



## The Celebration Continues

Jean PETTIT Wirsching



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### #1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:

my fondest memory from Walter Johnson was really the entire experience. Life was simple, and we had so much fun. Taking laps at HotShoppes always comes to mind and brings a smile to my face as well as the friendships that blossomed over those years... young people having a blast before getting out in the real world!

### #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

- At the University of Tennessee, I was active in Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and other campus activities before graduating in 1968 with a BS in Business.
- Returning to DC I had my first career at Savin Corporation selling copiers and paper products.
- My second career was with Cushman + Wakefield, an international commercial real estate company where I was a broker in DC, MD and VA. for 25 years

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- In 1977 I married Ken Wirsching and we moved to Kensington, and soon thereafter added a "fun" house in Dewey where we spent much of our free time. Presently we reside in Kensington and Lewis, De.



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Jim PIERCE



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### #1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:

11TH GRADE CHEMISTRY - MET MY FUTURE BRIDE!  
TRACK, CROSS COUNTRY, KEY CLUB -  
GREAT FRIENDS!

### #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

FATHERING, GRANDPARENTING,  
WORKING, TRAVELING - ALL GOOD THINGS!

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Tom Raveson



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I have really only positive memories of my 3 years at WJ

Life has been very kind to me over the past 50 years. After graduating I received a Masters and PhD from Johns Hopkins in international economics. This led me on an exciting career first in international government working at the IMF, World Bank and the US Treasury, Office of International Affairs. I then left government and moved to NY with private multinational corporations, first as an international economist and then a line job as Assistant Managing Director of GM's largest overseas subsidiary, Opel AG. I first travelled constantly around the world conducting multinational business and then moved to Germany where I lived for 5 years.

Large corporation work was interesting but I eventually longed to be master of my time and fate. So I resigned, and went out on my own, first with small companies in animal products, then sold steel pre-engineered buildings. As an avocation I taught for 6 years at the Pace Graduation School of Business, while simultaneously growing companies in construction and development which was the last phase of my career. While the path I took paid its toll from the unavoidable learning curve, my end game was fortunately successful and I effectively retired in 2000.

My third wife, now of 28 years, and I have lived the past 14 years, half the time (June thru November) in NY, and half the time (December thru May) in the Caribbean. For the past 11 years we lived aboard our sailboat sailing throughout the Caribbean visiting the Windward and Leeward and ABC islands. Three years ago we purchased an apartment and dock in Sint Maarten. We continue to reside half the year in a house I built in 1993 in a pretty rural, mountainous small town, Patterson NY

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Tom Raveson

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David RICKER



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### #1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:

*Truthfully #1 was the bell at the end of each day. NO FURTHER EXPLANATION NEEDED!*

*#2 would certainly be each and every day when I woke in the morning to see that white stuff and hear that school was cancelled for that day.*

*#3 Was the one day that as all of my fellow bus stop group ( and of course...I ) waited for the school bus to arrive we had our watches out - - checking as the time approached to maximum time we MUST wait for that bus. Of course we could all hear the engine of the bus approach on the other side of the hill, but that made no difference as it passed the time by our watch we ALL ran in different directions. NO ONE TO GET ON THE BUS THAT DAY. OH, YES, WE all stood and tried to decide AFTER that HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET TO SCHOOL NOW? WE ARRIVED ABOUT 1-2 HOURS LATER. OH, THE BUS DIDN'T COME.*

*#4 I'm not certain if this was WJ but it was well worth the memory. I am certain that most of us had MS Robinson for World History. Just one of the memories was how she had a love for her car...the FIAT. That made for better study than history.*

*#5 Mr Sanford in chemistry and his chemical formulas (BANA2) and (CH2O). Of course that went with the study of valences ...just to find out who had actually studied those the night before ... as they would be impossible? ... Answer at the bottom.*

*#6 John West, Al Stamp (from another class at WJ) and I were taken by John's uncle to Seneca Creek for an outing and some target practice. With a 22 rifle we each took 1 shot at a bottle. They took turn first and both missed. Then I, the rookie, took the gun. My 1 shot broke the bottle. Their response was 'sure David...you've NEVER used a gun before...SURE'.*

*#7 One of the guys in my wedding was in my 10th grade home room class. Although we were together in that room we only really became best friends a few years later. John Reffit was one who was transferred to Walt Whitman HS. I was later also in his wedding. I had lost track of him a few years*



ago but made contact due to this class reunion. He was unable to attend but we have a plan to meet up soon in east Texas. Guess I'll have to tell him what he missed.

