

# The Willard Warbler

## Alumnae President Report

Greetings Willard Sisters. Thank you all for continuing to support Willard through this challenging year. The Women of Willard showed amazing resilience this year but are ready to forge ahead with a more normal year in 2021. The Alumnae were only able to have an outdoor gathering to honor Mom Arda on her retirement and then this spring we met for a small patio party to meet some of the graduating Willards to welcome them to the Alumnae Association. Thank you to those of you who shared your news with us and a special thank you to all who supported Willard with your dues and donations. We have 1,278 Women listed on our mailing list. We collected \$5,625 from 161 Willards who paid their dues which is about 13% participation. Gifts to corporation totaled \$13,515 from 95 women or 7 % participation. Foundation received \$2,765. We also received 19 orders for Honor Bricks. So far, we have sold 116 bricks and made \$7000 for scholarships and room remodeling. All of your dues and donations are appreciated and we would not be able to maintain the house without the support of our Alumnae.

In 2021, we plan to begin the year with a **Patio Party August 18th at 6:00 pm** before Mock Tours. Then we will welcome alumnae back to the house for Wesleyan's Homecoming October 9th. We will meet the new members at Soup Supper and enjoy cake with them in February for Red Velvet Cake night. We hope to have a Holiday coffee and a big Alumnae Luncheon in the spring. WOW's is meeting again so join them for lunch. It has been much too long since we all have gotten together. Watch for emails for updates on dates and times.

Thank you to all the Lincoln Willard's who have served on corporation and as advisors. I know it was not a normal year. To those of you who live far away, thank you for your support through dues and donations, for keeping touch through our Facebook page and the Website. WE can "feel the love" here in Lincoln. I know I am not alone when I say I truly cherish my days at Willard and it is my pleasure to serve as your president. My challenge this year and every year is to reach our Alumnae so they feel connected to the Women of Willard.

Willard Love

*Judy Krueger ('72)*

## From the Corporation President

Dear Willard Alums,

This letter is more difficult to write this year because of Covid. Willard life was so different and so was our job on corporation. We all knew we would have to be very flexible in the house and Wesleyan constantly gave us new rules and regulations to follow. Our new house mother, Beth Kirschner, moved into the house in July. She had never been a house mother and course no one knew what sorority life in a house would be like with Covid. She handled it very well.

Of course the new norm was virtual. Recruitment was virtual and we thought that would never work but we had a very successful recruitment. I still have not met the girls in person and I am anxious to meet our new actives this fall when they move into the house. Our corporation meetings were on Zoom and so were the chapter meetings and so many other events. At our August corporation meeting we voted to allow a member to bring her emotional support dog with her to live in the house. I have heard that dog was great emotional support for all of the girls as they struggled through Covid.

We were very fortunate that insurance paid for the extensive roof and ceiling repairs in the living room. The repair work was finally completed after school was out. The newly painted living room ceiling looks so much brighter. We just had a new fire and security system installed in the house. We have the latest technology. Safety is always a priority.

Unfortunately we only have 26 girls living in the house this fall. This is one of the results of Covid. We are very hopeful that by next fall we will have a full house. Our corporation tries to be very frugal and we should be financially fine with fewer girls living in the house. However if you haven't paid your dues or would like to contribute to the Willard Corporation it is never too late. Our dedicated treasurer is Judy Eicher, 10101 Edgewater Lane, Lincoln, 68527. We do not have any projects planned for the summer but of course we are used to surprises that come with an older home. We will do the usual summer maintenance work in the house and yard.

I do hope that you and your family are doing well after this long year. Thanks for your continued love and support. It is because of you that Willard is still thriving. Please take care and stay well. You are always welcome at 5110 Madison Ave.

*Nora Bohling Hinrichs*

**A special thanks to Joni Hayden.**

She donated a lovely pink and green quilt that she made for us to raffle. We were unable to raffle it last year when the Alumnae luncheon was cancelled but we had the raffle this spring and we made \$150 for Corporation. Thanks Joni!

# From the Active President

Although this year was unlike any other, Willard still has much to celebrate. Through each challenge we witnessed the dedication and commitment of our members.

In the Fall, we extended 20 bids. Of these, 19 women activated into the chapter! Additionally, in the spring, thanks to our Recruitment Chair, Alyson Kuehn, and Cecila Huber, our New Member Educator, we activated two more members. We are so happy to welcome our newest active class: Hellen Alvarez Medina, Colleen Arnold, Erin Bell, Kaelee Byh\*, Kylie Calhoun, Bailey Christensen, Jasmine Doell, Payton Fallick, Isabel Headlee, Sydney Janzen, Sarah Kallhoff, Bethany Krenzer, Hunter Long, Lauren Maciejewski, Lauren Peters, Lauren Somerhalder, Amanda Strothers\*, AnnaRuth Wenzl, and Helen Whittaker (\*= indicates spring recruitment).

