and couldn't make it. I do hear from **Dot Graham Obar** via e-mail. She lives in CT so we don't get together often.

**Joan Peterson's** husband Dwight died recently. I also heard from **Diane Wakefield's** husband that she passed away the first of February. We are a disappearing breed I fear. Hope to get together with you to plan for our 60th.

Now that we are the reunion class of 60 years I believe that we can claim to be "in the far years" as the MCI song states. I suspect "twilight's golden mantle" either has or is about to fall. I hope there will be many of us there in August to celebrate and sing the school song even though we may no longer be in fine verse. I have heard from several of you, and that has been fun. I have also heard from the families of several deceased members of the class of 1950, and that has been very sad. I suggest that it would be appropriate to honor their memory at our reunion.

Please do contact me at ginoland@roadrunner.com and tell me whether or not you will be able to join us on the MCI campus in August. Either way I would love to hear from you. It is a good thing to remember the good old days, and to check up on where we are now.

-**Virginia Coolbroth Landry**

## 1951

Greeting to all my classmates. Another year has gone by and no news from you. I know you are doing interesting things and going exciting places.

We lost another classmate in 2009. We send condolences to the family of **Barbara Ross Wollensak**.

In September 2009 we had a luncheon in Augusta with 26 alumni and spouses in attendance. Plans are to have a luncheon the last Monday in September in Augusta, so please mark your calendar.

I hear from **Lucy Mosher** quite often from Texas. She and her sister and niece spent 2 weeks in New Mexico this last summer. She said it is beautiful and very interesting.

**Sally Cianchette Dwinell** and Kevin say the weather in Florida has been wet and cold this winter. This is my first winter in 13 years that I spent in Maine. The weather has been cold but enjoyable.

Our 60th reunion is coming up in 2011. Let me know if you plan on celebrating with us. If you have any suggestions on what you want to do, call or write me.

-**Alice Fitts Ross**, 334 Stinson St., Pittsfield, ME 04967 (207-487-5273).

## 1952

I heard from **Lynn Blood Stavros**, who expressed her disappointment in not attending reunion. She even missed her annual visit to Cranberry Isle. Hope you get to Maine this summer, Lynn.

**Al Wyman** has got himself involved with the Historical Society and has been in a couple of times to ask me to identify some old pictures – as if I could help with something "old"!

I saw **Bob Knowles** at a Shriner's event this past fall. He and RaeJean were getting ready to return to Florida.

**Herman Roberts** has a successful truck farm but says this is his last year. We will see. My husband Dave has enjoyed helping him harvest his pumpkins.

A surprise call came from **Patricia Leland Merein**, who had been reading the *Alumnus* and got a little nostalgic. We had a nice conversation recalling the years that she and Mr. Young were our class advisors. She presently lives in Norwalk, CT but comes back to the Dover-Foxcroft area annually.

I understand that **Sandra Humphrey Carson** and husband Harold are planning on coming to Maine this summer. Hope I won't be away at camp when that happens.

**Dave McGaffin** reports that **Elaine St. Peter** missed reunion because she was moving from Belfast to Monroe. Perhaps you can make it this year, Elaine.

Dave also was paid a visit by **Phil Short '49** and the reminisced about the good old days of Pittsfield. He also reminded me that the school adopted the Husky team mascot during our school days, probably in 1950. Dave is also a devoted follower of the Prepper's basketball games.

Bev's (Breau) granddaughter **Erin Fitts '02** is teaching History at an all boy's Catholic school in Singapore, and from all reports, is enjoying the experience very much. Grandson **Lewis Fitts '08** is in his second year at UMO and youngest grandson is a 6th grader at Warsaw. Bev reached her 5th year post-colon cancer in November and celebrated that milestone.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Frederick Donovan**. Our condolences to

Freddie's family.

Dave and I wish that more of you would get some news to us. There must be a lot going on with you that we don't know about. Try to make our 58th reunion, as the years are flying by and it is a great way to meet with old friends.

-**Bev Breau**

## 1953

I want to thank all my wonderful classmates for sending in their news. You should be proud of yourselves! I know I can hear a few saying: "She bugs us to death so we send news to get her off our backs". Whatever works, I say! It has been a busy year for me. I started by trying to clean out a *stuffed* cellar and have almost decided there aren't enough empty trucks around to hold it all. I also made the big decision to get rid of the in-ground pool. Hard to lose something that was enjoyed by so many family and friends for 23 years... but the memories will always be with me. Stirling is having back surgery on Tuesday so spent the day at the hospital for pre op stuff. Hope to have some fun after he heals! I did manage to get classmates together several times this past year and, as always, we had a great time. Our 56th reunion was very enjoyable. We were all looking forward to the evening banquet and dance in the Wright Gymnasium and being able to stay on the campus for the entire day and evening. The food was very good and the Al Corey group was great for dancing.

A few days after reunion I was so happy to have a visit from **Joe '49** and **Ellie '53 Perseille** before they flew back to NC. We also went to visit **Lou** and **Doris Pepin** while they were in Maine.

While in Florida I managed to get a few classmates together for lunch at Howey-in-the-Hills Mission Resort and hope to do that again this year. We visited with **John '52** and **Faye '53 Shaw**, **Bob** and **Dale '53 Seaburg**, **Cliff '55** and **Thelma '53 Vining**, and **Matt Scott** and his partner, Bev.

On our trip home we had a chance to visit with my niece (**Linda Shorey '69**) and her husband, John, and Stirling's family in New York and MA.

Stirling and I enjoyed meeting with MCI classmates at The Ground Round in Augusta. There were eleven from our class that joined the many other classmates of MCI. It was a great idea to try to have a place for all MCI alumni to meet in a central area and I hope it happens again this year. Stirling and I managed to get away to our time-shares in October in Evergreen Valley and Rangelley where we enjoyed time communing with nature. Stirling and I enjoyed sharing an evening of singing Christmas carols, eating and just good fellowship with my neighbors and classmates at Stirling's home in Oakland. It was great to have **Arthur** and **Cynthia Johnson**, **Frank** and **Priscilla Rende** and **Elwood** and **Bridgie Lovejoy** as guests.

Although my year has been very busy I still tried to keep in touch with as many classmates as possible, especially those having health problems. I thank all of you who have sent cards to those who needed your encouragement. I'm so thankful for how you respond to my e-mails and phone calls. Please notify me any time there is a change in your address, phone, or e-mail. Hope to see many of you at our 57th reunion in August.

We were so saddened to hear about the untimely death of classmate, **Bob Pickett**, and extend our sympathy to his wife, Sylvia, and all the family.

**Joyce Hunt Rowe** writes: Dick and I spent the first two weeks of August in Alaska. We flew into Anchorage on the 2nd and returned on the 17th. We rented a car and toured Seward, Whitten next to Denali National Park and took a bus tour from the Park and toured MT McKinley for two days. We also went to Fairbanks but couldn't go to the Arctic Circle due to bad weather. Did a lot of sightseeing, took many pictures and just had a great trip. We will go to Florida in February.

**Gertrude Grignon Bizeau** wrote that she had colon surgery last October and it was a difficult twelve days in Eastern Maine Medical. She was back driving her car in 7 weeks. Her daughter, Trudy, broke her leg right after Gertie got home from the hospital. Trudy had two plates and two pins put in her leg and then developed a blood clot. That meant she was out of work for 22 weeks as a Med Tech at Penobscot Jail. That put all the care on Kathy Jo but the Lord was good as we had no cancer and mended! She talks with **Phil Buker** every month. He is doing well. He has a lot of trouble with his legs. He said the fire in CA came really close to his home and he had to move out for a while. It has been three years since she lost her husband, Joe, but it seems like yesterday. Her oldest daughter, Sue, transferred to Florida and her son, Sidney, drove her down. Gertie will miss her but plans to visit her in Florida for the month of April.

**Gary Goodrich** writes that he is now using the Augusta YMCA for his workouts as it is closer to home than the Manchester facility. He said he saw **Priscilla** and **Frank Rende** there a couple times. He recently purchased an iPod Nano and ordered one of Barnes and Noble's Nook electronic reader devices which enables wireless downloads of books, magazines and newspapers. They seem to make sense for older persons due to their portability and capability of storing large amounts of content in a small space.

**Charlene Hunt Call** writes: "Maurice and I are both fine. I have not traveled for Eastern Star as much this year as I did last year. We did travel to Manchester, NH for the Grand Family

Exchange with Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont. Maine had fifty-eight attending which was a good turnout for such a rainy weekend. Our granddaughter, Kristen, is at New England School of Photography and Graphic Arts in Boston. She is doing really well and likes it very much. Our grandson, Timothy, is a junior at Richmond High School and Morgan, the youngest, is a freshman at MCI."

**Joyce Bane Holt** writes: "I have a new grandson, Demarcus. What a character he is at one year old. Britt is his mom. Ashley is now married (July 25) and lives in Independence, MO. Too far!"

**Richard Merriman** writes: We moved here (Aiken, SC) in November of 2008 after being in Ridgefield, CT for 30 years. Aiken is a very nice town and caters to horse people from the North who winter their horses here. This results in a variety of horse events all year; from races, polo matches, shows, etc. I do enjoy getting the Alumni information even though I've never been back for an event as the dates never seem to match the time I'm in the area.

