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As you read this, we will have survived another winter, and I thought you might be inspired by **Anne de la Morandiere's** note on her recent move, to the north! She reminds me that for many of us, nearness to family remains an important consideration.

"I'd only say that after nearly ten years in DC, then 20 years in NYC, I moved back to Charleston (where I'd grown up) for family reasons—and must confess to loving the slower pace, easier commutes, amazing architecture and history ... and not least of all, the great weather 3/4 of the year! Our summers recently in Asheville have been intoxicating, however, with cool evenings and clear days—and the fall colors are such a contrast to Charleston's. With my husband's family nearby, we are eager to spend more time at our home there. I still miss New York, and important friends from those "formative" years, but thankfully the South is now a mixture of natives and very interesting newcomers and retirees—unlike the old days. Definitely an improvement—intellectually, culturally, socially, and lazily."

About that pleasure, travel, combined with work, **Joyce Solomon Moorman** wrote "After reunion my husband and I traveled to Vienna, Austria where my composition *Exposition from Dream Variations* was recorded July 1st and performed July 4th at the University for Music and the Performing Arts in Vienna Modern Masters' 13th International Festival of New Music for Chorus and Orchestra. Wilson and I had a great time visiting at least one of the residencies of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, attending a performance of the Mozart *Requiem* in St. Stephen's Cathedral, and visiting the Hapsburg palaces. I tried to use my Vassar German, but fortunately 50% of the Viennese speak English."

With sadness, I must report the death of one of our classmates. I am grateful that four of her lifelong friends composed the following: **Leni Gurin** writes, with **Sara Scribner**, **Lane Schulz** and **Martine Richards Minnis**, that **Laura Klein Feldbaum** died peacefully on August 27, surrounded by her family. She had lived with brain cancer for 4 years. Laura was married to Carl Feldbaum (Princeton '66), and was the mother of Mia and Harley, mother-in-law of Nicole Fraser, grandmother of Maddox and Nora, and sister of Susan Klein '64.

She was always an amazing individual, but Laura was especially inspiring to her friends and family these past few years. Throughout her challenges, she never lost her trademark sense of humor: asked at a mini-reunion with her above-mentioned friends at her home in April how she still went through the day with a smile, Laura said, "When I wake up in the morning, I ask myself 'Am I having brain surgery today?' If the answer is no, it's a great day."

Laura lived a full, accomplished and adventurous life. She met Carl in her freshman year, and they married right after her graduation in 1968. In the early 1970s the couple took a year off from working to sail around the Caribbean and the Intracoastal Waterway, after which they settled in the Washington, DC area and raised a family. In addition to raising two terrific kids (Harley, 33, is Associate Director, Global Health and Foreign Policy at Johns Hopkins SAIS, and Mia, 29, is currently an after-school curriculum developer at UC Berkeley), Laura's professional life included working for the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship and the German Marshall Fund Fellowship Program, where she put her gift for languages and people to work managing US exchange programs for emerging leaders from around the world. Her most recent accomplishment was receiving her PhD in clinical psychology from the Fielding Institute a few weeks

before her death; her focus was exploring the Roma (gypsy) women's dual cultural identities.

Shortly after Laura's brain tumor diagnosis, she and Carl accelerated their plans and moved from DC to their vacation home in Ketchum, Idaho. Laura was a life-long lover of nature, travel and art, and she was extremely happy there. Carl did a remarkable job caring for Laura with great love during her illness while still managing to travel on business when essential, and family and friends old and new were all part of the supportive community that surrounded her during that time.

A beautiful photo of Laura from her days living on the sailboat graced the memorials held for her in both Ketchum and Washington, DC, where many, many friends and family shared happy memories of Laura. The caption under the photo, from a letter written by Laura to her family, read: "Remember that I lived, and oh, I had myself a good time!"