

CLASS OF 1971 45<sup>TH</sup> REUNION SURVEY  
MAY 2016

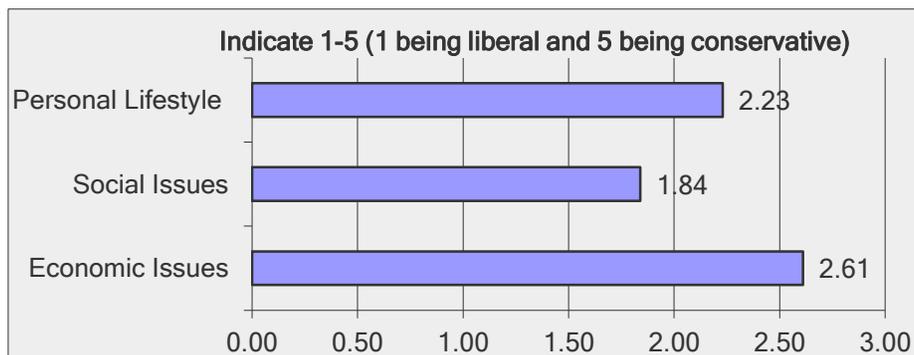
*Thanks to those of you who completed the on-line class survey, we have an interesting snapshot of who we are and what we're doing as well as some insight into our attitudes, experiences and hopes for the future. This summary shares highlights and tidbits that caught my eye which you too might find interesting. Responses to open-ended questions are in Appendix 1. Appendix 2 includes a Book List and a Movie/TV list; you might find some good reads and watching recommended by a group of uncommon women with educated minds and discerning taste. Hope you enjoy the results as much as I enjoyed compiling them.*

**A Few Demographic Basics:**

- 37% (114) responded to the survey hailing from 3 countries, 29 states and the District of Columbia. Consistent with our last survey, Massachusetts and New York had the highest number of respondents, 16 and 10 respectively. Rounding out the Top Six are California (8), Florida (6—including a self-described “snow-bird”); New Hampshire and Virginia (5 each).
- 42% of 112 respondents reported moving between 7 to 10 times since graduation; 33% made 4 to six moves. Only 8% have made fewer than three moves. And 17% reported they'd lost count!
- 64.9% of 114 respondents are married; 13.2% separated or divorced; 12.3% single; 7.9% widowed, and 1.8% living with an unmarried partner.
- 114 respondents reported 186 children and 30 stepchildren; 93% of children are “out of the house”, 7% still living at home. 177 grandchildren in all with one “on the way. Yay!” One classmate reported 2 grand-dogs.
- Fewer classmates are currently caring for an aging parent or other relative 15% vs. 36% in 2011.
- When asked whether you spent a “significant” amount of time in a place other than your primary residence, more than half of the 101 respondents said no. Several indicated they were spending periodic time away from home to care for a parent or relative, travel, or to try a new location on for size. Several report owning or regularly renting a place for vacations, weekends or escaping the winter. A few mention they have a second home that is close to work with a primary residence elsewhere. One classmate reports regularly taking her Airstream trailer for lots of desert camping and four responded that they spent a significant amount of time outside of the US (Canada, France, Italy and Cambodia).
- Our class has traveled a lot—and said they wanted to travel even more. 27 respondents indicated they'd traveled to 25 or more countries; 53 have been to 10 to 20 countries; 34, fewer than ten. One respondent indicated they'd visited every continent—only Antarctica to go. The average number of countries for those that answered this question with a specific number rather than an estimate is 15.

**Let's get politics out of the way . . .**

- 63% of respondents are registered Democrats; 24%, Independents; 12%, Republicans. (One classmate reported question was ‘not applicable.’)
- Generally, respondents are moderate to liberal on social, economic and ‘lifestyle’ issues. Asked to rate on a scale of 1 (liberal) to 5 (conservative), all responses were left of center.



- Who are we supporting at the start of this ‘election season’? And who are we saying we’ll vote for now?

Candidate	Outset	Now
Clinton	59.5	70
Sanders	19	24
Warren	2	-
Bloomberg	1	-
Bush	1.5	-
Carson	2	-
Cruz	0	3
Kasich	2	6
Rubio	3	1
Trump	1	0
Walker	1	-
Undecided/No one	13	1

### Working or retired? Loving it or not so sure?

When asked if you were still working, 45% of the 109 respondents said yes. Generally, 50% of those who reported they were still working, said they liked their work “a lot” or at least “most of the time”. One responded they couldn’t wait to retire. About half of those still working, work a full 40 hour week or more. When asked about whether they are planning to retire, many respondents said yes—possibly after they turned 70. Several said they expected to continue to work part time or do some consulting. My favorite response: “I do not plan to retire and my profession welcomes seasoning.”

Those who have retired reported they now have more time to travel, volunteer, and spending time with family, some to care for grandchildren or aging relatives. They are reading more. Exercising more. Taking up a new activity or getting back to something they used to enjoy but just hadn’t had time to pursue. A few of us are still adjusting to retirement—or ‘still figuring it out.’ Health issues are concerning some. Overall, it’s clear that we are generally optimistic, engaged and busy.

### Volunteering? Yes!

73% of respondents volunteer, giving back in all manner of ways. Many volunteer for or through their church or synagogue. Classmates are volunteering in the arts, human services, for environmental organizations as well as serving in Town government. One classmate reports volunteering on political campaigns. Another spends time volunteering for an animal rescue organization. Many volunteer at their local library. A handful are providing their professional skills or pro bono volunteer work, enhancing the capacity of non-profits to achieve their objectives.

### Reading and Streaming and Musical Tastes

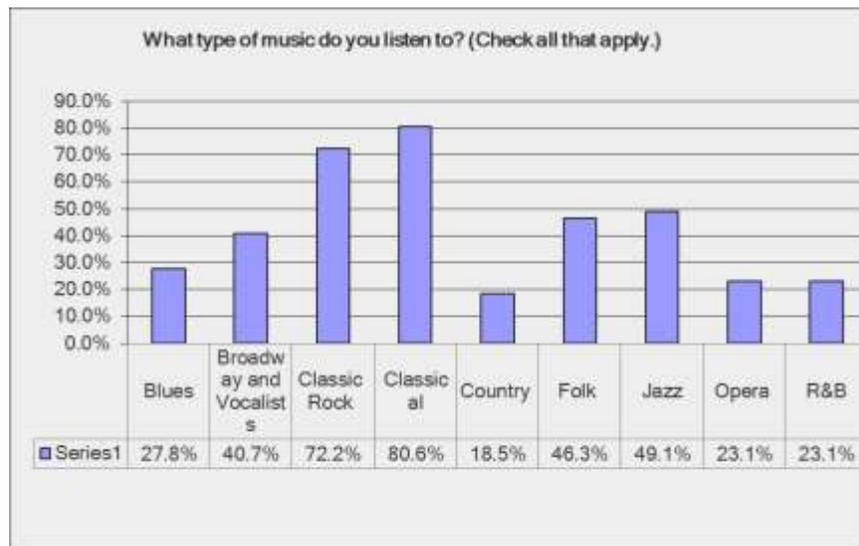
Our classmates are enthusiastic readers—Literature/Fiction being the predominant genre (94%) and 74% are reading Biographies and Memoirs. We read widely—Mysteries and Thrillers, History, Travel, and Cookbooks. How we read and where we get our books is changing. While 60% of us read “hard copy” books (96% still buy those at least occasionally), 68.5% of us now use an e-reader at least occasionally, almost double those who reported using e-readers in 2011. We use the public library—83% are still patrons, at least occasionally (down from the 96% who reported using the library in the 2011 class survey). We are about split on audio books—52% report they never listen to audio books while 48% use them occasionally (no change compared to 2011 survey). Book Groups? 35% are members of at least one book group.