**Cynthia Brown Johnson** writes: "We are busy every day and are very thankful when we see old friends from school. It is nice to remember the fun we shared in the great town of Pittsfield. Our children and their family, the church family and friends are all a blessing to us each and every day. We went to Michigan last fall but not this fall. We plan to go in June this year to see our youngest grandson baptized by his Dad. We have been blest to be able to go and see each one baptized. The Lord is so good. Son Don and his family and daughter, Fredonna and family were all with us during a day in December and what a wonderful day we had. We ate, played games, laughed, exchanged Christmas gifts, birthday gifts for our son and just enjoyed one another. At this stage in life, being with family and friends is the greatest blessing we can have. We look forward to each MCI gathering. Thanks to Kaye, who keeps us going."

**Priscilla Foss Rende** writes: My oldest granddaughter, Briiana, graduated from the University of New Haven last May. She is now a teacher in a school for autistic children in CT. She will be getting a MA in Special Ed. Margaret will graduate from UNH with a degree in graphic arts. Matt is attending Maine Maritime Academy. Grandson, Sean, in Kansas, is in a Christian college studying political science and criminal justice. Alex is in the fifth grade. Grace is in the third grade and Nathanael is in kindergarten. My husband, Frank, and I, went to Kansas last May for Sean's graduation from high school. We had a wonderful two weeks with our son and family.

**Matthew Scott** writes: I don't have much news but just being alive at 75 is news for me! My partner, Bev Libby and I bought a home in

Zephyrhills, FL and spent some time there during 2009. We are also traveling in a motor home from Florida to Texas in Feb. 2010 and on to NM, AZ, and finally to Oklahoma with lots of stops in between. We are stopping in TN and then Lancaster, PA and finally back to Maine by the end of April. Bev's home is in Oakland and mine is still in Belgrade. What the future holds we do not know but we are ballroom dancing three nights a week to continue a very healthy exercise program. Zephyrhills is a great area for dancing as we go to Tampa Lakeland for lesson up-grades and meeting fellow dancers. Each night is a steady dance of about three hours with two short breaks. So we hope to do some dancing at the MCI reunion in August. I still serve on the Maine Board of Environmental Protection. Best regards to all.

**Lou Pepin** wrote: We are so fortunate to have a class agent who keeps us so connected. On Dec. 7, I started my 14th year on dialysis. I've had to continue with dialysis at the V.A. since October. My doctor felt our dialysis unit wasn't powerful enough for home dialysis. I am gaining in strength and am thankful to be home from the Rehab Unit. Thanks to all who sent cards while I was sick. My oldest son was married on September 12th in Camden, ME. He and his wife live in Flagstaff, AZ but wanted to be married in Maine. (I suspect they might have had me in mind for attendance). My wife and I are both grateful for our state of health, for this great nation of ours as well as family and friends. These are significant gifts and we thank you for your part in our lives. Hope to see you at our next reunion in August!

**Connie Given** writes that it was a good news-bad news year for her. The good news: Her grandson (26) came safely home from Iraq and married his high school sweetheart. He was home for a year and is now in Afghanistan. He has had mountain training. Her granddaughter (27) married in November. She is a liaison between Foreign Services and the UN in Mexico City. Her husband is an international pilot. Connie has three grandkids in college plus one who will graduate in May in NY with a Masters degree. Her grandson in MI married his long time love last year and his brother in IN gave her her sixth great grandson. She published her children's book, *Mac, the Camper Dog*, and other stories. She is now editing her mother's memoir, *Memories of Monhegan*. Her mother taught school there from 1940-1942. She started school at age four with her mother as her teacher. The bad news: After two bouts with pneumonia and COPD, she is now on oxygen 24-7. She is thankful to be healthy otherwise so she can still get around. She still drives but can't dance, sing, swim or travel. She sold her home and moved to a Senior Center and Nursing Home. Her new address is: 115 Plaza Dr. #2003 in Kerrville, TX 78028

**Charlie MacDonald** writes that he was laid low with a serious leg infection in July 2009. He has been in and out of various medical facilities since then. By January of this year he was well enough

for surgery to replace the knee joint and he has been improving ever since that time. He wants to thank everyone for the cards and support he received. (It's been a long, hard battle for Charlie and we all hope he can be home soon).

**Philip Coffin** writes: Maria and I had a very quiet year in 2009. As usual, we spent the summer at our camp on Unity Pond and enjoyed ourselves in spite of the rain and extremely high water. The lack of sunny days kept us in for most of the summer. Shortly after getting to Maine, we enjoyed our class luncheon in Oakland and our brief visit with classmates. As usual, the arrangements by **Kaye Mooers** were flawless. We attended the MCI reunion for the reception, luncheon and evening dinner and festivities. These events were very enjoyable and gave us the opportunity to visit with many of our classmates. The family in Georgia is doing well. Son, Ron, managed to change jobs in spite of the hard employment times. Granddaughter Brittany started her new nursing job, got married in November and bought a house at the end of December. After getting her nursing degree, she jumped on the fast track it seems. We're hoping to do more in 2010 so we have more news to report. We wish all our classmates a great year and hope to see many of you at the 2010 reunion at MCI.

**Jack Hartleb** writes: I was so sorry to hear about **Bob Pickett**. He, Cooper and I roomed in the same area in the dorm. They were both great guys and fantastic athletes. I'm still teaching school here in Oregon on a limited schedule. My interest is the new things happening in the dental profession keeps my mind active, which I like. I also keep a busy schedule with the grandchildren. If all goes well I may get to Maine this summer. Best to all.

**Dale Raye Seaburg** wrote that her husband, Bob, had carotid surgery in October and is now doing fine. They went to Aruba for a week in November and then on to Florida for the winter.

**Loretta Doherty Brown** wrote: 2009 was a busy year for the Brown's and family. Armour did a 14 hr. climb of Katahdin to celebrate his 75th birthday. We made our annual pilgrimage to Kodiak, Alaska to see our son, Dean, and family. It was a very busy month there keeping up with the teenage grandchildren. On returning to Maine, we both have had back surgery and are now thankfully recovering and hopefully getting back to our normal selves again. The best news is that we are proud great grandparents to a darling little girl, Sophie Richele Reid, born Dec. 1, 2009 -- 6lb.10 oz. She has stolen our hearts already. Looking forward to seeing more of my classmates this year.

**Ellie Hamilton Perseille** and **Joe '49** write: We've had several visitors from up north-- said they came to see us but I suspect the warm

weather and the lack of stuff needing to be shoveled was as big a draw. Being nice folks-- they invited us up to play in the snow but we declined and promised to see them during the dog days of August when the lobsters are cheap.

**Sarah Chipman** writes: My knee surgery was over a year ago now, so that is Old Hat! Yes, I am doing well. My best news is that my special friend, Ian Grover graduated with Honors from John Bapst in June, was raised to the rank of Eagle Scout in August, entered Northeastern University in September in Criminal Justice, and successfully completed his first semester on the Dean's list.

**George Pierce** writes: **Bobby Pickett** was truly one of the most admirable guys to ever come along. My sister, who was in the class of 1965 at Portsmouth and knew him well, attests to the huge impact he made on the community in but four short years. I was privileged to have gotten together with Bobby several times for golf relatively recently, along with **Bill Sullivan** and **Charlie McInnis**. We can all be very proud to have had Bobby Pickett as a member of our MCI Class of 1953. My wife, Doris, and I have been dividing our time between Northern Vermont and Northwest Florida, and we are getting along okay. I treasure the time I spent at MCI and credit it for whatever success has come my way.

-**Catherine Doyle Mooers**

## 1956

With great sadness we tell you **Jean Ogilvie Huber** and **Dick McFarland** have passed away.

The MCI post-graduate class of 1956 would like to recognize their football team for an outstanding year in 1956. The team completed the season untied, undefeated, and never allowed an opponent to score any points against the team. These accomplishments are truly remarkable.

**Norm Nutter** writes: A lot has happened in 53 years - two sons, three daughters, and 14 grandchildren. We are proud of our family and the spiritual walk they have chosen. We are most blessed because of it. It was great to see those at our 50th reunion, and we're only 2 years from our 55th. I am still doing some Contract Engineering, working for the last two years at Parker Aerospace helping with the cooling systems for the Boeing 787 Dreamliner (which may fly some day, after nearly 2 years of delays). Otherwise, I do some volunteer work at our church and go to Doctor offices with Clara, since she has many health problems. God is good, and we keep going places when she feels well enough. We are planning two weeks at Pompano Beach in FL this November.

**James Steeves** writes: Holy cow! How did you find me? I've traveled the country and the world extensively since graduating MCI. We got to Albuquerque in 1989 after my retirement from the U.S. Department of State; left in 1997 to do a few more years overseas and then went to Southern California for a while, returning to New Mexico in 2003. We stopped in Pittsfield a month ago en route to Boston from Bangor. The town didn't look different from the last time I popped in. Got some chocolate donuts at the grocery store near the Interstate for my daughter in Massachusetts and drove down the business section of Main Street. Didn't go by MCI last time but did a few years ago. It looked peaceful. My time at MCI was a time before I discovered myself. The military taught me to speak up and try anything even though I just knew I couldn't do anything right and, by damn, I discovered I could do just about anything not just well but better than almost anyone else around.