We started second semester off strong with a fabulous virtual Crest Breakfast, planned by Vice President Rachel Janecek. With increased testing and the beginning of vaccinations, we were also able to begin participating in social events as a chapter again. Our wonderful Social Chair, Alexie Emerson, coordinated numerous events including a Backyard Bash with Zeta Psi, a sand volleyball tournament with Theta Chi and a pajama dance party with Alpha Gamma Delta. Further, we were able to host our first ever Mom's Day, organized by former Alumane and Parent Relations Chair, Brooke Sailer, allowing actives to bring their mothers (or another positive female role model) to campus for a morning of yard games and crafts.

Thanks to the innovation of our Philanthropy Chair, Robin Grigg, we raised over \$1800 for Dolly's Legacy Animal Rescue during S'more Local Love's online auction. We were able to host Build Your Own Burrito in person at the end of April raising around \$900 for Fresh Start. Additionally, we donated \$500 to the Prairie Wolf Pantry – Wesleyan's Food Pantry.

Willard is honored to both have over two-thirds of our chapter on the Dean's List and to have inducted 3 more members into Order of Omega: Alexis Hergott, Michaela Mass and myself. During Greek Awards, Mackenzy Navrtil was celebrated as most Philanthropic/Community Service Driven and former President Konpal Rafique was very deservedly honored as Greek Woman of the Year. Willard also earned second place at both Lip Sync and Greek Week with our Mamma Mia themed performance!

Finally, we said farewell to our wonderful seniors: Lauren Andres, Olivia Badami, Andrea Bennetts, Morgan Bletscher, Valerie Cuevas, George Dishman, Karleigh Earll, Gayle Goldstein, Arabelle Jackson, Claire Landgren, Camryn Larsen, Mackenzy Navratil, Konpal Rafique, Samantha Redfern, and Vanessa Wergin. We are incredibly sad to see you leave but know you are having amazing journeys and taking the world by storm.

I'd like to close by extending a massive thank you to all of the alumnae who make it possible for us to live in such a beautiful home, and to experience such a genuine sisterhood. Without you Willard would fail to be Willard. We are endlessly proud to be Willards and carry on your legacy.

If any alumna ever has any questions, please never hesitate to reach out; we love hearing your stories and finding connections amongst our alumnae and active chapter. Thank you, again, for all your support!

Willard Love and all of mine,

*Ellie Roselius*



## Recruitment News

My name is Alyson Kuehn and I am going into my senior year at Nebraska Wesleyan and I am the Recruitment Chair for Willard for 2021. This year recruitment will be held August 19-22. We are planning for recruitment this year to be fully in-person! We are hoping to have things as close to back to normal as they have been in previous years. With that being said, Alumni Mock Tours will be held on Wednesday, August 18th at 6:30pm. If you are able to attend we would love to show you around our house. Please RSVP to akuehn@nebwesleyan.edu or text me at 402-314-9209 with your name and a note that you are coming to Mock Tours.

In addition, I have also included the Alumnae Recommendation Form. If you know of anyone who you think might be a good fit for Willard, encourage them to go through the process of recruitment. If you would like to write a recommendation for a woman who is going through recruitment, please email it to me willardsororityrecruitment@gmail.com or mail it to: 8757 Angeline Court, Lincoln, NE 68526. Please try to get all recommendations to me by August 15th.

We are so excited for another great recruitment and we appreciate all of your help and support!

*Alyson Kuehn*

**Be sure to check out our new webpage [Willardsorority.org](http://Willardsorority.org). The active chapter updated its look. It looks great!**

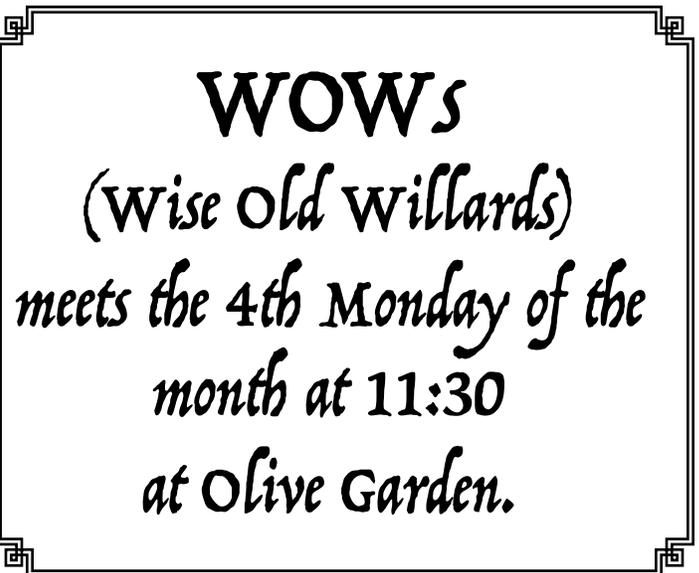
## Willard Foundation Report

In the 2020-21 school year students had many challenges... especially using money wisely. When the applications for scholarships went out we had no idea what the response would be. We received 13 requests and all were in need.