We are using video streaming services (45%). If you check out Appendix 2, you’ll see the mix of movies and television folks recommended. PBS predominates (a lot of us were glued to Downton Abbey and Masterpiece Theatre in general), but we are also watching Breaking Bad, Homeland, The Americans, The Good Wife, Better Call Saul, and House of Cards.

**What kinds of Books do you read? Genres here; full booklist in APPENDIX 1.**

Literature/Fiction	93.8%	106
Romance	8.0%	9
Mysteries/Thrillers	55.8%	63
Biography/Memoirs	74.3%	84
History	56.6%	64
Self-Help	14.2%	16
Religion	15.0%	17
Travel	36.3%	41
Cookbooks	35.4%	40
Politics/Social Sciences	23.0%	26
Business/Money	13.3%	15
Other (please specify)		16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Natural sciences, theatre</li> <li>▪ Non-fiction science, and hard science fiction (not fantasy)</li> <li>▪ Research papers, blogs, non-fiction related to race and injustice based on racism in America; action adventure (Vince Flynn, Lee Childs, Clive Cussler), African American Historical Fiction (Beverly Jenkins), Health/exercise and healthy eating.</li> <li>▪ Health/nutrition</li> <li>▪ Science, especially cognitive and neuroscience</li> <li>▪ Art, Science</li> <li>▪ Need more time to read; most books go unfinished</li> <li>▪ The New Yorker articles</li> <li>▪ Business</li> <li>▪ I read mostly nonfiction.</li> <li>▪ Nature writing</li> <li>▪ Science Fiction (separately from other fiction!)</li> <li>▪ Critical theory, cultural studies, rhetorical studies, non-fiction addressing racial justice</li> <li>▪ Science (physical and psychological)</li> <li>▪ Poetry</li> <li>▪ Learning/teaching</li> </ul>		

**What kind of music do we listen to?**



Other? World/international; New Age; Contemporary Christian, Hymns, & Gospel Music; Hip Hop; Pop; Big Band; Easy Listening, Latin American; music from 50's & 60's; and Pink Martini.

#### **Embracing new technology? Definitely.**

- 82.5% of respondents regularly use a computer (desktop/laptop); 15.8% use one occasionally; 1.8%, never.
- 98% use e-mail.
- Tablets are popular—75% of respondents use one; 25% do not.
- 30.6% regularly use Facebook; 35.1% use it occasionally. 34.2%, never.
- LinkedIn? 58.8% of respondents never use it; 34.2% occasionally; 8%, use it regularly.
- 84% use a smartphone; 16%, never.
- Twitter hasn't caught on with the Class of 1971. 88.5% of respondents never use it..
- Skyppe? 8% report they use it all the time; 54% use it occasionally; 38.1%, never.
- 31.5 % of us listen to podcasts; 68.5% don't. And those that do shared the Podcasts they listen to regularly. NPR podcasts seem to be most popular.

#### **We are active and exercising.**

Ninety-nine of us answered this question; 88.5% reported exercising at least 3-5 times a week. Most favored form of exercise? Walking (64.6%), followed by swimming (15%), and working out at the gym (11%). Six percent reported they favored biking. Only 3%, running. Other forms of exercise included yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Tai Chi, sculling, kayaking, tennis, golfing, hiking, cross-country skiing, dancing, gardening and more.

#### **If your life goes wonderfully in the next 10 years what will have happened?**

We hope to stay healthy and active, have adventures with our kids and grandkids, and travel extensively. We want to keep in touch with good friends. We want to retire or keep working. We want to enjoy our current spouse/partner; some hope to find the partner of their dreams. Some responded (and I expect all of us likely feel this way) to be alive and well. And what about that "Bucket List". Several of us reported not having one (and not planning to create one). Otherwise, travel seemed to be mentioned most often—to exotic places as well as closer to home. Writing a book. Seeing a great aurora borealis. Play hard percussion in a "totally awesome jam session". Get an MBA.

#### **Got a "Bucket List"?**

Not all of us do. One classmate reports that the first item on her bucket list is to "get a bucket list." Travel appears to be the most common item on our lists, with several people indicating they'd like to spend an extended time living in another country. Some of us are very specific: Write a memoir. Write a book. Go to the Rose Bowl Flea Market. Get an MBA. Learn to tap dance. Exhibit my paintings. Learn to speak Dutch. Set up a fiber arts studio. See a great aurora borealis. Clean out the garage.

#### **Advice for a young woman graduating from Mount Holyoke today?**

This is hard to characterize. Many encouraged young women graduating from MHC to maintain balance, to keep an open mind while exploring what interests them. To embrace possibilities and make a difference. "Remember your first job is never your last; go into your career with an open mind." "Don't let your fear of failure keep you from trying new things." And "start saving for retirement . . . now."

#### **What question would you add to our Class Survey for our 50th Reunion? Did we miss something?**

Yes, we missed some things, and this question promoted some great suggestions for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Survey. I wish we had thought to include this question in our 40th Reunion Survey. And one note before you read through answers to the open-ended questions Several of you asked if I would edit out typos in your responses. I did, and hope I didn't alter your responses.

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## APPENDIX I. RESPONSES TO OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

### Retired? How has it affected what you do? Is it what you expected?

- It's really boring sometimes, but it sure makes weekday adventures easier. I do not, however, like it.
- Volunteer work is a full time job
- I have moved into encore careers in law and art. I do what I love every day.
- I had to retire for health reasons--not what I was expecting.
- I've really just begun to settle in to retirement so it's hard to say.
- It is what I expected and it has given me time to pursue various interests, see more theater, travel, make new friends, etc. It is exactly what I expected!
- Took a retirement job
- I am taking care of grandchildren and mother.
- More time outdoors! Better than expected.
- Retired recently; still figuring out.
- Lots more time for family and friends and more time to travel.
- Gives me options as to how I spend my time, my paid part-time work, my advocacy, and my community service. It's better than I expected. The only problem at first was trying to find my center. Once found, I launched totally new paths. It's been wonderful.
- Yes
- Worked part-time after having kids so I pretty much continued doing what I have always done.
- Time for family, friends, read, traveling, culture
- Like self-scheduling and traveling
- I am still getting used to it as it's been only 7 months.
- I just follow a new career as a painter.
- I have retired twice and gone back to work twice.
- It gives me the time to do work I love even more than my career.
- More volunteer work, healthier lifestyle, yes
- I seem to do everything I used to do at work, now as a volunteer - with slightly better hours.
- Have had many opportunities to spend time with family and to travel
- It has been a wonderful experience. It is even more fun than I expected. I take classes in things I always wanted to learn about. I have learned to paint in watercolors. I get to garden as much as I want to and I spend a delightful amount of time with my granddaughters. My husband is still working so we do not travel quite as much as I would like but it is enough. The serendipity of retirement is almost the best part: not having a rigid schedule. I have added some volunteering in the last year (I have been retired for 4 years now) and I am enjoying my volunteer work. It has not cut into my classes or other fun time!
- I had to learn to discipline my time and efforts, but I enjoy more leisure time. Yes, it was what I expected.
- More time for travel and volunteer activities
- Gave me more time!
- Was not what I expected so went back to work
- I have worked as unpaid volunteer for many years, it's fulfilling and a great place for personal growth
- It's basically been great.
- Bored to tears
- Enjoying more time for family, gardening, being on the lake
- Yes, what I expected.
- I didn't actually work long enough to officially retire, but it's basically what I expected.
- Much better!
- More time to travel, assist friends & family. Some boredom but not enough to make me go back to daily grind.
- I now do consulting work for a contractor
- More travel
- I relax more, travel more and make last-minute plans more often.
- Spend time doing what I enjoy and trying new things.

