



At the 2012 K-8 Annual Meeting, Elizabeth Miller Watkins (Bev Benso) tells Watkins/Miller residents and alumnae about her life's dream to help "the girls who must travel uphill."

## Multi-tasking History

By Sarah (Wohlrahe) Shortall  
K-8 Newsletter Co-Coordinator  
Watkins 1972-76

Welcome to the 2013 Kitchen 8 Newsletter! Kitchen 8 has been so busy this past year that it's been hard to even find time to write this welcome letter. I guess you could say it's our own fault. This year Kitchen 8 women have definitely been . . . *multi-tasking*. And you know what they say about women, particularly K-8 women, we are pros when it comes to multi-tasking!

The 2012-13 K-8 agenda included a lot of multi-tasking. Kitchen 8 continued its projects to preserve the history and traditions that are Elizabeth Miller Watkins and her unique and historic dream to help "the girls who must travel uphill." But we also broke all kinds of ground launching new projects. Whether Kitchen 8 was celebrating history and tradi-

tions with Watkins/Miller women or pursuing new horizons, K-8 did a tremendous job keeping all their balls in the air!

### For the Love of EMW and 'Her Girls'

For the girls who must travel uphill, Kitchen 8 continued to award scholarships in the name of Mrs. Watkins. K-8 Treasurer Mary Emerson (Watkins 2004-09) reports in this issue that next month Kitchen 8 will be able to award at least \$56,000 in scholarships, which is \$2,000 more than the record \$54,000 in scholarships awarded last year. By the way, in 2003 Kitchen 8 was only able to award \$8,000 in scholarships. It's exciting to realize that in the past 10 years the funds available for EMWMS awards increased seven fold thanks to generous K-8 members and friends.

Kitchen 8's traditional "Get to Know and Help Please see 'WELCOME', page 26

## 'Unique and Enduring' K-8 Annual Meeting in Store

By Elizabeth (Ervin) Boman  
K-8 Vice-President  
Watkins 1971-75

"**U**nique and Enduring" – it's the perfect description of the 2013 Annual Meeting that the Annual Meeting Committee has organized for Saturday, April 27, at the Lawrence Country Club. Not only has the Committee planned the perfect occasion for Watkins/Miller alumnae to reconnect with old roommates and friends and connect with the newest residents on Lilac Lane, but they also have planned a program that highlights a special new project to protect and preserve Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls. In addition, the Committee has planned a few surprises as you take a memory trip down Lilac Lane with Kitchen 8.

The day will start at 9 a.m., with registration, coffee and greetings. At 9:30 a.m., K-8 President Norma (Decker) Hoagland (Watkins 1969-71) will open the business meeting, which will include reports by K-8 Board members and committee chairs on projects and accomplishments in the past year and "State of the Halls" presentations by Watkins/Miller officers. After

the business reports, the Annual Meeting Committee will preside over the second ever K-8 Board elections. The newly-elected Board will serve a two-year term starting at the close of the 2013 Annual Meeting (see related story on K-8 Board elections and absentee ballot in this issue).

### A stroll down Lilac Lane

Following the business meeting, Norma Hoagland along with Lawrence historian Mary Burchill will present a special program titled "A Unique and Enduring Gift." Norma and Mary will talk about K-8's latest project to preserve the legacy of Elizabeth Miller Watkins

and the unique gift she gave to many young women in building Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls. The project, which K-8 is undertaking with the assistance of Historic Mount

2013 K-8 Annual Meeting Weekend Schedule of Events Friday, April 26		
2 p.m.	<b>Kitchen 8 Board Meeting:</b> Open to K-8 members and Watkins/Miller residents	Miller Hall
4 p.m.	<b>Private tour of The Outlook:</b> Former home of Elizabeth Miller Watkins. Open to K-8 members and Watkins/Miller residents only.	The Outlook 1532 Lilac Lane
Saturday, April 27		
9 a.m.	<b>2013 K-8 Annual Meeting</b> Business Meeting; Program: <i>A Unique and Enduring Gift</i> , and Celebratory Luncheon	Lawrence Country Club 400 Country Club Terrace
1 p.m.	<b>2013-14 EMWMS Awards Presentation</b>	Lawrence Country Club
3 p.m.	<b>Private showing of Mrs. Watkins' personal scrapbook</b> Open to K-8 members and Watkins/Miller residents only.	Watkins Community Museum 1047 Massachusetts Street
Sunday, April 28		
2 p.m.	<b>Alumnae Teas</b>	Watkins and Miller Halls
4 p.m.	<b>Honoring "Lady Bountiful"</b> Laying flowers on Mrs. Watkins' grave	Oak Hill Cemetery 1605 Oak Hill Avenue



Oread Friends (HMOF), is the publication of a book about Watkins and Miller.

As part of the program, Norma and Mary will present the slideshow they gave that convinced HMOF to approve K-8's book proposal and pledge to cover 50% of the publications costs.

Kenneth Armitage, HMOF past president, will also join the program to talk about HMOF, the "Biography of a Building" book series, and HMOF's project to establish an Historic District on the KU Campus, which would include the residences on Lilac Lane -- Watkins Hall, Miller Hall and The Outlook.

The program will conclude with a presentation on the renovation of The Outlook as part of its 100th birthday in 2012. K-8 members will get a sneak peek into Elizabeth Miller Watkins's daily life at The Outlook, with several

old photos of the house when Elizabeth lived there. And for the more curious K-8 members – the presentation includes both pictures and a video of the renovation.

**Let's celebrate**

Following the program, K-8 members, Watkins/Miller residents, 2013-14 EMWMS recipients and invited guests will enjoy a celebratory luncheon. The luncheon provides a great opportunity for the intergenerational breaking of bread. Hopefully, by the time the scholarship awards presentation starts, everyone will be good friends.

The events at Lawrence Country Club will conclude on a high note with the presentation of the 2013-14 EMWMS Scholarship recipients. This portion of the meeting is always a highlight, as K-8 members will have the opportunity to meet the outstanding women they have

selected for these very special scholarships.

**But wait—there's more!**

After the scholarship presentations, the Committee has some additional surprises up their sleeves for Watkins alumnae, residents and friends *only!* At 3 p.m., in the Watkins Community Museum of History meeting room, Museum Curator Brittany Keegan will hold a private viewing of Mrs. Watkins' personal scrapbook. Among the items in her scrapbook, which generally is not open to the public, is Mrs. Watkins' Creed in her own handwriting. Also, Samantha (Birchfield) Bunnyfield (Watkins 2003-07), former K-8 Historian, will give a short presentation on her graduate research on Mrs. Watkins.

You don't want to miss out on a single moment as Kitchen 8 delves into its past and makes plans for the future so register today for the 2013 Annual Meeting. K-8 requests that you please register for the Annual Meeting by April 20. You can register by e-mail, phone or mail (see registration form attached to the newsletter). The cost for the meeting is \$20, which includes the luncheon and morning coffee and rolls. You may send a check, payable to Kitchen 8, to K-8 Treasurer Mary Emerson; pay at the Annual Meeting; or, for the first time ever, pay using the K-8 PayPal account at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org).

Please consider a donation to cover the cost of lunch for Watkins/Miller residents and EMWMS recipients, who are K-8's guests. Last year, between Watkins/Miller residents and EMWMS recipients, K-8 hosted more than 50 guests for lunch.

**A unique and enduring Annual Meeting Committee**

With adoption of the K-8 By-laws at the 2012 Annual Meeting, K-8's Vice-President automatically became the chair of the Annual Meeting Committee. This was very good news for Kitchen 8 because it meant that newly-elected Vice-President Elizabeth (Ervin) Borman (Watkins 1971-75), who co-chaired the hugely successful 2012 Annual Meeting along with Pat (Jolly) Putnam (Watkins 1971-74), was chair of the K-8 Annual Meeting Committee again this year. Joining Elizabeth and Pat on the Committee were Norma Hoagland and Bev (Runkle) Benso (Watkins 1954-58), Watkins Campus Coordinator.

For more information about the annual meeting and scholarship presentation, please contact Norma Hoagland at 913-727-6446 or [norma.hoagland@yahoo.com](mailto:norma.hoagland@yahoo.com).

**2013 Kitchen-8 Annual Meeting and EMW Memorial Scholarship Awards Presentation**

**Saturday, April 27**

**Lawrence Country Club, 400 Country Club Terrace**

- 9 a.m. Registration, coffee and greetings
- 9:30 a.m. K-8 Business Meeting and Election of K-8 Board
- 10:30 a.m. Program: "A Unique and Enduring Gift"
- Noon Celebratory Luncheon
- 1 p.m. Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Awards Presentations

**PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 20.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**To register:** You may register for the Annual Meeting any one of the following ways:

- E-mail:** [norma.hoagland@yahoo.com](mailto:norma.hoagland@yahoo.com)
- Phone:** 913-727-6446 (Norma Hoagland)
- Mail:** Mary Emerson, Kitchen 8 Treasurer  
3620 Wyoming #4  
Kansas City, MO 64111

**Registration fee:** \$20, which includes morning refreshments and luncheon. Please consider including a donation to cover the lunch of a Watkins/Miller resident or EMWMS recipient, who are guests of Kitchen 8.

**You may pay for the Annual Meeting in one of the following ways:**

- Online:** Pay using PayPal on the K-8 website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org).
- Mail:** Send a check, payable to Kitchen 8, to Mary Emerson (see above).
- In person:** Pay at the Annual Meeting.

**Information:** For information about or local transportation to the Annual Meeting, please contact Norma Hoagland (see above).

**Directions:** Take West Lawrence Exit off I-70. Turn right onto Rockledge. Turn right onto Country Club Terrace and drive into Country Club parking lot.



## The President's Pantry

# Weaving Together Historic Watkins/Miller Threads

### Dear Kitchen 8 members and friends,

As I look back at everything Kitchen 8 did this past year I think that K-8 really had both a groundbreaking and historic year! Consider this, in the past 12 months K-8 adopted its first By-laws; elected its first Board; awarded the greatest number of EMWMS awards ever; organized our first Career Day for Watkins/Miller residents; and presented our first display on Elizabeth Miller Watkins and the first scholarship halls in the country at the Watkins Community Museum of History's celebration of Elizabeth Miller Watkins' 151<sup>st</sup> birthday. Oh, and did I mention, we started writing a book about Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls. How is that for groundbreaking and historical!

### It's going to be a bestseller

Our book was conceived at the 2012 K-8 Board meeting when the members approved pitching the Watkins and Miller Halls book idea to Historic Mount Oread Friends (HMOF). HMOF has published three volumes of *Biography of a Building* on Old Fraser, Dyche and Spooner Halls and K-8 wanted Watkins and Miller Halls to be the fourth book. HMOF's books series is part of their effort to get a KU Campus Historic District listed on the National Register.



2012-13 K-8 President Norma Hoagland rehearses for the 2012 K-8 Annual Meeting program.

I can't tell you how excited I was the day that HMOF not only approved K-8's book proposal but also pledged to pay for 50% of the publication costs. It wasn't just getting the "green light" on the book from HMOF that had me so enthused. It also was the historic partnership that Kitchen 8 and HMOF have forged that excites me so much. I was confident that if HMOF learned about Mrs. Watkins' unique vision and dream they would be as committed as Kitchen 8 to preserving her legacy, Watkins and Miller Halls, as "important historical elements of KU." To educate HMOF members, we held our book proposal presentation to HMOF at Watkins. We gave

HMOF members a tour of the hall, which they found very pretty and welcoming. HMOF approved the Watkins/Miller book proposal at their business meeting that directly followed the tour and HMOF Second Vice President Carol Shankel and Treasurer Barbara Watkins, who worked on HMOF's first three books, agreed to be consultants and editors for the book.

Local historian Mary Burchill has volunteered to write Chapter One of the book based on her years of research on Jabez and Elizabeth Watkins. As I work on Chapter Two about the buildings and how their layout emphasized Mrs. Watkins' philosophy, I am astounded by her vision. The layout of Watkins and Miller brilliantly reflects Mrs. Watkins' emphasis on cooperation, scholarship and health. And, in many ways, the layout also contributes to building close friendships that last a lifetime. I truly believe this book will be an important historic thread that keeps us forever connected to Elizabeth "Lizzie" Watkins and binds us Watkins/Miller women together no matter when we lived on Lilac Lane!

### A sneak peak

I am so excited that Mary Burchill and

## Miller Hall to Host 2013 K-8 Board Meeting

This year Miller Hall will host the annual Kitchen 8 Board meeting from 2–5 p.m., Friday, April 26. The meeting is open to all K-8 members and Miller/Watkins residents. The K-8 Board believes the change in the meeting venue will make it possible for more Watkins/Miller residents to attend the meeting. The K-8 Board welcomes your participation in the meeting and encourages you to share your ideas.

Kitchen 8 has been very busy this year, so the K-8 Board meeting should involve a lively discussion of K-8 events and projects and exploring goals, ideas and events for K-8's future.

The tentative agenda for the 2013 K-8 Board meeting, in no particular order, includes:

- K-8 "Sugar Bowl" Report and approval of 2013-14 K-8 budget;
- EMWMSF Advisory Committee financial report;
- EMWMS Selection Committee report on presentation of scholarships at the 2013 Annual Meeting;
- K-8 Campus Coordinator review of activities with Watkins/Miller including the New Women Dinner and recent Career Day;
- Report on website scrapbook photo resolution issues;
- K-8 Communications Committee report, including enhancing K-8 visibility on social networking sites, and managing the K-8 website and PayPal account;
- K-8 Mentoring report on networking possibilities and assistance on job searches for graduating seniors;
- Report on the investigation into possibility of applying for 501(c)3 non-profit status; and
- Update on the Watkins/Miller Scholarship Hall book project with the Historic Mount Oread Friends.

Parking on the KU campus likely will be limited on the afternoon of April 26 as access to and parking on the central campus is restricted from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. Visitor parking is available next to the Kansas Union in the Mississippi Street Garage. The garage is accessible both from Mississippi Street and Oread Avenue.

For further information, contact K-8 President Norma Hoagland at [norma-hoagland@kitchen8.org](mailto:norma-hoagland@kitchen8.org). Again, all K-8 members and Watkins/Miller residents are welcome to participate in the K-8 Board meeting!





Kenneth Armitage, HMOF past president, have agreed to join me in presenting a program on the book project at the 2013 K-8 Annual Meeting on April 27. Our program will include the slide show Mary and I presented to HMOF to convince them to back the book proposal. And stay tuned, our plan is to release the book in time for sale at the 2014 K-8 Annual Meeting and start a new tradition of presenting the book to all graduating Watkins/Miller seniors as a special keepsake.

### The ties that bind us through the decades

And speaking of annual meetings and historic threads that tie Watkins/Miller women together, I think there was a general consensus among everyone who attended that the 2012 K-8 Annual Meeting and program, *Our History and Our Future -- Watkins and Miller through the Decades*, was, as Gayle (Barry) Matchett (Watkins 1955-57) proclaimed, "THE best Annual Meeting ever!" The 2012 Annual Meeting Committee wrote, staged and performed in the outstanding original historic dramatic program. Together new Committee members Elizabeth (Ervin) Boman (Watkins 1971-75) and Pat (Jolly) Putnam (Watkins 1971-74), wrote, organized and directed the production, which explored the women and their lives at Watkins and Miller decade by decade since Elizabeth Miller Watkins first dreamed her dream (see 2012 K-8 Annual Meeting article).