The Foundation read and evaluated each one... we agreed that all were deserving so all 13 received some scholarship money.

Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible and can be sent to Sara Knobbe Rolf at 7330 Blanchard Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68516.

*Jan Brockley*, President of Foundation



## Warbler News 2021

### **Class of 1955**

#### **Jan Pitcaithley – Concord, CA**

No new news to report. Still spend winters in the California desert at an RV resort. We always has many Canadians. But this year their government closed their borders. Our resort became a ghost town. We came home early. Boohoo!

### **Class of 1956**

#### **Ruby Nixon Minert – Lincoln, NE**

Hope all are well and we can all enjoy spring. I live at The Legacy Estates. Life is good. Blessings!

#### **Audrey Alexander Hunt – Huntsville, AL**

We've moved from Estes Park, CO to Huntsville, AL to be near family, because of Mack's health. Really hate to leave Estes Park and our church in Allenspark, CO.

### **Class of 1957**

#### **Barbara Zigafoos Ireland – Loveland, CO**

John and I are in good health and going strong. He reached his 90th birthday last year and I hit my 86th. None of our family, 4 children and 4 grandchildren, have been sicked with Covid 19 so we feel so fortunate and grieve for those who have suffered. We love Colorado and the mountains and are still in our own house. I remember and cherish my Willard days at Wesleyan and wish good fortune to all Willard sisters.

#### **Jeanne Leach Hounshell – Hemet, CA**

Dear Willard Sisters: Much has happened in my life since I last talked with any of you. I became a Doctor of Chiropractic and still practice health coaching. Published two books: *Becoming Bestemor* and *This Precious Love*. Have 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren who are great delights in my life. Go every summer to the log cabin just outside Rocky Mountain National Park that Jack Buckingham and I purchased 50 years ago. My college sweetheart and husband of almost 50 years, Jack Buckingham left this life for another adventure and I married my high school sweetheart. He also went on to another adventure. Have lived great joy and great heartbreak and found the strength to survive and live on. Now have lived in a world I never thought I would ever see due to the

Pandemic. Am in the process of moving from California to Daytona Beach, FL. A very large project to do alone but I am so excited that I'll be living by the ocean again. If any of you live close to Daytona, please call or email me so we can be in touch. It will be lonely for a while. I send love and look forward to hearing all your news.

Dr. Jeanne Buckingham Hounshell. My true classmates were the class of '57 though because I took time off to have children I didn't graduate until '62.

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### **Class of 1958**

#### **Doris Roberts Reinholt – Ann Arbor, MI**

My husband of 59 years passed away in 2017. During the pandemic I have been going to friends every day and we play 2 or 3 games of scrabble. I also have dinner with them. I have had first vaccine for Covid virus. Let's hope things are better soon! I had 2 years at Wesleyan & transferred to University for Home Economics.

#### **Janice Rolofson Gustafson – Lincoln, NE**

Recently, I had 3 Willard Alum visitors which was a nice surprise – Marian Calvert, Kathy (Calvert) Behrens (who was my Sorority Mother), and Jan (Root) Brockley. It was such fun to reminisce and also, to have an update on their families. It's so enjoyable to renew those special friendships! Take care and greetings to all Willards!

#### **Nancy Tompkins Harding – Yardley, PA**

Our snow is melting, and our days are warming. It feels so good! Oops! It's pouring down rain today. No one in our household has contracted the virus, thank God. We go to the market and wear our masks, as requested, and don't hang out with virus carriers. Phil and I moved to Yardley, PA, with our daughter Laura, and her husband and two grandchildren. She takes wonderful care of us. It's a small world, and we are now living within a mile of my former Willard sister, Janet Baldwin Tolbert, and her husband, Jim. It is fun to be near them, so we can get together for supper and play a game or two of Rummikub. I recently received a phone call from Myrna Sandvall-Sandall, one of my Willard daughters who moved to

the South after many years in Washington, D.C. Good visit! I miss the old Willard house, and hate to think She is now gone and is replaced by a big, cold slab of concrete – a parking lot. Farewell to all of you, may God bless and keep you wise and keep you well. Love from your Willard sister.