#8 I guess it would be a mistake to not mention where I spent nearly EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT during my WJHS days. They were ALL spent at CYC meetings at 9th and South Carolina AVEs and followed by a bit of fun at (OK, I know it was the wrong one) Hot Shoppes at New York and Bladensburg AVEs. We had monthly events (rollerskating, iceskating, movies, music concerts, graduation banquets, boat cruises, halloween parties, hayrides and bonfires at a Poolesville, MD farm, New Years at Adelphi Mills...Always something...) I know half of the class is going to be out with shotguns when you read this but best I can do now is to apologize that I didn't grab you and drag you along...too late and far too many years past.

#5 ANSWERS BANANA AND SEA WATER see I must have learned some at WJHS!

## #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

My first job I began on our graduation day (before graduation) at Virginia Electronics where I was working on communication systems for US Air Force (for 2 years).

8 years at family print shop largest job was a monthly magazine - The Capital Chemist and many smaller items such as weekly bulletins for area churches, billing envelopes for Washington Post, and many items for clubs, etc such as Chevy Chase Women's Club or area scientific periodicals.

30 years with Xerox Corp - 7 with Suburban Maryland branch, 11 with Old Dominion branch (some of these years no one knew what I did), 4 with a subsidiary of the great XRX corp known internal as Xerox Special Information Systems (Rosslyn, VA office) and then on to the great state of Texas working in the DFW metroplex.

Since that time I have done some with Companies as Radio Shack, Comp USA (Tiger Direct), and best of all and most fun SEE'S Candies (for a bit of learning from the master himself - owner Warren Buffet).

My wife and I hosted 4 exchange students (4 different years). 1 from Sweden, 1 from Macedonia, 2 from Germany (Berlin and Frankfurt).

We spent about 10 years also working with what is now 'OurCalling' in Dallas (a non-profit org which began back before the city opened 'The Bridge'). While we were involved in this we fed approx. 350 homeless street folk each night. That food came from places like Panera Bread and Empire Bakery in Dallas which we would pick up extra's on Thursday and go down town on Friday nights to feed anyone who we found on the streets.

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Harriet RITVO



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### #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

I've mostly <sup>been</sup> in one university or another:

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This fall I'm on leave from MIT at the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society at the U of Munich.

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Below is the form that was distributed at our wonderful Reunion on 10-11-14. It's for every Classmate -- whether or not you were able to attend. There's a pdf copy on the website and a word version attached here. Print clearly or type. Please include maiden names. Thanks!



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### #1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:

change was in the wind in the early 60's and we had a front row seat. I regret that I didn't skip school to attend the March on Washington. Standing across from the White House as Kennedy's body was taken to the vet hospital & hearing reports of Oswald being shot. And of course, seeing the Beatles at Washington Christmas.

### #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

Raising three children certainly was a huge commitment. All are great across the country. My husband and I are retired and enjoy lots of travel. We also have 3 (even 4) grandchildren & 1 great-grandchild. is a benefit.

(You can down load a clean pdf or word doc. from our website if you want to type your responses on the form.)

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*Thank you for all of the work to  
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Jim RUTH



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### WJ Memories:

So many memories - so little time: Cruising Hot Shoppes, playing football, coach J. Paul Miller, parties at Beer Valley. It was a carefree, careless and sometimes dangerous time. Fortunately though, it was a time when the penalties for irresponsibility were less harsh. Why was I the only boy in Mr. Kowalski's typing class? The other guys took wood shop, but all the girls were in typing? Never could figure that one out. I only received one A in my academic career at WJ - English. Thanks Miss Butts. Mr. A (AKA Mr. Alberghini), who was ripped like Michaelangelo's David, put the fear of god in all of the boys in his PE classes. I went to his funeral recently – he died in his 90s. What none of us knew then was that he was an All American football player in college and a war hero fighting as a Marine on Iowa Jima. We were all beneficiaries of the greatest generation, yet remained clueless at the time. Mostly I'm just grateful to have grown up in Bethesda during the 1960s.