Mrs. Watkins (played by our very own Bev (Runkle) Benso (Watkins 1954-58)) welcomed K-8 members and friends and Watkins/Miller residents to the historic tableau, starting first with her own story and life's dream before the program started the march through the decades. The other members of the Committee, in historical costumes, each represented Lilac Lane residents from a different decade. I lucked out getting the 1960s. All I had to do was to get out the bellbottoms, sandals, granny glasses, long beads and headband I still had in the back of my closet.

### Rocky Mountain highs

This year I also had the chance to test the reach of the historic thread of Watkins/Miller that wraps around us. My husband Joe and I took a trip to see family (brother Larry and wife Judi) in Colorado in 2012. Knowing I'd be near the Littleton home of Eileen (Griffiths) Bennett (Watkins 1940-

44), I emailed her to see if I could stop to wish her 90th birthday wishes, albeit belatedly. I'd never met Eileen, but we'd corresponded for years about her college scrapbook, which now is on the Kitchen 8 webpage (see "When I Lived on Lilac Lane" page at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org)). Eileen invited Judi and me to visit her for brunch. Eileen served a wonderful brunch. She set her table with her good silver and roses from her garden, which would have made Mrs. Watkins very proud. We had a great visit, comparing notes about Watkins and growing up on farms in northeast Kansas. We got a tip on a great read by her author daughter, Lynn Rodolico, *Two Seas*. When we left, Judi told me she was so amazed by the bind that Eileen and I had even though we had never met in person. I responded, "That's the Watkins connection through and through."

Later that night, we went to a Colorado Rockies baseball game. As I sat down, I heard a voice behind me calling out "Norma?!!!" I turned around and there was Watkins Alumna Sarah Greenup (2008-11), an excellent Watkins Alumnae Chair for two years who also worked extensively with Kitchen 8. I knew Sarah was attending graduate school in Denver, but I never dreamed of running into her at a Rockies' game. I'm afraid I distracted Sarah from her beloved Rockies as I plied her with questions about classes and practicums as she works toward becoming a genetic counselor. Larry and Judi just shook their heads and laughed at the serendipity of a second "Watkins connection" in a single day and then took a photo of our surprise Watkins reunion!

Before Joe and I headed to Colorado, I also had emailed longtime K-8 member Roselyn (Skonberg) George (Watkins 1945-48), a member of the EMWMS Selection Committee, to see about stopping by her Loveland home to say "hello" to her and husband, Doug, on our way back to Kansas. "Why not make it a total Kitchen 8 vacation?" my husband Joe said with a lot of humor and a smidge of sarcasm when I told him we would be stopping to see Roselyn and Doug. They welcomed us for a wonderful big breakfast early one morning. I think I may have had the last laugh about the visit because I'm not sure who enjoyed it more, me or Joe. Doug and Joe, both cattlemen, had so many cattle industry

friends in common that they talked even more incessantly than Roselyn and I! By the way, Happy Belated 90th Birthday to Doug!

### There were never such devoted sisters

This past year I also discovered that the historic Watkins/Miller thread stretches all the way to New York City. In November, Joe and I attended the annual gala of the Holland Society of New York, a genealogical society of male descendants of the New Amsterdam period prior to 1675. (The Society was going to honor General David Patreus, but had to cancel because he was suddenly looking for a new place to live after his surprise resignation). Anyway, while we were making small talk with others at the gala, someone directed us to two women who also were here from Kansas. Yes, you guessed it—they were both Millerites!! Attorney Joy Escher and Dr. Valerie Creswell were roommates at Miller from 1978-82 and have been best friends ever since. In earlier years they traveled extensively together and last October Joy was Val's maid-of-honor when she married Dr. Daniel Davis. Joy lives in New York and Val and Daniel, visiting from Wichita, are on the faculty of the KU School of Medicine (Wichita Campus). We exchanged information and Joy and I have been emailing ever since.

Later, when I thought about the serendipity of meeting Joy and Val at a genealogical society gala, it made me realize that Kitchen 8 is its own special type of genealogical society. We are sisters who are related to the sisters who came before us who, in turn, are related to the sisters who came before them. And we are all the direct descendants of Elizabeth Miller Watkins, our Lady Bountiful. Whenever and wherever we get together, even if it is for the first time, it's always a reunion. Yes, the historic thread of Watkins/Miller sisterhood is powerful.

Thank you Watkins/Miller sisters for the honor of serving as your president this past year and representing Kitchen 8 whenever or wherever I can. Please come to the 2013 Annual Meeting Weekend (or should I say reunion) and relish the common history we share as Watkins/Miller sisters.

With Lilac Lane love,  
Norma (Decker) Hoagland  
K-8 President  
Watkins 1969-71



# It's Going to Be a Bestseller

By Sarah (Wohlrahe) Shortall  
K-8 Newsletter Co-Coordinator  
Watkins 1972-76

Kitchen 8 has started work on its biggest project ever and we believe it's going to be a bestseller – we're writing a book about Elizabeth Miller Watkins and her Watkins and Miller Halls.

The book project is the brainchild of K-8 President Norma (Decker) Hoagland (Watkins 1969-71) and a joint-venture between Kitchen 8 and Historic Mount Oread Friends (HMOF), a group dedicated to preserving “the historic and beautiful campus of the University of Kansas that generations have known and loved.”

Gayle (Barry) Matchett (Watkins 1955-57), EMWMSF Advisory Committee Chair who lives in Lawrence, turned Norma onto HMOF. “Gayle said HMOF was ‘a group of very good people, attempting to do very good things’ and suggested we try attending their meetings,” Norma said. She followed Gayle’s suggestion and learned that HMOF’s two biggest projects are nominating the KU Campus Historic District to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and publishing a series of “Biography of a Building” books about historic KU landmarks. HMOF already has published books about Old Fraser, Dyche and Spooner Halls.

Norma left the HMOF meeting thinking “Why not make Watkins and Miller Halls the fourth book?” and determined to make that happen. “After all, Watkins and Miller are the ‘flagships’ of the scholarship hall system at KU,” Norma reasoned. “Schol Halls are still being built – it is a model that has worked.”

The K-8 Board approved moving forward



Touring Watkins' unique kitchens helped to convince the Historic Mount Oread Friends to approve Watkins and Miller Halls to be the group's next “Biography of a Building.”

with the book project at their April 20, 2012, meeting. “The Board had great enthusiasm for the idea,” Norma recalled. “They believe the book will contribute greatly to Kitchen 8’s long term goal of preserving Watkins and Miller by raising awareness about the halls.” Board members agreed the book would be a great gift to new residents or graduating seniors and several said Kitchen 8 members would want copies, Norma reported.

Once Norma had the Board’s backing, her first move was to contact Lawrence historian Mary Burchill, a Friend of Kitchen 8 who has been researching the life of Elizabeth Miller Watkins for several years, to ask her to help with the book. Mary’s quick response, “I’m in!”

## HMOF takes a field trip

To move forward with the book, Kitchen 8 had to get HMOF’s approval. Mary worked with Norma to develop a presentation for HMOF about the K-8 book proposal. “We talked about what to show HMOF in terms of buildings v. people, knowing we were speaking to a group who specialized in architectural themes,” Norma said. For the presentation, Norma and Mary put together a photo slide show complete with stories about and quotes from Jabez and Mrs. Watkins.

To ensure Kitchen 8’s success, Norma arranged for HMOF to hold their meeting at Watkins Hall on Oct. 6, 2012, to consider K-8’s proposal. Norma credited Nancy Hale Martinko, the wife of HMOF President Ed Martinko, for coming up with that strategy. According to Norma, Nancy likely suggested the meeting site because she had a “very positive response” to K-8’s display and K-8 members talking about the Watkins Hall story at the celebration of Mrs. Watkins’ 151<sup>st</sup> birthday at the Watkins Community Museum of History last year.

“It was great fun to greet HMOF members at Watkins,” Norma said. “They entered and quickly noted how pretty and welcoming Watkins was. Many commented they had always wondered what Watkins looked like inside.” After their presentation, Mary and Norma gave HMOF members a tour of Watkins. “The kitchens really stole the show and prompted lots of questions,” Norma said. She also complimented the Watkins residents who had the hall really clean and ready for a tour.



The Historic Mount Oread Friends approved funding for a book about Watkins and Miller after their field trip to Watkins last fall.

At the business meeting following the tour, HMOF not only approved Watkins/Miller Halls to be the fourth “Biography of a Building” book, but also pledged \$4,000 toward the publication costs, which are estimated to be between \$8,000 to \$12,000. Several K-8 members already have pledged \$4,000 to help publish the Watkins/Miller book; however, K-8 needs an additional \$4,000. “K-8’s goal is to print enough books so we are able to give them to graduating seniors as a special keepsake of their time on Lilac Lane and have enough copies for K-8 members to purchase,” Norma explained.

## Start the presses rolling

Production of the Watkins/Miller book already has begun. Mary Burchill has started working on a chapter about Elizabeth and Jabez Watkins and their philosophy of giving while Norma is working on a chapter about the physical buildings, including how the floor plans have changed over the years, the architect, and how the buildings reflected Mrs. Watkins’ psychological approach to assist residents by emphasizing health, scholarship and cooperation.

In addition, Norma has recruited HMOF Second Vice President Carol Shankel and Treasurer Barbara Watkins, editors of the first three “Biography of a Building” books, to serve as consultants and editors for the Watkins/Miller book. Fred Woodward at the award-winning University Press of Kansas has agreed to publish our book. “I am eternally grateful that Mary, Carol and Barbara are all volunteering their time and talents to help Kitchen 8 with this incredible project,” Norma said.

The final piece of the book we need to lock into place involves YOU. We need K-8 members to help write the chapters about Watkins/ Please see ‘BOOK’, page 26



## The Financial Page

# K-8 Members, Friends Put Their ‘Love’ Into Giving

Mother Theresa once said, “It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” I am reminded of this each time I open an envelope that contains a contribution to the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund (EMWMSF) or Kitchen 8 “Sugar Bowl.” I believe each envelope contains so much more than a check:

It contains a *memory* — a glimpse back into the life of someone with whom we have shared experiences even though decades may separate our time at Watkins or Miller;

It contains *hope* — that Kitchen 8 will continue to be there to help make it possible for young women to attend college long after us and to help preserve Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls; and

It contains a *heartfelt tribute* — to the special benefactress, Elizabeth “Lizzie” Miller Watkins, who started this all.

In short, each envelope is filled with love.

### Sprinting Uphill

In 2012, K-8 members and friends donated \$2,325 to the EMWMSF, making it possible again this year for Kitchen 8 to support “the girls who must travel uphill” with at least \$56,000 in scholarship awards at the 2013 Annual Meeting. The EMWMSF started 2012 with an asset

value of \$1.07 million and ended the year with \$1.16 million, even after awarding \$54,000 in scholarships. In 2012, the EMWMSF had a total gain of nearly \$141,000. The fund earned nearly \$29,000 in interest and dividends, and an additional \$112,000 in unrealized and realized gains.

The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (GKCCF), a nationally recognized institution dedicated to helping philanthropic investments return the greatest benefit while protecting the asset base, continues to do a superb job supervising the EMWMSF. The purpose of the EMWMSF and sole use of its funds is to award scholarships to exceptional young women with demonstrated financial need attend the University of Kansas. The members of the EMWMSF Advisory Committee (listed below) do not take any fees or expenses for their work. Contributions to the EMWMSF are fully tax-deductible.

In addition to the generous contributions to the EMWMSF in 2012, Gene Child, the husband of beloved K-8 member Arlone (Brown) Child (Watkins 1954-57), has set up a Charitable Remainder Trust in Arlone’s memory, naming the EMWMSF as a beneficiary. (See related story in this issue).

You can contribute to the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund by sending your check, payable to EMWMSF, to:

**Greater Kansas City Community Foundation**  
1055 Broadway, Suite 130  
Kansas City, MO 64105-1595

The members of the 2012-13 EMWMSF Advisory Committee are:

**Gayle (Barry) Matchett**  
EMWMS Advisory Board Chair  
Watkins 1955-57

**Norma (Decker) Hoagland**  
K-8 President  
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**Paula (Hopkins) Wrigley**  
K-8 Secretary  
Miller 2003-08

**Mary Emerson**  
K-8 Treasurer  
Watkins 2004-09

**Alica Thomas**  
2012-13 EMWMS Selection Committee Co-Chair  
Miller 1990-94

**Susan (Harshaw) Kissinger**  
2012-13 EMWMS Selection Committee Co-Chair  
Watkins 1970-74

# A Loving Spoonful Fills K-8 Sugar Bowl

In 2012, K8 Members and friends donated \$3,200 to the K-8 “Sugar Bowl,” an increase of more than \$500 from 2011. The donations funded a variety of Kitchen 8 projects, including the K-8 Newsletter, Website and Annual Meeting.

Again in 2012, many attending the 2012 Annual Meeting and Celebratory Luncheon donated funds so Watkins/Miller residents and EMWMS recipients could be guests of Kitchen 8 for lunch and cultivate valuable intergenerational relationships.

Thanks to generous in-kind donations from K8 members, the 2012 New Women Din-

ner, organized by K-8 Campus Coordinators Bev (Runkle) Benso (Watkins 1954-58) and Judy (Johnson) Niebaum (Miller 1958-61), was also a great success without taking even a teaspoon from the Sugar Bowl. In addition treating new Watkins/Miller residents to a delicious dinner, K-8 members provided each new resident with the newly-revised “New-Women Book.” Again, K-8 members made the books possible through their in-kind donations.

In 2012, K-8 members also donated funds to launch a new project -- The Holiday Wish Lists. Kitchen 8 invited Watkins and Miller to provide a list of much needed items for the

2012 K-8 Sugar Bowl Report		
Cash on hand	as of 01/01/12	\$2,333.72
<b>Expenses in 2012:</b>		<b>\$2,686.59</b>
\$562.51	2012 K-8 Newsletter	
\$112.87	2012 Newsletter Postage	
\$1,665.21	2012 Scholarship Luncheon	
\$300.00	K-8 Website Maintenance	
\$40.00	Capitol Federal Account Maintenance	
\$6.00	U.S. Bank Check Printing Fee	
\$0.00	2012 Watkins/Miller New-Women Dinner	
\$0.00	2012 Website Domain, Registration, and Hosting (paid in advance in 2011)	
<b>Deposits in 2012:</b>		<b>\$3,200.00</b>
\$2,100.00	K-8 General Donations	
\$200.00	Website Donations	
\$800.00	Newsletter Donations	
\$100.00	Holiday Wish List Donations	
<b>Account Balance</b> as of 1/1/13		<b>\$2,847.13</b>

halls. The donations made it possible for Kitchen 8 to purchase new vacuum cleaners, storage tubs, and various kitchen items, which Bev Benso and Judy Niebaum presented to

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# Live, Love, Learn, Leave a Legacy

By Mary Emerson  
K-8 Treasurer  
Watkins 2004-09

**“I am Arlone Brown Child, mother, teacher, cook, friend, collections manager, oral history chairman, scholarship donor, tutor and campaigner. It’s not important to me just to be happy. It’s more important to me to make the world a better place.”**

Kitchen 8 member Arlone (Brown) Child (Watkins 1954-57) may have passed away December 4, 2008, but her spirit and legacy still lives on. To make the world a better place, Arlone specified that after her death a gift of \$10,000 be given to the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund (EMWMSF). Arlone’s beloved husband Gene Child set up the Arlone Child Charitable Remainder Trust for that purpose, “Over the years [Arlone] came to believe that it was a wonderful program and needed to be expanded if possible.”