### ***Class of 1959***

#### **Joy Haupt Carol – Penney Farms, FL**

I hope this finds all of you doing very well. This last year has been difficult for all of us with the pandemic. Thank goodness Wesleyan and the Willards are doing well. I am proud of you. I have started a new work and mission - being a spokesperson for disabled people. Since I now am disabled myself, I write, speak, even preach about disabilities. I have learned so much being a disabled person about discrimination, shunning, disabled people being under employed and unemployed and living in poverty because they are disabled. So, I am focusing on what it is like to be a disabled person where many think disabled people cannot be fully functioning people. I am trying to help people understand they too may become disabled and what we can do to help people who are disabled in a humane and loving way. My latest article was just published by the Ford Foundation. If you know of any church or organization that would like to have me write, speak or preach virtually or in person about this very critical subject, please let me know. It's very exciting to be doing this meaningful work for others who haven't had the opportunities that I have had. Stay well my dear Willard sisters.

### ***Class of 1960***

Janet Madsen Davidson – Colorado Springs, CO

Hi to all, especially those from my era! Just staying put, but hope we can get to Nebraska this summer!

### ***Class of 1962***

#### **Ingrid Sandall Hutchings – Champaign, IL**

I stay in touch with Myrna Sandvall-Sandall and Jean Thurber Sells.

### ***Class of 1963***

#### **Ruth Ann Troutman Bartels – Lincoln, NE**

Hello Willard Sisters: I have not updated my "News and Dues" for quite some time and this is the year to do it! Larry and I are living in a townhouse just off 56th street between Old Cheney and Pine Lake Road. We were fortunate to select a lot with a backyard view of a small creek meandering through Lincoln. The creek is part of a Conservation area so we will always have birds and flowers and trees and no buildings behind us. We are very excited that our Grandson, Geran Sander, will be attending Nebraska Wesleyan next year. He is a very good golfer and is looking forward to being part of the golf team. His older sister, Grace, is a sophomore at Grand Canyon University and is in the nurses training program. She just began doing "hands on" learning this semester. The family has 2 more daughters that turned 16 in January. They are sophomores at Southwest High School and are very excited to return to full time school next week. They are twins, Aidan and Alysen, and are wonderful help to Larry and me especially when we change seasons as they've adopted the task of helping decorate our condo for each Holiday. My daughter Michelle (Bartels) Sander (husband Greg) is mother to these four grandkids. My daughter Melissa McMahon (husband Jason) has our other grandson, Brock. He is a 4th grader at Seward Elementary and loves all sports. He loved

attending all sports both at Seward and at UNL. He has really missed his trips to football, basketball and volleyball games. My other daughter, Laura, is the oldest of the three. She and her husband live in Iowa City, IA. We usually see her several times a year but this year we've had to learn about "zoom" to visit with them. In addition to working in the Pharmacy Division at University of Iowa (working from home now) she is a poet and loves writing and sharing them. Thanks to the Willard Alums that help keep us connected!

### ***Class of 1964***

#### **Carolyn Myers Gaswick – Albion, MI**

At the time when many of my friends are celebrating the births of great-grandchildren Dennis and I are ever so delighted to announce the birth of our first grandchild, Elton A. Gaswick, born at the Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago on March 22. He is a nice plump 9 pounds, 6 ounces. His parents are our son, Wyatt, and his wife Grace. All are doing well.

### ***Class of 1965***

#### **Doris Finch Sell – Conway, SC**

Hi to graduating class of 1964. Hope to hear from you in this newsletter.

#### **Opal Milton Stivrins – Lincoln, NE**

What a year! There is an advantage to being over 80, I got both my vaccine shots. My last 4 of 12 grandchildren are now in college. Two grandsons are studying and playing sports at Wesleyan; Kyle in track and Jordan in basketball. Two granddaughters studying and playing sports; Lauren at the University of Nebraska in volleyball and Amber at the University of Georgia in volleyball. I cannot attend but catch their games by streaming or on TV. I look forward to having lunch with my Willard sisters when we are all vaccinated. We have missed our WOWs group luncheons. Stay safe, Willard love!

### ***Class of 1967***

#### **Kay Bowmaster Green – Lincoln, NE**

I always enjoy hearing from my Willard Sisters! It was fun to connect with Jane Paul Kinyoun in Seattle a year ago when we were on a family vacation in Washington. Let me know when you visit Lincoln and I'll get the Lincoln alums from our era together to greet you! I'm sad to report the death of Jane DeBoer Schmutte (Class of 1968) on February 20, 2021 after many years on dialysis. She chose to go on Hospice and was ready to meet the Lord. Prayers continue for her husband, Jerry, her children Jana and Jason, and their families.

### ***Class of 1968***

#### **Ellen Dix Thompson – Palm City, FL**

Harris Jacobson, my grandson is a freshman at NWU. He is the 3rd generation to attend! He is in Pioneer Hall where I was, amazing!