As for me, **Catherine Folsom Janus**, I have three kids & five grandkids. I worked as an RN & retired from a New York state psychiatric hospital. Since retiring I've enjoyed a few road trips. The two most memorable were to Calgary, Alberta and to Carrott River Saskatchewan to pick up my grandson who went there to play hockey with their local teams. Also to the south rim of the Grand Canyon where I lived and worked for a few months. Currently I keep busy with family, church, and a little ballroom dancing. I've been to two reunions, the 25th & the 50th. **Judi Burke** & I are planning to attend our 55th in August 2011. It would be great to see all of you there. Keep those emails & letters coming with all your doings since June 1956.

**Don Fenton** wrote: Hope all is well in the great state of Maine. Regarding the MCI reunion, we won't be coming to New England until late August or September to visit family. We have a brother and two sisters left, and the rest have gone home with the Lord. Have a super reunion and say Hi to our "ole" classmates. We built a new home 2 years ago, about 2700 sf, most of it on one floor and an office over the garage with full bath so it can be used as overflow when we have lots of company. Brent and Susan usually camp here as it's quiet and away from all the early morning. I continue to work part time with the company I was President of when owned by Ampco Pittsburgh Corp. We sold it and then moved on to a company in Illinois, which sold as an ESOP company to CNH Global. I stayed with them for two years and retired to move back to TN. Well, this part time project is working its way into 2-3 days a week, most of being done from our home. Therefore, there is lots of flex time and when we want to take a week or two off, we just go! No pressure -- just lots of fun for an old goat that always loved his work. Brent, our son, and his wife Susan live in the Nashville area. Derrick, our grandson, lives in Cleveland, TN and is starting his senior year at the University of TN. He is very close to his Nan and Gramp, visits often, and we are so proud of his moral standing. Just a darn good kid at 22-years-

old. We all are in fairly good health. Nancy has diabetes II and I have another hip to be replaced after the first of the year, right side this time, so it is the normal tune-up for those miles of travel.

**Robert Burbank** says he misses Maine, but he and Ima garden, have active parts in church and love retirement. Bob plans to come to Pittsfield in 2011.

**John Griffin** has taught school in Lubec for 30 years. John says he'll visit Camden soon.

**Vinnie Littlefield** is retired, lives in NJ and visits the Freeport, ME area. We may get him to MCI in 2011!

**Bill Bryant** wrote: We retired in 1994, and after spending 6 years on our sailboat in the Caribbean (and about a year off & on in S. America), we've been back here at my old home in Lincoln Plantation, ME (mailing address is NH – the nearest PO!). Married 50 years, 3 kids, 2 grand kids, etc. We plan to be in Pittsfield next summer for reunion. Since 2000 we've spent summers May-Nov. here in Maine and traveled in the winter months, mostly off shore, but spent part of 3 winters in Mexico.

**Kenneth Cray:** I'm alive! Will be married 53 years on Dec. 7. We have 7 children, 16 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Hope someday to meet and talk about the years gone by. I'm 72 but feel 20!

**Bob Denbow:** After graduation I went to GE in Lynn, Mass. for a very short stay, and then I began working at Irving Tanning in Hartland, ME where I stayed for almost 42 years. On June 30, 1958 I married **Mary Kay Scott '58** and we just celebrated our 51st anniversary. We raised five children, and we have fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren (soon to be six). I retired Oct. 4, 1998 and we moved to Arizona shortly after that. The first couple of years, it was just for the winters, but we have lived here full-time now for about nine years. We have a small manufactured home in a retirement community that is so small, the town isn't even incorporated. There are five large RV parks and one general store. It is a quiet place in the desert, which we love, and we have plenty of BLM land around us to roam in. I have always been interested in music and at various times during my working career I played and sang at some lounges, bars and hotels, but nothing of any real fame. Out here in the greater Quartzsite area, 15 miles away, there are no less than 23 jam sessions per week in the winter time, when all the snowbirds are around. I love to go to some of them and play and sing along. They are mostly old people, but some of them have played with professionals and bands you would recognize. I have written probably sixty or seventy songs over the last few years and also made nine CDs with some of the music and some of other people's stuff. Also I have

done a few one-man shows at some of the RV parks around here. It is a lot of fun and it gives me something creative to do.

**Ralph Farrar:** I, too, am 71 years young. Married 51 years to Janice. Our daughter Amy has taught at Lamoine Grammar School for 20 plus years. Her husband Tom teaches at Stonington HS. Grandson Josh graduated MMA and is now driving tugs in NY Harbor. Granddaughter Janna graduated U of M with high honors and is now taking classes at Husson. Great granddaughter Uli is 2-years-old. She is simply a joy! Now, a little of my past: I graduated from Husson with a BSBA. Worked for First National Grocery for 7 years, then worked at Freeses Dept. Store starting in the credit department, then merchandising, then was store manager 8 years, for a total of 18 years there. Then I moved to EMMC Hospital business office and spent 2+ years there. In '79 along with my father-in-law, myself, and another man started Ellsworth Auto Supply (30+ years). I handle the financial mostly, but am the sole owner. We have a travel trailer and use it 3 or 4 times a year. We have done Disney all but 6 or 7 years since '73. Our home faces Acadia National Park and Frenchman's Bay.

**Judy Maden Pickard:** We're in Florida, and have not been to Maine since '05. Bill and I have 3 kids – one in Bangor, one in the UP of Michigan, and one currently living in Sweden. At last count we have 7 grandkids including an adopted little girl (pew – she's 12-years-old now) from China. Our only travel is spending a couple months in Michigan each fall as the others get to visit us in FL. My 100-year-old dad lives with us for several months during the summer and lives with my sister during winter months. Therefore, I am kept very busy with dad and also pondering many of life's persistent questions.

**Diane Tatlock Pierce:** As usual, we again spent much of 2009 away from Las Vegas. We annually make 2 trips a year to Maui, Hawaii to take advantage of using the condo we own there. We next will be in Maui for the first 3-1/2 months of 2010. We will be again working the first PGA Golf Tournament, now known as the "SBS" Tournament, at Kapalua as volunteers from 1/2 – 1/10. SBS stands for Seoul Broadcasting System. Fred will be a walking scorekeeper for the Pro-Am and a "Shotlink" operator on the 5th green during actual tournament play, which gets him on the course and close to the golfing action. Diane drives the golfers and caddies in a golf cart from the 9th green to the 10th tee area, which is a fun assignment for her. We also will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on June 11th. We are looking into taking a family cruise to Alaska, and/or a trip to Banff, Canada to celebrate the 50 year milestone of marriage. We both enjoy the joys associated with being grandparents. We get to see our four grand-children frequently, since it

is about a 5-hour drive from Las Vegas to the San Diego, where they all live.

My news? I have a beautiful life and am happy as can be (at 71 years young). I live in a lovely 42-apartment "Highland Park," have a wonderful daughter (Assistant Provost of Dartmouth College) and two smart, handsome grandchildren (Eric, 9 and Matthew, 7). They live in Vermont and get here about once a month to "tend to" my every want and need. I have been single for 40 years and have a ball, love being retired and laugh, talk, and tell stories. (No, I haven't changed much in 50+ years!). A freshman at MCI, "Christina" just telephoned to tell me about improvements recently made up there. She said the wood in the bell tower has just been replaced. I asked if the bell sounded the same and she assured me it does – better than ever! I think it is a nice touch for students to keep in touch with alumni.

**-Judith Burke Simonton**

## 1959

Things always seem to be busy in **Sandra Mercier's** life. For many years, Sandra lived in Fal-mouth and worked as an office manager for Burroughs Computers in Portland. She returned to Pittsfield in 1979 and worked in local banks for years. Still in Pittsfield, she's been working for ten years for Amazatto Foods, a company owned by her sister, Judie. As company treasurer, Sandra handles payroll, corporate taxes, A/P, A/R, marketing and national programs. Her other sisters, Nancy and Jackie, also work for the company which manufactures all of the frozen gourmet ravioli, tortellini, long goods, pesto and sauces for U.S. Foodservice for their signature Roselli line. She and her sisters travel the country promoting their products and doing food shows which take them to fun places like Las Vegas, Reno, Atlantic City, Chicago, L.A., San Francisco, etc. Business trips also take them to Myrtle Beach where they visit **Dr. Mark Mercier '88**, their brother David's youngest son. In March 2007, they went to Ireland and France – can you imagine that? All five Mercier sisters together! A couple of weeks later, Judie, Nancy and Sandra went to Mexico, followed by a flight to Colorado where Nancy and Sandra spent a week with Nancy's daughter and family. Every August for the past ten years, the Mercier family has been meeting in Wells, Maine for a 4-day family reunion camp-out hosted by Sandra's daughter, Leisa and husband, Jeffrey Goodwin. They usually have a 100% turnout of sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and extended family from all over the U.S. They camp in tents, motor homes, tag-alongs, etc. The grand finale is a professional chicken barbecue for 80-90 relatives and friends handled by Sandra's son-in-law and his father. Sandra has three married children, five grandchildren (3 college grads/two in high school), a great-granddaughter and a great grandson. Sandra would love to hear from classmates at her email address: amazattofoods@yahoo.com.