- I retired as an attorney and administrative law judge in 2009 but have been working as a realtor since 2012 and I love it.
- Life is more relaxed, more time to read and travel and connect with friends, more time to exercise - all about what I expected.
- I am busier than ever but find managing my calendar and dealing with the online world to be the most challenging
- I am free! I do as much or as little as I want. Yes, it's what I expected.
- Returned to college for an MFA. Miss social interaction.
- LOVE IT! I am involved with a number of non-profit and civic organizations and probably am a bit overextended in that vein. Not sure I really had clear expectations.
- More time for sleep, outdoor activities, travel and time with family.
- Have time for new activities & exercise
- Yes - have great new seasonal job
- Retirement was unplanned, due to an illness in the family. It took a while to find a fulfilling rhythm.
- I spend less money and have more fun. Better.
- I still do unpaid work at the school where my husband is head
- It's great. Do lots of things but am less stressed.
- Basically yes.
- Yes--largely what I expected. Am enjoying indulging my interests (film, theater, music, etc.) and reading books on my bucket list.
- I travel, exercise, volunteer, and read a lot more! I think it's what I expected.
- Surprisingly, co-founded a nonprofit to give new books to poor children in local schools. Also developed photographic skills.
- hasn't changed much
- I take time and enjoy!
- yes enjoying retirement / traveling
- I work as a consultant. Can't afford to live on my income until I'm at least 70
- Have been busy/very busy with challenging volunteer work.
- I am still adjusting.
- Leisure is better than working.
- It is better than I expected. I volunteer, travel, make new friends
- am retired part-time; it definitely has affected what I do; I spend much more time reading and doing outdoor recreation
- Involuntarily retired. Spent many years looking for another job. That process was demoralizing as it became clear that age was becoming a major factor in my lack of success.
- It is a reset, shedding the mental habits of a demanding workplace. Substituting being for always doing. I like it.
- I love being in control of my own time
- More than what I anticipated! It's WONDERFUL!
- hard, not planned process
- Retired due to illness. Miss working. Illness not good.
- Best thing that ever happened. Taken up new careers in photography and fiber art.
- I had made a place in my head for teaching. When I retired, that place was empty.
- Retirement has provided me with more flexibility, independence & personal time; an opportunity to retrieve & rediscover previous interests & activities; and a chance to develop new interests. The transition has been full of surprises.
- I love the flexibility. I do more of the jobbies I love. I take classes. I read more. I babysit.
- I love retirement. I do what I want when I want. It is better than expected.
- It is fantastic!
- More time with grandchildren. Time to deal with decline and death of parents. No surprises.

**If not retired, do you plan to retire? When? What would you do?**

- End of June 2021; pursue theatre and other interests

- I'm easing my way, as I'm enjoying what I do for work and am appreciated. But I've started already back into sculpture, dressage and a French lit course.
- Yes eventually
- 70 or later
- At some point.
- I work part time. I plan to do so a few more years.
- I plan to retire slowly--to phase it in. I love my work.
- Yes. Not sure when. Spend more time with my husband, who is retired.
- I plan to leave the paying job I'm doing now as soon as finances permit, but I don't plan to retire in the traditional sense -- I plan to always be engaged in several productive activities; if nothing else is manageable, volunteer work such as tutoring.
- Next year
- I'm thinking I might retire for good around age 70, health permitting.
- Plan to retire from my retirement job this summer
- Not sure when, depends on partner's employment status. Would continue volunteering and teaching Mindfulness Meditation
- Not right away
- I hope to continue to work now and then
- Yes, 3 years.
- I might retire at a later time -- probably at least five years from now.
- Yes, 2017. Am already an active community volunteer--plan to expand that.
- When my husband retires, we don't know what we'll do; good thing he keeps working!
- Probably in about 5 years.
- 1 - 3 years from now.
- No
- Not if I can help it.
- 2018 Travel
- Not sure when I would completely retire
- Not until I turn 70 if I can help it! I'd love to travel if I'm able to and can afford it.
- Yes, 2019
- Don't plan to retire
- Within next 3 -4 years. Travel, hiking, volunteer work.
- Don't plan to retire completely!
- Yes at age 70 or 71; I don't know what I would do which is why I am still working
- In a few years
- I will retire in one to three years. I will teach college writing in the Washington state women's prison. I will continue leading weekly meditation sessions, taking Tai Chi classes, practicing meditation, and engaging in community social justice work. I hope to study another language.
- Yes - either this year or next. Travel and volunteer, participate on company boards.
- I expect to retire in 4-5 years; I will focus on writing and volunteer work
- I do not plan to retire and my profession welcomes seasoning

**Do you volunteer? If yes, what organization or what type of organization? If yes, what organization or what type of organization? If yes, what organization or what type of organization?**

- Theatres
- Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters; [www.savetheboundarywater.org](http://www.savetheboundarywater.org)
- Church
- Professional and advancing women and children
- Endowment, non-profit
- My church
- Church
- Non-profit, Jewish organizations
- Medical Center

- Senior services
- Faith based (Episcopal church local outreach efforts); a local low income housing area where I support high achieving students and creating options for their future academic pursuits; homeless shelter; weekend meals for the homeless; the graduate chapter of my sorority and their community service projects; and the Children's Defense Fund (creating a Freedom School in my local community)
- Women's Prison, political campaigns
- Women's service organizations, National MS Society
- Pet assisted therapy
- Church and nonprofits
- Community based-library, assistance programs
- Theater, Library
- Homeless services
- Arts, education, homeowners
- Library
- Hospice, fund raising for cancer, community events like library sales
- I volunteer at a major museum in NYC in the summer, and in several organizations, including a charity, in Florida
- Synagogue
- Insight Meditation Community of Washington (DC)
- I volunteer back in the same hospital I worked in for 25 years but not in the same department. I serve as a patient advocate for the Acute Medicine Service.
- Compass, a management consulting organization providing pro bono services to nonprofits in the Washington, DC metro area
- Social services and personal affiliations (Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Master Gardeners, church)
- Church, symphony
- Church
- Sierra Club, American College of Real Estate Lawyers, Anderson Valley Elder Home, conservation groups, NAMI
- Church
- Arts and community groups
- Community-based social service
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; garden club; church
- professional organizations
- Local food
- Corporate alumni association
- Educational institutions; child advocacy; legal organizations
- Unitarian Church, synagogue
- Arts/Library
- Mainly church. Also within our country club.
- Friends of Youth
- Live audio description of theater productions for blind patrons; assist in maintenance of city parks.
- Church, Library.
- Church and non-profit organizations
- I am the Board Chair of a large community health center in three Bay Area counties. I am on the Alumni Committee of my daughters K-8 French bilingual school. I work with an organization which has a large home tour every April, with funds going to non-profits that work with at-risk and disadvantaged children and youths.
- Committee work for an international foundation and professional organization, reader in church, exploring volunteer work for Mercy Ships
- Civic, charity, library & MHC
- Foodbank, Community Outreach, prison
- I volunteer for a candidate for the US Senate.
- Children's department at the Library
- Town government (selectman, conservation commission, town library), visiting nurse association, state association representing library trustees
- Interfaith community; Operation Interdependence (support for deployed troops)

- Thrift shop at church
- Girl Scouts - troop leader
- Local MHC alumnae club, reptile club (Bay Area Amphibian & Reptile Society)
- Feeding programs for the homeless and botanic gardens
- The independent school my husband heads
- MHC club, Boy Scouts, Entertainer group, political party, voter registration
- Neighbor helping neighbor, land trust, domestic abuse shelter
- Arts and social
- Non profits
- Church, quilt guild, food pantry
- Church, local museum, public schools
- Church, school, other nonprofits
- League of Women Voters; church; social service organization; environmental groups
- Habitat for Humanity; Appalachian Trail repair
- Theaters, Public Library
- Local government and nonprofits
- At a horse farm with disabled riders, at our local botanical gardens
- Used to volunteer for dog adoption groups
- Special needs schools, food banks
- Public Charity
- Advisory board safety net health clinic, extension Master Gardeners
- Feral cat TNR
- Tacoma-Pierce Equity Network, Race and Pedagogy community partners, The Conversation [local racial justice group]
- Environmental, civic organizations
- Food pantry, retreat center, church
- Non-profits, library
- Church mostly now. Have also been chair of corporate sponsorship for Koman Race for the Cure.
- local voter registration
- Neighborhood activism in response to city planning, development, and housing policies.
- Operation Christmas Child, part of Samaritan's Purse
- Elected member of the Town Republican Committee, Service clubs in my local town, church.
- Social justice: feeds homeless etc.