### ***Class of 1970***

#### **Heather Craig-Oldsen – Ponca, NE**

The pandemic has allowed me to spend time in reflection this year, especially reflecting on all that is important in my life. Wesleyan and Willard were such a gift and I value the sisterhood even more as I age. I am fully retired from Briar Cliff University, but I still do a bit of consulting, mostly with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Last year I helped them develop a training program for all their employees. The field test was cut short in March, so we have decided to field test online sessions this spring. In December I was humbled and honored

to receive the War Eagle Human Rights Lifetime Achievement Award. This Sioux City Human Rights Commission award is named after War Eagle, chief of the Yankton Tribe in the 1800's. He is best remembered as a man who believed in peace and worked his entire life towards that goal. War Eagle's leadership and vision contributed to the founding of Sioux City. Throughout the quarantine I have been able to attend library book discussions, Ponca downtown beautification meetings, worship with my sister Ann in New York and with sister Pauline in Texas (both Willards, of course), as well as worship here in Ponca. Grateful for curbside grocery pickup. Amazing how life has carried on! Well, that is the update. Sending love to all my wonderful Willard sisters and looking forward to a belated celebration of our 50th graduation celebration one of these days.

#### **Linda Neuswanger Novak – Omaha, NE**

Welcomed my first grandchild, a girl, named Juniper Rose. Busy with PRO, travel when possible. Son Andy teaches in Denver and daughter Shana Novak is theherloomist.com.

#### **Class of 1971**

#### **Kathryn Lang – Elgin, TX**

My news to report is that I have finally retired as Wardrobe Supervisor for Austin Opera after 20 years with the company. Otherwise my husband, Andy Jacobsen & I are hunkered down here in Elgin, waiting for our second doses of vaccine so that we can carry out some plans to travel.

#### **Class of 1972**

#### **Pat Vosta Friedli – Nebraska City, NE**

Fifty years have passed since I lived in the Willard House. Such great memories to savor. I retired 2 years ago and I am enjoying it more than I ever thought I would! Doug and I love spending time with our three daughters and their families. Our eight grandchildren, ages 3 - 22 fill our lives with joy. We are so grateful for our family's health and happiness.

#### **Diane Hall Ritzdorf – Centennial, CO**

My big news in 2021 is that I became a grandmother! Bethany Maire Ritzdorf was born March 15 to Andrew, my older son, and Shaanii, his wife. They live at Chaco Culture National Historical Park in New Mexico where Andrew is a park ranger. Bethany and her parents visited me for the first 10 days in May. During that time, I neglected many of my volunteer duties for church and P.E.O. and even skipped golfing in order to hold my granddaughter. It would be equally fun to entertain Willard sisters when you come to Colorado!

#### **Laurie Foster Taylor – Omaha, NE**

Teaching Tai Chi at Elkhorn Common Ground since September 2020.

Artist website: [highergroundsacredart.com](http://highergroundsacredart.com).

Happy & healthy! Hi to all Willards.

#### **Charlotte Johnson Mapes – Colorado Spring, CO**

Still loving Colorado. We now have two beautiful grandchildren! Look forward to seeing them more in the coming year.

#### **Judy Bowmaster Krueger – Lincoln, NE**

Can't believe it will be 50 years since we graduated from NWU next year (summer 2022). Would love a 50-year reunion!

#### **Class of 1973**

#### **Marcia Hall – Denver, CO**

I'm full vaccinated! The two things that really helped me get through the year were golf and Zoom. Although there were some modifications, I got to play most of the golf events I had

planned for the year. Zoom to me means church--worship and meetings, P.E.O.--social and meetings, family check-ins, and even a couple Willard gatherings--Thanks to Gayle Slaughter Bradley. My family--Including two Willard sisters, Connie and Diane, was able to gather with several outside events. With everyone fully vaccinated we planned on an inside Easter dinner, but the weather was so nice we still ate outside. We did find that we just enjoyed being together so much that we were there for almost 8 hours! Greetings to all Willards and thanks to the Lincoln alums who keep us organized.

#### **Cathy Gaines Mattoon – Sidney, NE**

One of the highlights of the past year was Zoom meeting with Willards from my pledge class/graduation year. It made a horrible year bearable!

#### **Diane Maassen Moehlenbrink – Albuquerque, NM**

Big news for 2021 – Larry and I are retiring (will be retired by the time you get this news) and hope to move to Phoenix/Scottsdale area before fall. I've been purging and have really enjoyed going through photo albums from my years at the Willard Housel What great memories

#### **Class of 1976**

#### **Christena Bush Baker – Lincoln, NE**

I am now working at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership as a Mental Health Therapist and absolutely enjoying the diverse background of clients. So ready for the pandemic to end!