The testamentary gift to EMWMSF is quintessential Arlone. Gene explained, “Arlone believed that if she had not received her Watkins Hall Scholarship in 1954 she would not have been able to attend KU at all.” Inspired by Mrs. Watkins and her experiences at Watkins, Arlone embraced as her life’s motto: “Live, love, learn, leave a legacy.”

## Live

Arlone was born in Council Grove, KS, in 1934. Five years earlier, her family had been devastated by the stock market crash in 1929. Her father, a cattleman, lost everything except the bank loan and spent the rest of his life paying back “every cent.” To help her family, Arlone worked many jobs growing up, including car-hopping at a local drive-in,



**Arlone and Gene Child renew their vows at their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2008.**

cleaning houses and being a camp counselor. A year after Arlone graduated from Salina (KS) High School her father died after a long illness. Although Arlone’s dream was to go away to college, after her father died she “felt I needed to stay home and help my mother.” So, Arlone attended Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina and worked part-time for a laboratory equipment salesman.

Her salesman boss ended up playing a pivotal role in helping Arlone get into KU and Watkins. He contacted his daughter’s friend, who happened to be KU Dean of Women Emily Taylor, to see whether she could help Arlone. Dean Taylor sent the application for Watkins Scholarship Hall and within a few weeks Arlone received her acceptance letter. Gene said living at Watkins “was a life changing event in [Arlone’s] her life.” Arlone said her Watkins experience “changed

my attitude toward everything.”

## Love

Arlone’s life at Watkins was not all academics. She loved that Watkins felt “like a sorority.” Writing about her time at Watkins, Arlone said, “We had house meetings, big sisters, little sisters, parties, dances and a housemother, Mother Willard, who taught us proper manners. Being a farm girl, I had never eaten chicken with a fork.”

Arlone’s roommate at Watkins, Carol (Plumb) Singer (Watkins 1955-59), recalled, “She had a sweet contagious laugh that I still remember to this day.”

Gene also must have found Arlone’s laughter to be sweetly contagious. They met at a street in the middle of Arlone’s senior year. Gene called her up and they were together from that point on. Arlone and Gene married in 1958, the year after she graduated from KU, and celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary the year Arlone was diagnosed and died of colon cancer.

## Learn

Arlone graduated with a degree in education and imbued with the spirit of Mrs. Watkins. She loved teaching and lived her life teaching students all over the world – American families stationed in Germany; elementary students in Nairobi, Kenya; special education students in Golden, CO; and women prisoners at the Jefferson County jail. Just three weeks before her death, Arlone was still down at the jail helping her students pass the GED.

Like Mrs. Watkins, Arlone devoted much of her life making it possible for those who “must

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### From the 1990’s

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## Kitchen 8 Supports Watkins/Miller Women Coming and Going

By Michelle Loewenstein

K-8 Website Coordinator

Watkins 2005-09

and

Norma (Decker) Hoagland

K-8 President

Watkins 1969-71

Whether Watkins and Miller residents were taking their first trip down Lilac Lane last fall or will be heading out for the last time in May, Kitchen 8 was there to provide them with support. It was a banner year of events for Kitchen 8 as we welcomed new women, helped upperclasswomen prepare for careers beyond Lilac Lane and brought presents to Mrs. Watkins' birthday party for Watkins and Miller.

### Yum, a homemade meal – and I didn't have to cook it!

Kitchen 8 has a long tradition of holding a New Woman Dinner to welcome new residents to Watkins and Miller Halls and "show them the ropes." Not only does it provide Kitchen 8 with a chance to meet the New Women, but it also gives K8 members a chance to feel like we are living on Lilac Lane again, even if only for a few hours.

In keeping with that tradition, on September 11 at Miller Hall, Kitchen 8 treated the brand new group of New Women to a homemade dinner and even did the cleanup afterwards. If the Barefoot Contessa had been a new Watkins/Miller woman that evening, she would have said, "How easy was that."

After the dinner, K-8 President Norma (Decker) Hoagland (Watkins 1969-71) presented each new woman with the "Thank You, Elizabeth Miller Watkins" booklets that tell the history of Watkins and Miller Halls, Kitchen 8, and gift of Mrs. Watkins that made all of it possible. The fun continued as everyone gathered in the front yard of Watkins to sing "Sweetheart of Lilac Lane" and recite Mrs. Watkins' beautiful creed.

As a special treat, Watkins invited Kitchen 8 members to watch their Big Sis/Little Sis pageant. Big Sis/Little Sis has been a long-standing tradition at Watkins, where each returning resident is assigned a "Little Sister" to welcome and help settle into life at Watkins. In recent years, Watkins revived the tradition of hosting a pageant where Big Sis/Little Sis pairs compete against each



**K-8 Campus Coordinator Judy Niebaum welcomes new Watkins/Miller residents to KU and dinner.**

other in fun events, such as making a dress with only a few designated materials *ala* Project Runway, creating a dance, or showcasing a special talent. Watkins invited Norma and K-8 Campus Coordinator Bev (Runkle) Benso (Watkins 1954-58) to serve as guest judges for the competition, which included Big Sisters and Lil' Sisters cooking ethnic dishes, speaking foreign languages, performing dances and doing "a mean rap." To find the winning pair, Norma and Bev also quizzed the contestants on how well they knew each other after two weeks living in the same hall. The K8 women were delighted to be included in this entertaining event and have the chance to relive the fun they had living in Watkins.

The turnout for the 2012 New Women Dinner was excellent. Not only did a lot of New Women attend, but Norma also observed, "More of the K-8'ers helping with the dinner were alumnae from the New Millennium rather than the 1950s, which I had not seen before. That was very cool."

### Helping the girls who must climb up the 'corporate' hill

Earlier this year, Kitchen 8 launched a new event to help Watkins/Miller women prepare for life after Lilac Lane – a Watkins/Miller Career Day. Kitchen 8 organized the event at the request of Watkins/Miller residents. "At our 2012 K-8 Annual Meeting we asked Wat-

kins and Miller residents what we could do for 'returning' residents because they are very special to us," K-8 President Norma (Decker) Hoagland (Watkins 1969-71) said. "We got a very good response – women in both halls said they wanted an event to talk to the alumnae about different careers and what they have done in their professional lives."

This fall, the Watkins and Miller Presidents (Ramona Yoder and Kristina Nielander, respectively) and Watkins and Miller Alumnae Chairs (Huong Thanh Vu and Emilyjane Pyle, respectively) renewed the request. Norma spearheaded the event by contacting K8 members from the surrounding area to participate in the Career Day event. "The response was outstanding," she said. "Nearly every person asked said she would love to participate!" So Kitchen 8 organized a Career Day in conjunction with the party they were planning to mark Mrs. Watkins' 152<sup>nd</sup> birthday. We held both events on January 27 since Mrs. Watkins' actual birthday, January 21, was the day before spring semester started.

The K-8 volunteers set up sessions throughout Watkins and residents rotated around to the various sessions covering everything from resumes to business dinner etiquette! In the living room, K-8 Website Coordinator Michelle Loewenstein (Watkins 2005-09) presented a workshop on resume writing and business correspondence. Those attending that session also received a Career Tips handout that Ali (Bannwarth) Zayas (Watkins 2002-06), K-8 Newsletter Co-Coordinator, prepared. "Ali works in Washington, DC, for the Federal Communications Commission and couldn't attend Career Day, but she didn't want to be left out," Norma said. "This was a very popular workshop, as every young woman in attendance felt this was critical information."

### Filling the kitchen cabinets

Every kitchen was filled with residents wanting to learn about careers in specific areas. The K-8 members presented information and insight into the following areas:

#### Careers in Education -- Laura (Draxler)

Sixta (Watkins 2005-09), K-8 Historian, teaches in Lawrence, KS;

#### Careers in Social Work -- Mary Emerson

(Watkins 2004-09), K-8 Treasurer.

Mary is a bi-lingual social worker in





Kansas City, MO. Mary also fielded questions about careers involving Foreign Languages.

**Careers in Physical Therapy** -- Elena Wahbeh (Watkins 1970-72);

**Careers in Pharmacy** -- Megan Ziegler (Watkins 2007-2011). Megan will graduate from the KU School of Pharmacy in May and then begin a residency program;

**Careers in Medicine** -- Dr. Annette Smith (Miller 2007), EMWMS Selection Committee, is a pulmonologist in St. Joseph, MO; and

**Careers in Law** -- Ann (Fahrback) Branden (Watkins 1956-59), an attorney who lives in Topeka, KS.

“Our career experts said their small groups in each kitchen involved intense conversation and questions,” Norma remarked. “That’s exactly what we hoped for!” Megan Ziegler’s session was particularly timely. “One of the residents I spoke to was applying for pharmacy school,” Megan said. That resident asked a lot of questions. “We discussed what women should expect when entering school (also continuing through the years) in regards to the difficulty of class work, the most interesting pharmacy courses, and how to prioritize time,” Megan said. “I spoke with them about the importance of being involved with organizations and the great experiences I have gotten by volunteering in the community.”

**Elbows off the table**

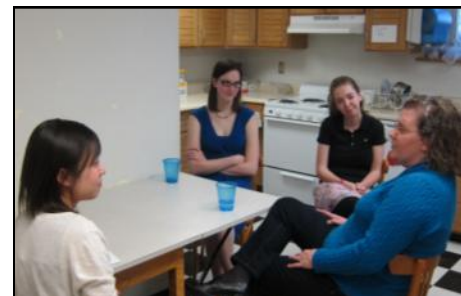
For her session, Business Dinner Etiquette, Watkins Campus Coordinator Bev (Runkle) Benso (Watkins 1954-58) turned the Watkins Council Room (now TV room) into a 4-star restaurant. Bev set up a beautiful place setting that was “decked to the nines” so she could teach the women about the proper placement and use of glasses, plates and silver. Bev was the perfect person to teach this session, sharing her scrapbook of formal dinners she has attended. “The women thoroughly enjoyed Bev’s scrapbook,” Norma said. “She was an internationally-renown singer and attended formal dinners all over the world.”

Bev also provided instructions on appropriate table manners and distributed a handout on tips for business meal conversation topics and appropriate business dress. K-8 Mentoring Co-Coordinator Emily Bannwarth (Miller/Reiger 2005-09), who is working on a master’s program in hospitality and



**AT LEFT:** K-8 Campus Coordinator Bev Benso presents new vacuum cleaners and kitchen gifts to Watkins and Miller Hall in honor of Elizabeth Miller Watkins’ 152<sup>nd</sup> birthday on January 27.

**BELOW:** Bev Benso gives tips to Watkins/Miller residents about Business Dinner Etiquette, including dining with a Prince, at Kitchen 8’s first Career Day at the start of the spring semester.



**ABOVE:** Miller Alumna Dr. Annette Smith, a pulmonologist from St. Joseph, MO, talks with residents about medical careers.

**LEFT:** Watkins Alumna Elena Wahbeh tells Watkins/Miller residents about careers in physical therapy.

events management at the University of Houston, prepared the handout. Emily said she “picked up some great career advice along the way” when she worked at the KU Career Center and after graduation in the hospitality and event industry. “Once again, we got many comments from the women about how pertinent this material was,” Norma added.

The comments and e-mails Kitchen 8 received after the event were overwhelmingly positive, according to Norma. “Everyone who attended the Career Day expressed thanks that alumnae cared enough to spend an afternoon with

them, especially since the job market is tough and information and encouragement is vital,” Norma said. “Based on the response Kitchen 8 received, we think we’ll try to hold this event at least every other year. A huge THANK YOU to all our presenters,” Norma added. “Thank you for giving your time and talents to our special women of Lilac Lane.

**Birthdays are best with cake and a side of presents**

When K-8 Watkins Campus Coordinator Bev (Runkle) Benso (Watkins 1954-58) was  
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## Current Hall Happenings Miller Women Earn 'Smariest' Pants Title

### Greetings Women of Kitchen 8!

Thank you for all the support you have given the Miller women this year. We are gratefully looking forward to seeing all of you all at the Miller Alumnae Tea from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, April 28. We want to thank you personally and tell you all about the amazing and exciting year we are having here at Miller Hall.

### Putting on our thinking caps

The most amazing news is that we returned from semester break to the news that all of our studying and hard work had paid off! Miller Hall had earned the highest GPA in the scholarship hall system. Not only that, but Miller had achieved the highest GPA of any and all on-campus living areas! Miller had a Fall GPA of 3.50 and a cumulative GPA of 3.47, while the highest Fall GPA for any "regular" residence hall was 3.29 with a 3.31 cumulative GPA. I wanted to share that news with you because I am so proud of what the Miller women have accomplished. I know Elizabeth Miller Watkins would be very proud of her Miller women.

### Death couch survives

Our 3.5 GPA was not the only news awaiting us when we returned from holiday break. While we were gone over the break someone got into Miller and . . . redecorated the living room and adjourning sunporch/study room! The Housing Department refinished the wood floors, installed three new chandeliers, recarpeted the study

room, and reupholstered two chairs and our "Blue Couch of Death!" The Death Couch is a running joke at Miller about our most comfortable piece of furniture. The only problem with our Death Couch is that once you're in it, it's almost impossible to get out of it. Now that the Death Couch is no longer blue - we've christened it "The Beige Couch of Death"!

The first chance to entertain in our beautiful new living room was the celebration of Mrs. Watkins' 152<sup>nd</sup> Birthday with Kitchen 8 on January 27. It was a great party and Kitchen 8 even brought us presents! Our favorite -- a new vacuum cleaner. Now we can keep the new rug and carpet really clean. Our old vacuums didn't "suck" anymore and I don't mean that in a good way! Thank you again Kitchen 8 for everything you do for us.

The birthday party and presents followed the Career Day events that Kitchen 8 organized that afternoon at Watkins Hall. The many Millerites who attended learned a lot. My favorite part was the Business Dinner Etiquette session K-8 Campus Coordinator Bev Benso presented. I have never attended a formal dinner so the prospect was rather intimidating. Bev taught us everything from how to use a soup spoon to having dinner with a real Prince.

### Building an "A" team

On a personal note, it has been both amazing and exciting serving as president of Miller this year. At the start of the fall semester, I got a chance to organize activities to promote a welcoming harmony among the women at Miller. The Miller executive board participated in a challenge course on working as a team. Everyone put their all into course, and it was a very successful great day of teambuilding.

To kick off the school year, I also got to work with the presidents of Pearson, Stephenson, and Sellards Halls to organize a four-hall cookout to give new residents a chance to get acquainted with each other. Although the day was extremely hot, everybody enjoyed the food and the company.



As Miller President, Kristina Nielander is the first to use the new vacuum Kitchen 8 gave to Miller as part of the Elizabeth Miller Watkins birthday celebration.

Kristina Nielander  
2012-13 Miller President

## 'Llama bucks' and 'Spirit Call' Start Here

### Hello there lovely Alumnae!

I'm excited to tell you about all the wonderful things that have happened at Watkins this year. After all, what are memories if you don't share them? I don't have enough room here to tell you everything, but here are some of the high-lights and I look forward to sharing "the rest of the story" at our Alumnae Tea at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 28. We would love to see you there.