**If your life goes wonderfully in the next 10 years what will have happened?**

- More adventures and more time with kids/grandkids
- I will remain healthy, fix up my homes, retire in 5 years, spend summers at Long Lake, expand theatre and travel, and always have dogs
- The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness will be protected from copper mining.
- Be in good health and complete graduate English lit program. Write a novel.
- I will have produced a body of work (sculpture).
- I will find my soul mate.
- A miracle
- I'll still have my health, and my recently-engaged daughter will have provided a grandchild or two.
- We will have a grandchild. I will be fluent in Italian, and I will have traveled more.
- I will have stayed healthy and active.
- My family will be healthy, I will become a grandparent, and I will be able to continue to travel.
- My children will be happy.
- Good health for me and my family and more travel.
- I will travel far distances from my home at least 1ce/year, and continue conducting Health Equity/Social Justice workshops for at least the next 3 years.
- More of same -- still in good shape.
- My children will marry and have children; we will all be healthy and happy.

- Stay healthy. Time with family and friends. Some traveling.
- My family and I will stay reasonable healthy and generally happy to be alive for as long as possible, and I will be able to plan activities and spend time with friends without having to schedule long-distance caregiving trips.
- Good health continues
- Continued health and happiness of family and friends and ability to travel and help others.
- Stay healthy and active.
- I'll stay healthy and active, creative energy still flowing and husband is by my side enjoying our family.
- I will write a book, contribute significantly to society and find a partner.
- I will continue to travel and have my current partner in my life.
- I will stay healthy, finish my job successfully and travel extensively. Keep in touch with good friends, make new friends.
- I will have stayed healthy, been able to travel, and continued to enjoy making art.
- Climate change is reversed, peace in the Middle East, husband retires, and kids are settled and happy, maybe grandkids.
- I'll have a chance to travel more.
- More travel, good health for husband and self, successful 100th anniversary for synagogue
- We will have stopped or reversed global warming. There will be more income equality. People of all races, gender orientation, and spiritual traditions will embrace our shared humanity.
- My husband will have joined me in retirement and we will have visited places on our mutual bucket lists. We will have more grandchildren to enjoy, especially from our younger son. We will have enjoyed our oldest granddaughter's graduation from high school and she will be a freshman at Mount Holyoke!! We will have enjoyed many travel/vacation memories with our family and friends and every one of my loved ones (family and friends) will have stayed healthy and happy. Oh can't forget: I will have experienced the joy of seeing a woman elected president and served successfully.
- The osteoarthritis in my right foot, knee and hip will have been alleviated. I will have traveled extensively in the world. I will have renovated my house and gotten back to horseback riding which I gave up this year due to the osteoarthritis!
- I will be alive and well.
- I'll be energetically alive, traveling, dancing, and going to Broadway plays.
- Grandchildren, travel, all my children happy and healthy, and in careers they love.
- Kids getting married & having kids.
- I will have travelled more and spent more time with my grandchildren.
- Travel with husband in good health.
- Our children and theirs will be healthy and happy and both of us will be, also.
- Active retired life, grandchildren, close family ties and good friends.
- I will have spent much quality time with husband and children; visited India for > 1 month; become a regular exerciser.
- My health and my husband's will remain excellent and we will continue a happy balance of work (paid for him, unpaid for me), keeping in touch with our adult children who live in LA, and spending what feels like enough time in God's country/places of natural beauty.
- Retirement, travel, and time with family.
- healthy grandchildren, outdoor life, being helpful to people
- Healthy, Active, Fulfilled, Contributing.
- I will have remained healthy and have more grandchildren.
- More travel, more time with grandchildren, more time at our camp.
- I would continue to enjoy fulfilling work; my son has a family.
- Those in the family under 80 will have remained healthy, Clint and I will have taken some interesting trips, and I'll still have about the same balance of tennis, golf, bridge and volunteer work that I have now.
- My health will remain stabilized, my children will remain happy and fulfilled in their lives, my husband, friends and family will stay healthy and engaged in life.
- I'll still be ambling out with the dog every morning.
- My health continues, my children are happy, I am learning, friends are still alive and vital.
- More grandchildren, continued good health

- Continue to travel, hike, sail, and garden.
- Be in good health; close family and friends in good health and visiting a lot; be playing tennis again; traveling; and be financially comfortable.
- I will continue as is and perhaps meet the man of my dreams, finally.
- Good health for me and my spouse, lots of travel, time spent with good friends and family
- I will have been healthy and able to do whatever makes me happy
- Peace, good health, grandchildren.
- My family will all still be in good health.
- My health will be excellent, my husband will be well, I'll continue to travel to interesting places, I'll have interesting friends and still be involved in my community.
- Travel with family including children and grandchildren. Spend more time with grandkids.
- Found new house & will be healthier than now.
- No one would die or get sick; son will marry and have children
- I will have retired with enough money to enjoy it!
- I will be living peacefully and joyfully with the love of my life
- I have Stage 4 cancer; I'd live long enough to see my grandsons prosper as children.
- I'll have good health, more grandchildren, and energy to dance, sing and travel. I will have found a romantic male partner.
- I will have retired to my house in Tasmania, my adult children will all be fine and happy.
- My family will have stayed healthy!
- Am hoping for good health, good fellowship, and more opportunities for learning and travel.
- More travel, more time spent with family, perhaps have moved to a retirement community, have gotten rid of a lot of stuff.
- I am alive, my family is alive, I can walk without pain.
- see grandchildren grow up
- I will still be healthy.
- Live in retirement at the beach.
- I will have a new partner that I can actually be seen with in public.
- Good health; kids happy; grandchild; more travel
- Children married and happy in their lives; I remain healthy, retain friendships and engage in activities that give me joy.
- I will find a lifelong companion; I will find a passion to fill my retirement years; I will remain in good health (and never suffer depression again); none of my good friends and close family will have suffered catastrophes; the US will have instituted gun control, universal health insurance, and enforce civil rights for all.
- I will have maintained good health.
- I will travel more. I will become a better photographer. I will continue to dance.
- I will have found rewarding (if unpaid) work in environmental conservation in my new hometown of Portland Oregon, and I will have taken my two daughters on wonderful trips to the Galapagos and trekking to Machu Picchu, and my husband and I will still be fit enough to be hiking and camping throughout the Pacific NW.
- I will be semi-retired but still selling lake homes to wonderful people.
- I will have retired and will be enjoying it; I will have traveled more; I will have a grandchild or two
- We would have grandchildren
- My husband, daughters and I will stay healthy. My girls will find fulfilling jobs and worthy life partners
- I will have a partner that I share my life with.
- Travel to many national parks with my husband, time with our kids & grandkids, remain in good health.
- My family and I will all be alive, healthy & thriving.
- I will have taken care of myself and others with ease and grace.
- It will continue as is.
- Move to retirement community of choice.
- Health improves; at least on child has at least one grandchild.
- My husband and I will be healthy and able to travel,
- I'll retire, participate on boards, volunteer and become a grandmother of multiple healthy babies with whom I spend lots of time. My sons will both be successful in their careers and my one unmarried son will be married

and have kids. My married son will also have kids. We will live close enough to them to enjoy spending lots of time with our family.

