

On-the-go: **Barbara Bowers Farquhar** writes that 'Tom and I just returned from a fabulous Viking cruise "Into the Midnight Sun" through the majestic Norwegian fjords. We were inducted into the Bluenose Society when we crossed into the Arctic Circle. We would do it again in a minute but there are other exciting places to explore and new friends to make.' **Barbara Freeman Douglass** reports that in March, she, **Olivia (Polly) McKenna August**, and **Dee DeFerranti Abrahamse** met at **Nicki Hutterer Haller's** home in Boulder, CO and then drove to Santa Fe, NM for museum visits and great food. We then went to Ojo Caliente, hot springs with five different types of minerals. But the best was keeping in touch, sharing concerns about the future, and finding joy in old friendships.

Re: migration/downsizing-- From Zionsville, IN, **Sarah (Sally Stearns) Gipson** says: Charles and I have moved into a beautiful senior community here (P.O. Indianapolis). We live in a roomy duplex surrounded by large evergreens, some small gardens I play in, and plenty of green space. Four of our 6 children (3 his, 3 mine) live in the area, complete with busy grands and great grands. We are very happy here. So far I've found a Smith grad and a Vassar grad of our age group in our community; I will probably find more. Charles, 82, is doing really well. I continue to live with bronchiectasis, sort of like COPD, and have recently purchased a walker named Rebecca by my grandson, though he knows not why, to go with my cane, due to progressive severe scoliosis and stenosis of my spine. So my mobility is reduced, but there is lots to do, including a choir which gives 2 concerts a year. We lost our beloved little dog last year and are debating getting another dog. It's nice to have the increased freedom, but I miss him so.

Kay Bloecker Nelson writes: The downsizing question was very timely. My husband and I downsized for the second time this summer. In 2010 we moved to a 55+ community in Florida, moving from a 2-story, 4-bedroom, full attic and full basement home to a 1-story, 3-bedroom, no attic/no basement home. After 30 years in Delaware, that was our major downsizing. Though we loved Florida, we recently felt it was time to move to a continuing care community in Durham, NC to be near our daughter. We downsized again to a 2-bedroom apartment with even less storage, but have found that we just don't need all those things we were keeping and don't miss them. We are now enjoying all the activities and meeting new friends. It was the right move at the right time.

A quote from the 'other' side--**Jennifer Bagster-Collins Seaver** isn't ready to downsize yet. She took a Road Scholar trip to Iceland in June and plans to travel again with Road Scholar at the end of November by ship through the Mediterranean from Spain to Greece.

Carol Bloomberg Glassheim reports: I am still in Albuquerque NM and finally living in the Casa Clara Community which I founded. It is an unusual rental/community that I call an intentional community for cooperative aging. We have gone through a few emanations, but for now it is working well, the landscape is blooming and the residents are happy. Otherwise I am involved with both Planned Parenthood and Compassion and Choices—options at both the beginning and end of life. I guess my natural bent is towards CHOICE in all things. I am also involved in teaching English to immigrant folks, first through Lutheran Family Services, the initial intake place for immigrants in Albuquerque, but now through a literacy only program, ReadWest. I find it really rewarding and interesting to deal with people from other countries and I learn a good deal in the process.

Barbara Freeman Douglass reports on the annual '61 mini-reunion in N. Conway in August: We were small in number but great in spirit. **Diana Diggin, Judy Marshall Kennedy, Bobbi Childs Sampson, Carol Sweeney Benson, Dee deFeranti Abrahamse,** and Barb gathered for conversation and inspiration. Judy had recently seen **Dottie Smith Mann** who had spoken about her "spiritual home" in Rockport MA. Lovely to muse on this topic, with varied answers, past and present locations included. Newsworthy events were the final sale of Judy's business and lots of travel planned; Bobbi's ascent of Katahdin Mountain this summer (wow!); Carol's role as Nana the dog in *Peter Pan*. One of Dee's book groups focuses on non-American writers, which helps widen horizons. Best of all was the warm and caring atmosphere as we are ready to support each other as we go forward. (An earlier note from **Dottie Smith Mann** to scribe said after her summer in Rockport, she headed home to Tampa for winter. The FL welcome mat is out for classmates! Doromom@gmail.com 813-985-2342.)

Elsa Anderson van Bergen writes: It's been quite a year of family celebrations, leading to our 50th anniversary in September with our small clan, including Ella and Sawyer, now both happy school-goers: in June we welcomed new grandson Lucas and traveled to Prague, which lived up to its wondrous reputation, and later to Toronto, a fascinating discovery; Richard had another successful aneurysm surgery and is back to singing with 3 groups; I finally completed a 4' wide tapestry of birches in a Swedish meadow, had a short memoir published in our OLLI literary magazine, and expanded the veggies to include a bounty of fingerling potatoes! We'd love sharing our Kennebunk Beach home with you.

We are saddened to learn of the death of classmate **Patricia Livingston Perlman**, (physiology major) who had lived in San Diego for many years. Surviving are her husband, Dr. Richard D. Perlman, and their two sons, Kenneth and Mark. I remember Pat in the Wilder smoker. She had the most perfect fingernails I ever saw(!), and was always heading off to Princeton to see her husband-to-be. Please contact your scribe with any personal memories to share.

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