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Claire Bosse 64

Returned to “Westlake Land” in ‘81 when I bought my home in Hawthorne. Almost thirty years later, it remains a place I do not want to leave. Through the years many family members and friends have scattered across the country from the East to the West Coast, North and South. While we visit here and there, local family, friends and associates are those I interact with most. Have been working in the corporate social responsibility area in IBM the past 14 years and interact with employees and retirees in an effort to raise millions of dollars for not-for-profit agencies across the country annually. This also keeps me active in participating with corporate- and individual-sponsored Days of Caring, walks for a cause, etc. My hobbies remain consistent – real estate “searching”, gardening, book readings, long walks, and some travel throughout the year. Looking forward to catching up at the October 16 reunion. Haven’t returned since the 30th for the Class of ‘64. I was on that Committee w/o Internet access, but even with that I’m sure it doesn’t make it any easier. A special THANK YOU to the three class Committees for pulling this off. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the event.

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I’m still here in Alexandria, VA, south of Washington, DC. It’s hard to believe that I’ve lived in my current home longer than any other my entire life, but for all my travels and all the places I’ve lived, I still think of myself as a New Yorker. I always enjoy going “home”, so I’m doubly sorry that I won’t be attending Saturday’s reunion. I thoroughly enjoyed the last one.

However, I am happy to report that welcome changes will soon occur in my life. My career in Physical Therapy is near its end, and come January, I’ll be able to focus on my true passions: the Arts and painting. Since 2008, I’ve kept a studio in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. (The building once was, literally, a torpedo factory.) It’s located in the historic section of Alexandria, right on the Potomac River. It was

the first art center of its kind, and it remains one of the largest. I currently serve on its board of directors. The format in the Factory is open studios plus some galleries, so if you're in DC, do come visit. Incidentally, you can find me on the art center's website at www.torpedofactory.org.

One nice thing about living in northern Virginia is that my children live in the area. My older son, Geoffrey Barrows, lives with his wife Nada in DC. He has a business there as well, and he is recognized internationally as a leader in the rather obscure field of optic flow sensors. My younger son, Brian, and his wife Tracey live about forty minutes west of me. Brian works with special ed students in a local high school. My nephew Tristan also lives and works in DC, and he's a welcome, lively presence when we all get together.

Some of you may remember my sisters Diane (WHS '67) and Susan (WHS '69). Both are teachers married to teachers. Diane and Harvey (Tristan's parents) spent twelve years teaching in and directing American schools overseas. They're now back in their Vermont home. Susan continues to have a relationship with WHS. She taught at our alma mater for a number of years before moving on to Eastchester's middle school. She's now married to a current Westlake teacher.

After living twenty years on Cape Cod, my mother moved to Ft. Washington Estates, outside Philadelphia. My father is deceased, but he left behind many great memories and marvelous artifacts of his own making. A ship model he built is on loan to the museum at the US Naval Academy.

I want to thank all those who have worked hard to keep us old Wildcats in touch. Best wishes to friends, classmates and our teachers.

Lois Clarke Drake '64

We have been married for 42 years and lived 5 years in Yorktown Heights, New York, five years in Danbury, Connecticut, 26 years in Tucson, Arizona and now we are retired in St. Augustine. We have a beautiful city and there is so much history here.

We have two daughters Christine who is married to Mike and Gennifer who is married to John. Chris and Mike live in New Jersey and Gen & John live in St. Leonard, MD.

Bill loves to play golf and I quilt and read. I have learned to play Bridge since we moved here and also Mar Jongg. Always love to learn something new.

We went on a family cruise out of New York to Bermuda and Charleston this past June. We all enjoyed being together.

I do hope to see something on line with what other graduate have done.

Jeanne Repak Lavalley

Class of 1964

Insofar as what I have been up to for the past 46 years, not a whole lot. I've been working in the automobile industry for the past 38 years starting with the old American Motors Car Corp that was gobbled up by Chrysler back in '88. I moved from New York in 1993 to sunny Florida where I currently reside. I was never a

winter person feeling that I didn't "thaw out" until about May. So having a late fall - brief winter - early spring is right up my alley.