- An earth better than we now know it will have been saved.
- I will have remained healthy and active in all ways.
- I will be healthy and mentally alert and still doing the same things I am doing now.
- My husband and I will be alive and healthy.
- No major health issues, children and grandchildren safe and curious
- I will have joined or created an intentional community and continued my career as a public intellectual and writer.
- I will continue what has been a fulfilling but eventful life.
- I'll still be alive and checking off the stuff on my bucket list.

#### **What are three top priorities on your "bucket list"?**

- Travel to lands of my ancestry and to Japan, act and sing regularly, always have dogs.
- Spend time with my children and grandchildren; enjoy the canoe country wilderness.
- God, welfare of husband and kids, service.
- Spending time with my loving husband. Returning to Rome.
- Hike the Dolomites; get an MBA (I already have a JD); climb a mountain on every Continent
- Love, love and love.
- Skating on the outdoor rink at Sun Valley, travelling overland on the route of the Orient express, visit Antarctica
- Live in Italy for at least a month.
- Don't have a Bucket List.
- Visiting Nova Scotia and revisiting Scotland and England
- Same as [Question] 47.
- See all of the US, visit Greece, and clean the garage.
- Travel to Europe, Travel to Hawaii, Enjoy family and friends.
- Travel to Japan (Osaka area), Africa (anywhere, but not as a tourist only. Want to travel in a service capacity as well); Venice.
- Get a bucket list.
- My bucket list changes constantly. I am fortunate to be able to do things on my bucket list fairly regularly.
- Visit China. Time with family. Continue hiking in new areas in the U.S.
- Learn Italian, get to Sicily, and play hand percussion in a totally awesome jam session with real (preferably Latin) musicians.
- Travel to Africa and Asia, help with grandchildren's education, and keep up with advances in Emergency Medicine.
- Travel: Bhutan, Tibet, Nepal, Jordan. 2) De-hoard my house so we can move/downsize! 3) Spend more time away from New England winters
- Travel
- Live for an extended time in a foreign country (Italy?), visit Australia, and keep an open mind for the third!
- Write a book, return to anthropology and find a satisfying part-time job or volunteer work.
- Visit Africa, Asia and Australia/New Zealand.
- Drive across country with my husband, visit Italy, and visit Japan.
- See a great aurora borealis, anywhere, 2) & 3) travel.
- Don't have a bucket list, yet.
- Don't have a Bucket list.
- Take entire family (children and spouses and grandchildren) on an Alaskan cruise 2. Visit all or most of the National Parks 3. Go back to Scotland again.
- Staying healthy being happy having a decent income.
- Maintain close ties with family, travel to Angkor Wat, Machu Picchu, etc. and relax more. Travel; to horseback ride again; to downhill ski again and did for the first time since college.
- Get to Newfoundland, return to Prague, set up a fiber arts studio.
- Health (improve my husband's), travel, enjoy my ranch and garden.
- Live with joy.

- Visiting grandchildren so they remember me, seeing old friends often, spending more time with my husband
- Travel (lots of unexplored places).
- Travel; learn to speak Dutch; learn to garden.
- Spending time in God's country, wherever and whenever we can be where it's beautiful and we can walk; write a short book, if I can come in from the garden long enough to do so (and sit still).
- I actually don't have one. Being helpful.
- Trips to Russia (river cruise) and Tahiti (diving) and (If I win the lottery....build a glass house to live in).
- Grand Canyon; French Riviera cruise; meet President Obama.
- More travel.
- Revisit Paris and Rome, buy new home, stay healthy!
- Paint; go back to Italy; live in London.
- See kids and grandkids relatively frequently, continue to travel to interesting places, improve at bridge
- Travel, visit friends and family all over world, read
- Can't contemplate this; every day is a bucket.
- Trip to Capernaum and Petra, family living close together, finish the final leg of the cruise around the world
- Travel to different parts of the world (India, Africa, eastern Europe; spend longer, concentrated time with family and friends
- A world tour; an Alaska cruise; visiting my daughter in Manhattan regularly.
- Travel to Bora Bora, take a river cruise in Europe, and find a volunteer opportunity in which I can make a significant difference and one which feeds my soul.
- Travel, travel, travel (New Zealand); feel like I am making a difference (not just taking up space); enjoy friends and family and fine food and wine.
- Travel to Turkey, Australia, and ski once more.
- Help others. Have some fun. Keep learning.
- Visit New Zealand and Australia, learn a new skill (TBD), simplify my space (which means empty the basement).
- Look after family heirlooms. Visit Antarctica. Learn to Tap dance.
- Alaska glaciers, river cruise in Europe, Hawaii.
- Travel, see old friends, and rebuild my relationship with my sister.
- Love, gratitude and grandchildren.
- No bucket list.
- Travel to new places and return to Paris, make a NY Times Crossword puzzle, write my memoirs.
- Live in Spain for six months, travel to Prague, and get fit.
- Visit Australia/New Zealand
- Travel to somewhat exotic places while I can, and try to stay healthy. (Sorry, only 2)
- See the grand children grow. Become world renowned artist. Look like Twiggy.
- To be a better person.
- Trips to Machu Picchu, back to Italy and Spain.
- Travel / time with family / exercise.
- Greek islands, a great trip with my grandkids, an around the world cruise.
- Go to Spain for 3 months; become more professionally active; make new friends.
- Paris, Paris and Paris
- Visit China, Cuba! Meet someone nice!
- Visit Iran (on calendar for May 2016), do a substantial long-distance hike in a beautiful place, and write a brief memoir for my daughters.
- Already accomplished two: gotten Master's Degree; built wonderful downsizer house & pool that we love.
- Another trip to Africa; a trip to the Galapagos; don't know.
- Travel
- Learn Italian, Visit the Galapagos, Be around for my daughters' weddings.
- Family time, outdoor time (gardening, hiking/walking, travel), National Park road trips.
- Travel, grandchildren, continue ability to ski/golf.
- Making memories with grandkids.
- Don't have a bucket list.
- See my grandchildren grow up; revisit Africa; enter a national quilt competition.

- Grand-motherhood, participation on a board, Alaska (the one state I haven't visited yet).
- Do no harm; live a natural life; die equally naturally.
- Maintaining healthy friendships and relationships 2) Walking trip(s) in England and Europe 3) Exhibiting my artwork.
- Good health, happy family, ability to continue doing the things I love doing now
- Finish my memoirs, complete all my scrapbooks, clean out all the stuff that has accumulated in my home in the last couple of years.
- Travel, travel and travel.
- Live in England for a season; attend a shape note singing event; go to the Rose Bowl flea market
- Travel; time with family.
- Iceland, Greenland, Antarctica

**If you had one piece of advice for a young woman graduating today, what would it be?**

- Get the job thing straightened out right away; work and be independent.
- Discover what you want to do most and keep improving at it.
- Be progressive in all things; work hard; laugh.
- Have personal integrity.
- Enjoy wherever you are, at whatever stage, as you'll find life goes so quickly and time is our most precious possession.
- Get a mentor and follow that person's advice!
- Please look further than the bottom line.
- Keep an open mind, explore what interests you.
- Save for retirement.
- Be flexible as to goals.
- Follow your dreams, but choose a career where you will always be able to work and support yourself.
- Don't become a tiresome and self-righteous liberal.
- Enjoy every stage of your life.
- Listen to others; engage in uncomfortable conversations to understand other perspectives; use your privileges and resources for the betterment of people and conditions. LISTEN! Then ACT!
- Exercise
- Find work you love; a person to love and the rest will follow.
- Be flexible in your decisions.
- Stay connected with the people you encounter in life
- Go for your dream while you are young and unencumbered. Exercise and eat healthily because what you do now will have an impact in 40 years! Travel - see the world.
- Make a difference (advice I was given at MHC)
- Give yourself time to follow your passion- try it out. Don't think that you have to find that great job (the should) and put off doing what you really want to try or believe in
- Learn more languages
- Enjoy yourself
- Outgrow MHC
- Always make time in your life to do some things that make you happy.
- Stay curious
- The 20s are horrible, awful (just watch Girls - nothing has changed since we were that age), but it gets better!
- Find work life balance
- Serve others
- Choose your career, friends and lovers carefully, using your head and your heart
- Don't take good work opportunities for granted.
- have fun and experience new things
- Believe in yourself and others will believe in you.
- Don't always do what others "expect" you to do...find your passion, and it's ok to change paths.
- Take every risk you can manage!

