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Marian Strong Moore writes that "our family tradition is for grandparents to take each grandchild at age 12 on a trip. Our grandchild this year is Elizabeth Strong Huettig. Her mom is Shirley Moore Huettig, MHC Class of 1987. Granddad was unable to make the trip but, Elizabeth and I had a fabulous time at Discovery Cove in Orlando, FL, swimming with dolphins, sting rays and other fish. Also, we spent a day and a half at Epcot and a day in SeaWorld. Twelve is a great age for fascination, imagination, energy, and willingness to discover new things from a variety of experiences to new food etc, etc. Discovery Cove and Epcot were highlights!"

Your scribe **Rocki Hill Hughes** was privileged to walk my daughter down the spiral staircase at St. Petersburg's Dali Museum, FL, in June as Linda married her partner Kim on the halfway landing. (Privileged that my time-and-tennis-ravaged left knee didn't fail me, and also held up long enough for celebration dancing afterward!) Family came from FL, VA, CO, and HI, with Linda's son Shane and daughter Caitlin among bridal attendants. It was a spectacular site for this beautiful event!

Sadly, word came from both **Diana Diggin** and **Peggy McCabe Cruger** of the death of classmate **Melissa Tyler Meyer** on June 16 at her home in Durham, NH, after a four-month battle with brain cancer. She was surrounded by her husband Dick, her children and their spouses, and her grandchildren. Peggy adds, "Dick wrote eloquently about Melissa's life. 'She was a talented, strong, independent and compassionate woman. Flowers, birds, the mountains and her cats were her loves... And above all, she loved her family. She was a visiting nurse, a costume seamstress and a caregiver with New Beginnings... for mothers and babies who loved her dearly.'

She continues,"I met Melissa in Abbey Hall over 60 years ago when our friendship began. She was an integral part of our HP group our senior year in Torrey Hall. We shared many good times after our four years at MCH - weddings, visits, telephone calls, letters, and family occasions. Melissa's family, her many friends and colleagues will all miss her!"

Please keep in touch with classmates by letting us know of your milestones and treasured moments. Our ranks may dwindle, but our bonds as uncommon women stay strong! As Polka Dew (or Apple Blossom?) said so long ago to Jake in Junior Show, "Eddication is the thing twixt thee and me!" We know both Maggie Walpurgis and Noah would echo that thought...