#### **Class of 1978**

#### **Sue Krieger Wooster Anderson – Tucson, AZ**

Greetings from Tucson! Please call or stop by if you are in the area! Special love to my sisters in the classes of 1974-1978!

#### **Nancy Nelson Bashaw – Bumpass, VA**

Greetings to all my Willard sisters! We were thankful to be living in a rural part of VA where Covid wasn't quite so frightful. Gary's kids worked from home and the grandkids were home schooled so we shared many weekends and holidays together. I hope all of you and your family are safe and healthy!

#### **Class of 1981**

#### **Connie Hultman Carter – Chappell, NE**

Hello to all Willards! We are still farming in Chappell. I am working at the Crop Insurance Office. We have four grandchildren. We are planning trips to eastern Nebraska to see our grandchildren now that Covid is almost under control. Stay safe everyone.

#### **Lisa Farris Morehouse – Lincoln, NE**

Greetings to all! Thankful to report my family has stayed safe from Covid. However, my husband passed away in March and my dad in September. I was blessed to have 39 great years with Kevin and dad was always my rock! Life doesn't always go as planned but thanks to my family, friends and faith, life does go on! Be sure you love with all your heart and find laughter in every day!

#### **Class of 1982**

#### **Karen Karr Linder – Omaha, NE**

Awarded Honorary Degree from NWU – Doctor of Science and gave the Commencement Address on May 8, 2021. Class of 1989

**Kim Ambroz Zetterman – Lincoln, NE**

Hello Willard Sisters! Not much to update...I am still working in LPS, but after 29 years in the classroom, I am now an instructional coach at McPhee Elementary where I coach teachers and work with all the students K-5. Stu and I have been married 27+ years. We have two boys. Colton is 24 and works here in Lincoln. Shea currently at NDSU playing baseball and attending college. We are hoping that retirement is just around the corner and we will be able to do some traveling to a warmer climate soon!

**Rhonda Carlson Pinson – Mountain Home, AR**

Currently living in NW Arkansas where we enjoy lakes, rivers, hiking, boating, and kayaking. I work part time as an OT in a very busy Outpatient Ortho clinic. Our daughter is graduating SFA (Texas) as an elementary school teacher in May. Our son works full time and is "adulting" well. I enjoy all the posts on FB and keeping up with everyone. Be well.

**Kay Pike Wenzl – Lincoln, NE**

I am with Aging Partners, City of Lincoln, as a Manager. Back where I did my social work practicum so long ago!

**Class of 1990****Sue Ryan Bennett – Des Moines, IA**

I moved to Des Moines in April 2019 and purchased a Complete Weddings + Events franchise. We provide services for weddings and events including DJ, Photography, Videography, Photo Booth, Coordination and Lighting. I am enjoying getting to know Des Moines and the surrounding area. My daughter, Brooke and her husband Chris Uhlenkamp, have a 6-month-old baby ~ my first granddaughter, Chloe. My son, Jason, is finishing his Junior year at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix where he's studying forensic science. I like to visit my family whenever possible - between managing my business and overseeing events! Our Willard pledge class has enjoyed monthly Zoom meetings for the last year to stay connected during Covid restrictions. It's been wonderful to chat and reconnect with everyone during these calls!! If you'd like to join us, let me or Susy Miller know...everyone is welcome :)

**Class of 1993****Kari Orr Krenzer – Omaha, NE**

Hello to all my Willard sisters! I have had the honor of being back on campus and back in the Willard house over the last 5 years as 2 of my daughters decided to attend Wesleyan and became Willards! My current NWU freshman is experiencing a very different introduction to campus and sorority life due to covid but is loving her experience just the same. I am celebrating my 21st year working as a pediatrician for Children's Physicians in Omaha. Hope everyone is doing well!

**Class of 1994****Jill Colwell Burkey – Grand Junction, CO**

Hi Willard sisters! My news is I quit my job of eight years as the office manager of a law firm to start Jill Burkey LLC, which offers bookkeeping, editing, and transcribing services. I've also been writing and publishing more – you can read a few of my poems, sign up for my email list, and check out my business at [www.jillburkey.com](http://www.jillburkey.com). I'm grateful my family weathered the pandemic okay – it allowed us to have a bonus year with our son, who took his sophomore year of classes at UNT in Denton, TX, remotely from home. (He's a tuba performance major.) Our daughter was able to attend most of her junior year of high school in person, and none of us got

the virus! I hope you and your families all stayed safe as well!