Ramona Yoder  
Watkins President

We started the year welcoming 11 new women, our baby "llamas," to Watkins Hall! The Executive Board awaited their arrival decked out in our tie-dye shirts that read "**Powerful Women Are Measured in Wattkins.**" We greeted all the new women and helped them get their things moved so we could give them the grand tour of our "Home Sweet Home." (By the way, if you too want your wardrobe to include a tie-dyed Powerful Watkins Women, let us know. There's nothing better than to see Wild Watkins represented all over the country by Wild Watkins Women!)

### The spirit moves us

Hawk Week and Schol Hall Olympic events also provided a great start to the year. For those events we had to come up with a Watkins "spirit call." Fortunately, our very musically-talented Trina Sieg came up with a lovely rendition of Justin Bieber's song "Boyfriend" for part of our spirit call. If you're lucky, you may get a chance to hear it at our Alumnae Tea.

That great spirit call hasn't been the only new project that blossomed at Watkins this year. Our new project? **Composting!** Watkins Woman Andrea Brown thought up this project and got underway last school year and this year her idea reached new heights. Composting has become part of the duties of our Environmental Chair Emily Cook. She has done a great job and put so much effort into it that the All Scholarship Hall Council (ASHC) took notice. They too started a composting program for all of the scholarship halls! Emily

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# EMWMS Award—The Gift that Keeps on Giving and Giving

By Michelle Loewenstein

K-8 Website Coordinator  
Watkins 2005-09

and

Susan (Harshaw) Kissinger

2012-13 EMWMS Selection Committee Co-Chair  
Watkins 1970-74

Kitchen 8 set several new records again in 2012 when we awarded Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarships (EMWMS) the greatest awards, in both number and amount, at the K-8 Annual Meeting. Fifteen women received a total of \$54,000 in scholarships for the 2012-13 academic year. In addition, for the first time in K-8 history, the EMWMS Selection Committee decided to make EMWMS awards automatically renewable for the remainder of the recipient's undergraduate study at KU.

## Investing in women

Of the 15 2012-13 EMWMS recipients, 12 received first time awards of \$4,000 each. For the other EMWMS three recipients, who each received \$4,000 EMWMS awards for the 2011-12 academic year, K-8 awarded \$2,000 a year for their remaining undergraduate years.

“K-8 members established the EMWMSF as an expression of our appreciation for receiving an outstanding education through Elizabeth Miller Watkins' generosity and our desire to extend the opportunity we were given to today's young women,” said Alica Thomas (Miller 1990-94), EMWMS Selection Committee member. “Making the awards automatically renewable makes sure these exceptional women have the funds to see their dream of a college degree through to fruition.” Alica added that the continuing awards could amount to an investment of as much as \$10,000.

## Spreading the word

One reason that the Selection Committee provided awards to so many exceptional women is that the number of applications for the 2012-13 EMWMS tripled over the previous year. That was due to the Committee's campaign to publicize the EMWMS



2012-13 Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship recipients – FRONT ROW: Hailey Baker, Natasha Sudac, Anna Hu, Rebecca Crook, Ann Wallsmith, and Eman Siddiqui. BACK ROW: Payton Friess, Christina Turner, Simona Dragieva, Dakota Driscoll, and Carolisa Watson. Photo courtesy of J. Lancaster Photography.

awards, which included hanging posters on the KU campus, posting information on campus and high school websites, and asking the KU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office to post information on their website. To handle the growing number of applications, Alica Thomas worked with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation (GKCCF) to implement the Foundation's online ScholarSelect application program, which fully automates and streamlines the process for applicants as well as the Selection Committee.

The EMWMSF, established in 1998 with only a few hundred dollars, has grown exponentially, allowing Kitchen 8 to share its bountiful harvest with more and more deserving women each year. The EMWMS scholarships are awarded based on outstanding scholastic achievement and demonstrated financial need. According to Alica, the award recipients were part of a highly competitive group of applicants.

In addition to Alica, the members of the EMWMS Selection Committee for the 2012-13 EMWMS awards were Gayle (Barry) Matchett (Watkins 1955-57), Committee

chair; Jill (Callies) Comcowich (Miller 1990-93); Roselyn (Skonberg) George (Watkins 1945-49); Susan (Harshaw) Kissinger (Watkins 1971-75); Marilyn (Alpert) Meier (Watkins 1956-60); and Annette Smith (Miller 1987-91).

## May we have the envelope, please?

Recipients of the 2012-2013 EMWMS awards were:

### Hailey Baker

Hailey, now a Watkins sophomore from Lee's Summit, MO, is a microbiology major. She works two jobs (at the molecular biology research lab and as a biology tutor) and volunteers at the Willow Domestic Violence Shelter. Hailey plans to attend medical school to receive her M.D./Ph.D.

### Rebecca Crook

Rebecca, also a sophomore, is from Overland Park, KS. She is pursuing a double major in Environmental Studies and Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Rebecca hopes to continue her education and research in ecology, specifically in native species restoration.



**Simona Dragieva**

Simona, a Watkins resident who also hails from Overland Park, KS, is in her fourth year at KU and her second year as a pharmacy student. Her goal as a pharmacist is to educate economically challenged communities about healthy habits and disease prevention while still providing effective treatment for those in need.

**Dakota Driscoll**

Dakota, a sophomore from Lawrence, KS, is pursuing degrees in both Quantitative Psychology and Italian Studies and a minor in Social and Behavioral Sciences Methodology. She plans to study in Florence, Italy, the summer of her junior year. Eventually, Dakota hopes to become a statistician.

**Payton Friess**

Payton, a sophomore from Topeka, KS, is pursuing a degree in Public Administration with a minor in Global and International Studies. After graduation Payton wants a career with an international non-profit organization.

**Jenna Gannon**

Jenna, a Chemistry major from El Dorado, KS, transferred to KU this past fall after completing an Associates of Science Degree in Chemistry from Butler Community College. She hopes to attend optometry school after graduation.

**Yuqi Gao**

Junior Yuqi is an international student from China majoring in Finance with an Economics minor. As the Miller Scholarship

Hall Community Service Chair last year, Yuqi encouraged Miller residents to get involved with all types of community service events.

**Lydia Afua Gyamfi**

Lydia, who comes to KU via Ghana and North Carolina, is a senior majoring in biology in preparation for medical school. Lydia's plan is to become a medical missionary, serving people in this country, and in Ghana, where her goal is to provide free medical care and health education to those who do not have healthcare access.

**Anna Hu**

Anna is a freshman from Wichita, KS. She plans to pursue a degree in Pharmacology and is considering a career as a pharmacist or in pharmaceutical research.

**Natalie Scott**

Natalie, from Topeka, KS, is a Pre-Nursing major with a minor in Psychology. She plans to attend nursing school and continue with graduate studies, hoping eventually to work as a psychiatric nurse practitioner in a non-profit setting.

**Eman Siddiqui**

Eman, originally from Pakistan and now Wichita, KS, is in her fourth year of a 5-year Master of Architecture program. This past summer she interned at an architecture firm in Abu Dhabi. Eman has been busy at KU, serving as an Orientation Assistant, a member of the 100<sup>th</sup> KU Homecoming Steering Committee, and a discussion group leader for PRE 101. She also is

in the Multicultural Architectural Scholars Program and Tau Sigma Delta, the honor society for architecture.

**Natasha Sudac**

Natasha, a freshman from Tonganoxie, KS, plans to major in biology in hopes of pursuing a career in the medical field. In addition, Natasha is interested in taking Slavic language courses and studying abroad.

**Christina Turner**

Christina, a junior from Olathe, KS, and North Kansas City, MO, is pursuing a double major in Psychology and Literature, Language and Writing. She also is working on a double minor in Classics and Social and Behavioral Science Methodology. Christina will graduate with both a Research Experience Program and technical writing certifications.

**Ann Wallsmith**

Ann, a sophomore from Baldwin, KS, is majoring in chemical engineering with a biomedical emphasis. She plans to work in pharmaceutical chemistry and work on drug design and delivery for HIV/AIDS patients. Ann hopes to be a part of creating new medicines that are effective and cost efficient for those who cannot afford the treatment that they need to overcome the infection.

**Carolisa Watson**

Carolisa, a junior from Supulpa, OK, and Lawrence, KS, is working on a double major in Global and International Studies and East Asian Languages and Cultures with a Japanese language concentration. She also is pursuing a minor in Anthropology.

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thinking about how to celebrate Mrs. Watkins' 152<sup>nd</sup> birthday, she came up with a brilliant idea. "Let's make Mrs. Watkins' birthday a day to bring gifts to 'her girls,'" she thought. "We were all 'her girls' when we lived in Miller or Watkins, you know!"

Bev contacted Judy Niebaum (Miller 1958-61), the K-8 Miller Campus Coordinator, and they were off on a new Kitchen 8 project. They asked Watkins President Ramona Yoder and Miller President Kristina Nielander, to post a "Holiday Wish List" before Christmas requesting residents to write down items everyone in the halls could use. Just in case anyone thought the residents

would come up with frivolous items, topping the Wish List in both halls was a new vacuum cleaner. Other items residents added to the Wish List included pot holders, kitchen towels, cooking dishes and bowls, storage tubs and dry eraser board markers.

It was a very practical Wish List that Bev and Judy took with them to go shopping! They carefully selected every item from the Wish List, much like Elizabeth Miller Watkins personally had done to furnish Watkins and Miller with china, silver, and furniture.

It was a beautiful and mild day on January 27 when Kitchen 8 members arrived with cupcakes, cookies and presents to celebrate

Mrs. Watkins' birthday with the Watkins and Miller women. A huge red bow was atop each vacuum cleaner and giant storage tubs held the other gifts, including oven mitts and pot holders. The Watkins/Miller residents couldn't have been more thrilled, surprised and grateful, especially since the current vacuums had a propensity to combust spontaneously, showering anyone in the area with dust or setting off the fire alarm. Bev concluded the party by leading everyone in singing Happy Birthday to Lizzie.

Fast forward to later that night -- Miller President Kristina Nielander was the first to test out the new vacuum cleaner on her room. "I love it!" she proclaimed.



# 2012 K-8 Meeting Proves Groundbreaking

By Michelle Loewenstein  
K-8 Website Coordinator  
Watkins 2005-09

The 2012 Kitchen 8 Annual Meeting and Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Awards Presentation broke new ground in many ways on April 21, 2012. Once again, a record number of K-8 members and Watkins/Miller women attended the 2012 Annual Meeting at Lawrence Country Club. Attendance was not the only record broken that day – Kitchen 8 also awarded a record number and amount of EMWMS awards. And, at the meeting Kitchen 8 also broke new ground as an organization.

K-8 President Norma (Decker) Hoagland (Watkins 1969-71) started the Annual Meeting by welcoming everyone. First on the agenda were the Watkins and Miller “State of the Halls” reports. Watkins Rates Chair Kaitlin Kuszmaul reported that an anticipated 5 percent increase in rent for the 2012-13 academic year would bring rents at Watkins and Miller to \$2,260. Kaitlin said she attended a meeting of the KU Housing Trust Committee (HTC), the successor to the Rent Setting Committee Mrs. Watkins established in will. Unfortunately, Kaitlin said that the HTC, in its present state, simply approved the rates the Department of Student Housing already had set.

Miller President Melanie Remp regaled K-8 members by recollecting the hall’s events during the past year, including the successful Murder Mystery Dinner they hosted. Miller resident Staci Ashcraft followed with

“show and tell” featuring a new Miller Hall Cookbook titled *“75 Years of Miller, 75 Years of Recipes.”* Staci, who edited the new cookbook, reported that the cookbook contains many recipes from past Miller Hall Cookbooks as well as *“The Institute Cookbook,”* the 1913 cookbook by Helen Camp that Mrs. Watkins gave to a Miller house-mother. The new cookbook features several recipes from Judy (Johnson) Niebaum’s (Miller 1958-61), K-8 Miller Campus Coordinator, 1950s-era cookbook. By the end of the meeting, Staci had sold all of the Miller cookbooks at the meeting, but said K-8 members could order the cookbook from [www.jayhawkin.com](http://www.jayhawkin.com).

The business portion of the meeting continued with K-8 Board reports. Highlights included:

**K-8 Website Report** -- Michelle Loewenstein (Watkins 2005-09), K-8 Website coordinator, updated K-8 members on the launch of the K-8 Website and K-8’s move into social networking with Facebook and Twitter account. Michelle set up several computers at the meeting so members could browse K-8’s Website during breaks.

**K-8 Mentoring Project** – Emily Bannwarth (Miller/Reiger 2004-08), K-8 Mentoring Coordinator, reported that she was completing work on the K-8 Facebook page so Watkins/Miller residents and alumnae could use it to reach out to other Watkins/Miller alumnae for potential mentors.

## Breaking K-8 ground



2012-13 Kitchen 8 Board – Front row: Paula Wrigley, Mary Emerson, Elizabeth Boman, and Norma Hoagland. Back row: Gayle Matchett, Sarah Shortall, Pat Putnam, Emily Bannwarth, Michelle Loewenstein, Bev Benso, Ali Zayas, Judy Niebaum, Alica Thomas, Susan Kissinger and Cathie Fuller.

To close the business meeting, Kitchen 8 undertook two groundbreaking measures. First, even though Kitchen 8 was established over 15 years ago, April 21, 2013 was the first time ever that we **elect**ed Board members. By acclamation, Kitchen 8 members approved the 15 nominations for K-8 Board. Second, K-8 members also unanimously approved the K-8 By-laws, which had been a year in the planning. Ali (Bannwarth) Zayas (Watkins 2002-06), By-laws Committee Chair, presented the proposed by-laws and before the vote Committee members answered member questions about specific provisions in the By-laws. In addition to Ali, Committee members were Emily Bannwarth, Samantha (Birchfield) Bunnyfield (Watkins 2003-07), Mary Emerson (Watkins 2004-09), Lynne Lammers (Watkins 2006-10), and Sarah (Wohlrabe) Shortall (Watkins 1972-76). The approved K-8 By-laws are available on the K-8 Website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org).

## Breaking communal bread

A short break before lunch allowed K-8 members and Watkins/Miller residents to check out everything “old and new” that Kitchen 8 had on display. Of note, Samantha showed the “In Memory Of” books she has lovingly prepared with pages and stories about beloved Watkins/Miller alumnae who have had EMWMS awards presented in their honor and memory. Those attending also got a chance to scroll through the new K-8 Website and Facebook page before heading into lunch.

As our new EMWMS recipients, their families and other guests arrived for lunch, the room filled with greetings, laughter and conversation. One of our special lunch guests was Steven Nowak, Director of the Watkins Community Museum of History. Kitchen 8 enjoys a special friendship with the Museum and Steven warmly described our organizations as “cousins.” This large “family” lunch, served buffet style, gave everyone a chance to meet new branches of the EMW family and reconnect with other members of this special family.

## And the Tony award goes to . . .

As Gayle (Barry) Matchett (Watkins 1955-57) promised, the entertaining Annual Meeting program did not disappoint. The Annual Meeting Committee, which Elizabeth (Ervin) Boman

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# Sweethearts of Lilac Lane

**AT RIGHT:** Miller residents Staci Ashcraft, Jessica Miller, Annabel Christner, and Calleigh Freese explore the new K-8 Website and Facebook during a break at the 2012 Annual Meeting.



