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First grandchild Ella Louise was happily greeted by **Elsa Anderson van Bergen** last spring. Elsa is thoroughly enjoying researching and drafting a historical novel based on some of her Swedish ancestors, when time from her textbook editing permits. She is excited that the 2012 recipient of a book award she sponsors is a member of the freshman class at MHC.

The Rev.Carol Schwartz “retired from the Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Ctr. Bd. in Princeton,NJ at the 9 yr. time limit of service. She continues as chair of the Stewardship Comm. Activities at the UU Congregation, political volunteering, LGBTQ equality and tennis make for full days.”

In Milwaukee, **Zibby Spang Ericson** continues as an architect “focusing on designing spaces that foster creativity especially among medical researchers”. She is pursuing “the holy grail of designing ideal patient experiences for healthcare facilities within increasingly restrictive budgets.” Zibby says, “I thought design would get easier with experience...instead am learning that design is basically a series of challenges that are their own reward!”

Stephanie Richardson Gaskins had a busy summer as curator of the Ipswich(MA) Museum show “I must go down to the seas again..” She is a tennis playing grandma of 10 and loved the visits from the kids to Ipswich,MA and Chebeague Is.ME. She babysits for one grandchild one day a week.. “I know there are many other 1961ers who are part of this arrangement allowing their sons or daughters to work fulltime. Great for all three generations!”

Momentous double celebrations last July for **Barbara Hartt Hise** and family!! Son Brad married partner John in San Francisco, and everyone went to Hawaii to continue the festivities. Barbara and Bill celebrated their 50th anniversary luau-style! Many congrats to all! Barbara says, “Wonderful memories created for all of us, especially our 4 grandchildren!”

Last summer **Jeanne Austin** auditioned for a play in Putney,VT, and got the part while still in treatment for ovarian cancer. She appeared in Margaret Edson’s wonderful play WIT. Jeanne played the professor/mentor/friend to the lead character who has been diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer. “This powerful play leaves the audience breathless.” Jeanne would like to try to “break the silence” on this terrible disease. She is in remission and says doing the part helped her tremendously with her own recovery and getting back to normal.