**Class of 1995****Shantel Harrington Eatherton – Kearney, NE**

Hello Willard Sisters! Shawn and I are still living in Kearney, and hopefully by the time you are reading this will be finishing up building a new house. Our oldest son, Nolan, was a freshman this year at Wesleyan and is a member of Phi Kappa Tau. I am excited to say his lovely girlfriend, Helen, is now a Willard! My youngest will be a senior at Kearney High this year. It has been fun being back on campus a time or two, and we look forward to more opportunities this fall. Willard Love to you all.

**Class of 2000****Jaana Plettner Pauls – South Korea**

Greetings from South Korea, Land of the Morning Calm! Our family moved to South Korea in June 2020, amidst the pandemic. We had to do a very strict two-week quarantine upon arrival to Korea, and then shortly after monsoon season began. We have been getting out and about to explore our new country as military Health Protection Conditions (HPCON) allow. Our HPCON level mirrors the Republic of Korea restriction levels. With fluctuations this past year we have rode the roller coaster of in-person school and remote learning, and lockdown vs some freedoms. Our daughter, Maryn, will be 10 this summer and is working through 4th grade. She is resilient, but it has been hard. Because of COVID we have not been able to travel outside of South Korea, which is both a blessing and a curse. We are missing out on lots of travel, BUT, we are getting to see much more of Korea than we probably would! The language is a big barrier for us, but we are slowly figuring more and more out! We will most likely be moving summer of 2022, so very much look forward to this next year and more adventures!! Willard Love!

**Class of 2002****Abbie Dumler Sagebiel – Portland, OR**

I've been working for Legacy Health in Portland, OR for 14 years, and was recently promoted to a Sr. Project Manager position in our Information Services department. For the last five months, my "project" has been managing Scheduling Systems & Operations for our local mass vaccination site - by far the most intense, inspiring and rewarding project I've ever worked on! In collaboration with three other health systems locally, our site gave over 525,000 vaccinations in less than four months. Fun fact: Legacy's COO is the son of another Willard alum, so it was great to share that NWU connection while making a difference in our community. Big changes are coming for me this summer, as I move with my kids (Elena 11 and Luke 7) back "home" to Colorado. I'm looking forward to being closer to Nebraska so I can hopefully attend more events and reconnect with friends! I'll be in the Fort Collins area if anyone wants to grab a coffee and catch up.

**Class of 2004****Brenda George Smith – Murdock, NE**

Collin was born October 15, 2020. He joined big brother, Sawyer, who is two years old.

## **Class of 2005**

### **Bri Gauger – Gothenburg, Sweden**

I finished my PhD in Urban Planning at the University of Michigan in October 2020. In January 2021, my partner Brett and I moved to Gothenburg, Sweden, where I have a job as a postdoc researcher. Let me know if any of you are ever in the area!

## **Class of 2006**

### **Emily Hadley – Westworth Village, TX**

My husband, Tito and I welcomed our first child on July 1, 2020, his name is Vaughan.

## **Class of 2007**

### **Lindsey Sandau-Tomlin – Lakewood, CO**

2020 was a busy year! February 13, 2020, we welcomed a little girl, Jaylee Louise Tomlin. Hopefully one day she will find her way to Willard. Three of the four Willard women I lived with my senior year all had girls in 2020. Hopefully the next generation of Willard legacies & best friends! Willard love.

## **Class of 2010**

### **Alyssa Sickel Finck – Falls City, NE**

I continue to work as a family medicine physician in Falls City. My husband, Cliff & I have a 2-year old son, Carter, and are expecting our second child in September. Willard Love!

## **Class of 2012**

### **Ana Cathcart Damme – Omaha, NE**

I finally finished all my degrees, training, exams, etc. and am practicing as a licensed pediatric psychologist at Children's Hospital in Omaha. Clayton '13 and I have been married for 5.5 years and our daughter, Romy, will be two years old in September 2021. We've been safe & healthy during COVID even though Clayton has had several rotations working directly with critically ill COVID patients at UNMC.

## **Class of 2014**

### **Jennifer Survil Reim – Gretna, NA**

Our beautiful baby girl, Rylee Rae Reim was born on September 23, 2020 to myself & Jared Reim. She is a future Willard in the making. ☐

### **Hilary Krantz Coufal – Omaha, NE**

Mallory Iseminger Sisler '13 bought a new house in Denver with husband, John. They recently put in all new windows to better see the beautiful Rockies.

## **Class of 2015**

### **Hailey Esch Steider – Geneva, NE**

My husband and I welcomed our first son, Aiden Ryan, in January of 2020. I'm still teaching 5th and 6th grade language arts at Fillmore Central Middle School.