**BELOW:** The Watkins and Miller "Through the Ages" Players still in costume for the performance – Front row: Elizabeth Boman (1990s), Norma Hoagland (1960s), and Pat P. Elena Wahbeh (1970s), Judy Niebaum (1950s), Mary Emerson (1940s), Bev Benson (1930s), and Samantha Bunnyfield (The New Millenium). Not pictured: Alica Thornton.



**ABOVE:** Miller Alumnae and former roommates Carrie Buckley, Erinn Barcomb-Peterson and Alicia Reed tell little Petra how much fun it will be when she lives in Miller in about 18 years.



**ABOVE RIGHT:** Carrying on Mrs. Watkins wishes, Watkins resident Katie Ellsworth and Watkins Alumna Gayle Matchett prove they are using real china at the 2012 Alumnae Tea.

**AT RIGHT:** K-8 Treasurer Mary Emerson presents the Sugar Bowl report to K-8 Board members Susan Kissinger, Roselyn George and Judy Niebaum.



**AT RIGHT:** K-8 Vice President and Annual Meeting Co-Chair Elizabeth Boman shows Aunt Helen Gilles (Miller 1932-42) her 1990s costume for "Watkins and Miller Through the Decades" historic drama at the 2012 Annual Meeting.





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**AT LEFT:** Sisters Emily Bannwarth, Miller alumna, and Alexis Zayas, Watkins alumna, find the 2012 Annual Meeting makes good family reunion while 1970s Watkins Alumnae Cathie Miller and Susan Kissinger catch up on 30 years of family news and try to remember Lilac Lane life three decades ago.

**BELOW LEFT:** Watkins residents Andrea Brown, Huong Vu, Kaitlin McKinney, Leslie Montes and Trina Sieg treat Alumnae Tea guests to a few choruses of "My Sweetheart of Lilac Lane."

**BELOW RIGHT:** K-8 Board members Samantha Bunnyfield and Norma Hoagland listen to Emily Bannwarth's mentoring report at the 2012 meeting at the Watkins Community Museum of History.



**BELOW:** K-8 Campus Coordinator Judy Niebaum shows Alumnae Tea guests a recently rediscovered photograph of how Miller women cooked back in the 1950s without microwaves and dishwashers.



**CENTER LEFT:** 1970s Watkins Alumnae (clockwise starting from left) Cathie Fuller, Susan Stutz, Pat Putnam, Margie Dyck and Camille Olcese .

**AT LEFT:** K-8 Treasurer Mary Emerson, decked out in a vintage 1940s suit and mink collar, talks about life at Watkins/Miller in the 1940s war years.



**ABOVE:** Miller residents Jessica Miller and Melanie Remp examine Miller photos and scrapbooks from before they were born at the 2012 Alumnae Tea.



**AT LEFT:** 2012 Watkins residents, graduates and good friends Emily Sis and Lisa Curran begin to realize this will be the last time they place flowers on Mrs. Watkins' grave before they move away from Lilac Lane.



## Alumnae News

It's time we heard from you! Tell us what you have been up to, what is happening in your life now that you've moved off of Lilac Lane. We want to know and so do your many friends from Watkins and Miller. Send your news to Sarah (Wohlrabe) Shortall (Watkins 1972-76) at [sarahshortall@kitchen8.org](mailto:sarahshortall@kitchen8.org).

### Absence made their hearts grow much fonder

Emily Finch (Watkins 2003-05) and new husband Charles Tripp logged a lot of miles keeping the love fires burning for 10 years before they married last fall. The pair first met in their Denver high school math class in 2001, but their first date was not until the Valentine's Dance their senior year. Emily and Charles dated the rest of their senior year, however, after graduation they were separated for the next five years when Emily came to KU to study architecture and Charles went to Rice University in Houston, TX, to pursue an electrical engineering degree. Although roughly 750 miles separated Emily and Charles throughout their college years, Emily said the couple "worked hard on the long distance relationship thing."

After graduation, Emily and Charles decided it was time to shorten distance between them so together they moved across the country to Menlo Park, CA, near San Francisco. And even though it took Charles a few more years, Emily said, he still managed to "surprise me" when he proposed in 2012 after 10 years of dating!

Emily and Charles wed on September 22, 2012, at Sunrise Amphitheater on a mountaintop in Boulder, CO. Guests at the brunch reception, Emily's choice for the reception meal, feasted on the couple's favorite foods, including an array of delectable pies, the groom's favorite, instead of cake.

Two special guests made the trip from Kansas to the Boulder mountaintop to celebrate the couple's wedding -- Emily's roommates at Watkins, Jacqueline Victor (Watkins 2002-04) and Audrey Lauber (Watkins 2003-2005). Following the beautiful ceremony, Emily and Charles enjoyed a fabulous week-long honeymoon on the big island of Hawaii.

Emily and Charles already have settled into



**The romantic Colorado Rockies provided the perfect backdrop for the wedding of Emily Finch and Charles Tripp.**

married life in California. Emily works for an architectural firm that design airports and also is working to get her architectural license. Charles is pursuing a Ph.D. in electrical engineering at Stanford. However, their long distance relationship is not done. In the next couple of years, the couple hopes to move back home to Colorado where their journey began. Only this time, Emily and Charles will do it together.

### Come aboard the Love Shuttle

After coming home from a long trip, the last thing anyone expects to find in the airport parking lot is: *LOVE!* But that is exactly what Cheri (Whiteside) Leutz (Miller 2001-05) found when she returned from visiting her high school best friends in New York before starting her life in the "real world." Cheri was sitting on the Parking Spot Shuttle thinking of nothing more than getting to her car and going home, when the shuttle was suddenly rerouted. And then "He" stepped onboard the shuttle and, as they say, it was love at first sight, she sight that is.

### Happy feet

"He got on, he complimented my gray tennis shoes, I complimented his, and by the end of the ride he asked for my number,"

Cheri remembers.

Fast forward three years of dating. Cheri and Jack Leutz, "Mr. Shoes," are together again on the Parking Spot shuttle -- this time not by accident. While in route to the airport, the shuttle driver puts on "Hey Jude," the song the couple danced to on their first date. As the music comes wafting through the loudspeakers, Jack gets down on one knee and proposes. Luckily, the couple had the shuttle to themselves at that special moment.

The Parking Spot shuttle also played a major role in the couple's wedding on July 28, 2012, in Woodland Park, CO. Instead of having the wedding party "limo-ed" to the wedding venue, Cheri and Jack shuttled them. Unfortunately, once the couple got to the spot in the Colorado woods where they planned to exchange vows, they were grounded by the weather -- a summer shower. Cheri and Jack had planned an outdoor wedding in the woods near Jack's father's home. They

had cleared a special wedding runway, even preparing a pinecone aisle and other decorations for the ceremony.

The "summer shower" was a drenching rainstorm that went on for two hours. "We tried to wait it out, but there's no way it was going to happen," Cheri said. Eventually, the couple was forced to go forward with their back-up plan. "We debated getting married in the rain, but decided that might be a cruel present to our guests--so we decided to get married in a very small reception tent we had set up in the grass, just in case it did rain."

### Singing in the rain

Cheri said the rain didn't dampen the couple's spirits or those of the wedding party. Within minutes of booking the back-up plan, the guests and caterers transformed the place, moving tables and chairs to make a ceremony space. In fact, because of the rain, Cheri was able to experience what ended up being her favorite part of the wedding -- being walked into the reception tent under a canopy of corrugated plastic. The canopy was the brainchild of the ushers, Cheri's step-dad, her cousin's boyfriend, her best friend's fiancé and the DJ's assistant. The crew found corrugated plastic in the





Despite the unexpected and unrelenting downpour, the rain didn't wash away the smiles of newlyweds Cheri (Whiteside) and Jack Leutz.

greenhouse that wasn't being used and held it over the heads of the wedding party so they could have a very special and dry entrance into the ceremony. "I'll never forget how so many loved ones and our wonderful vendors bent over backwards to make the experience as wonderful as possible," Cheri added.

Despite the rain, the reception, which Cheri described as "an outdoor, BBQ, games kind of wedding," was a huge success. The party favors, which were glasses engraved with the couple's names and wedding date etched inside a heart, doubled as the guests' drinking glasses for the reception. The wedding programs were also multi-purpose, printed on brown paper bags that served as popcorn bags for the guests. "It was such a fun wedding that there was clapping and cheering when people entered—which I liked a lot better than awkward staring," Cheri recalled.

Several of Cheri's dear scholarship hall friends braved the rain to help the couple celebrate their wedding, including bridesmaid Samia Khan (Douthart 2001-04).

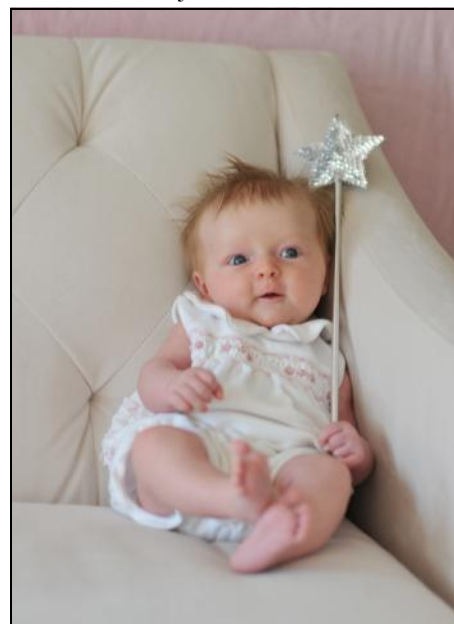
Cheri and Jack escaped the rain by jetting off to sunny Maui for their honeymoon. However, it didn't take long for Cheri and Jack to dive right back into the water. The couple was excited to go on their first ocean dive after getting their scuba certifications. They also spent their time snorkeling,

mountain biking, sunset sailing and snubaing, a combination watersport of snorkeling and scuba diving.

The happy couple's hub is Dallas, the same city where they met on the Parking Spot shuttle. Jack is a middle school teacher and Cheri loves her job working as an attorney for the nonprofit Dallas Court Appointed Special Advocates.

### There's schol hall in her blood

When Charlotte Jemma Knoernschild was



Baby Charlotte works her charm on parents Melissa (Titel) and Caleb Knoernschild.

born on October 2, 2012, to Melissa (Titel) Knoernschild (Watkins 2001-05) and Caleb Knoernschild (Pearson 2001-05), she became part of a large family – a large scholarship hall family – that is. Eagerly awaiting Charlotte's arrival were Aunt Amanda (Titel) Hudson (Miller 1999-2003), Uncle Dennis Knoernschild (Pearson 2004-06), Aunt Hannah Hohendorf (Miller 2003-07), and Uncle Adam Knoernschild (Pearson 2004-07).

From day one, Charlotte has been a bundle of surprises for Melissa and Caleb. Although Melissa thought she would not have any problems with pregnancy, even though it was her first, she was surprised at how rough it was in the beginning. "I played rugby at KU, so I thought I was tough," Melissa said. "But it turns out I'm not."

### A surprisingly big bundle of joy

Melissa and Caleb were not prepared for what a big bundle of surprise Charlotte turned out to be when she weighed in at 8 lbs., 11 oz. and was 21.75 inches long. "We had no idea she'd be such a big baby until she arrived!" Melissa recalled. One of the most difficult surprises Melissa and Caleb have endured is attempting to fit a big baby head through a shirt's tiny neck hole without getting Charlotte stuck.

With two blonde parents, it was no surprise that Charlotte would be a towhead too, but Melissa wasn't expecting to see so much hair. "She was born with tons of blonde hair," she said. "It just keeps growing, and it's so fine that it won't do anything but stick straight up."

Charlotte continues to surprise her parents and herself every day. Melissa described the most exciting part of life with Charlotte as watching her discover new things. "Charlotte recently learned that she had hands," Melissa said, "so she'll hold one out in front of her face and stare at it for seconds, which is like hours in baby time, completely in awe of the wiggling fingers."

Caleb and Melissa were quite the wanderers before they settled down to life with Charlotte. After they graduated from KU, Caleb went on to Duke (Durham, NC) for a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and Melissa joined him as a medical writer in the pharmaceutical industry. Later, Melissa started a wedding photography business, although that is





**Baby Joseph proves to parents Hannah (Swift) and Onsi Fakhouri that he can stand on his own "Big Boy" feet.**

currently on hold during her "full-time momma duty." The couple loved living in North Carolina so much that Melissa and Caleb chose the name Charlotte to honor their second favorite state, behind Kansas, of course.

After graduating from Duke, Caleb became an engineer at Raytheon through a leadership program that has allowed the couple to live in three different cities: Indianapolis, Los Angeles, and currently, Santa Barbara. This summer, they hope to choose a location to put down some roots. Until then, they will continue to enjoy all the surprises that Charlotte brings to their lives.

### Adventures in sleepless joy

Hannah (Swift) Fakhouri (Watkins 2002-06) and husband Onsi welcomed their first child, Joseph Arlen Fakhouri, on June 19, 2012.

Although Hannah is no stranger to hard work, graduating from KU with multiple degrees in physics, math and astronomy, she said her pregnancy was "no walk in the park." She described her first trimester as three months of constant nausea and ex-

trema exhaustion. Toward the end of the pregnancy, Hannah got so big that "I kept getting asked if I was having twins. I must have carried high and out."

Hannah used one word to describe her 52 hours of labor: "Horrible." But then she "got to hold my little wonder" and her whole world changed. Even though Hannah's "labor and delivery were certainly more hard than easy," once she held Joseph she said "We look forward to another couple of kiddos, in due time."

As the first child, Joseph received a family name, Hannah said. Joseph comes from his father's side, and Arlen is inspired by Hannah's Irish heritage. Joseph weighed in at 8lbs, 1oz, but Hannah said "our little monster" had grown so much in just six months that he was wearing 18M clothes and was able to pull himself up to standing. Both parents are extremely proud of their healthy and beautiful baby boy. "He has a smile that makes you melt and a laugh that makes you squeal," Hannah added.

Hannah describes their busy life with Joseph as "an adventure in sleepless joy." Hannah is completing a Ph.D. in Physics at the University of California-Berkeley (Berkeley) and will graduate this May. Although Hannah enjoyed being at home with Joseph, she looked forward to devoting more time to her studies. This semester, Joseph started part-time day care so Hannah could get some much needed study time to finish her degree. Proud papa Onsi is a software engineer for Pivotal Labs, specializing in iOS mobile development.

Onsi and Hannah met at Berkeley and have celebrated their third anniversary. Since Joseph's arrival, Hannah and Onsi have made several trips to the Midwest to visit family and friends, including Watkins alumna Aunt Abby (Swift) Kleier, who lived on Lilac Lane from 2001-2003.

Despite the time and energy needed to keep up with Joseph, Hannah describes being parents as "a wonderful sacrifice." She said, "Onsi and I do grieve our inability to sleep in, go out at night, and generally do our 'own' thing, but we are so thankful to have an expanded family unit."