### The last 50 years:

I married my college sweetheart, Kathy McHugh, while I was still a student at the University of Maryland. We started college the same year and were married the summer she graduated. It took me two more years to graduate – go figure. We were introduced by Cherie Jordan (Proctor) WJ class of '65. We've had a wonderful life together for 46 years and counting. Along the way we raised two nice kids, Heather and Michael. They both have degrees in Computer Science and work in the public and private sectors respectively.

Kathy and I moved full-time to the sleepy little sea-coast town of Lewes, Delaware last year after being part-timers for nine years. She retired as a school teacher six years ago and I'm retiring at the end of this year after a career as a Certified Financial Planner. Our shared passion is travel and we've been fortunate to travel extensively throughout North America – USA, Canada and Mexico. We've also traveled widely through Europe – four continents so far and counting. In February we've booked a cruise to Central and South America. Then in September, it's back to Europe on a Paris to Prague adventure. We just plan to travel until we can't.

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Sherrie SELLINGER Fairall



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## #1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:

My fondest memories are all of the friends I have made at WJ. I will always think of the cows grazing in the front lawn of Walter Johnson. It was like going to school in the country but living in the city. My favorite teacher was Mrs Baker English class. She was strict but really prepared me for college.

## #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

My last 50 years have been full of joy & some sadness. I went to Yankton College in South Dakota where I majored in education. In 1968 I married my wonderful husband Jim. We had 3 children - John, Wendy & Kimberly. Unfortunately my husband passed away 1992. I lost my son unexpectedly in 2009. I am retired from my work at the National Institutes of Health. My home is now in Altamonte Springs, Florida (near Orlando) close to my daughter Wendy, son-in-law Sean, & terrific granddaughter Madison. My daughter Kim is also close by. I am enjoying life here in the sunshine and warm climate.

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Terry SIMON Murphy



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### #1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:

Those memories felt very far in the past until the reunion last weekend. I had forgotten how large our class was and came to Washington worried that I may not remember my classmates. In fact, I reunited with so many wonderful friends and shared memories all evening long. One of my favorite moments was when the Parkwood Elementary School gang gathered and reminisced in a mini reunion of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. It was so great to see Nancy Doolittle, Betsy Sherman, Louise Garlock, and Jimmy Ruth among others, who go "way back" in our history together. I missed seeing our president, John Culp, who was a major part of that history. It was sobering to learn of so many classmates' passing. Those earliest friends for me included Frank Couper with whom I stayed in touch for many years (even after he was the last Dartmouth Indian) and Barney Li (my first date in 6<sup>th</sup> grade!). **Many thanks to the reunion committee for sharing their time and talent to make this event so memorable** and a big thank you to Andy Balderson who planned the golf outing, which no doubt got my husband to attend so willingly.

### #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

I left for college in the fall of '64 and met the man I was to marry on my birthday that October! Brian and I balanced our college studies and his professional baseball career, and Marine Corps duties, until we were married in 1970. After getting my BFA from Rhode Island School of Design, and my teaching masters from Brown University, I returned to Walter Johnson to teach studio art for one year. We moved to Chicago in the fall of 1970 where I taught at the Oak Park-River Forest High School. In 1976 we moved back east to Connecticut, where we have lived for over 35 years in the backcountry of Stamford, Connecticut. For the first ten years, I was a stay-at-home mom and then I taught art at the King School in Stamford for 25 years and was also a dean of students in the high school. I happily retired three years ago. Our four children are married and are giving us continued joy with grandchildren (# 5 born 2 weeks ago, and #6 due any day now). I stay busy with my growing family; do some volunteering at our church and pro-bono artwork in the community. I go back to sub at the King High School and enjoy the retired faculty book group. Every Thursday I paint with fellow local artists and travel abroad each fall with three of them to paint (most recently Cornwall, England and Umbria, Italy). That's it for now...how about the next fifty???? ☺

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Debbie SNAPP Sandstrom



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### Fondest Memories from Walter Johnson High School Years

Mr. Burke's biology class and Mrs. Whitman's English class. Both were great teachers

### What have you been doing over the last 50 years?

After graduating Wake Forest University I lived in New Orleans, Charlottesville, VA and Guilford, CT. Twenty years after I left I returned to the DC area and lived in Potomac for 30 years. I had two careers - first as an English teacher and then for 30 years in technology selling large computer and storage systems to federal data centers. That job was fun because I got to travel nationally and internationally. In my off time I skied in New England and out west, I golfed but not well, and pursued an interest and became a commercial pilot and flight instructor which I worked at part time. I've been married for 31 years to my wonderful husband, Roy Sandstrom