Last summer, **Donna Richardson Glenn** and her husband, Gerald, drove across country from Gilbert, Arizona in their motor home to visit Donna's family— her 91-year-old mother, her sister, Lana, and family in Winslow and her sister, Judy '56 and husband, Colby, on Togos Pond in Augusta. During her six weeks in Maine, she spent time with her "old" classmates, **Nancy Ross Cameron** and **Mary Lou Tompkins Pray** and had a wonderful time at breakfast with **Rocky Elias** and his wife, Jody. Of course, one of the highlights of Donna's visit to Maine was her 50th class reunion in August. She mentioned how thrilled she was to see her classmates and that many were just like family, having been friends since first grade at Lancey Street School. She's planning another trip to Maine this year and is planning to attend reunion again. Donna and Jerald have two sons and a daughter, and eleven grandchildren ages four months to twelve years. Her daughter, Angela, returned last year from a two-year Peace Corps mission in Zambia, Africa and recently announced a wedding date in May. Their oldest son, David, is a 5th grade teacher and has three children. Daniel is a paramedic, a real estate broker and has eight children. I bet Donna's a pretty busy grandmother! Several years ago, Donna and Gerald enjoyed a wonderful cruise to Alaska where one of the highlights was a trip through the Inside Passage, "glacier watching" as they say. They were awed by the breathtaking mystic scenery of the mountains of glaciers. Donna told me that they would "love to return to Alaska", and if any classmates are so inclined to send donations for their trip, they would be happy to oblige.

In March, **Nancy Ross Cameron** says she flew to Gilbert Arizona to visit **Donna Richardson Glenn** for a few days. Whereas I was also in Gilbert visiting my son and his family of six, I joined them for dinner at Donna's along with **Sophia Kellis** who was competing in a tennis tournament nearby. Sophia is now living in Washington State. Nancy and Don enjoy vacationing at their condo on Pawley's Island in South Carolina where they spend wonderful days on the beach and playing golf. Years ago they built a home in Newcastle and love the fact that their son lives nearby. Their daughter and son live in Massachusetts where they've spent many weekends driving down to see them and their four grandchildren.

**Mary Lou Tompkins Pray** and her husband, Millard, built a home in Bonita Springs, Florida three years ago. From June to Labor Day they stay in Southern Maine. They also enjoyed a trip to Alaska where they enjoyed seeing exceptional wildlife, towering glaciers and areas of Denali National Park, Anchorage, Juneau, Fairbanks, etc. Mary Lou and Millard have three children and five grandchildren. They'll be returning to Maine for the summer in June and "hope" to be at the reunion.

We had a memorable 50th Reunion at MCI last August and it was great rekindling high school memories. Hopefully, attendance this August will be as good. A group of us hope to get together in Pittsfield in April or May to make plans for our 51st. Even though it's not a "biggie," it's just good to see old friends again.

I want to hear how you're all doing and welcome your emails, letters and calls. There are so many classmates who would love to hear about you and your families. Keep in touch please.

**-Martha Mourkas,**  
mourkas@suscom-maine.net 207-865-9286

## 1960

A quick update about the Nash family:

**Diane Nash Crane '59** will soon have another granddaughter; she has 3 boys and a granddaughter now. Her daughter married Brian McEvoy, who came to Maine and liked the outdoor activities so much that they bought a cabin near Pittsfield. He had a little trouble buying it - guess the owner didn't want to sell to a Massachusetts man - until Brian mentioned the name "Nash" - then he was in.

**David '69** and **Donna Nash** fostered 5 children several years back; when they asked the state about adopting the children, they were told that they didn't have enough bedrooms - whereupon Dave stayed up until 4 a.m. designing 5 bedrooms over the large 2-car garage. (Dave is a civil engineer). Well, they have 2 boys still at home, but then they fostered 3 more and ended up adopting them, also. Casey, their biological son, is in training in the military. Tobey is in Pittsfield. Dave's challenge this year is to gut a cabin on the lake in Eddington and rebuild it in time for the children to start school in Eddington. The whole family stayed one night - but it rained - so, as one child said, they "had water beds." The roof was on - but no walls.

**Marshall '63:** Sonny has retired; he lives in South Carolina.

**Larry '66:** Larry and wife, Phyllis, live in Rexford, NY.

**Frances '66:** Franny is recently widowed and lives in Phoenix with one of her 5 sons.

**Cynthia '71:** Cindy, husband Jack, and son, Mike, live in Loudon, NH; Cindy works at the Weathervane there - when she's not working, she's working on crafts or shoveling snow off the roof.

**Daniel '74:** Danny and wife Dee Dee live in NH; he works on construction, and Dee Dee consults, using her training as an engineer.

Other Class of '60 Members:

**Mike Parker** has a business card; however,

we don't know if it's a joke card or for real: Doc Parker's Expert Canoe Repairs, 207-368-5604; summer: Windham: 207-893-2507; cell: 207-252-8444.

**Rachel Fields Fleming** is still at work repairing clothing and doing more of those sewing things. She wrote because, as she said, she doesn't have webbed feet; therefore, she couldn't work in her garden. She is still volunteering, working on voting days.

**Janis Withee Lahaie** is driving, driving, driving. She has a home in Florida, but she rents it out for part of the year. This year she's visiting various siblings from Maine to Texas, picking up a brother on the way. She takes senior classes three nights a week and volunteers for her church on another. She visits her 2 children and grandchildren on the Cape.

**Deanna Leavitt Clark** says that she will be back and forth from California to Florida; her daughter, Kelly and son are in California, so that will be her main domicile. Actually, Deanna is awaiting her sister's retirement in a few years - then the ladies plan to purchase a motor home and just travel. She says she "plays" with diamonds and emeralds a day or two a week and vacations in FL.

**Delia Young Bickford** is widowed, retired, and living with her daughter in Gorham.

**Joan Basford Bradley** sells books on Ebay. I stayed with her last reunion weekend, and she has books in every corner of her home. It's great to know someone who loves books and can also earn money as an independent bookseller.

**Marilyn "Sam" Nash** is doing legal proofreading; she recently ran a 46-min 5K Half Moon Festival in Chinatown in L. A. They put one of those glow sticks around her neck in order for drivers not to run into the runners.

**Floyd Lawrence** is painting and showing his art.

## 1962

**Linda Swift** sent an e-mail saying, "I've never sent anything to class notes before, but thought I would like to reach out to old friends. Here goes! I have two grown sons, Christopher and Kevin Dillingham and Chris has one son, Cody Dillingham, so the family is not very big. After they left home I returned to school at 44. I earned my Associates of Photography in 1991 UM at Augusta and continued on to USM in Portland, receiving my Bachelors of Fine Art with two concentrations in drawing and painting. I also received a minor in Art education in there somewhere. After graduating, my husband and I went our separate ways and I became Linda Swift again, with a new outlook on life. I taught adult class in various art media for seven years, and my own art pieces are landscapes in pastels. My day job was custom picture fram-

ing. I travel out to the southwest as often as possible and explore Indian ruins and Pueblos. I used to travel to see my sister, Lorraine Swift Burns '53, until she passed away in 2000. As we are getting older I thought about slowing down -- three heart attacks and five stents later, not happening! Four years ago at 61 I opened my own frame shop in Skowhegan, ME. on West Front Street. I share space with an Art Gallery, Central Maine Artists Gallery as A to Z Picture Framing. I like to hike and camp along the Maine coast in the summer. I had a few customers from MCI who live in the area, and I always enjoy catching up with anyone from there. My e-mail address is lmswiftart@yahoo.com.

**Jean Carnes** wrote "I live in Laguna Woods, CA, which is in southern Orange County. My husband Dave and I moved here in '05 because of the excellent year-round weather and the many outdoor activities. It is sunny here about 350 days a year. We are close to several mountain ranges and the Pacific Ocean which is only 15 minutes away. Our three adult children and nine grandchildren live in Massachusetts. We get to see them twice a year and talk to them on the phone regularly. I was pleased to meet Chris Hopkins and Todd Nadeau when they visited CA last year. After graduation from MCI, I attended nursing school in Massachusetts and went on to earn a Master's degree in gerontological nursing. I was a geriatric nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist. I'm looking forward to our 50th Reunion!"

Received a letter from **Mike Savage** who states that "...in 1966 I received my BA degree from Bates College with a major in economics, then in 1968 my MBA degree from the Tuck School at Dartmouth with a concentration in finance. In the summer of 1967 my college sweetheart, Priscilla (Cilla) Brown and I got married. After graduation from Dartmouth, I returned to Maine to work for Hannaford, where I spent the next 15 years in the finance/accounting end of the business, holding such positions as manager of internal auditing and controller. Upon leaving Hannaford, I entered the entrepreneurial phase of my life, helping start businesses with such names as CMS, The Ecology House, Jokers Family Entertainment, and Flagship Adventures. The latter two still exist. I continue to remain close to MCI, having joined the Board of Trustees in the mid 1970's. I have served as Treasurer, Vice President, and President of the Board. I also was foolish enough to chair the capital campaign for the new math & science building. I am now retired. Cilla and I divide our time between our cottage on Sebago Lake in Maine and our condo in Downtown Boston, where we are close to our two sons (Andy and Jim) and our six grandchildren."

**Wayne Hall** sent a brief e-mail saying that he



Allen Dyer '63 in front of the nursing school in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

finally retired in September of last year and with his wife, Sally, left in their Winnebago with a yellow Lab named "Bentley" for Points South. Unfortunately, they found the weather to have been quite cool in Florida, once they arrived. He stated that he managed to graduate from college after many years without learning to spell or type, suspecting that he was not the only one in our class to do so. After many jobs he went back to school at age 50 to become a Registered Nurse, retiring from Maine Medical Center last year as an OR nurse. "It has been a good life even with more than my share of blind alleys." Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming reunions. Wayne can be reached at (207) 632-5353 or by e-mail at whsjhall@yahoo.com.