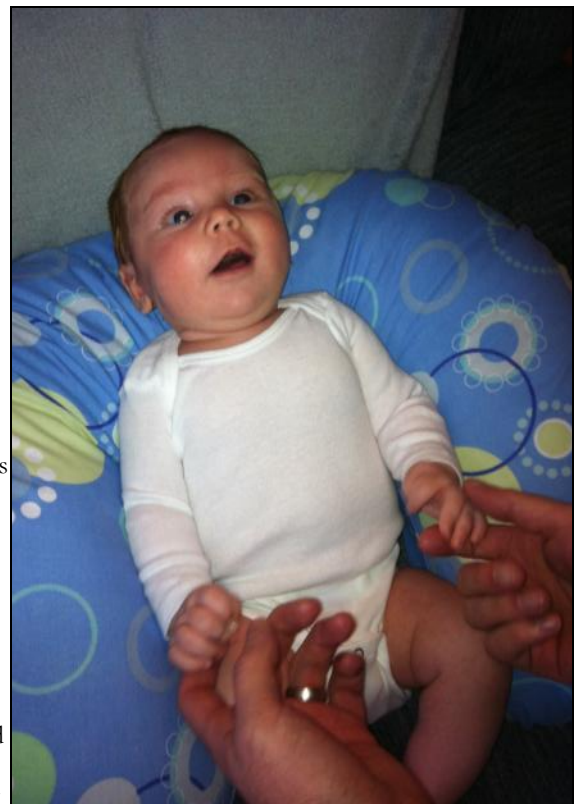
### Don't worry, he won't break

Rachel (Miles) Black (Watkins 2004-08) and husband Eric also welcomed their first child, Noah Miles Black, into the world at 5:25 a.m., September 25, 2012. When it was time for them to leave the hospital, Rachel admitted she was a little worried. "Leaving the hospital made me want to ask 'Are you sure it's okay for me to take him?'" she said.

One of Rachel's and Eric's first tasks as parents was to pick out the perfect name for their son, who clocked in at 8 lbs., 2 oz. and 20 inches. They finally decided to use Rachel's birth name as Noah's middle name. Rachel said she is the oldest of three sisters and using Miles was her way of carrying on the family name.

Life as a new parent can be overwhelming, Rachel says. "This little guy is 100% dependent on [me]." Fortunately, Noah has turned out to be "just a happy, easy-going baby so far."

The Black family lives in Wichita where both Rachel and Eric work for Koch Industries, Rachel works as an accountant and Eric as an IT technician.



**Baby Noah is all smiles for his doting parents Rachel (Miles) and Eric Black.**



## In Memoriam

# Remembering Our Lilac Lane Sisters and Friends

### Pauline (Cox) Brown-Pfuetze Watkins 1929-30

Pauline (Cox) Brown-Pfuetze, one of the first Watkins Women, passed away December 15, 2011, at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha, KS. She was 99.

Pauline was born March 25, 1912, at Grantville, KS, the daughter of James and Ethel (Detlor) Cox. She graduated from Seaman High School in 1931. As a freshman, Pauline moved into Watkins one month before the 1929 stock market crash and graduated from KU in 1935.

For the next two years Pauline taught history and English at Meriden High School in Meriden, KS, north of Topeka. On June 17, 1937, Pauline married Dr. Virgil E. Brown at the Kansas Avenue Methodist Church in Topeka, KS. The newlyweds moved to Wichita, KS, where Virgil did his internship at Wesley Hospital and residency at Sedgwick County Hospital.

After Virgil completed his residency, Pauline and Virgil moved and opened his family practice in Sabetha, KS. In 1942, Virgil was drafted into military service. While he served in the South Pacific, Pauline lived in Sabetha where she worked at the Farmers State Bank and substitute taught at the Sabetha High School.

Pauline was a member of the Sabetha Methodist Church for 45 years, where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday school class and worked in the Woman's Society. She also was an avid flower gardener and a PEO member for 42 years. Both Pauline and Virgil were interested in art and antiques, which she collected during their extensive travels.

In addition, Pauline was active in the Medical Society Auxiliary, several times serving as president for the northeast counties medical auxiliary. She also was president of the State Medical Society Auxiliary in 1963-64. Pauline was a lifetime member of the KU Alumni Association.

In 1981 Virgil passed away. In May 1985, Pauline met Dr. Robert E. Pfuetze of

Topeka, KS, at their 50<sup>th</sup> KU reunion. They renewed their acquaintance and married that September in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Pauline was preceded in death by both of her husbands; her parents; and a brother, James L. Cox. Pauline is survived by her step-children, Gretchen Pfuetze of Lincoln, MA; Donald Pfuetze of Topeka, KS; Pamela Murano of Frisco, CO; and John Pfuetze of Wichita, KS; along with 7 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

### Lulu (Tillman) Hunter Watkins 1933-36

Watkins alumna Lulu (Tillman) Hunter, of Bella Vista, Arkansas died December 21, 2011. She was 97.

Lulu was born October 19, 1914, to William W. Tillman and Anna L. (Burbank) Tillman near Topeka, KS. She graduated from Highland Park High School in Topeka, KS. Lulu lived at Watkins during the Great Depression and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1938.



Watkins Alumna Lulu (Tillman) Hunter

In 1941, Lulu married Jack Allen Hunter of Howard, KS. The couple lived in Howard until Jack was drafted into military service in 1942. After WWII, Lulu and Jack raised a son, Don, and a daughter, Sandy, in Howard.

They retired to Bella Vista, AR, in 1981. Lulu is survived by her husband of 70 years; son Don Hunter of Kansas City, MO; daughter, Sandy (Paul) Bates of Bella Vista, AR; granddaughter Ricki (Christopher) Hansen of Elgin, IL; grandson Kenneth (Kimberly) Bates of San Diego, CA; great-granddaughters Leilani Larsen and Raegyn Hansen; sister-in-law Betty Tillman of Bella Vista, AR; 15 nieces; and 18 nephews.

### Donna Jean (Stember) Meyer Watkins 1940-43

Watkins Alumna Donna Jean (Stember) Meyer, of San Diego, CA, died April 8,

2012. She was 88.

Donna Jean, who was born to Paul and Frances in 1923, grew up on a farm outside Ozawkie, KS, a town of less than 300 residents. She was the older sister of Beverly (Stember) West and Muriel (Stember) Hanig. Living in the country and not near other kids, the sisters basically "had each other" and, as a result, they were very close growing up and as adults. According to Muriel, "We had a wonderful background. We didn't have too much, but we still had enough." One thing the sisters had enough of was a love of music. They played the piano, took violin and clarinet lessons, and sang in the church choir, which the sisters would do almost their entire lives.

Eileen (Griffitts) Bennett (Watkins 1904-44) was a lifelong good friend of Donna Jean and has good memories of growing up together. "We played together, stayed all night, and saw each other at church and later on in school," Eileen recalled. Eileen also said their lives paralleled each other's in several ways. Donna Jean and Eileen were born within a couple of months of each other, went to school together in Ozawkie, and had mothers who were high school teachers and fathers who were farmers.

In 1936, Donna and Eileen started high school together in Ozawkie. "Donna Jean was an exceptional student, and I think I competed with her," Eileen remembers. "Perhaps a better term would be she inspired me. I would proudly get a 98 on an exam and she would get a 99!" Midway through high school, Donna Jean and her sisters transferred to nearby Oskaloosa High School because they had a school band. Donna and Eileen graduated in 1940.

### KU bred in their bones

There was never any question where Donna Jean, and later her sisters, would go to college. Their mother had graduated from KU in 1918 with degrees in math and physics, which was very unusual at the time and would spark all three sisters to master's degrees. Instead, being the height of the Depression, the big question was whether the family, who had a small farm, could afford





to send the girls to college. “My mother said over and over that we must get good grades so we can get scholarships,” Muriel recalled. All three sisters graduated as class valedictorians.

Donna Jean’s parents were determined that that she and her sisters “were going to college, no matter that they were completely penniless throughout the depression,” Damon Meyer, Donna Jean’s son, said his mother told him. “Her father, by the way, had left school after the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to work on the farm.” Fortunately, all three received Watkins Scholarship Hall Awards. Without those scholarships, the sisters wouldn’t have been able to attend KU, Muriel added.

Donna Jean’s and Eileen’s lives intersected again when they met up at Watkins Hall. Although they were not roommates, they were good friends at Watkins and both had many friends there. According to Donna Jean’s son, Damon Meyer, her mother also had a number of kitchen mates who didn’t know how to cook, “[She] had to teach them or else they wouldn’t eat very well and the kitchen would be a mess.”

Eileen was surprised when Donna Jean decided to pursue a degree in science instead of music. They both went into medical fields -- Donna Jean got a nursing degree at KU Medical Center (KUMC) while Eileen studied to become a medical laboratory technologist. Right after Donna Jean left Watkins to finish her nursing degree at KUMC in Kansas City, her sister Muriel (Watkins 1943-46) moved into Watkins. Beverly (Watkins 1944-48) arrived at Watkins the following year.

After graduation, Donna Jean took a position teaching nursing in Illinois where she



Donna Jean (Stember) and John Meyer



Swept off their feet by the thrill of their triple wedding, Watkins alumnae and brides (left to right) Donna Jean, Muriel and Beverly Stember are carried cross the ice to their wedding reception by husbands (left to right) John Meyer, Shelton Hannig and Oval West.

met her future husband, John Meyer, on a blind date set up by his mother. Donna Jean and John’s parents were members of the same church choir. When John, who was working on a Ph.D. at Purdue, came home for Christmas his mother invited Donna Jean for dinner and sat her next to John at the table. That’s all it took.

Donna Jean and John got engaged in 1948 and her sisters followed shortly thereafter. Muriel met her husband, Shelton Hannig, when she was pursuing a master’s degree at the University of Illinois. Beverly met her husband, Oval West, a sailor who had just returned from WWII, at a Watkins mixer.

### The Wedding March Seen round the world

Donna Jean married John on January 30, 1949, at the Ozawkie Evangelical United Brethren Church. However, she was not the only bride to walk down the aisle that day. Muriel and Beverly followed Donna Jean to make it a triple wedding, something that little Ozawkie probably had never seen nor would likely see again. The idea of a triple wedding was a matter of convenience. The sisters all planned to get married within a year and Donna Jean and Muriel, who lived out of state, did not have time to return to Ozawkie for three weddings. This meant that Beverly, the only sister living in Kansas, was left to handle most of the wedding details.

The novel triple wedding was a huge event for Ozawkie. “It just kind of snowballed from a little idea,” Donna Jean commented at her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Family and friends came from five states to attend the wedding. The guest list was so large that the school gymnasium was the only place in town that was big enough to hold the reception.

The sisters wore identical dresses, made from 25 yards of white satin, and carried matching bouquets of white carnations. They even had matching wedding cakes, which Eileen revealed her mother had baked. The only things that didn’t match were the sisters’ shoes and the grooms, according to a *Topeka Capital Journal* article about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the triple wedding.

The sisters and their mother asked Edwin Price, KU professor of theology and director of the KU Wesleyan Center, to officiate the wedding. Their mother and Price became friends when they attended KU and the three sisters all came to know him when they lived at Watkins. Muriel said, “Dr. Price was thrilled to be asked to do the wedding because he knew all of us. He often invited us over for dinner and to parties with other faculty.”

The wedding day was cold, icy in Ozawkie. Price didn’t want to travel in the bad weather so the family had to drive him to Ozawkie. After the ceremony, the only way for the grooms to get their brides from the church across the ice was to carry them. That image became the photograph seen around the world. A *Kansas City Star* photographer captured the picture and it went across the Associated Press wire where it was picked up in London, Shanghai, and all over the United States, including Chicago, Seattle, Philadelphia, and even Boise, ID. When Beverly was interviewed for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the triple wedding, she said that after the wedding she even received a clipping from her mother’s friend who was a missionary in China.

### So close and yet so far away

After they married, Donna Jean and John moved to San Antonio, TX, and later San





Diego, CA, so John could take a civilian position with the Navy doing work in the emerging field of computers. Once they settled in San Diego, Donna and John had two children, Paula and Damon. When the children reached school age, Donna Jean returned to college to get a master's degree in education and taught many years in La Jolla, CA. Although Donna Jean worked full-time for many years, she still found time to pursue her interests, including reading and opera.

Donna Jean also instilled in her children her love of music. "My mother had great musical talent," he said. "She played by ear. She would hear a tune and she could play it." According to Damon, Donna Jean made sure her children learned to play the piano. However, Damon said he eventually revolted – switching over to trumpet, which he continued to play up through graduate school. Donna Jean also ensured the children sang in church choir, which Damon continues to do today. In fact, every year Damon organizes a benefit choir concert to raise funds for church missions.

Donna Jean and her sisters remained very close after they married and moved to different parts of the country – Muriel and Shelton to Sedona, AZ, and Beverly and Oval to Topeka, KS. Muriel said the three of them wrote to each other every weekend, a practice they started with their mother when they left for KU. The sisters and spouses also have held family reunions every five years. Since all three couples shared a love of music (all singing in their church choirs for many years), the reunions always included a lot of singing. "Donna Jean saved her song books and as soon as we got together she would start up on the piano," Muriel said.

For their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, the three couples and their families held a big reunion at a camp in Colorado. Muriel's daughter Vickie came up with an idea to commission an anthem in honor of the three couples. The anthem was titled "The Greatest of These is Love," based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-13, a favorite reading at weddings. All of the cousins pitched in to fund the commission, which the families sang at the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration.

In addition to her husband of 63 years, Donna is survived by daughter Paula

(Meyer) Sundstrom and her husband Mark; son Damon and his wife Elizabeth; sisters Muriel and Beverly and her husband Oval; grandchildren Conrad and Emily Meyer; and many nieces and nephews.

### Marjorie (Easter) Ramsey Watkins 1943-44

Marjorie (Easter) Ramsey died Jan. 25, 2012, at Hutchinson, KS, Regional Medical Center. She was 87.

Marjorie was born January 11, 1925, in Abilene, KS, to Harry and Arretta (Haynes) Easter. She went to school in Abilene and graduated from Abilene High School in 1943. Marjorie lived in Watkins as a KU freshman.

In 1946 Marjorie married Leon Ramsey Jr., in Abilene, KS. The couple soon moved to Garden City, KS, where Leon worked at Plaza Pharmacy. Marjorie and Leon had four daughters and Marjorie was a homemaker for many years while her daughters were in school. Later Marjorie worked alongside Leon at the pharmacy. She retired in 1990.



Watkins Alumna Marjorie (Easter) Ramsey

Marjorie was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City, where she was involved in the United Methodist Women. She also was a member of PEO and an avid duplicate bridge player.

Marjorie and Leon lived and worked in Garden City for over 50 years before moving to the Collier Assisted Living Center in Hutchinson, KS, in 2007.

Marjorie is survived by her husband; daughters Barbara Ramsey of Rawlins, WY, Dr. Gwen (Ken) Arnett of Mission Hills, KS, Juli (John) Burnett of Germantown, TN, Sheryll (Dan) Clarke of Mt. Hope, KS; brother George (Joyce) Easter of Salina, KS; sisters Jo (Garland) Longhofer of Hutchinson, KS, and Frieda Worrall of Tucson, Ariz.; grandchildren Erin and Lyndy Burnett; and many nieces and nephews. Sister Harriet Spiegel preceded Marjorie in death.

### Ira Stein

Ira Stein, the beloved husband of former K-8 Secretary Pat (Gardner) Stein, died at home in Leawood, KS, on November 29, 2012. He was 91.

Ira was born Sept. 20, 1921, and was a lifelong resident of the Kansas City area, as were his parents, William B. and Mary (Snitz) Stein.

After Ira graduated from high school he attended Kansas City Junior College before he went into the Army in WWII. Ira served overseas as a radio operator in the U.S. Air Corps from 1942 until the end of the war.