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Bob SPAULDING



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In my senior year, I was assigned to an English class originally taught by Mr. Redden, a math teacher. Apparently, several parents were upset over this and complained. Jean Phifer took over after two weeks. Knowing several people who had her as sophomores, I pumped them for as much information as I could. I soon knew all about her likes and dislikes, her personality and habits. I then did such a good snow job on her she even apologized for having to give me a B instead of an A one grading period. I also remember getting kicked out to Walsh's POTC class for wearing orange on St. Patrick's Day. Of course, the weekly drinking parties also were a big highlight...I probably drank more in my senior year of high School than I have since. (It just wasn't that much fun to drink when you are legally able to do so.) WJ was the last time I had a carefree existence and could totally enjoy myself until I retired three years ago!

### #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

After WJ, I went to American University where I obtained two degrees and met the love of my life, my wife Susan. As an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, I have served churches in Virginia, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, as well as volunteering as a hospital chaplain. My job has also included being President of the Rhode Island Conference of the UCC.

Is anyone surprised that I have been active in the Democratic Party? It has been my pleasure to serve in various leadership roles, including being a delegate to the 1980 Democratic National Convention.

Susan and I are now enjoying retirement together. We love to travel and our goal is to see all fifty states. We only have three more to go – Alaska, Hawaii and Oklahoma! If anyone knows why we should want to go the Oklahoma, let us know.

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**#1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:**

Service class, + running John Culp's campaign for class president in 1962-3(?)



**#2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?**

Moved w/ parents to Tokyo + graduated from American School in Japan - BS from the Colorado College, Colo. Spr., CO, + MS in Marine Ecology from U. Conn., Storrs, CT. Married Sheri Jackson (CC classmate), 3 kids - 1 <sup>daughter</sup> running a small business in Seattle, WA, 2 sons, one near us getting a degree in Special Ed., + youngest an Outdoor Rec. coordinator in Aberystwyth, Wales, UK. Bought an 1824 house in rural MD (just N of Harpers Ferry) + have been "restoring" it for 40 years - 15 yrs Env. Specialist w/ HQ office of Bio Rec (then Builders) + 15 yrs Env. Specialist w/ office of Environment office of the Secretary, Dept. of the Interior, Retired 2002, + have been world <sup>traveling</sup>

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Bill STANBRO

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#1...Your Fondest Memories from Walter Johnson H.S. Years:

Above all I remember the many great teachers I had. They not only taught me many skills that stood me in good stead throughout my life, but they also left with a love of learning that I still appreciate.

#2...What Have You Been Doing Over the Last 50 Years?

My wife and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary this June. We have four children spread out across the US (MD, CA, NY, ME). So far we have 4 grandchildren.

After leaving Walter Johnson I received a BS and Ph.D. in Chemistry from George Washington University and an MS in computer science from Johns Hopkins University. In a career that spanned 32 years I worked for 15 years at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, as a principal in a startup company for two years (Biotronic Systems Corporation, Rockville, MD), and for 15 years at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

When the altitude in New Mexico started to affect my wife's health, and I had retired, we moved to Falmouth, Maine.

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Bill Stanbro



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Too many to count.  
The reunion was fabulous! Many  
thanks to those who made it so!

I'm in the midst of downsizing and moving and just need to focus on packing! New address as of 10/22 -  
1623 Beacon St, Lexington, Ky 40513,  
Hope to keep the same e-mail ✓

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Steve TILLEY



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My best memories from WJ are of playing with my friends in the band and orchestra and of my girlfriend, Diana Warthen. I was a shy kid and was glad to leave town to start a new life when I graduated.

I went to UMass and then volunteered with the Peace Corps in Malaysia. I entered graduate school in public health at UNC where I met my love, Christine Parke. We moved to Washington State; I worked for state natural resource agencies and she in social services. We had a son and a daughter who are thriving and now have a daughter in law and two beautiful grandchildren. When we retired the first time, I did some consulting in Indonesia and then we moved to Saipan in the Pacific. I had a fulfilling job working for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Chris for a while was the director of the Chamber of Commerce. We had six years of tropical life, many friends and so many wonderful experiences. We retired for good in 2009 and moved back to Washington to be closer to friends and family. We're busy in the Unitarian Universalist church here and love hiking, gardening, traveling and spending time with our family and friends.