- Life is long and goals are worth pursuing with all your might! Keep trying and moving forward.
- Don't settle
- trust your instincts about jobs and people
- Focus on finding a purpose for your life and a partner to share it with!
- Always understand the finances of any unit in which you are working: that is how decisions are made
- Don't work yourself into the ground, if you can possibly have balance in your life; smile
- Pursue your passion wherever it leads you
- "Do what you will, and pay the price."
- Be confident
- Listen to you own heart and mind about what you want the rest of your life to be like.
- "Lean in" and stay in touch with your MHC friends.
- Don't be in a rush to try to find the perfect fit of a job or career path.
- Indulge your passion.
- Stop trying to please your parents.
- Live truly, creatively, and full of integrity.
- Be positive in everything you do, stay, touch.
- Always work for someone whom you would be proud to take home to your family to meet and from whom you can learn.
- Follow your passion.
- Reach out and fully experience the world, try new things, meet new people, find a faith that will sustain you
- Don't try to "do it all" at one time; be patient and work to make wherever you are a better place for everyone
- Let your brain and heart communicate; breathe
- Get the credentials you need. Learn the skills of job hunting and be agile at changing jobs. Be very careful to marry the right person. Balance work, duty and enjoyment and don't underestimate the importance of enjoyment.
- Maintain a balance in your life between work/achievement and personal fulfillment
- Put down the phone and hug somebody.
- Continue learning & exploring
- Adventure while you are strong and have time.
- Remember that your first job is never your last; go into your career with an open mind.
- Work hard, have confidence and build outside interests in addition to your chosen career - you may be retired for as long as you work
- "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"
- To embrace love and work equally; life is short
- Listen to good advice, then make informed choices that are right for YOU, not anyone else.
- Be sure to travel and live in other countries, even for a little while. There are so many wonderful places, not to be missed.
- Be curious! Go above and beyond in any job.
- Be careful to protect your interests, trust in yourself, and follow your vision of what you want your life to be.
- Don't stress about getting the perfect job right away; you'll get there eventually.
- Find work that is worthy of your time. Marry a kind partner. Have children. Travel. Read. Love.
- prioritize quality of life over accumulation of wealth
- Be able to support yourself-don't depend on a man!
- be a team player especially with your significant other
- Start making deposits into your 401K ASAP.
- Be true to your own beliefs.
- don't convince yourself that you can't make changes
- Learn as many languages as possible and be tech savvy
- Marry the man who loves you, not necessarily the man you love.
- Explore every possibility you can!

- Dare greatly, don't ask permission, believe in your essential goodness and resilience
- Know that you can do anything. Anything.
- Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying new things
- Don't try to be your child's best friend, be a parent
- Be open to advice but trust your inner voice.
- Enjoy the chapters of your life, be open to life unfolding in unplanned ways
- Be patient, be flexible. Enjoy life as much as you can
- Do whatever it takes to be financially independent and adopt a meditative practice of any sort - sorry, that's two.
- Save for retirement!
- Don't postpone joy
- Have a goal (or goals) and be prepared to work toward it (them)
- Be flexible in your education and job seeking.
- Learn to trust in yourself and develop a thick skin, which is so helpful in pursuing any type of career.
- Roll with the punches.
- Have courage and confidence in yourself and your abilities.
- Believe in yourself. Be positive. Love.
- Follow your passion now and do not be deterred by obstacles in your way. Then you can look back on your life with no regrets, even if you change careers, places where you live, relationships, etc.
- Choose work that allows you to be financially independent
- Most people absolutely CANNOT have it all. If you have them, be very careful about who raises your children. Try to do things in sequence, not concurrently.
- Follow your heart
- Do not be afraid of taking risks that have been researched.
- Be proud of yourself. You'll make mistakes, but if you're proud of yourself, you'll have no regrets. Did we miss something?

**What question would you add to our Class Survey for our 50th Reunion? Did we miss something?**

- What is one thing you took away from MHC?
- Are you looking forward to what's next?
- Many of us have retired, but have encore careers. I would ask about those careers. I am an adjunct professor of law and an artist that has been in a number of national juried shows.
- If you could choose a college, would you 1) go to a women's college and 2) select MHC again?
- Who thought that admitting men who think they are women is a good idea?
- What are your thoughts about aging?
- 1. No specific questions about religious practices, or not. 2. There are no questions about response to economic downturns especially the recent one which left many middle class folks without homes or resources. 3. No questions about their affiliation with social groups or how they use leisure time. (Pretty critical for those who have lost a partner and are suddenly alone.). Also. I am on my iPad and there isn't a way to go back and check for typos, so please note and hopefully edit out any like me who might not realize their typos. Thanks for the work, time, thoughtfulness and effort taken to create this document. I am not able to attend the reunion but will be eager to see the results!
- What makes you happiest? What makes you saddest? What worries/ bothers you the most?
- What's most important to you in life, and (how) has your answer changed since college?
- What has been your most satisfying experience? What do you love to do? Do you have a significant other? What is the most significant or satisfying experience in your life? Is there something you wish you had done differently? Do you have long- term friendships? If so, from college? What is your profession?
- Did your life turn out as you expected? What surprised you?
- New hobbies? Learning bridge now ( I never played in college) and enjoying kayaking in FL
- If you could go back and change some part of your life, what would it be? What would you have done differently?
- If you could 'do over' your time at MHC, what other things would you have studied, done, etc.
- Do you have as much companionship as you need?

- Are you content?
- What was the most significant value of your MHC years or years as an alum?
- you started with marital status; this feels like 1956; please don't do that to us again
- Do you have much family contact (with those nearby and at a distance)? With spouse, children, grandchildren, others?
- Very conventional questions.
- If the traditionally male institutions had been coed in 1967, would you still have applied and gone to MHC?
- I have no thoughts on this one . . . biggest regret?
- What do you worry about most?
- Not that I can think of. This was pretty thorough.
- Reflections about our time at MHC...I wish I could have gone there in my forties. Then I would have appreciated it more!
- What life changing events have you experienced in the past 5 years? (This would leave room for loss and illness as well as significant happy events.)
- How did MHC help you in career and life?
- What is the most meaningful part of your life?
- Who's your favorite musical personality/group? Which album of theirs would you recommend? (Or which recent musical CD would you recommend?) -- Music is far more important to me than movies or books.
- What pleasures have you found again? Perhaps different than or in addition to volunteer work. For me, this has been singing in a choir.
- How happy are you? Why?
- Since 1971, what change in society regarding women has affected you personally the most? (And make some new signs for reunion reflecting our survey results.)
- The only thing you missed in this survey is spelling occasionally incorrectly many times, word missing in 14:14. Of those still in the running, for whom would ?? vote? and a few other errors.
- Are you optimistic/pessimistic about the state of the world?
- Over the years, what MHC experience or ties have you valued the most?
- What is your greatest regret?
- Do you think the world is a better place now than it was when we graduated? Why, why not?
- You did an awesome job - very complete.
- Did you care for an aging relative? Seeing/ overseeing my mother's last year's with dementia was a searing experience. Led to reevaluate my priorities for living & dying. I am sure I am not alone.
- Have fun!!
- Are you dealing with significant health issues?
- What's your top three accomplishments in your life so far?
- What is the biggest change you have experienced in your life since graduation?
- What makes you/us happy?
- Follow up question re Skype: do you use FaceTime? Also: do you read a print newspaper? Do you still write checks? What kind of organization gets most of your charity dollars?
- Consider asking about challenges that contributed to our continuing education.
- That will be a good time to write an overview.