When Ira returned to Kansas City after the war, he had a long and successful career in business. First, he and a friend formed a company and sold office furniture for 13 years. Next Ira purchased land in Johnson County and formed a landscape and nursery business, Arbor Nall Farms. Another 13 years later, he sold the business but kept the land when he and his first wife divorced. Ira also enjoyed a successful career in residential real estate with Hardin Stockton, from which he retired at age 62.

### I'm okay, you're really good looking

Shortly after his divorce, Ira met Pat at a singles' book club the Jewish Community Center (JCC) sponsored. He had called the JCC to ask if they had any activities for single people and the voice on the other end suggested the book club. Pat said, "He didn't realize that the books we were discussing were ones like *I'm Okay, You're Okay* and other similar self-help books." To Ira's credit he came to a meeting of the book club.

When Pat saw Ira she thought he "was very good looking and looked much younger than his 50 years." Ira later admitted that when he arrived at the meeting, "he looked around at everyone in the group and when he came to me, he thought to himself that she is attractive." However, he also thought "but [she] is probably too old for me (based on my frosted hair)." In fact, Ira was 14 years older than Pat.

So, instead he asked out Pat's friend Lillian, also newly divorced. Not long after, Pat said she was at the JCC for a gathering and Ira walked her to her car and asked her for a date. "I was so excited that I backed up and hit a light pole in the parking lot." That was June

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1971 and they were engaged by the fall. That fall Pat also converted to Judaism with the help of Rabbi Paul Levinson. The Rabbi married the couple February 7, 1972, in his office. Ira's younger son Ricky was the best man and the Rabbi's secretary was Pat's attendant. The couple immediately left for Mexico City for their honeymoon, a place they would return to many times. The couple was married for 40 years. (Luckily, Lillian soon met another man whom she married and she remained good friends with Pat and Ira.)

After the honeymoon, Pat returned to work at her mail order book company, NCES, and Ira also worked there unpaid entering customer orders. In 1999, he finally retired from that position, and Pat sold the company the next year.

**Can you hear me now?**

Once Ira finally retired, he reacquainted himself with radio operation and established his own amateur radio station with the call letters K0IRA. Pat said Ira also erected two ham radio towers in their backyard in Olathe, KS. Using International Morse Code, Ira made contacts with people in more than 100 countries. "Ira had a huge scrapbook filled with post cards from people he communicated with using Morse Code," Pat explained. "Our cats, Tinker and Jeannie, used to sit by Ira and watch him type. Once, Jeannie was caught typing on his keys. Hopefully, no one received that message."

In 2008, the couple moved to a condominium in Leawood, KS, which was close to the nursery property Ira still owned. He leased that property to other nurseries and a cellular telephone company to erect a tower and later sold it.

**As they sail off into the sunset**

After retirement, Ira and Pat took many trips -- to Europe, the Greek Islands, the Caribbean Islands, Brazil, Mexico, Israel, Egypt and Turkey. The last year Ira and Pat took trips, Pat said, "[W]e traveled to Spain in the fall of 2003, Portugal in the spring of 2004, and then Brazil about a month [after that]." The trip to Brazil was particularly special for the couple. Ira and Pat went with their Rabbi, Jacques Cukierkorn, who is from Brazil; Ira's older son, Johnny; and oldest granddaughter, Sarena. Although it was Pat's first trip to Brazil, during WWII Ira had won a trip to Brazil in an Army table tennis tournament. According to Pat, Ira played "a quite decent" game of tennis, table tennis, and 4-wall handball.

Although Ira's declining health in his final years prevented the couple from traveling, he still kept up with reading and with his friends. Pat



Friend of Kitchen 8  
Ira Stein

said Ira "was the best-read person I ever knew and had the best memory, too." A couple of weeks before Ira passed away he wrote to friends:

*Give me my boots and saddle  
I'm headin' fer the last roundup  
I'm gonna saddle ole Paint for the last time  
And Ride, Ride, Ride !!!  
Yippee kayak Yippee Kayay*

Friend Corrine Sidener said, "Before you saddle up old Paint, let me tell you one more time how much you mean to me. I always told you, when you would listen, that you were the smartest person I ever met. That never changed over the 40 years of our friendship. I've met a lot of smart guys, but you wear your intellect in such a gentle, helpful, humorous way. I learn from you every time we talk and it makes me a better person."

On November 14, 2012, Ira playfully responded, "I've always been overrated." He passed away 15 days later.

In addition to Pat, Ira is survived by sons John (Elizabeth Warner) Stein of Jamaica Plain, MA, and Richard (Mary Howe) Stein of Lawrence, KS; brother Larry (Floralou) Stein of Scottsdale, AZ; grandchildren William Stein of Lawrence, KS, Sarena and Hannah Stein of Jamaica Plain, MA; great grandchildren Kai and Elyas Rosario of Jamaica Plain, MA; brother-in-law Larry Hardy of Overland Park, KS; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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travel uphill" to get an education. She regularly donated money to the EMWMSF; raised funds to provide 30 scholarships for promising but poor students to attend MacKay College in Kampala, Uganda; and provided scholarships for students attending Kusayapu Agricultural School in Chile, which she learned about through her church. Gene said, "Arlone recognized how needy many of the students were."

Arlone also loved history and spent many years preserving it, including a 37-year project to save and renovate the Astor House Hotel in Golden, CO. Through her efforts the hotel became the first site in Golden to be placed on the National Registry of Historical Places. Arlone brought her love of history to Kitchen 8.

As a member of K-8 since its inception, Arlone bravely jumped in right away to ex-

press her concerns about preserving Watkins, whose conditions were deteriorating. Reminiscing about those times, Joyce (Klemp) Browder (Watkins 1954-58), former K-8 Chair, said shortly after Arlone's death, "She wrote memorable letters to the Chancellor [Robert Hemenway] and to the Watkins president explaining her Watkins Hall experience and her opinion on how the hall was no longer being run per instructions left by [Mrs. Watkins]."

Arlone also created Kitchen 8's oral history project to gather stories from the earliest residents on Lilac Lane. She served as K-8 Oral History Chair until her death. The fruits of her work are preserved forever in the Kitchen 8 Legacy Collection at the Kansas State Historical Society.

**Leave a legacy**

Given Arlone's many interests and projects, it

is not surprising that the EMWMSF was not the only beneficiary of Arlone's charitable remainder trust. According to Gene, Arlone specified that \$5,000 be made to the Kusayapu Agricultural School. When Arlone learned about the Chilean school from her church she provided scholarship funds for them in the years before her death. Gene said Arlone also gave \$10,000 to her church to preserve the organ she and others had helped to restore.

Arlone Child clearly achieved her life's goal "to make the world a better place." She also fully lived out her life's motto. Today, Arlone's legacy spirit continues to live on, forever there to help the next "girl who must travel uphill."

*To see more information about how Arlone Child lived, loved, learned, and left a legacy, go to the 2009 Kitchen 8 Newsletter at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org).*





# Can you keep a secret?

By Kristina Nielander  
Watkins President

Candlelightings – the ultimate tradition of traditions on Lilac Lane. Remember your first candlelighting?

- Seeing the anonymous announcement posted on the bathroom door: *Candlelighting at 10 p.m. tonight in the living room!*
- Asking everyone “Who’s getting engaged?” And no one knows or will tell you.
- Coming down to the dimly-lit living room and seeing the lighted candle with the diamond ring tied to it.
- Standing in a circle and watching the candle being passed from one to another.
- Screaming and cheering when the special woman blows out the candle.



After their “surprise” candlelighting earlier this semester, Brett Dichman and Emilyjane Pyle thank Emilyjane’s roommates Kristina Nielander and Rachel Kravitz for their help with sharing the good news with the Miller women.

- Enjoying late-night treats compliments of her roommates.

The mystique of this beloved tradition may have become an inadvertent victim of the digital age of iPhones, Facebook and Twitter. Let me explain. At Miller, the first candlelighting of the

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## K-8 Roster Getting Younger Every Day

Kitchen 8’s membership roster experienced a generational sea change in 2012. Before last year, the Nifty Fifties, alumnae from the 1950s, always dominated the K-8 roster. Now, the women of the new millennium rule the roster -- they account for more than one quarter of Kitchen 8’s members. In fact, their numbers equal the number of K-8 members from the 1960s through the 1990s combined.

The good news for all decades is that membership in Kitchen 8 continues to grow every year. By the end of 2012, K-8 had 555 members. And we still have 19 K-8 members who are over 90 years old and lived in Watkins and Miller during the 1930s.

### K-8 member #556 where are you?

We know that there are more Lilac Lane sisters out there who we haven’t reached and we need your help. Being a K-8 member is the best way to stay informed about all activities involving K-8 and Watkins/Miller Halls alumnae and residents. As always, there are no dues, fees, or requirements to join K-8 and be added to the roster.

If you know someone who doesn’t know about Kitchen 8 and might like to join, tell them to check out the K-8 Website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org), K-8 Facebook page or K-8 Twitter feed (@Kitchen\_8), and ask them to send me the following:

- Name, including birth name;
- Address, phone number, and e-mail;
- When did you live in Watkins or Miller;
- Whether we may send the K-8 newsletter and other communications via e-mail;
- Whether you were a past recipient of an EMWMS award; and
- Anything else you want us to know.

And, if you have you moved from Washington, Kansas, to Washington State or from the capital of Kansas to the nation’s capital, please let me know so I can update the roster? If you have moved or changed your contact information, then please let Kitchen 8 know. We don’t want to lose touch with our alumnae and hope you don’t want to lose touch with us.

K-8 does not share its roster or other member information with anyone outside K-8. We only use the roster to stay in communication with Watkins/Miller alumnae and friends, and to help alumnae reestablish connections with those they knew while living at Watkins or Miller.

Please join K-8 by contacting me at:

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## What’s New, What’s In, What’s up?

By Michelle Loewenstein  
K-8 Website Coordinator  
Watkins 2005-09

Want to know what’s happening in Kitchen 8 in between newsletters? Now it’s easy to keep up with us:

- On the K-8 Website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org);
- On Facebook by “liking” the Kitchen 8 page; and
- Now on Twitter at @Kitchen\_8.

K-8’s social media sites are the best way to get the latest news about events throughout the year and to keep in touch with Watkins/Miller alumnae. You don’t have a Facebook page or Twitter profile? No problem. It’s easy to sign up for both and they are free.

### Facebook

For Facebook, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and click the “Sign-up” button. After entering basic information (e.g., name and e-mail address) you will be set up with a profile. Then it’s just a just search on Facebook for “Kitchen 8.” Click “Like” at the top of the Kitchen 8 page to get updates and keep in touch!

### Twitter

To follow Kitchen 8 on Twitter, go to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com). At “New to Twitter,” you just enter your name, e-mail address, and a password you want to use. Then you will get to create a username. Once you complete that step, search for @Kitchen\_8 in the Search box and click “Follow” to get K-8’s Tweets.

At the 2013 Annual Meeting we will have computers to show people how to sign up for social media and answer any questions K-8 members and friends may have.



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year, and ever for some new residents, went a little more like this:

Everyone gathered in the darkened Miller living room. A diamond ring was tied to the lighted candle. The candle was passed around the circle once so we could all admire the ring. On the second time around, Miller Alumnae Chair Emilyjane Pyle blew out the candle and we all cheered. Emilyjane was engaged to her high school sweetheart Brett Dichman. We know, we know, so what's new?

Brett came out of the study room when he heard the cheering and he and Emilyjane sat down to tell their story as they passed around chocolates for everyone. Turns out Emilyjane and Brett lived next door to each other as children. They reconnected in high school when they starred opposite each other in the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Emilyjane and Brett started dating soon after the last curtain call.

For Emilyjane, it was particularly

poignant to be carrying on the special candlelighting tradition at Miller Hall. Emilyjane's grandmother lived in Miller in the 1940s, and surely would have participated in candlelighting ceremonies just like her granddaughter was doing more than 60 years later. Back in the 1940s it would not have been hard for a Miller woman to keep her engagement secret until she blew out the candle the second time around the circle.

Fast forward 60 years, everyone in Miller knew Emilyjane was engaged well before the candle went around the circle the first time. It turns out that Emilyjane got engaged to Brett during the holiday break when he popped the question during a family caroling party. Their families posted the news about the engagement on Facebook about a nanosecond after Brett proposed. And everyone knows, in the age of Facebook there are no more secrets.

Still, who doesn't love a good candlelighting even if you know what's coming the second time around the circle.

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Watkins and Miller at Elizabeth Miller Watkins' 152<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration in January.

**Counting our pennies**

This past year, Kitchen 8 Board also addressed several administrative issues pertaining to K-8's finances, voting to approve measures to save K-8 money and make it easier for K-8 members and friends to make donations. First, Kitchen 8 transferred the Sugar Bowl account to US Bank from Capitol Federal. The move has saved money on the Sugar Bowl's monthly account maintenance.

Second, Kitchen 8 has established a PayPal Account on the Kitchen 8 website, which now makes it possible to donate to the K-8 Sugar Bowl electronically by credit card. In addition, the PayPal Account lets K-8 members pay their registration fee for the K-8 Annual Meeting and Celebratory Luncheon. Third, with K-8 Board approval, Susan Kissinger is investigating applying for registered nonprofit status for Kitchen 8. She will present a report at the 2013 K-8 Board meeting on April 26.

**Giving thanks**

Finally, Kitchen 8 thanks all of you for your generous spirit again this year. Everything that Kitchen 8 accomplishes to preserve Watkins/Miller and Mrs. Watkins' legacy and help young women is made possible by K-8 members and friends, the single greatest asset of our organization. The resources, time, energy, and talents you bring to the table are sincerely appreciated and vital to the work that we do. Please let us know if there is a special project you would like to support.

If you would like to make a donation to the K-8 Sugar Bowl, payable to Kitchen 8, please use the PayPal Account in the website or send it to:

**Mary Emerson**  
Kitchen 8 Treasurer  
3620 Wyoming St. #4  
Kansas City, MO 64111

If you would like more information about the Sugar Bowl fund or have questions about making a donation, please contact me at the address above, (405) 250-1727, or [treasurer@kitchen8.org](mailto:treasurer@kitchen8.org).

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and all of Watkins can definitely hold our heads up high for that one. Actually, we've become quite environmentally friendly at Watkins. We even recycle tuna cans into candle holders, and you'll get to see them at the Alumnae Tea!

**Spreading the llamas around**

One very special new program we started this year is something I like to call "**Llama Bucks.**" For those of you who lived in Watkins before the 1970s, the Llama has been our hall mascot for the past 40 years. The two stuffed llamas were a gift from a Watkins woman from Peru when the rest of the hall chipped in to buy airline tickets so she could go home for Christmas. (You can read more about our llama tradition on the Watkins website. See "Links" on [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org).)

So, to honor the special giving spirit of Watkins women, Llama Bucks is a little reward system we set up when we notice Watkins women doing great things. When an Executive Board member finds a Watkins woman doing something exceptional or performing a small act of kindness, she can give that special woman a llama buck. Watkins women collect llama bucks throughout the semester and at the end they buy raffle tickets for a special prize. Watkins women certainly do work hard and perform many kind acts. It's great to let them know their efforts don't go unnoticed.

And speaking of hard work and effort, Watkins had a great achievement of this past fall semester when we won first place in the ASHC Intramural competition! Elizabeth and Jabez would be so proud!

**Springing forward**

The spring semester also has been off to a busy and exciting start. Eight New Women moved in and we are excited to get to know our new baby llamas. But, we also are sad to see women we have grown so close to leave our happy home.