### 1963

**Allen Dyer:** I am now working with the International Medical Corps, based in Washington, but I travel frequently to Iraq, India, China and elsewhere. From MCI to IMC ([www.imc-worldwide.org](http://www.imc-worldwide.org)).

### 1964

As this new year starts, many of us are looking ahead hoping life will treat our families and friends well, with health and happiness. The 45th class reunion in August 2009 held at **Georgie Brown and Ron Farrin's** was reported as one of our best yet. In attendance were **Joe Barnes, Steve Barnes, Carolyn Dutil Belanger, Joseph Bennett, Donna Brook Rolfe, Georgie Brown Farrin, Ralph Damren, Mike Gordon, Richard Howe, Crystal Hunt Cyr, Marlene Hunt Wade, Charlie Philbrick, Leon Southard, Ed Toulouse, Barbara Vigue Day, Glen Wehrwein, Brian McMann, Carl Curtis, Ben Doody, Rita Flood Bubar, Paul Garabedian, Bob Menucci, Glenda McMann Weymouth, Linda Tozier Dean, Susan Smith Rowe, Jim Scribner, Lowell Martin, Frank Dunton, Pat Dow, Carlton Bemis, Mike Vigue, Ron Kinney, and Joan VanDerveer Gould.** Five class members joined the class

reunion part for the first time.

We have some new ideas for our 50th, as many of our loyal classmates have stepped up and offered their time and talent to help make our 50th the best ever.

Thanks to all the folks who answered their class news survey. Here are the responses:

**Marlene Hunt Wade** is hopeful to take a class and to do some volunteer work. She is going to Portland, Oregon to visit her son. She retired from EMHS after 39 years. New in her family are 2 step-grandson twins. She'd like to see as many as possible from our class.

**Charlie and Rae Philbrick** are hoping to go on a life adventure of a Western Caribbean cruise. After many years of hard work, Charlie retired from Springfield Terminal Railroad after 40 years and CR Philbrick & Sons after 30 years. He hopes to keep up the Philbrick Clan, and see as many of the class as possible.

**Dot Creasy Ackerman** was planning on attending reunion but was sick with pneumonia. Her hope for this year is not to be sick with breathing problems. Dot has two granddaughters, both talented with a number of musical instruments and singing, and a new member joined her family -- baby Selena. She said she probably won't retire until she's 100!

**Robert Coffey** plans on improving his golf game. For new adventures, he will be going on a trip to South Carolina. He is retired after 32 years of teaching.

**James Flynn** hopes to spend summer and fall this year at the family's other residence on Lake Hebor in Manson, where the fishing is great. For life adventures, he is going to spring training in Florida with the Red Sox. He retired from US Secret Service after 22 years, and then retired from Abraxas Corp. as security consultant after 12 years. Plans on retirement and travel, would like to hear from Rowe Hall classmates.

**Rodney Small** from Kenai, Alaska, hopes this year to go to Africa and Colorado to bow hunt. In February he is going Predator hunting in Arizona. He is retired from Maine Warden Service after 23 years. A proud grandfather, his daughter is expecting her third child in August. He would like to see the country have a balanced budget and Sarah Palin, his former governor, as President!

**Tom Smith** hopes to have a life adventure of a family trip cruise to Alaska from Seattle. He is retired from the USDA after 37+ years and continues to do bookkeeping part time. He has 4 grandchildren.

**Steve Barnes** of Virginia hopes this year we keep recovering from this economy, and says "We'll all

get through it.” He hopes to go to Florida this spring and hopes to see **Jim Scribner** there, after Jim finishes his time with the winter Olympic experience in Whistler BC. (“Scrib” also traveled the farthest for our 45th class reunion). Steve mentioned our reunions are the “best,” but just don’t last long enough. He also said he probably won’t retire until he’s 100!

I saw a picture of **Pat Dow** with a group from the Maine Ski Hall of Fame, who honored eight new members who brought distinction to skiing. Pat was accepting for his father, Bud Dow.

On January 17, 2010, a memorial service was held in Detroit for loyal classmate **Richard Howe**. Several class members attended, including someone we hadn’t seen in 45 years – **Dennis Shaw**.

**Joan VanDerveer Gould** recently moved to Mass from NH for the winter. She spoke proudly about 2 grandsons.

**Carolyn Dutil Belanger** is still busy with Cole’s Transportation Museum, taking fantastic photos.

I spoke with **Ted Grant** from Cocoa, FL who reminded me it was warmer than Maine. He saw American Loggers, and it reminded him of the woods of Maine. Ted hopes to try to get back to Maine, maybe this summer.

On a sad note, we lost two classmates, **Harry Huff** and **Richard Howe**.

## 1965

**Glenn Hinckley:** “It seems to me that sometime after June 1965 many of us had to make an “adult” decision – what’s next? For some it was college. For some a branch of the service was either demanding our sign-up or not. Some went to work doing what they had prepared for in high school, and no doubt some of us rested after 12 years of intense schooling! Some knew who they were; many of us shared the common confusion of not knowing who we were. Some knew what they wanted to do, many did not. For some of us, our heads were so full that nothing was easy. It was hard for us to focus on what we or somebody else had chosen for us to do. Regardless of the many quandaries that filled our waking hours, we managed to press on, and some scooted along, focused on their goals. It’s now 45 years later, time enough for some to grow up, for some to grow old, for some to grow rich, and for some to lose it all... For some of us, MCI has always been in the back of our minds – an inspiration of various proportions. For some, it is difficult to go to a reunion for any number of very good reasons. But, 45 years is long enough to go without seeing each other. Bring the pictures of the children and the grandchildren. Drive up to Pitts-

field with the new Miata, new Triumph motor cycle, your company’s stretch Hummer, or the ’78 Crown “Vicky” with 332,000 ‘easy’ miles on it, but think about attending the reunion just to say “Hi.”

MCI is providing the same well-rounded and exceptional education for those who are motivated as it always has. We all know that, because we attended. We know the standards that are fostered here. Maybe many of us could leave a \$20 bill with someone and provide a recognizable donation for the continuance of that MCI education from the Class of ’65 for the future. Thank you from **Glenn Hinckley**, who, incidentally, has attended very few reunions for any number of very good reasons!

**Polly Dyer Morse:** Am hoping to be at Reunion this year. Look forward to seeing everyone!

**Del (Bunny) Soule** writes: “Even the weather here in South Carolina has been cold (at least for us). Don’t expect to make reunion this summer, but am definitely planning to be there for the 50th – and 75th!”

**Larry Yeaton:** “I am a fifth year alumni. I lived in Rowe Hall my year there. I have some very fond memories of my year and the friends I made. I have retired from full time pastoral ministry, although I am still very active in ministry. My last church was in Lake City, FL. I have pastored in Maine, Vermont, Iowa, and Illinois, also. I am now living in South Carolina. By the time of the spring/summer issue of the *Alumnus*, I will be living in Greenville, SC. I am engaged to a wonderful woman named Claudia. My son John lives in FL. Would like to hear from those who remember me – always good to hear from classmates. LarryYeaton@aol.com or Yeaton\_LL2007@yahoo.com.”

**Terry Higgins:** “My oldest daughter, Kate, is the Curator of Historical Artifacts for the Maine State Museum in Augusta. If you have never been to the museum, swing by and let the memories of living in Maine soak in. You can spend an entire afternoon there! My youngest daughter, Sarah, is in her last semester of Graduate School at the University of IL for Graphic Design. My wife is still teaching in Rochester, NH. I’m still working at running my own Industrial Logistics company, but consider myself semi-retired. Golf is still my passion – I can still hang in with the young people without embarrassing myself!”

**Charlene Lowe:** Notes from me... I am still working in the insurance industry as an Employee Benefits Account Manager. Hoping to retire in a few more years! I have four beautiful grandchildren and spend as much time as I can spoiling them. My oldest son, Jeffrey, has three children. Jason is in the Army stationed in Alaska. He spent a year in Iraq, and is due to

be discharged this summer. Jacob and Paige are 12 and 9 and are doing well in school and sports. My other son, Ryan, has one daughter. The “baby,” Ashlyn Rae, was born on my birthday and will be 6 years old in April.

I heard from **Juanita Brown Baldwin** on Facebook and she writes: “I am retired and just having fun. We (she and husband Danny) live on Black River in NC and love it. We have a small campground and Danny stays busy. We love to travel (she was in Florida when she wrote this).” She also says that they have two grandchildren and do not expect anymore!

## 1966

**Phil Levesque** wrote: I reside in the middle of National Park Country in Sandpoint, ID, where I retired. I ski, rollerblade, run, kayak, windsurf, bike, camp, mountain climb, etc. I have two sons, Sean (22) and Luke (21) and a granddaughter, Jameylin Jade (3). I am contributing money to MCI in memory of Mr. Dave Lahait, my mentor, teacher, coach and friend at MCI for his passion in athletics. Peace, life, love and laughter!

