

It's time to spring ahead with the season but it seems several of our class have fallen back - literally!

**Carol Sipe Harter** fell while out in Houston, Texas visiting family and ended up with "gifts" she didn't want - like stitches in her head and a black eye to complete her look for her birthday party. She returned home as planned and signed up for physical therapy - which wasn't on her original agenda!

**Elizabeth “Beth” O'Connell** celebrated 2026 by giving herself an 85th birthday party! A 15-day viking cruise in April up the east coast to Canada and back home via the St. Lawrence seaway "was wonderful." Other vacations included family-oriented trips. Beth is still in Baltimore and counts on family and friends when she needs help - and a recent fall brought her family to the rescue – fortunately, no bones broken!

**Kathy Bogan Canady** wrote that her recent fall didn't result in broken bones but has resulted in continuing physical therapy. She misses traveling but loves Florida and its warm weather! Her only excitement, if you want to call it that, was narrowly escaping being scammed out of a large amount of her savings. With the help of police, the fraud was stopped. She advised all to keep an eye on their savings.

**Madeline Honnigford Roe's** big news is "at age 85, I have a new grandson!" Ace Roe was born in California to her fourth son, Patrick. He is 45 and his wife is 42. Madeline remarked on the serendipity of her having Patrick at 40. She is enjoying her seven grandchildren and is "grateful every day for her health, family, and good friends."

**Johanna Reichel Schuller** and Paul had to forgo a long-planned viking ocean cruise because of Paul's ankle surgery in April '25. Because of lack of cartilage in his left ankle, walking had

become very painful, so Paul decided on ankle fusion. The result was six screws and a steel plate, and a long healing process that is now complete. Their 31 grandchildren have given them "many proud moments" with their achievements in college, high school, grade school or home school. In lieu of travel, Johanna and Paul are concentrating on house repair and needed yard work.

**Ellen Goodrich Bondi** and Jim are still very involved with their local community theater group "though more low-key and slower." Ellen participates in a fun memoir writing group which she prefers to exercising with her husband at the gym! Their daughter visits weekly to help with computer conundrums. Ellen's new "routine" involves manicures and pedicures! She sends her wishes to all for good health and happiness.

**Shari Wigle** is staying closer to home and avoiding local events at her clubhouse - a lot of flu is being reported - "I had it twice last year and don't want it again." Shari's new project is tracking

California relatives who have moved elsewhere. The good news is that ls several nieces and nephews have moved to her community in Surprise, Arizona.

**Linda Keats Renzi** happily reported that she finally retired from teaching at the end of last summer '25. During that summer their children from Sweden and California all came to visit. It was a wonderful visit and the first time they had all been together for several years!

**Barbara Saj**, who lives in New York City, reported she hasn't done much this winter but try to stay warm! She does spend "some quality time" at a stable in Queens, New York with the horses and other horse-loving friends.

**Harriet Cox Hrezo** requests your prayers for two of her grandsons currently serving in the military, one in the Army and one in the Navy. Andrew and Harriet attended the wedding of their youngest grandson in Georgia in December of 2025. In February they

enjoyed the warmth of Florida when they visited one of their daughters and their only granddaughter. Since Harriet's birthday is that same week, she wrote that they celebrated every day while there and she continued to celebrate when home again in Ohio. "The most celebrated birthday I've ever had!"

**Louise O'Neill Keefe** and husband Bob have had some health issues but are "doing fine now." They stay busy volunteering in different areas and also enjoy the sports activities of their younger grandchildren who are high school freshmen in Orlando, Florida. Their older grandsons are studying in Europe for their junior year in college. Louise commented "I love hearing their adventures!"

A reply from **Margaret "Peggy" Piszczek Kloempken** was from her husband Tom. Peggy was not feeling well at the time so asked Tom to fill me in on the family. She and Tom moved into a senior living facility and Peggy doesn't have to cook anymore! They eat their evening meals in one of the dining rooms. Peggy now has a

cleaning lady and loves that! Their three oldest grandsons graduated from college, and one also got his master's degree.

Going back is better than falling back and a note from **Patricia Curran Denato** wishes everyone the best and mentioned that some of us go way back to high school friendships.

All is well here discounting a fall several months ago that resulted in a broken tailbone and arm. I seem to do everything to the max! Not back to dancing yet, but then again, can't remember when I last did! We have been blessed this year with two new great granddaughters and a new great grandson. I have a wall hanging that helps me keep track of grand and great grand birthdays, but my "tracking" isn't that great!

Please take care and keep everyone of our class in your prayers - and please keep in touch with each other and with ME!!