Best wishes to all my WJ friends, wherever you are.

Steve Tilley

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John TOTTER

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**#1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:** I have a number of fond memories from that time: Wildwood Manor Sports Cycling club, winning a sports car club rally with Dave Siegfried (class of 65) and placing 7th in the novice class of the Porsche club rally, helping to start the intramural soccer, Mr. Schreoder's sociology class, French classes with Mrs. Yeager & Ms. Kamenjar, root beers at Baskin-Robins (Karen Jenne, Cathy Hatfield, & Dana Elliot all working there)

**#2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?** I spent 4 years at the University of Georgia. I ended up with a degree in psychology after getting behind in my math courses which upset my planned engineering degree on a 5 year plan (3 UGA 2 GA Tech). The school deferments for 1 st year grad students being dropped led me to try to enlist in the Air Force. They were only accepting pilot/navigator and my hay fever and eyesight kept me out of those categories. I was drafted on the first draft call the next January. When I was inducted I narrowly missed becoming a Marine — not by choice. I re-upped for an additional year to get a school. I became an Avionics Mechanic and after that school I attended an NCO school. My extra year ended up being 11 months of schooling and I came out of that as a Specialist 5. I was recruited into the Army Security Agency during my schools. That gave me a very good posting in Vietnam.

When I got out of the army in January 1972 I returned to the Washington DC area to look for a job. The only job bite that I got was from a company whose first question was "Do you like to camp?" At the interview I met with the company president/owner and he seemed okay. I did check up and found he was ex-CIA. I was accepted and took a two week training program. At the end of the program, 8 of 14 of the trainees were sent to Dallas, TX to work for Texas Instrument's (TI) founding company Geophysical Service, Inc. (GSI). We were all told to get fresh haircuts and dress nicely for our first day. When we arrived at the building all the employees were coming in wearing cut off jeans with long pony tails and scruffy beards.

I spent 16 years with GSI traveling in Africa, the Far East and South America. Then, GSI was sold and ended up being combined with a company called Geosource. The company became Halliburton Geophysical (HGSI) (Yes, our financial people reported to Dick Cheney). I spent two years there and was called back from Namibia in 1989 because my small division had been sold to Offshore Navigation, Inc. (ONI). ONI didn't want our senior employees, so offered 3 or 4 of us very unsatisfactory compensation packages. I became unemployed in March of 1990.



After a 3 month job search, I joined Del Norte Technology, Inc. (DNTI). They were a manufacturer of systems called Trisponder and Flying Flagman. These were used in oil exploration, dredging and agricultural spraying. My entry to the company was firsthand experience with surveying using GPS. During my first 5 years there, we fielded a new GPS based guidance tool that was integrated with the Trisponder system. We also updated the Flying Flagman from a microwave based system to a GPS base system. I traveled to India, China and Australia as a field tech representative.

I had a brief period that I left DNTI to join Micronet, Inc. They had been a customer of DNTI, leasing GPS equipment to survey microwave paths caused by the cell phone changeover to PCS. My biggest job there was to travel to Alexandria, Egypt to survey microwave paths for electric grid control. After the survey they (wisely) opted to use underground fiber optics because of vulnerability to terrorist and new construction obstructing paths.

At the end of my year at Micronet, I returned to DNTI for another 5 years. I became the operations manager by default, when my manager upset a very important client and left the company. We went through a bankruptcy/reorganization during this time. With the reorganization came new owners and a new manufacturing/financial integrated software package. I was the implementation team leader for the software. The bloodletting pared us down to about 14 people.. I basically fired myself and tried to fire the marketing manager in the last meeting I attended. I thought the company was too top heavy to survive.

We had a visit from the Software programs sales representative and I applied for a job with them. The next 5 years were spent working for their various iterations: Alpine Systems, Inc., The Navigator Company, and INFOR. That job was software training, implementation, and sales support. I stayed with them until I retired in 2005.

I met my wife in 1992 when I returned from a long trip (China, Australia, and India) and found she had mowed my yard when my lawn kid's mower broke and he wasn't able to do it. One of my neighbors had put it up to her on the condition I not be told. Naturally, the neighbor told me. I took her out to dinner and that started 22 years of being together. We made the union official on October 11 th 2013 exactly one year before our school's 50 th reunion. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend with me because she is taking care of her 88 year old mom.