**Norby Young** writes that he is off and running on Career # 5 - he transitioned from McGraw-Hill Construction in November after a great ten years and established Duck Cove Associates, LLC. The backbone for Duck Cove Associates is his role at Cianbro – Outside Director and Special Advisor. This company, founded in our hometown, today is a major east coast construction services group focusing on industrial and infrastructure – highly innovative. He has known all the key leaders for his entire life – and actually three years ago they approached him about the outside director role – check out [www.cianbro.com](http://www.cianbro.com). Additionally he has secured three additional senior advisor roles – all long term, but limited to two days a week each – a global design services company headquartered in Boston; a global manufacturer of building products; and a global software development company! He has deliberately held off from pursuing short term consulting type engagements and that strategy has paid off. His Cianbro commitment is to be in Pittsfield two weeks a month – so this brings him and Christine back to Maine – which has been one of their goals. It also allows him to spend more time at MCI with Chris Hopkins and his team. Heartiest congrats, Norby (and Chris)!

Don’t forget, everyone. Send me your news.

-**Anna Maria Parker ’66**  
bbsarranger@mac.com

## 1967

**Tim McGowan** wrote: I left Pittsfield when I was drafted into the Army. I married Diane (Mathieu, from Winslow) in 1969. I have a daughter, Michele and a son, Ryan. I have worked for the same company since 1973 so I’m the old man now. I moved from Winslow, ME to Alabama in 1994

and then moved to the Kansas City area in 2007. Ryan works and lives in Alabama. Michele and husband Mike are raising my 2 grandsons Patrick and Michael (14 & 10) in Winslow. Diane taught school in Winslow, became the principal there and retired in 1999. I have survived prostate cancer for 7 years, am glad to be alive and I look forward to seeing more of my classmates and childhood friends soon.

**Bob Gould** wrote: I have been in the Atlanta, GA area for the last 16 years with the same employer. I deliver tires for a wholesale distributor and love my job. I am thankful I still have a job every day. I stay in contact with **Linda Emerson Ross** at least once a month. Want to get back to MCI for a reunion. Don't know about this year. It was great to attend the Atlanta gathering last October and meet Chris Hopkins and see Norby Young, Jr. I am divorced and have no children or grandchildren to brag about. I enjoy the ones my sister **Lynne Cianchette '69** has.

## 1969

**Jim Rowe** writes: I sold my business in October, 2008, and am enjoying semi-retirement (doing some substitute teaching in the Cape Elizabeth schools). I just finished a stint as chairman of the Cape Elizabeth Town Council. My wife and I are enjoying traveling and golfing whenever possible. Son Andy (28) is a school teacher at Marshwood (Eliot/So. Berwick, ME), and son Tom (25) is in the middle of a career change in Boston, going into real estate. I'd love to hear from classmates and dorm mates.

**Steve MacDonald:** Living in Northampton, England with my wife and three-year-old son. Unlike Jim (Rowe), I remain slaving away, running a trucking company and serving as a visiting spot when the Rowe's come to the UK. The current plan is to retire mid 2011 to Manila, Philippines where we have our retirement home waiting for us.

## 1970

We are beginning to think of reunion in August. 40 years! More information will be forthcoming but hope everyone will mark their calendars. This is a milestone and we look forward to sharing it together.

**Scott Derick** called early last fall. We had a long conversation. He had many questions about MCI and old friends. He is currently living in Texas. Hopefully he can join us for our 40th.

On Columbus Day weekend, we took a ride to catch up with **Wendy Murdock Esposito** and husband at the Situate (RI) Art Show. We



The Class of 1979 at Nancy Quint's camp during Reunion 2009

found them surrounded by customers eagerly purchasing their pottery. Wendy took time to visit with us. We talked and laughed over old times. They are well and busy with their business, Unity Pond Pottery. When not crafting beautiful pottery, they are enjoying moments with their two daughters and grandchildren. Wendy exclaimed, "Surfer, can you believe, I'm a grandmother!" Forty years ago the word grandchildren wasn't part of our vocabulary. We hope Wendy and Espo will visit with us in May when they return for another art show.

We always look forward to **Roy Milke's** Christmas picture/letter and we weren't disappointed this year. He and wife, Ann, are living in Scottsdale, AZ with their 3 sons. They write that the boys are good students, enjoy sports, and play musical instruments-- all this keeps Roy and Ann very busy. Roy is still flying the skies. We had an opportunity to connect with them a couple of years ago while in AZ. We hope they can find their way east in August to perhaps visit with us and attend our class reunion.

**Steven Hodgkins** (Hoxie) and wife, Janice, are well. They live in Auburn, MA where Hoxie owns and operates a landscaping business. Hey, by the way, is there anyone out there who remembers who Hoxie's senior year roommate was? We have been trying to figure that out for years!! There could be a small reward for that information. At least knowing it would put an end to the nagging question!

Susan and I are well. While the economy has hit many, people still need plumbers and keep me busy. Susan is teaching 1st grade locally and enjoys it. We will continue for at least a few more years. We enjoy golfing (yes, I put away the surfboard) and biking when we can get away from the gardening and yard work. I am beginning to think about reunion plans. It is somewhat difficult to do that from a distance and would welcome any assistance. My e-mail address is surf7073@cox.net Please contact me with more news and reunion ideas. We look

forward to seeing classmates in August.

-David England

## 1979

Hello Classmates, Well, Number 30 has come and gone, Can you believe it! It was a great time at the Quint's camp. We would like to thank Nancy, Kelly and Mary for the hospitality this year. It was a good turn out again. I think I can say that everyone had a great time catching up with everyone and the weather was beautiful. I hope that the 35th will be a success as well and for those that couldn't attend the 30th we hope to see you at the 35th. There was a great turn out for the walk for the Blaine Littlefield Memorial Scholarship as well. Blaine was the son of **Craig '77** and **Sherry Mayhew Littlefield**. If anyone would like to donate, please send to MCI in Blaine's name. **Dan Plante** also took down personal info from everyone and will share as soon as it's put together. **Jim Lynch** wins the award for the one guy who nobody could recognize--dark glasses had a part in that! He really had us going! Plans are underway for a potential "turning 50" cruise for our classmates. **Kathy Kelley Thoreson** may be organizing it. Details will be on our Facebook Group page. We do encourage classmates to join it to stay connected to one another.

Here is a list of the attendees this year to go with the picture (above).

*Front Row:* **Nancy Quint** and daughter Macy, **Susan McGowan Huffer**, **Phil Hendricks**, **Karen Cropley**, **Cynthia Leighton Paradis**, **Ann Cianchette**, **Rosalyn Littlefield Bowne**

*Kneeling:* **Mark Lary**, **Kathy Kelly Thoreson**, **Dean Frost Hall**, **Daniel Plante**, **Roger Thomas**, **Trudi Bickford Ames**

*Last Row:* **Rick Pomerleau**, **Wayne Germany**, **Jimmy Fotter**, **Bonnie Hicks German**, **Mike Bennett**, **Anthony Edith**, **Steve Chandler**, **Jim Lynch**, **Debbie Feegal**, **Charlie Russell**, **Eric Witham**, **David McGowan**, **Bob Ballard**, **Sherry Mayhew Littlefield**, **Steve Lancaster**, **Kelly Breau Fitts**, **Nelson Newhouse**, **Diane Marcoux Libby**, **Craig Lary**, **Annette Bouffard**, **Scott Andrews**

## 1981

"Hi all! Not much news to report this time. Please let me know what you're up to. I received a nice email from **Michelle McCaw**. Michelle lives in Dover, NH; has two grown children, and recently became a grandmother to Nathaniel Micah born in January 2010. Congratulations!

**Betsy Jones** is an osteopathic physician living in Avon Park, FL with her son Vijay. She enjoys music, outdoor fun, and participating in Vijay's ac-

tivities. Betsy visits Maine each year for family events and we try to get together when she's here.

My first child's senior year of high school has brought back such happy memories of MCI for me. Some things never change – she's reading books in English class that we read nearly 30 years ago, the question "if you're not going to be an engineer, why take calculus and physics?" and the seniors always win the winter carnival competition! I think of you often and hope that you'll drop me an email. Happy summer!

-**Suzanne Lynch Guild** (Sud)

## 1985

**Jessica Bane-Robert** e-mailed us in January, "My poetry book was just nominated for a Mass Book Award and a Pen New England Literary Award." Congratulations Jessica!

**Arnold Shorey** was selected as the new Head of School at Foxcroft Academy in Dover-Foxcroft starting on July 1, 2010. Congratulations!

## 1988

**Karin Archer Thornton** wrote: I am living in Readfield with my husband Joe, daughter Kelcey (11) and son Thomas (6), 2 dogs (Maxx and Clyde) and our cat (Tiger). We have been spending our winter at the hockey rink (at Kent's Hill School mostly) watching Thomas master the sport. Kelcey is our musician/singer and has been active in the band and chorus. She even was invited to participate in the KV music festival last month. I am still working for Maine General Medical Center as a Physical Therapist, going on my 9th year here. My husband is an Executive Chef for MaineGeneral's assisted living / retirement facility in Augusta as well. We continue to enjoy being in the country and look forward to visits from my parents, sister (and 4 kids) and brother (2 kids), but that doesn't happen too often. Would love to hear from classmates.

**Jennifer Knowles Bugbee** wrote: I moved from Scarborough, Maine in August of 2008 to Chattanooga, Tennessee. My husband Chris and I bought a house here in Chattanooga in March. We are still in the process of renovating it. I love the virtually snow free winters. I am working for First Horizon as a check processing clerk. I finally have managed to track down another classmate **Angel Carr**, who lives in Tampa, Florida.

