

SMWC Class of 1984

**Loretta “Lori” Hieber-Girardet**

Lori writes, I have another year and a half to work before I retire at the end of September 2027. I have been working in the United Nations for the past 25 years or so, and have been grateful for an interesting career, with lots of travel and interesting topics- most recently with a focus on disaster risk reduction. I haven't got plans yet for post-retirement but hope to spend more time in the United States, having lived abroad for most of my adult life. My daughter Elisa is living in Vienna, Austria where she works for a NGO and travels frequently to Africa and Asia doing surveys on aid effectiveness. My son Alexander lives in London where he is working on AI, setting up his own company. Fingers crossed! My husband Eddie is working on a book on his travels in Afghanistan as a war correspondent. I don't keep in touch enough with former SMWC classmates- and time seems to have flown. Just to let everyone know you are very welcome to visit in France. We live just outside Geneva, Switzerland and have plenty of room for any SMWC alum passing through and would like a place to stay!

Have a wonderful year all

**Regina Hartman**

Gregg and I are enjoying retirement and happy to be in the Medicare club. We celebrated Gregg's retirement last summer with two weeks in Hawaii and are looking forward to a trip to Greece at the end of May! Gabrielle is finishing her first year of teaching at Parker Woods Montessori. She is loving her pre-school and kindergarten class. Gregg and I are volunteering in her classroom one day a week. The kids are adorable and hilarious! Alana, Michael and the grands are still living on Bainbridge Island, Washington. I'm hoping to get out there more often since the grandkids seem to grow up so much in between visits. Zuzu is now 8 and Desmond turned 4 in February. They are such a blessing! I keep busy with 2 book clubs, local social justice groups and of course as a

Providence Associate. I get to The Woods about once a month, sometimes more - and still feel that magic every time I'm on campus. It's wonderful to connect with some of our classmates who are also Associates.

### **Elizabeth Nardi Jeffries**

Elizabeth graduated in 1984, but from the WED program, and mentions she does not have all the connections we campus students share. I assured her that we are all connected at The Woods! Elizabeth shared Louisville is still our primary home and we are seasonal in Naples, Florida. The fun connection is that we get to go to the Naples Alumni meeting every year in January, so it's a good way to keep up with what's happening at The Woods. I'm still loving my work, staying healthy and enjoying family time and travel.

### **Jane Kohanyi Villaroman**

I'm still working at Griffith High School. Pretty sure I'll retire after next school year. I have a student teacher this semester so that has kept things interesting and challenging. I took two awesome trips the last two summers. I went to Spain in the summer of 2024 with my daughters, Hannah and Mariah, and had an absolutely fantastic time! Spain is so beautiful. I had not been to Europe before. I would love to go back some day. This past summer my younger daughter and I took an epic 21-day trip to Washington, Oregon and The Big Island of Hawaii where my sister and her family live. So now, Mariah and I have been to all 50 states! We had such a wonderful time in Hawaii that Mariah decided to apply for a teaching job in Honolulu and moved there three weeks ago! I miss her but am excited for her. I see **Mary Ellen Boyle '83** almost every week at mass along with **Christine "Chris" Miller Retseck '79** and her husband Bill. Also keeping in touch with **Janet Jayo '83**. Already looking forward to our next Reunion!

## **Mary Bee Baroody Haworth**

Life is full as ever for me these days, still chasing the elusive 'balance' as I continue living into this very big role at L'Arche as Community Leader/ED in London. Learning and growing, still! A new highlight is being a Providence Associate candidate this year, living the year with Tracey and being mentored by Dawn. So good.

Tony and the kids are all well. Tony retires at Christmas time and it'll be nice to have him 'at large' and exploring his next steps. I'm not thinking about it at all yet! Mo and Christian both are Masters grads now - Mo in Library Science and Christian in History. Mo is spending a lot of time at L'Arche these days, volunteering and working while he searches for something in his field. Christian will present his research at a conference soon, and is casually imagining his next steps. Hannah graduates with a music degree (voice focus), education minor in the spring. None of our three have landed yet, and we're in that phase of teetering between being really proud and seeing their potential and wondering if they ever will land! Loved celebrating Reunion with everyone last year, love every chance to connect with my Woods pals, and love this new invitation to go deeper with the SPs!

## **Elizabeth "Beth" Dietzen Purcell**

Lots of travel for Phil and I these days. We've been to Glacier National Park in Montana and a Mediterranean cruise. A few shorter trips thrown in between. Most exciting news is that I'm a grandma and loving every minute of it!

## **Brenda Blake**

In May, I will be having my ninth and final grandchild. I really love the grandma gig! My husband is also retiring in May, so we bought a house in Terre Haute, Indiana, closer to my mom, one of my daughters and grandchild plus most of

my retired siblings. I am sure there is lots of traveling, pickleball, cards and golf in the near future. I anticipate retiring in 2 years. I continue to work as a mental health counselor, licensed certified addictions counselor and certified EMDR trauma therapist. So many broken souls out there and it is such a privilege to be a part of their healing journey. I can't wait for our next reunion!

### **Jacqueline "Jackie" Jaudes Hourani**

Moujalli and I have lived in the Hudson Valley of New York for the past 38 years. I'm still working as the music director of St. Martin de Porres parish and teaching music to Pre-K 3-8th grade at the parish school. I direct the spring musical every year. It's a thrill to bring the love of musical theater to the lives of middle school children. The musicals are very well done with the help of many devoted volunteers. It's a busy career that I've been blessed with for many years! The problem is that New York's school year extends to the third week of June. I miss all the reunions because of this. Our eldest daughter has two little boys that we adore and babysit regularly! Our youngest son moved to Orlando and works for Disney. Visiting Disney parks is the highlight of my year! We have a very smart German Shepherd who is devoted to my husband. Moujalli still teaches Engineering at Manhattan University.

### **Jan Giddens Lorenzano**

I continue to enjoy working and spending time with the family and soon to be five grand babies! Vince and I like to travel and booked a Viking Cruse for September that starts in Rome and ends in Athens. We are staying a few extra days in Athens and are researching the sights to visit. I am on the SMWC 2027 Gala Committee. The gala will take place in Indianapolis on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. It is exciting and rewarding working with other alumni and friends to plan and ensure this will be a memorable event. Let me know if you would like to help or attend! I, along with **Jane Phillips Sharon, Kathy Armstrong Rich, Mary Bee Baroody Haworth** and **Regina Hartman**

spend a long weekend in Michigan last July catching up, taking walks and reminiscing about our days at The Woods. I had dinner just last night with **Elaine Walter-Shamdin** and we went to a play reading **Karin Stratton** is directing. Of course, it was hilarious!