I finally met the man of my dreams here in Florida and we have been happily married for the past 12 years. He has two grown children and now we share 5 grandchildren ranging in age from 11 to 15. My husband introduced me to motorcycles as he was an avid rider and being in Florida it's pretty much a year round season. I soon became tired of just riding on the back and eventually got my own bike. My current ride is a '07 Kawasaki Meanstreak. Most recently, we started a new hobby that we are enjoying together; that of target shooting. We have a gun range a few towns away and I have been practicing with a .22 target pistol and have become quite accurate at 30 feet. Most recently, I tried a .22 rifle and have good accuracy at 75 feet. Baby steps!

I have been fortunate in that for the past 5 years I have been working at a Nissan dealership just three miles from my home. The commute thru Tampa is as bad as most metropolitan areas. But the time has come for me to do my exit and I will be retiring at the end of March. Paul and I are looking forward to doing more riding more sport shooting and working at home in the garden. Things pretty much grow all year round, so it takes a lot of trimming to keep things in check.

I am looking forward to becoming reacquainted with everyone and catching up on everyone's past 46 years a well. See you in October.

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Here's my info on what I've been doing since I left Westlake HS:

On Feb. 25, 1962 I quit school and joined the Navy...things were moving too slow for me at that time. After about 3 months I became TAD (temporarily attached) to the Marine Corps and had to do my training at base San Onofre in Camp Pendleton, CA. We were part of an elite group, only 80 of us, in all the armed forces. Our job was to get Brass (officers) from sea to 3 miles inland to a check point and then back to sea when needed. 2 weeks after training we were awaking at 3:00 am...given live ammunition...an put to sea...all within 1 hour. Next thing I know I was dead smack in the middle of the Cuban Crisis. 1st we dropped off Special Forces at the Bay of Pigs then proceeded to the outskirts of Havana. As we escorted Brass inland we could here Castro's Rebels in the background firing away. Two days later we were escorting the Russians and their missiles out of Cuban.

After the service I went into the construction trade...and have been there ever since (50 years). For about 40 of those years I wound up in the electrical field. After 30 years in my own business I retired in 2009. I've been divorced twice, but out of that came 2 great boys, 1 from each marriage. My youngest son Adam works for a company that makes and installs parts for nuclear plants...he's doing very well. My oldest son Michael, in his early years, was a sub-contractor for a moving company and did very well for himself also. Then he became an employee for the MT. Pleasant School System (Westlake HS). About 5 ½ years ago he was diagnosed with

Astrocytoma # 2 brain tumor (# 1 being minimum and # 5 being Maximum). He had it removed shortly thereafter but 4 ½ years later it came back. He had his second operation in June of 2009...regained most of his motor skills...but lost some of his left side. He had to retire from the school system at the age of 41. His spirits are high and he's doing well.

Now that I'm retired I'm perusing my favorite pass time...collecting Doo Wops. I currently have well over 8,500 songs which 1,500 of them are extremely rare...some are classified as Mega Rare.

In between that and my little projects I've been looking for America...has anyone seen her?...I think she's been flushed down the toilet. Today's society is a complete mess...no values like we had when we were kids...you know...RESPECT and GIVING A DAMN!

Too many people have gotten lazy. But the bright side of all of us is..."we were raised in the best damn generation...EVER". No one can ever take that away from us. I want to wish all my classmates good luck in the future...including everyone's health. As Porky Pig says...tha, tha ,tha, tha, tha, that's all folks.

...Bobby Mileo

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Wow, 46 years! After graduation, I bounced around from working to college and finally I had to move into the adult working world...ouch! Tried marriage twice; neither went well. I moved to Connecticut in the 70's and lived near my sister, Claudia. Worked for Grolier, aka a bunch of other names, finally ending as Scholastic. Spent 24 years moving up the company food chain and at the sprit young age of 54 years 11 months, I heard the word downsize. This was a bit of an understatement since the company went from 1,000 employees to somewhere around 25! Did leave with an early retirement package that included medical, yeah! Decided to start my own business, The Computer Teacher, and now am in my 10th year. During all those years, I built 2 houses. No, not with my little hand but did GC the last house where I presently live. Claudia and I decided to combine resources and in 2006 we built an extension onto my house. I have been very active in the dog show world and own Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens. That name is even tiring to type so we call them PBGVs or Peebs. They are French hunting hounds and quite the characters. I am the webmaster for our national breed club (www.pbgv.org) and a board member of the Greenwich Kennel Club. Also, write for a local newspaper in my spare time. Until our next reunion...Veronica

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I went into the Navy in December of 1965 and went through the nuclear power program and wound up in the submarine service as a nuclear power plant operator for 6 years.