**Shannon Inman Swift** wrote: Well I'm back in the same place I was in 1988, Burnham, Maine. In 1988-1989 I attended U.M.M. (University of Maine at Machias). In September of 1989 I married my high school sweetheart, **Brian Swift '86**. (I was set to go for a second year at UMM but I couldn't do both and married

Brian instead). I lived in Jacksonville, North Carolina off and on from September 1989-December of 1995. During that time Brian went on a "float" in fall/winter 1989 and returned in the spring of 1990. We found out we were expecting Daniel (born Feb of 1991) just before they sent him to the Persian gulf from the fall of 1990 - spring of 1991. I spent that time in Maine with my parents. We moved back to Jacksonville in spring of 1991. Bethannie was born in North Carolina in 1992 and Emmalee was born in 1994. Brian was supposed to go to Okinawa, Japan for a year in 1995 but we found out Keren was on the way and so he did a three year tour so we could all be together. Keren was born in May of 1996 in Okinawa Japan. Charlie was born in Feb 1998 in Okinawa, Japan. In November of 1998 we came back to Maine. Johnathan was born April of 2000, Joshua was born December of 2001, and our "baby" Andrew was born August of 2003 (on Bethannie's birthday). We have built on to the house that I grew up in and are continuing to do so. I have three Children in MCI at the moment. Daniel is a senior, Bethannie is a junior and Emmalee is a sophomore. I'm a stay at home wife and mother to my 8 children. I've been married to Brian for 20 years. We still date almost every week. We like to kayak but it's not really the right time of year right now. I hate the cold and if I could convince Brian we'd move back down to North Carolina. On the plus side my family and a lot of my old friends are here. And it really is a nice place to raise kids. Brian was in the USMC until Nov of 1998, he is now a civilian.

**Nicole Grant Degifico:** I've been married for 14 years to Tom Degifico and live in Scarborough. I have 2 step-children, Amanda, 27, and Andrew, 25. Then along came Alexis, 12. We have 2 1/4 dogs, AJ, Jax, and Tootsie Roll. I own and operate Busy Bee Child Development Center in South Portland (since 1996). My ultimate goal is to retire in 6 years where we will spend Jan -Apr down in Aruba. My most favorite pastimes are travel, reading, and taking pictures.

**CJ Mitchell:** I'm still living in Burlington, Vermont raising four kids (Hannah, 11, Ryan, 9, Abby, 5, Gracie, 5). I work for General Electric (GE Healthcare) in the Sales Dept – been here for 14 years and counting. I spend a lot of time with the kids and have recently taken up boating (bought a boat in 2009), skiing and hiking. I am happy to report I finally took my older kids to Disney this past October.

**Michelle Shortreed Lowe:** I'm currently living in York, PA and I work as an official court reporter for the County of York. My husband, Jeff, is a member of the National Guard and is working full-time for the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. We were married at Disney World in January 2009. Disney is amazing! I got hooked when I lived in Ft. Lau-

derdale. The wedding itself was at the pavilion by the Grand Floridian and the reception was at the Atlantic dancehall at the boardwalk. *Then* we had a dessert party in front of Italy at Epcot during the fireworks. I must admit, it was quite an event and Disney treats you like a star and the quality is amazing. Getting out of DC on a Friday is not fun. Of course my office is two miles from our house! My husband stays with a friend in VA during the week. I am the envy of all the women I work with because he is only home on the weekends :) there's good and bad with everything. DC is better than Afghanistan, which is where he spent 2007. My family is still in the Boston area (and some in Millinocket!) so I make my way up there a couple of times a year.

**Daren Harvey** reports that things are going well for him and his family. He keeps busy with the kids and is Assistant Scoutmaster for the Troop, LL baseball coach. He coaches football with **Tom Bertrand '90** at MCI as well as Boys Freshman hoops. All in all, things are good.

**Kendra West Turo** writes: "After graduating from MCI I returned to my birth state of Rhode Island. After adjusting to life near a beach I attended the Community College of RI for a year before transferring to the University Of Rhode Island which is where I met my husband John in 1991. I graduated from URI with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1993. I worked at a preschool/daycare for a year before heading back to school to get my Masters in Education. I attended the University of New Haven and received my degree in 1997 which is the same year I married my husband (my mom thought that we were just going to date forever). Shortly after earning my masters I got a teaching job in Connecticut where I currently teach the second grade and am so lucky to work with an awesome and dedicated group of people. My husband works in sales at a local plumbing supply house. In 2002 we were blessed with TRIPLETS! Two handsome boys and one beautiful girl, John, Julia and Nicholas, who are now in the second grade. They are very active and keep us super busy! The boys are looking forward to tackle football in the fall and Julia is anxious to start her second year as a Westerly Bull Dog cheerleader. With summer approaching, we are all looking forward to hitting the beach! We are so lucky to live about 10 minutes away from the beautiful RI shoreline and take advantage of it almost everyday in the summer. My kiddos are true beach babies :). We also enjoy taking family vacations together and are looking forward to the adventures ahead. Of course one of their favorite places to visit is none other than Pittsfield and hope to spend a week there this summer.

**Emily Melvin Vigue:** I am living in Pittsfield with my husband Andi and two children: Greg (12) and Caroline(10). I taught Kindergarten and First Grade for ten years, then pursued my love of food and nourished my creative side by cooking and staying home with my children. I recently closed my catering business, Stone Soup, which

I ran for 9 years. I still love both teaching and cooking and I don't stray far from either! My family is very involved with scouts, sports and school-- not necessarily in that order. We spend a lot of time in the summer at our family's camp in Northern Maine on Harrington Lake. It's a peaceful spot for a quick escape. We recently returned from a fantastic family vacation in Costa Rica. I love that Facebook has reconnected me with many friends from the past and look forward to seeing everyone at our 25th!

**Karen Quint Jackson:** I'm living in the Florida panhandle with my husband Don. We've been married for almost 16 years and we have two boys Matthew, 14, and Parker, 13. I joined the Air Force in 1990 and I just retired in February. I was stationed at Eglin AFB for 10 years. I currently do ultrasounds, mammograms and I used to do x-ray, but prefer ultrasound.

## 1993

**Nikki Mitchell Sanborn:** I have been living with my husband of 11 years in Detroit, Maine. We have 2 beautiful girls, Harley, 7, and Sierra, 9. I work for Skills Inc. as a DSP/CRMA. My email address is ladyharley\_75@hotmail.com.

**Shane Gower:** My wife Erica and I live in China, Maine. We have a 7-year-old son named Joshua and 2 dogs. I have been teaching High School Social Studies at Maranacook Community High School in Readfield for 11 years. I earned my Master's in Education in '05. We are all healthy and happy!

**Chuck Norris:** I have moved out of Maine and I now am living in wild Las Vegas bartending at a night club called Rok Vegas in the NYNY hotel. In the past few years I have lived and bartended in Ibiza, Spain; Aspen, Colorado; and Pasadena, California (while trying to be an actor and actually scored some roles). I finished school at the University of Colorado in Boulder, visited Vondel Park in Amsterdam, got a knife pulled on me in Istanbul, Turkey, spent 3 years as a horseback mountain guide in Colorado and Montana, and have had a lot of broken hearts along the way. It has been a great ride so far and I look forward to what is going to happen next in this crazy life of mine. There are other gems I have left out but isn't that what life is all about.

**Londa Worthen Kimball:** I have been married for 13 years and live in London Derry, NH. I have 2 kids, a girl age 12 and a boy age 10.

**Anna King-Garza:** I have been in Corpus Christi, TX since 1996. I am married to Russell Garza and have 2 beautiful daughters, Cassandra, 14 and Sarah, 10. I am an office manager at a high end retail furniture store and am currently attending Del Mar College working towards my Accounting degree. I was diagnosed with Thyroid cancer in 2007 but am now in remis-

sion. I think that was my biggest life adventure (challenge) so far.

**Amos Salisbury:** I've been in the Air Force since graduation. I'm a TSGT (E-6), married to a wonderful woman, we have three children ages 3, 5, and 8. I have recently been reassigned to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska (right beside Anchorage). Right now I'm on a shuttle bus headed to Atlanta to fly back after visiting my wife and kids in GA. In a nutshell....I've had a good ride but I'm looking forward to retiring in 3 1/2 years. I don't know what I want to be when I grow up but I'll cross that bridge when I get there.

**Scott Strom:** I am still in the Navy like I have been since we graduated. I am currently in Iraq where I will be serving for most of 2009.

**Kerby Heath:** I've been in Columbus, Ohio going on 4 years now. I live with my partner, Scott, and work in the ER at The Ohio State Univ. Med. Ctr. and attend school for nursing. My email address is kerbyheath@gmail.com.

**Heidi Salley Ackerman** had a daughter, Elsie Violet, on October 5th, 2009.

**Andrea Ouellette McCannell** lives in Pittsfield with her 4 beautiful daughters, her niece Victoria and husband, Aaron. They are expecting a boy in April, 2010.

**Jennifer Kuhlmeier Lebo** lives in Milton, MA with her husband, Chris and son, Oliver Benjamin who was born on October 30th, 2009.

## 1994

**Peggy Booth Rines** and **Eugene Rines '92** have two children Christopher, 13 and Katelynn, 9. Peggy has worked at Skills, Inc., formerly Seabastcook Farms, for 10 years. Eugene has worked at Linkletter & Sons, Inc. since 1992. They enjoy their summers in Kingsbury, Maine four-wheeling, camping, fishing, and swimming at Kingsbury Pond and afterwards enjoying an ice cream cone at Tylene's Cuisine.