The magnificent women of Kitchen 8 started off our Spring semester with a big "blow-out" event. They put together a combination Career Day and birthday party for Lizzie on Jan. 27. We participated in sessions exploring several different majors, resume building, and even dinner etiquette. Before the Career Day, the generous women of Kitchen 8 gave us cupcakes **and presents** to celebrate Elizabeth Miller Watkins' 152<sup>nd</sup> birthday. The gifts were much-needed and welcomed gifts to the hall, including a new vacuum cleaner and kitchen items! We can't thank you enough! With our new gifts, Watkins will be spotless and full of home-made treats when you arrive for the Alumnae Tea. In the meantime, we can't wait to see what the rest of this semester has in store for the Powerfully Wild Women of Watkins Hall!

**Llama Love and Rock Chalk!**  
**Ramona Yoder,**  
2012-13 Watkins President





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(Watkins 1971-75) and Pat (Jolly) Putnam (Watkins 1971-74) chaired for the first time, premiered an original historical drama -- *Our History and Our Future -- Watkins and Miller through the Decades*. Written by Pat and narrated by Alica Thomas (Miller 1990-94), the special matinee was performed in full costume with props in the meeting room turned stage. To ensure their performances were flawless, the troupe held a full dress rehearsal after the K-8 Board dinner the night before.

The play started where it must – the beginning, which could only mean Elizabeth “Lizzie” Miller Watkins, our “Lady Bountiful.” Starring in the lead role, Bev (Runkle) Benso (Watkins 1954-58) captivated the audience with a moving soliloquy on Lizzie’s life and the realization of her dreams when she designed and built Watkins and Miller Halls to help “the girls who must travel uphill.” Then Lizzie, still wearing her famous pearls, channeled the spirit of each decade past at Watkins/Miller to tell about their life at Watkins and Miller, including how the hall and kitchens operated, the cost of living in the halls, and the traditions of their era on Lilac Lane.

The first spirit to enter from stage right was Mary Emerson, in her debut performance with the Annual Meeting Committee troupe. Mary’s performance wistfully evoked the Glenn Miller Big Band as she brought back to life what it was like to live on Lilac Lane before, during and after WWII. Clearly the front runner for “best costume,” Mary looked the part of a modern career woman in her vintage 1940s suit and 4-pelt mink stole collar. With rent of \$30 per semester at Watkins/Miller, she struggled to save pennies for that collar.

Portraying KU campus sweetheart in her poodle skirt, Judy “Gidget” Niebaum, a long-time member of the Annual Meeting Committee troupe, charmingly showcased her personal mementos from the 1950s and remembered food costs only being \$25 per month.

Norma Hoagland, who some in the audience insisted was bravely cast against type as the 1960s campus radical, had the audience questioning authority as her performance confronted the turmoil of the Vietnam War on campus, especially the bombing of the KU union in 1969. Decked in Jimi Hendrix inspired bell-bottom jeans, beads and headband, Norma recalled her “down with the man” reaction when she saw that monthly



**Miller resident Staci Ashcroft shows the Miller “75 Years of Recipes” cookbook she edited. The cookbook features a few recipes from the Institute Cookbook (in the display case next to Staci), which Mrs. Watkins gave to a housemother in the 1940s.**

costs at Watkins/Miller rose to \$50 a month during that decade.

Independent spirit Helen Wahbeh (Watkins 1970-72), in a marquee performance complete with her costume of beads and tie-dye, free-associated about the freedoms that appeared to hypnotize Watkins/Miller residents in the 1970s, including 24-hour visitation at Watkins/Miller halls and streaking on campus. Her subtle performance left some wondering whether her inspiration may have been autobiographical! Helen said that rent jumped to about \$230 a year during that freedom-loving decade and food costs amounted to \$68 per month.

### The second act

It was fitting that Pat Putnam and Elizabeth Boman appeared on stage in old tee-shirts and sweatshirts as the spirits of the 1980s and 1990s. These were the decades that gave birth to Kitchen 8 as alumnae visiting Watkins and Miller were alarmed at their deterioration. The 1980s was the decade where Watkins/Miller residents faced one emergency maintenance problem after another and constantly fought with University housing to get access to the Watkins Trust funds to invest in the halls. Dressed in a Watkins Hall 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sweatshirt, Pat Putnam drawled with sweet irony about steady rent increases (\$495 by 1991) while the university did little. On the bright side, Pat said the 1980s also was a decade of a lot of fun – Miss Watkins Pageants, street dances, mixers, Surprise Your Roommate dances, Big Sisters/Little Sisters, and All My Children on TV.

Next, Elizabeth Boman, sporting a “Mr. Budig’s Neighborhood” tee-shirt reminding the Chancellor just who his next-door neighbors are, bounded out with unparalleled energy and proclaimed that Watkins/Miller women of the 1990s may have done plenty of cooking and chores, but they still had lots of time for fun. “We spent time talking, enjoying movie nights, singing together, playing the piano and planning activities,” Elizabeth delivered with crystal clear voice, adding in a stage whisper “Oh, and we studied . . . some.” After unearthing old hall scrapbooks, the 1990s Miller women resurrected the old Joe’s Place Speakeasy party in 1993. Ironically, even after studying the scrapbooks, the women knew little of Mrs. Watkins and her plans for the halls and the girls who must travel uphill. The rent for those girls rose to over \$600 per semester.

In the final performance of the afternoon, bespectacled Samantha Bunnyfield represented the savvy and inquisitive Watkins/Miller women of the New Millennium with “spot on” delivery. Samantha’s performance was so convincing it made the audience feel like she had personally lived the last decade at Watkins/Miller. As her performance reached the pinnacle moment, Samantha showed the poster that illustrated with pinpoint accuracy the exponential increase in Watkins/Miller rent from 1926 to present day. With laser-like precision, Samantha pointed out that if Watkins/Miller rents had been kept at the level Mrs. Watkins intended, residents would be paying only about \$500 a year to live in the halls, adjusted to 2011 dollars.

“Everyone unanimously agreed that the program was an excellent job of concentrating a great deal of information into a fun and informative program,” Norma said. “The program elicited comments from many in the audience about exponential increase in rent, the residents’ lawsuit, and the formation of Kitchen 8. Even for those of us who are familiar with Kitchen 8’s history, it was a great lesson to watch it unfold before our eyes in this organized manner. This program bears repeating every few years.”

Norma added that even before the 2012 Annual Meeting concluded Watkins/Miller alumnae and residents were brainstorming about programs for the 2013 meeting, hoping that another interesting program would break the attendance record again. “The memories get sweeter by the year, especially when they are shared,” Norma said. “Please

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the Women of Watkins and Miller" events also were great successes this past year. K-8 Website Coordinator Michelle Loewenstein (Watkins 2005-09) and K-8 President Norma (Hoagland) Decker (Watkins 1969-71) write in this issue that the annual New Women Dinner was the biggest and best ever – more new residents and new alumnae attended than ever before. Everyone attending loved combining the dinner with a lovely cordial – Traditions Night on Miller's lawn. The Watkins women also invited K-8 members to enjoy a special dessert – judging their Big Sis/Lil' Sis contest.

At the start of this semester, Kitchen 8 once again celebrated Mrs. Watkins birthday (152<sup>nd</sup>) with the women of Watkins and Miller. And next month, as K-8 does every year, we invite Watkins/Miller women to be our guests at the K-8 Annual Meeting and celebratory luncheon before awarding the EMWMS awards. The next day after the Alumnae Teas, K-8 will invite Watkins/Miller women, particularly graduating seniors, to gather at Oak Hill Cemetery to put flowers on the grave of Elizabeth Miller Watkins and reminisce about what living in her two dream homes has meant to them. For many Watkins/Miller residents and alumnae, this is always very emotional as they reflect on the fun, the activities, and the friendships of life on Lilac Lane. For 2012 graduates Emily Sis and Lisa Curran pictured on page 15, who were close friends while they lived

all four years at Watkins, it was particularly emotional realizing that they would be leaving Watkins less than one month after laying flowers on Mrs. Watkins' grave.

Just doing these projects with and for the women of Watkins and Miller would have been a full agenda for any alumnae group, but Kitchen 8 refused to rest on their laurels. And so Kitchen 8 pushed the shovel blade in deeper and broke new ground.

## Groundbreaking to come full circle

The first and biggest groundbreaking project K-8 launched this past year is the book about Watkins and Miller Halls that K-8 is writing. The article in this issue identifies the incredible multi-tasking that Norma Hoagland accomplished to get The Historic Mount Oread Friends to approve and help fund the book project. Now K-8 members and friends have their chance to help multi-task the book project onto the bestseller list. K-8 needs both literary and financial contributions from you. K-8's goal is to raise enough money to print enough books to give to each graduating senior as a special keepsake. Here is your opportunity to show that you too are a great multi-tasker! Watkins/Miller women specifically requested K-8's second groundbreaking project – a Career Day. Many K-8 members were very touched that the residents were turning to *us* for advice about getting ahead in the world beyond Lilac Lane. Norma Hoagland said she had no trouble getting K-8 members to volun-

teer to participate in this event. Dr. Annette Smith (Miller 1987-91) even came all the way from St. Joseph, MO, to talk to residents who want to pursue a career in medicine. As the article and pictures in this issue reveal, the very inventive session about Business Dinner Etiquette that K-8 Campus Coordinator Bev (Runkle) Benso (Watkins 1954-58) presented was one of the biggest draws.

K-8 members hardly had a chance to catch their breaths before jumping into another groundbreaking project. To make the annual Elizabeth Miller Watkins 152<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration extra special, Bev Benso came up with the idea of making Mrs. Watkins' birthday a day "we bring gifts to 'her girls.'" "We were all 'her girls' when we lived in Miller or Watkins," she explained. And just as Mrs. Watkins did when she set up Watkins and Miller Halls, Bev and fellow K-8 Campus Coordinator Judy (Johnson) Niebaum (Miller 1958-61) carefully selected presents that residents said they needed. The favorite gift? The new vacuum cleaner, Watkins/Miller women proclaimed.

I chuckle thinking how women of any and every decade appreciate a good vacuum cleaner! But more important, I realize that Bev's birthday presents project brought Kitchen 8 full circle – K-8 is breaking new ground in order to preserve our history, our special halls, and the legacy of our Lady Bountiful who made it all possible. That is multi-tasking at its very best.

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Miller through the decades. In particular, we need you to contribute memories (1-2 paragraphs) from when you lived at Watkins/Miller on any or all of the following issues and topics:

- Your life at Watkins/Miller;
- National events, popular trends and historic events;
- Types of degrees and careers women pursued;
- What Watkins/Miller talked about;
- How life at Watkins/Miller empowered you.

## How can I contribute?

If you would like to contribute to publishing our Watkins/Miller book, please send your check made payable to Historic Mount Oread Friends, to:

**Norma Hoagland**  
25332 Wolcott Rd.  
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Also, please send your memories for the Watkins/Miller book to Norma at the address above or [norma.hoagland@yahoo.com](mailto:norma.hoagland@yahoo.com).

## Past is future

This year Watkins and Miller Halls came one

step closer in taking their rightful place in KU history. On February 1, Kitchen 8 received promising news that the University of Kansas Advisory Board, established to provide advice on protecting KU's historic buildings and landscapes, had voted to accept the nomination of Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls to be included in a KU Campus Historic District to be listed on the National Register.

HMOF helped to champion the nomination of Watkins and Miller to be added to the Campus Historic District. Shortly after Kitchen 8 received its good news, HMOF also learned that they had reached a major milestone in its goal "to ensure that KU's past is always part of its future." On February 9, the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review (HSBR) voted to approve and forward the nomination of the first University of Kansas Historic District to be added to the National Register. If the National Register concurs with HSBR's findings, the first Campus Historic District will be added to the National Register.

This milestone represented years of work by HMOF to recognize, protect and preserve the historic landmarks, landscape and buildings

atop Mount Oread, including the Campanile, Potter Lake, and 20 buildings surrounding Jayhawk Boulevard. Watkins and Miller Halls, along with The Outlook, the home Elizabeth Miller Watkins built and later donated to KU, will be part of HMOF's application for a second Campus Historic District, HMOF Advisory Board Vice President Dale Slusser told the *Lawrence Journal World*.

"Watkins and Miller will be perfect additions to the Campus Historic District," Norma said. "The halls are rich with historic significance. Watkins and Miller were the unique first-in-the-nation dream of Mrs. Watkins that made it possible for so many daughters of The Great Depression to get an education. When First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt learned how successful Mrs. Watkins' experiment had become, she came to KU to see for herself. Other than Watkins, Miller and The Outlook, I can't think of any other building at KU that a First Lady has asked to visit."

Ken Armitage, HMOF Board Past President will speak about HMOF and its projects at the 2013 K-8 Annual Meeting on April 27 at Lawrence Country Club.



# EMW wants you to Vote For the K-8 Board

**K**itchen 8 will elect members for two-year terms on the K-8 Board at the 2013 Annual Meeting on April 27. But, just because you can't attend the 2013 Annual Meeting doesn't mean you don't get to vote. Even if you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, you can vote in one of the following ways:

**By mail:** Clip the ballot from this newsletter, vote, sign with your name and address, and send it to:

**Pat (Jolly) Putnam**  
P.O. Box 256  
Perry, KS 66073.

**Online:** Go to the K-8 website at [www.kitchen8.org](http://www.kitchen8.org) and cast your vote.

All ballots (mail and online) must be received by Noon (central), Friday, April 26.

The following K-8 members are running for the following positions on the K-8 Board and are listed on the absentee ballot. The ballot includes space to vote for write-in candidates if you or someone else would like to help with the work of Kitchen 8.

## Candidates for K-8 Board:

### President:

Norma (Decker) Hoagland, *Watkins 1969-71*

### Vice-President:

Elizabeth (Ervin) Boman, *Watkins 1971-75*

### Secretary:

Paula (Hopkins) Wrigley, *Miller 2003-08*

### Treasurer:

Mary Emerson, *Watkins 2004-09*

### Historian:

Laura (Draxler) Sixta, *Watkins 2005-09*

### Watkins Campus Coordinator:

Bev (Runkle) Benso, *Watkins 1954-58*

### Miller Campus Coordinator:

Judy (Johnson) Niebaum, *Miller 1958-61*

### EMWMSF Advisory Committee Chair:

Gayle (Barry) Matchett, *Watkins 1955-57*

### EMWMS Selection Committee Co-Chairs:

Alica Thomas, *Miller 1990-94*

Susan (Harshaw) Kissinger, *Watkins 1970-74*

### Website Coordinator:

Michelle Loewenstein, *Watkins 2005-09*

### Newsletter Co-Coordinators:

Sarah (Wohlrahe) Shortall, *Watkins 1972-76*

Ali (Bannwarth) Zayas, *Watkins 2002-06*

### Mentoring Co-Coordinators:

Emily Bannwarth, *Miller/Rieger 2004-08*

Cathie (Fuller) Miller, *Watkins 1970-73*

At the Annual Meeting, K-8 members also may make nominations for the K-8 Board from the floor and candidates may make a short statement at that time.

## Ballot for 2013 Kitchen 8 Board Election

<b>President</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Norma (Decker) Hoagland <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-in
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<b>Treasurer</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Emerson <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-in
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<b>Website Coordinator</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Loewenstein <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-in
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