Pat and I were married in 1969 and she is still with me - I can't believe she's put up with me all this time. We have 2 children - Tricia Lynne who is 40 and Jimmy who is 36. They have given us 3 grandchildren so far with a 4th on the way. We moved to Sliver Lake (outside of White Plains) for awhile after my discharge from the Navy. Pat's father and I opened our own private car service and we worked with him for about 7 years. I continued to work part-time with him while working full time at Mt. Kisco Chevrolet for a year.

In 1976 we moved to and I managed to get involved in everything from Fire Chief to patrolman in the Elmsford PD, Kiwanis VP, Little League VP, . Sunday School Teacher, etc.

I got into flying model radio-controlled planes and through that landed a job with 3M for 18 years. During my time with them I traveled a large portion of the time as a trouble shooter for their printing products group.

Eventually I got back into motorcycling and became involved in a motorcycle fund raiser called the Ride for Kids® which is put on by the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation – check out their website at www.pbtfus.org . Pat and I were the volunteer task force leaders for the ride in NY for many years

In 1997, after recovering from my 2nd hip replacement surgery Pat and I decided to move to Hendersonville, NC and I went to work for the local Honda motorcycle dealer as a parts manager while Pat went to work at the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The Foundation raises money for brain tumor research for children as well as offering family support services, college scholarships and education materials for families. When Pat first started there were only 9 Ride for Kids® events around the country – there are 40 now.

This was the best thing we have ever done in our lives. We finally found our purpose in life – helping the kids.

I retired in September of 2008 and am enjoying life. Pat hopes to in the next couple of years.

If you get into the Asheville area please look us up.

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Two more years and I hope to be retired from teaching. I'm currently an elementary librarian who teaches 630 kids how to find wanted and needed information using the

best sources available. My district is the third largest in PA, after Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. My two sons each have families- Kevin, my oldest, has a wonderful wife, Jodi, and two great kids, Samantha, 8, and Zachary, 6. They live close to us here in PA. Tom, my youngest, also has a wonderful wife, Lauri, and three great kids- Brittany, 18 (adopted), Alyson, 9, and Cassidy Grace, 5. Tom and his family live near Tampa, FL. so we don't see too much of them. My husband, Dennis, is "trying to retire" after 44 years in the drug research business. He's been through one too many mergers! We hope to eventually "get a place" in Florida and spend the cold months down there spoiling those grandkids and the better summer months up here spoiling these grandkids- the best of both worlds! Sometimes it's fun to think back to those two years at Westlake. I can't believe that it's been so long.

Kaye (Boyer) Vassilos

Class of 64

I am married to my husband, Lou, for 40 years. I have 1 daughter. I have 2 poodles and 1 fat cat and I retired after 28 years last September from Tyson Foods as a Quality Assurance clerk.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday (maybe Friday)

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Hello Everyone,

Sue and I have been in NC since 1994, along with one of our daughters and 2 of the 4 grand kids. Sue and our daughter have a consignment shop at the beach and I have been working with special needs kids for the last 8 years teaching life skills. Fortunately the store has been holding it's own and the school budget still supports the program I'm involved with. Our other daughter re-married and is now back in NY. With few jobs in teaching, she has become a professor for 3 online college courses. She married an old high school sweetheart with 2 children and lives in Dutchess.

Sue is quite content to be Gramma and enjoys time spent with the grand kids. I am a member of a local car club and I'm very active with them. I have been involved with our car shows and am currently the "cruise in" guy. Our '40 Ford is going through a frame off make over. Hope to have it back by the end of the year.

We have recently bought a log cabin on a small lake and look forward to spending time there. Retirement can't be too far away.

Hope to see y'all at the 50th.

Doug & Sue