**Mark Petela** has a baby boy due on June 10th!

**Lorri Brown** works as a Program Coordinator for Healthy Community Coalition in Farmington Maine. She is currently working on a Masters degree in Nutrition. She lives with her four awesome children in Farmington. Aside from public health, Lorri is a part-time freelance writer and has written for History Magazine and is a featured guide at about.com (a New York Times Company).

**Courtney Cianchette Harvey** lives in Bangor, Maine with her husband, Wayne Harvey, and

three daughters, Mackenzie 8, Talia 6, and Camryn 4. She has been working as an Art Teacher at the Veazie Community School for 10 years, and in May will be finishing a Master's degree in Art Education.

## 1998

**Jason Cummings** and his wife Christy live in Milford, CT. Jason is a teacher and dean at Greens Farms Academy.

**Paul Collins** just finished his first semester at the Walter A. Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley where he is earning his MBA. He is pursuing job opportunities in the Bay Area in management consulting and/or corporate strategy. Paul lives in Berkeley, surrounded by lots of hippies, with his girlfriend, Lauren, who is also a first year at the business school.

**Kelly Jackson Hasselbrack** and her husband Marc live in Brooklin, ME. They have two boys, Evan, 3, and Isaac, 1. Kelly teaches social studies and language arts to grades 5-8 at Penobscot Community School in Penobscot, ME.

**Joo Yi** just finished her MBA at China Europe International Business School in Shanghai, China. She will begin work in Shenzhen, China at Tencent in their online gaming department in April. She is currently enjoying time with her family in Korea.

**Kristi Connors Rossignol** lives in Weeks Mills, ME with her husband **Derek Rossignol '92** and their beautiful son Kameron. Kristi is a Microbiologist at the Maine Centers for Disease Control in Augusta. Derek is the Quality Control and Avian Services Testing Manager at Lohman Animal Health International in Winslow.

**Sandra Caruso Adams** and her husband Jonathan Adams are currently living in Detroit, ME with their daughter Olivia (10 months). Sandra is a Medical Technologist working at Seabastcook Valley Hospital. Jonathan is an Electrical Engineer working for Kleinschmidt in Pittsfield.

**Chris Adams** moved to Greenville, SC in the fall of 2005 to work for Jacobs Engineering. For the past two and a half years he has been working in Houston, TX on a large Refinery Expansion Project. In his spare time he has become heavily involved in the triathlon community in SC, and has plans to complete his first Ironman in June 2010 in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

**Josh Johnson** and his wife April are living in Stratham, NH with their son Noah, 4 and daughter Gloria, 1. Josh works for Phase II Medical (Rochester) and is the Youth Pastor at ICRC (Dover). Josh cherishes Gloria's ability to baffle doctors daily!

**Karen Brown Hawkes** lives in Hampden, Maine

## In Memoriam

The Alumni Office has been notified of the passing of these members of the MCI family:

Edward L. Laughton '32  
Edward A. McFarland '32  
Sarah Wren Williams '32  
Richard H. Towle '34  
Joan Garcelon Young '35  
Corinta Frederick Duplisea '36  
Evalene Pendexter White '36  
Betty Lane Hockmeyer '39  
Eleanore Davis Perkins '39  
Linwood L. Sinclair '41  
John Sirois '46  
Ruth Morong Kittredge '49  
Gerald W. Cole '50  
Bruce G. St Ledger '50

Diane Wakefield Hurley '50  
Robert A. Pickett '53  
Norris M. Ashe '56  
David D. Finch '58  
Janet Brooks Perkins '62  
Gregory J. Ramsdell '63  
Richard P. Howe '64  
John W. Burke '66  
Jerry R. Howe '67  
Christopher T. Sargent '75  
Ralph Garner  
Milton L. Lindholm  
Malaka "Tookie" Russell



Members of the Class of '99 at their Reunion Class Party. From left to right: Nikki Cianchette Steeves, Ashley Miles Heffernan, Kristyn Graham Plamondon, Katie Baker, Barbara Kitchin, Mary Ann Patela, Liz Anthony, Natalia Mayhew, Shannon Davis, and Allison White Kane

with her husband James Hawkes, and their two-year-old son Mitchell. Karen is the director of Healthy Sebecook Valley, a local Healthy Maine Partnership, which is located within the Community Health Department of Sebecook Valley Hospital.

**Ian Madeiros** lives with his girlfriend Pochuen in Toronto, where he works for a marketing agency. Ian is still drumming but has stepped away from the hard core world class level in 2008 after having won the 2007 World Championship. He tries to get through the long Canadian winter by teaching and snowmobiling.

### 1999

**Travis Smith** joined the National guard and leaves for BCT in May. **Sean McGivern** will be getting married in October in New Jersey, so that is great news... and **Abbey Ross** passed her bar exam and is officially a lawyer now... also exciting news :) **Sam Marzenel** will also be getting married this year.

### 2006

**Declan Galvin** will graduate cum laude from Manhattanville College in New York in May. He will be receiving a Bachelor of Art's degree in Ethnic Studies. Galvin will attend graduate school in the fall to pursue his master's degree and then his Ph.D. in African politics, security, ethnicity and development. He plans to work in security contracting and non-governmental organizations.

### 2008

**Tiffany Richards** wrote in to say "I'm new to this whole alumni thing, but I recently had a baby, I'm getting married and I am in college studying to become a grade school teacher. I couldn't have made it without all the great teaching I had while I was a student at MCI. I will go on to do more wonderful things with my life because I started with a great education."

Our deepest condolences go out to the families and friends of those who have passed on. The Advancement Office tries its very best to record accurately the names of alumni/ae and friends who have passed away. Please contact our office at (207) 487-5915 about the passing of alumni/ae or friends of MCI.



**Malaka "Tookie" Russell**, 90, passed away on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

Tookie was a 1938 graduate of Haverford High School in Haverford, Pa., and attended Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Her athletic career started with a professional women's softball team in Miami, Fla., where she met her husband, Jack. They were married in 1940 and settled in Norwalk, Conn., before moving in 1956 to Pittsfield.

Tookie coached the MCI field hockey team, which included at one time or another all three of her daughters and her granddaughter, from 1958 until 1988. She was at the helm of the school's girls basketball team for 22 years, from 1959 to 1981, and the softball team for 29 years, from 1958 to 1986.

Tookie was also MCI's interim athletic director in 1974 and 1975 — one of only two women athletic directors in the state of Maine at that time. Tookie was actively involved with raising funds to start Pittsfield's thriving Little League baseball program in 1958, and served as president of the Pittsfield Girl Scout Council in 1960 and 1961.

Tookie was president of the Maine Women's State Golf Association in 1977 and 1978. Other awards included the Maine Coaches Association Field Hockey Coach of the Year in 1983 and the Central Maine Morning Sentinel Field Hockey Coach of the Year in 1986. She was inducted into MCI's Hall of Fame in 1986, was named to the Maine Coaches' Association Honor Roll in 1992, and received MCI's Distinguished Achievement Award in 2002.

Correction: The Guy Patterson '70 Memorial Scholarship was inadvertently left out of the list of scholarships in the fall / winter issue of the *Alumnus* magazine. Congratulations to Kristy Huff '09, the scholarship recipient.

# Winter Carnival 2010



Quiz Bowl



Cianbro delivers snow to campus



Cameron Neal '12



Rebekah Kallgren '10



Melanie Arias '10



Ben Glidden '10



Jen Orchard '10, Katie Dostie '10  
and Bridget Connolly '10



Katherine Smedberg '13



Seniors vs. Sophomores



Zack valente '12, Chris Shorey '12  
and Gary Kersbergen '12



Sophomores compete in the tug-of-war



Hanson Dong '11, Earth Vorachattarn '13,  
Mike Hwang '12, Krit Rujiralai '12 and Aaron Parke '11

# “Cities of the World”



Freshman Snow Sculpture: The Colosseum



Inside the Colosseum



Sophomore Snow Sculpture: The Sphinx



Junior Snow Sculpture: Daytona 500



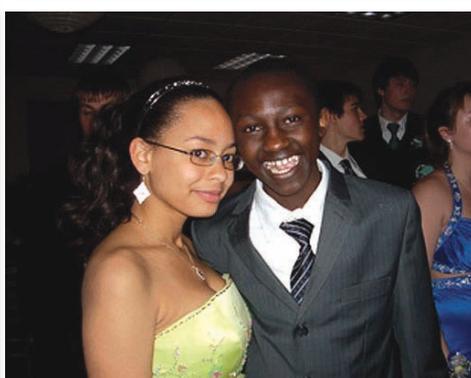
Junior Snow Sculpture (Reverse Side)



Senior Snow Sculpture: St. Basil's Cathedral



Jim Benjy '11, Jorgi Young '11, Molly Sharples '13 and Kelsie Chisholm '12



Christina Bennett '10 and Samuel Gachagua '12



Hunter Benttinen '10, Clay Marcoux '11, Ryan Shorey '11, Amelia Lord-Linde '11



2010 Queen Candidates



2010 King Candidates



Queen and King, Melanie Arias '10 and Tyson Hunt '10



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## *Save the Date!*

Auction - June 18, 2010

Alumni Reunion - August 6 & 7, 2010

Alumni Golf Open - August 21, 2010