APPENDIX 2. RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST. RECOMMENDED MOVIES/TV SHOWS.

MHC Class of 1971 Recommended Reading - Reunion 2016	
Note: Classmates were asked what one book they would like to reread. Those books are designated with an asterisk (*) on the list below.	
Author	Title
Abuelaish, Izeldin	I Shall Not Hate
Adams, Henry	Mont St. Michel and Chartres*
Adiche, Chimamanda	Americannah
Adiche, Chimamanda	Purple Hibiscus
Adichie, Chimamanda	Half of a Yellow Sun
Aksyonov, Vassily	Generations of Winter
Ali, Ayaan irsi	Infidel
Asian, Reza	Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*
Aslan, Reza	No God But God : The Origins, Evolution and Future of Islam
Atkinson, Kate	Life After Life
Austin, Jane	Pride and Prejudice**
Austin, Jane	Sense and Sensibility*
Austin, Jane	Emma
Backman, Fredrik	A Man Called Ove
Barbery, Muriel	The Elegance of the Hedgehog
Barnes, Julian	The Sense of an Ending
Barrows, Annie	The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society
Beagle, Peter	The Last Unicorn*
Bellah, Robert N.	Religion in Human Evolution: From the Paleolithic to the Axial Age
Blanding, Michael	The Map Thief
Bohjalian, Chris	Skeletons at the Feast
Bolen, Jean Shinoda	Goddesses in Every Woman
Bradley, Allan	As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust
Braestrup, Kate	Here if You Need Me
Brock, M.D., Ira	Dying Well: Peace and Possibilities at the End of Life
Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre*
Brooks, Geraldine	People of the Book
Brown, Daniel James	Boys in the Boat
Bulgakov, Mikhail	The Master and the Margarita*
Carhart, Thad	The Piano Shop on the Left Bank
Cash, Wiley	A Land More Kind Than Home
Catton, Eleanor	The Luminaries
Chabon, Michael	Telegraph Avenue
Chabon, Michael	Adventures of Kavalier and Clay
Chaikon, Andrew	A Man on the Moon*
Chatwin, Bruce	The Songlines*
Chernow, Ron	Alexander Hamilton
Coates, Ta'Neheisi	Between the World and Me*

Crowley, Chris	Younger Next Year
Dante	Commedia*
de Waal, Edmund	The Hare with the Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance
de Rosnay, Tatiana	Sarah's Key
DeJean, Joan	How Paris Became Paris
DeLilo, Don	Underworld
Diamond, Jared	Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed
Diamond, Jared M	Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies
Diaz, Junot	The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
Diaz, Junot	This is How You Lose Her
Diaz, Junot	Drown
Dinesen, Isak	Out of Africa*
Doerr, Anthony	All the Light We Cannot See*
Doidgem Norman	The Brain's Way of Healing
Downey, Kirstin	The Woman Behind the New Deal-Frances Perkins
Eliot, George	Middlemarch*
Eng, Tan Twan	Garden of Evening Mists
Ferrante, Elena	Ferrante's Neapolitan novels (My Brilliant Friend*)
Flynn, Vince	Mitch Rapp series
Foote, Shelby	The Civil War: A Narrative (Books 1, 2 & 3)
Fowler, Karen Joy	We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves
Fradkin, Philip	Wallace Stegner and the American West
French, Tanya	The Likeness
Friedrich, Otto	Before the Deluge
Galbadon, Diana	The Outlander Series*
Galbraith, Robert	Career of Evil
Gawande, Atul	Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End
Genova, Lisa	Inside the O'Briens
Ghosh, Amitav	Sea of Poppies
Gilbert, Elizabeth	The Big Magic*
Gilbert, Elizabeth	The Signature of All Things
Goldstein, Rebecca Newberger	36 Arguments for the Existence of God
Goodman, Charles	Consequences of Compassion: An Interpretation and Defense of Buddhist Ethics*
Goodwin, Doris Kearns	No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt*
Gordon-Reed, Annette	Hemmingses of Monticello
Grahme, Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows*
Greenblatt, Stephen	The Swerve: How the World Became Modern
Hannah, Kristin	The Nightingale
Harkness, Deborah	A Discovery of Witches
Hemingway, Ernest	The Old Man and the Sea*
Heruf, Kent	Our Souls at Night
Hillenbrand, Laura	Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption

Hoffman, Alice	The Dovekeepers
Hosseini, Khaled	A Thousand Splendid Suns
Hosseini, Khaled	The Kite Runner
Hosseini, Khaled	And the Mountains Echoed
Howell, Georgina	Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations*
Hurston, Zora Neale	Their Eyes are Watching God
Irving, John	A Prayer for Owen Meany
Isaacson, Walter	Steve Jobs*
Jacobs, Jane	The Death and Life of Great American Cities*
Johnson, Adam	The Orphan Master's Son
Joyce, Rachel	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
Karon, Jan	Mitford series
Kent, Carol	When I Lay my Isaac Down
Kent, Carol	New Kind of Normal
Kesey, Ken	Sometimes a Great Notion
Kidd, Sue Monk	The Secret Life of Bees
Kidd, Sue Monk	Invention of Wings
Kingsolver, Barbara	The Bean Trees*
Kingsolver, Barbara	Flight Behavior
Kingsolver, Barbara	The Lacuna
Klinger, Leslie	The New Annotated H.P. Lovecraft
Kuhn, William	Mrs. Queen Takes the Train
Lahiri, Jhumpa	Interpreter of Maladies
Lahiri, Jhumpa	The Lowland
Lahiri, Jhumpa	The Namesake
Lahiri, Jhumpa	Unaccustomed Earth
Landay, William	Defending Jacob
Larson, Erik	Devil in the White City
Larson, Erik	In the Garden of Beasts
Larsson, Steig	The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
Lavender, David Sievert	The Big Divide
Lee, Harper	To Kill A Mockingbird*
Lepore, Jill	The Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin
Louv, Richard	Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder
Macdonald, Helen	H is for Hawk
Mann, Charles C	1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus
Mantel, Hilary	Wolf Hall
Mantel, Hilary	Bring Up the Bodies
Markham, Beryl	West With the Night
Martel, Yann	Life of Pi*
Mathews, Chris	Hard Ball
Mathews, Jason	Palace of Treason*
McCullough, David	The Wright Brothers