# Chapter Eternal

### **Connie Jones Girardot**

*Class of 1960- died October 25, 2020*

### **Susie Walden Wieseler**

*Class of 19068-died June 6, 2020*

### **Sara Jensen Marquardt**

*Class of 1963 ~ died April 13, 2021*

### **Virginia Sue Jones Klundt**

*Class of 1973 ~ died April 12, 2021*

### **Bernice Webb Swanson**

*Class of 1943 ~ died January 22, 2007*

### **Virginia Lee Wagner Scott**

*Class of 1956 ~ died April 5, 2021*

### **Dorothy Hurley Nelson**

*Class of 1938 ~ died March 13, 2021*

### **Jane DeBoer Schmutte**

*Class of 1968 ~ died February 20, 2021*

### **Jackie Thomas Robertson**

*Class of 1951 ~ died December 25, 2020*

### **Jane Lowrey Ransdell**

*Class of 1974 ~ died December 19, 2020*

### **Frances Perry Bates**

*Class of 1951 ~ died October 17, 2020*

### **Elizabeth Knee Fogg**

*Class of 1981 ~ died June 17, 2020*

### **M. Catherine Neff**

*Class of 1967 ~ died June 30, 2020*

### **Joy Urbom Taylor**

*Class of 1985 ~ died September 9, 2020*

### **Jean Beran Slagle**

*Class of 1960 ~ died August 31, 2020*

### **Mary Merrell Jones**

*Class of 1945 ~ died January 12, 2015*

### **Betty Lou Sitz King**

*Class of 1944 ~ died July 6, 2020*

### **Lucreita Low McClure**

*Class of 1945 ~ died October 17, 2019*

### **C. Jeannette Dillon Sedlak**

*Class of 1947 ~ died July 26, 2018*

### **Charlene Steinmeier Krause**

*Class of 1947 ~ died May, 21, 2020*

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**CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE ON PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS  
(For use ONLY by the members of Willard Sorority)**

This form is being sent to you in order to assist our chapter in the 2021 new member selection process. Please give careful consideration to the questions asked and fill in as much information as possible.

Please return this form to: Alyson Kuehn • 8757 Angeline Court • Lincoln, NE 68526 or scan and email to willardsororityrecruitment@gmail.com

Name of prospective new member: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know her? \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY:**

Relatives in Willard (include maiden name if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMICS:**

College attended (if transfer student): \_\_\_\_\_

High School attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State

How would you characterize this woman scholastically? \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITIES:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Art      \_\_\_\_\_ Music      \_\_\_\_\_ Sports      \_\_\_\_\_ Publications  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contests      \_\_\_\_\_ Service Clubs      \_\_\_\_\_ Dramatics      \_\_\_\_\_ Student Government  
\_\_\_\_\_ Civic      \_\_\_\_\_ Church      \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please elaborate on these activities and include outstanding achievements (i.e. offices held, honors received):

Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding Achievements in these areas (Offices, Honoraries): \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONALITY:**

This young woman: (check what applies)

Is of good character and integrity  
\_\_\_\_\_ yes      \_\_\_\_\_ no      \_\_\_\_\_ unknown

Accepts responsibility  
\_\_\_\_\_ excellent    \_\_\_\_\_ good      \_\_\_\_\_ average      \_\_\_\_\_ poor      \_\_\_\_\_ unknown

Has leadership potential  
\_\_\_\_\_ excellent    \_\_\_\_\_ good      \_\_\_\_\_ average      \_\_\_\_\_ poor      \_\_\_\_\_ unknown

Is willing to accept authority and to abide by group decisions  
\_\_\_\_\_ excellent    \_\_\_\_\_ good      \_\_\_\_\_ average      \_\_\_\_\_ poor      \_\_\_\_\_ unknown

Please tell us why this young woman would make an outstanding Willard (giving special attention to each of the four pillars of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and character):

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**TO WILLARD GIVING REFERENCE:** (please check the blanks accordingly)

\_\_\_ 1) I recommend this young woman for Willard membership

\_\_\_\_\_ a) I know this young woman personally.

\_\_\_\_\_ b) I do not know this young woman personally but I am basing my recommendation on information from:  
\_\_\_\_\_ another Willard, \_\_\_\_\_ high school faculty, \_\_\_\_\_ peers of the young woman,  
\_\_\_\_\_ a mutual friend, \_\_\_\_\_ other

\_\_\_ 2) I do not recommend this young woman for Willard membership based on information received.  
If further clarification is required, the chapter membership advisor may contact me.

\_\_\_ 3) I am unable to commit myself to a decision regarding this young woman

\_\_\_\_\_ a) Due to limited information received

\_\_\_\_\_ b) After contacting all available sources and receiving no information \_\_\_\_\_

***I appreciate you taking the time to fill out this form. The information you have provided will be a tremendous help during our new member selection process this August.***

In gratitude and Willard Love,

Alyson Kuehn

Willard Sorority Recruitment Chair