

1961 CLASS NOTES, Spring 2015

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Jeanne Austin and her husband enjoyed the Alum. Assn. tour in Sept., “Symphony on the Blue Danube”, covering six countries. Over Thanksgiving, they hosted a foreign student from MHC, a senior from Vietnam. Jeanne is currently working on an application to have her weaving studio accredited by SAORI headquarters in Japan, and driving to Worcester, MA monthly for a weaving study group. She and **Carol Sweeney Benson** see each other as often as possible.

Sherry Welles Urner sent me her Christmas letter complete with an all-family photo. (See the class website for photos. Remember next year to send me yours!) The Urners are happily enjoying retirement now that their NJ beachfront town, devastated by Hurricane Sandy, has almost recovered. They are involved in duplicate bridge, sports, FL in March, volunteer and board work, and much excitement over a new sailboat being built for this summer.

Bonnie Barrett Stretch had a busy summer campaigning for the governor of MA. Unfortunately her candidate didn't win. Bonnie has been active with the S. Hadley Cultural Council and continues to write for *Art New England* magazine. She and Dan have decided the time is right to make the move to Loomis Village, a nearby retirement community, so that is next on their agenda. Son Daniel has a new position with the NYC Mayor's administration, and

daughter Diana continues at the Criminal Justice Agency in Brooklyn.

Mary Ginn Weinland reports on a family vacation in Hawaii to start off 2014, all 14 of them! They also took an extraordinary trip to China with friends. When not traveling, they keep up an active pace in Storrs, CT, including Mary's volunteer service with an interfaith ministry. She and Tim both enjoy the many cultural and athletic programs available at UConn and rejoice in the recent national championships!

Dee deFerranti Abrahamse tells of her continued involvement in trying to end human trafficking in the Long Beach, CA area. She is also on the Public Library Foundation Board which proposed a successful redevelopment of the Civic Center to include a better main library.

And she is singing with a Threshold Choir which sings for hospice patients - she would love to hear from anyone else who would like to share on any of these topics.