McPhee, John	Annals of the Former World*
Melville, Herman	Benito Cerino
Menzies, Gavin	1434: The Year a Magnificent Chinese Fleet Sailed to Italy
Menzies, Gavin	1421: The Year China Discovered America
Merton, Thomas	The Seven Story Mountain*
Meyer, Phillip	The Son
Michener, James	Alaska*
Miller, Derek B.	Norwegian by Night
Mode, Dorian	A Café in Venice*
Montefiore, Simon Sebag	Jerusalem: A Biography*
Morris, Edmund	The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt*
Mukherjee, Siddhartha	Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer
Nabokov, Vladimir	Lolita
O'Flaherty, Liam	The Informer
Padua, Sydney	The Thrilling Adventures of Lovelace & Babbage
Patchett, Ann	State of Wonder
Pears, Ian	Instance of the Fingerpost
Perrotta, Tom	The Leftovers
Pinker, Stephen	Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence has Declined
Polla, Michael	Cooked
Pollan, Michael	The Omnivore's Dilemma
Proust, Marcell	In Search of Lost Time
Rediker, Marcus	The Slave Ship: A Human History
Rendell, Ruth	Inspector Wexford mysteries
Robinson, Marilynne	Gilead*
Robinson, Marilynne	Home
Robinson, Marilynne	Lila
Russo, Richard	Empire Falls
Sabar, Ariel	My Father's Paradise
Sagan, Carl	Cosmos
Savoy, Lauret	Trace: Memory, History, Race and the American Landscape
Sayers, Dorothy	Gaudy Night*
Schiff, Stacy	Cleopatra
Selvin, Joel	The Haight: Love, Rock and Revolution
Shavit, Ari	My Promised Land
Shin, Kyung-sook	Please Remember Mom
Shute, Nevil	A Town Like Alice*
Simmons, Dan	Abominable
Simonson, Helen	Major Pettigrew's Last Stand
Simson, Graeme	The Rosie Project
Smith, Jean Edward	Eisenhower in War and Peace
Stegner, Wallace	Angle of Repose*
Stephenson, Neal	Reamde

Stevenson, Bryan	Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption
Stoker, Bram	Dracula
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	Uncle Tom's Cabin
Strout, Elizabeth	The Burgess Boys
Tartt, Donna	The Goldfinch
Taylor, Craig	Londoners
Thoreau, Henry David	Walden*
Tolstoy, Leo	Anna Karenina*
Tolstoy, Leo	War and Peace*
Tucker, Elizabeth	Haunted Halls
Udall, Brady	The Lonely Polygamist
Verghese, Abraham	Cutting for Stone
Watson, S. J.	Before I Go to Sleep
Whyte, David	The Three Marriages
Wilkerson, Isabel	The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration
Wilson, David Sloan	The Neighborhood Project
Wolitzer, Meg	The Interestings
Woodard, Colin	American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America*
Wouk, Herman	The Caine Mutiny*
Wulf, Andrea	The Invention of Nature
Yanagihara, Hanya	A Little Life
Zevin, Gabrielle	The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry
Zurhellen, Tommy	Nazareth, North Dakota
Zusak, Marcus	The Book Thief
	The Bible*
	Memoirs of An Ape
	Shakespeare*
	The Talmud*
	Wetland
Favorite Authors/Series:	
	WEB Griffin
	Nora Roberts
	Peter Robinson's Alan Banks Books
	Jane Austin
	Anthony Trollope
	Dorothy Sayers
	PD James
	Bill Bryson
	Shakespeare Plays
	Louise Penny Mysteries
	Brene Brown
	Glennon Doyle

	Jill Ker Conway
	Tracy Kidder
	All the Donna Leon books set in Venice
	Simon Winchester
	David McCullough
	Jane Gardam novels & stories
	Peter Robinson's Alan Banks Books
	Tim Wise
	Gertrude Bell's travel memoirs
	Thomas Hardy*

*Note: When the author wasn't noted, I used Amazon books to find or confirm the author. Sometimes there were books with the same or similar titles, and it was not immediately apparent what exact book was intended. So when I couldn't figure it out, I left the author column blank.*

#### Films and Television List.

The Imitation Game

Carol; Bridge of Spies

Who hasn't seen Downton Abbey?

Downton Abbey (PBS); Penny Dreadful (Showtime)

The Daily Show, The Nightly Show

Spotlight, Mustang, Bridge of Spies, Call the Midwife, Downton Abbey,

Me, Earl, and the Dying Girl, Room

Race, Labyrinth of Lies, My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2

Movies: Being Alice, The Revenant, Spotlight. TV programs: Big Bang, The Americans, Homeland, Madame Secretary

Finding Your Roots PBS

Room; Boyhood; Birdman

My Italian Secret; The Forgotten Heroes (film)

Spotlight, Bridge of Spies

Spotlight. The Martian, House of Cards, Billions, Madam Secretary, 60 Minutes, Masterpiece Series on to bbc series-Midsomer Murders, Foyle's War, Doc Martin

Spotlight, Rosenwald Schools,

Guilty pleasures=Madame Secretary, The Good Wife, Law & Order

Midsomer Murders, The Lady in the Van

Call the Midwife, Downton Abbey, Brooklyn, Bridge of Spies, The Big Short

Game of Thrones, Breaking Bad

Boyhood

The Big Short, RuPaul's Drag Race

Anything on PBS: Call the Midwife, Mr. Selfridge, Downton Abby of course, also enjoy Dancing With the Stars, So You Think You Can Dance, How to Get Away with Murder, Late Night with Seth Meyers, Saturday Night Live, Meet the Press

Anything on Masterpiece: Classic, Mystery, etc.

Trumbo, Bridge of Spies

Monarch of the Glen. pbs series on Netflix (7? seasons)

Turner, The Last Station, Reds 1 & 2

Danish girl. You

Lady in the Van, Doc Martin

Brooklyn, Spotlight, Steve Jobs, Mad Men, The Good Wife

Ex Machina (film), Downton Abbey

Star Trek TNG (not recent, but still re-runs)  
 The 33  
 Downton Abbey; Room  
 Wire, Foyle's War  
 Movies: Spotlight, Quartet, The Hundred Foot Journey TV Series: Bluebloods  
 Chef; Trumbo; Orange is the New Black; Better Call Saul  
 Downton Abbey,  
 House of Cards  
 Spotlight, Bridge of Spies, Brooklyn  
 Madam Secretary; NCIS  
 For whatever reason, I like the NCIS series. I am also enjoying Madame Secretary.  
 Outlander series on Starz, Downton Abbey, Indian Summers (Masterpiece theater)  
 Madame Secretary; Spotlight  
 I don't watch television. I like quirky movies like Lily Tomlin's "Grandma." I can't stand depressing or  
 demeaning movies.  
 The Martian, Downton Abbey of course!  
 Outlander series; The Theory of Everything; The King's Speech  
 Downton Abbey & British mystery TV series  
 Now You See Me  
 "The Danish Girl", "Wolf Hall", "Madam Secretary"  
 Spotlight, Embrace of the Serpent, Planet of the Apes, Breaking Bad  
 House of Cards; Blue Bloods  
 Brooklyn, The Eichmann Show, Inside Out, 42  
 Death in Paradise, Silent Witness, Last Tango in Halifax  
 Spotlight: The Americans; Homeland; The Good Wife  
 TV: most PBS series (Wolf Hall, Downton Abbey, Mercy Street, Call the Midwife). Films: Spotlight,  
 The Lady in the Van, Carol, Brooklyn, too many more to mention!  
 The Wire, Friday Night Lights series, George Gently, Call the Midwife, and of course Downton Abbey  
 The Big Short  
 Downton Abbey, Elementary, Limitless  
 NCIS/Homeland  
 Vera; Spotlight  
 Call the Midwife; Spotlight;  
 Downton Abbey, A Place to Call Home (Australian series), Midsommer Murders (UK series)  
 Star Wars 7  
 Spotlight, The Big Short  
 Downton Abbey; Nurse Jackie  
 The Martian, Inside Out, Star Wars  
 Spotlight, Bridge of Sighs, The Big Short, Parenthood, Last Week Tonight  
 Spotlight  
 Breaking Bad  
 Night Train to Lisbon, The Good Wife, various documentaries on the civil rights movement  
 Rarely watch. Downton Abbey is the exception - good show!  
 "The Bridge of Spies"  
 The British version of "Life on Mars" and Jeeves and Wooster  
 Room, The Tudors  
 Spotlight, Good Wife, Downton Abbey  
 Good Wife, El Internado, Downton, Call the Midwife  
 Obsessively watch HGTV