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Leslie et al.: Many, many thanks for a terrific job organizing the reunion - great fun, start to finish.

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I'll forward some photos when I'm back in VA



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### #1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:

- Attending classes and hanging out with some of the best and brightest people I've ever known, both before and since WJ days
- The caliber of our teachers: who can forget history with Mr. Walsh, Chemistry with Mr. Breedlove, or algebra with Mr. Muller?
- Good friendships that have survived 50 years, still counting.

### #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

- 1968: Graduated Barnard College, NYC, the year the campus exploded with the SDS-organized student strike; attended Democratic Convention in Chicago, joining antiwar activists
- 1970-1975: Berkeley CA collective living, active in antiwar, women's and environmental movements
- 1975-2006: Married family life in central Maine, raising 2 children, working as: (1) piano teacher; (2) free-lance copy editor & production supervisor for major U.S. publishers; (3) sole proprietor of desktop publishing business; (4) founding member & executive director of a nonprofit organization managing a 320-acre regional lakeside park for the state of Maine
- 2006-present: Retirement, international travel, hiking & camping, genealogy research, quality time with husband, children, and 2 grandboys

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Western European Travel has given me  
many adventures to remember, especially  
the Swiss mountain passes.  
Much more to say but all for now!

😊 Jill

P.S. Leslie, Chris, Janette, Betty and Ingrid  
and Rolf and Andy - my appreciation  
with Kudos for a reunion so beautifully  
done and with dedication.  
Oh, I forgot Gary and (?). Sorry.

Fondly,  
Jill

P.S.S. I so enjoyed doing the "Bells" with  
Ellen because of the spirit among  
all of you before the Reunion.





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David WHEELER



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### #1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:

After repressing most memories of High School for 50 years, attending the Reunion brought back a virtual flood of memories, all wonderful. So many bright articulate classmates that have ~~accom~~ accomplished just about everything possible. I was amazed at how many (20+) at the reunion mentioned MYK to me. Everyone was welcome there, a very ecumenical group -

### #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

University of Md. Class of 1969, married in 1967 and off to Maine. Divorced after 1 child in 1974. Remarried with 2 more wonderful kids blessing that marriage. Lost her to CML in 1997 after 23 years. 18 years as hospital CFO in Portland Me. Remarried, enjoying 3 more kids and a bunch of Grandkids. Moved to Onondaga Lake in NY in 2000 and on to BATH NC in 2005. Been in Blackbeards hometown for 9 years but now looking for a cooler dryer climate for my wife, Monk. Thankful for good health despite cancer & a heart attack -

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Ted WILSON



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### #1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:

So much seemed so simple and uncomplicated ... studies came easy so I got good grades and enjoyed many of the teachers (esp. Harrison, Wright, Tilton, Snowden). I found a place playing basketball and tennis so got plugged into those activities. I have positive memories of early morning vacation wind sprints and the squeak of sneakers on hardwood. I got connected to the church youth group (MYF) and found it to be a place of friendship away from school hallways. I suppose even the furtive flirting and first girlfriend energy was pretty simple in retrospect, even though it felt awfully complicated at the time! In the end, my favorite memories are of the people that made up our community ... which is why the idea of coming to a reunion made perfect sense and felt so right.

### #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

Wow! Growing up, traveling to distant lands while protecting democracy from a floating platform in both the Caribbean and Mediterranean, getting married (twice) having and raising children (two), taking the generational torch passed on by deceased parents, building a career spent serving a wide variety of children in a number of states, learning my way around the world of tools doing minor construction and, in the past few years, discovering the richness of the internet and the amazing technology tools that are popping up daily! Basically tried to live a decent life enjoying friends, family and our amazing world in ways that, in today's parlance, could be seen as 'net positive' when I'm done!

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Mary WINE Dunnack

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### #1...YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES FROM WALTER JOHNSON H.S. YEARS:

*The choral groups which lead to a degree in Music Education from Houghton College*

### #2...WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS?

married 45 years; 3 children and 7 grandchildren Taught 7th grade general music and middle school chorus for 3 years in Danvers, Massachusetts Stay at home mom while doing church secretarial work for my husband's ministry Bank teller for 7 years Administrator for recruitment, admissions, scholarships and advising in the University of Delaware Department of Music for 20 years. Enjoying retirement, family and our own home after living in parsonages for 39 years.

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