Maureen Scanlon AC ’86 writes that she is enjoying her communications design work more than ever these days. Her client list includes the Smith College School for Social Work, the Northampton Survival Center, and other worthy causes. She’s also an Airbnb host, giving her the chance to share her love of the region and meet interesting people. Maureen is delighted that her dear friend Teresa Hacunda AC ’87 recently moved back to town.

Teresa Hacunda AC ’87 and Peter have moved to Northampton for the third time! They repurchased their old house, love being walking distance from town, and are delighted to be reacquainting themselves with dear friends and the beauty of the Pioneer Valley. With neither work nor studies to occupy her time, Teresa’s scoping out volunteer opportunities in the community. Peter is a thesis away from a Master’s in History from Providence College, then retirement travel for both is in the cards. Can’t wait for Ada Reunion and Smith fun!

Cynthia Carroll AC ’90 After a dramatic end 24 years into my marriage, then six years of living and working all over the globe, I’ve returned to Cleveland to recover from a severe bout of chikungunya contracted in Hyderabad, India. Spending much time in front of the fireplace contemplating my “next act.” Come visit cozy bungalow near Lake Erie!

Kathleen Banks Nutter AC ’90 and Shelley Sallee ’90: We are saddened to share the news that our beloved friend, Jane Elkind Bowers, ex ’62 and AC’91, passed away at home in Salt Lake City on January 10, 2020. Born in New York City on November 6, 1940, Jane first came to Smith in the fall of 1958. She left after two years, living in NYC for several years before moving with her then-husband to Telluride, Colorado, where she worked on the local newspaper and raised her beloved son, Bean (who tragically pre-deceased her in 2011). Jane returned to Smith in 1987 as an Ada where she excelled in her classes and at her student work job in the Sophia Smith Collection as part of the Margaret Sangers Papers Project. Her American Studies major let her hone her expertise in American intellectual history and sharpen her keen eye for design and material culture. Jane charmed so many of us with her delight in her ageless, fan-girl passions and her entertaining cultural commentary. After graduation, Jane went onto graduate work at the University of Texas Austin, there too excelling in her academic work while much enjoying the local music scene. Those who knew Jane know the world has lost a one-of-a-kind human: super smart, with a sharp sense of humor, an incredible sense of design, and a great ear for good music who also made the best Bloody Marys ever.

Alisa Klein AC ’91, a Northampton city councilor for six years, has a new position as Executive Director of Grow Food Northampton. GFN sponsors an organic community garden and a farm-to-school program with Northampton High School as part of its mission to strengthen sustainable agriculture and food systems in the region, achieve food justice in the community, and save the planet. She writes, "My passion for growing my own organic vegetables took on broader
meaning for me as I recognized the deep connection between how we farm and produce food and the climate emergency that threatens our very existence. On the Northampton city council, I guided the city to reduce the use of pesticides and other chemicals in our community by establishing a Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction and passing legislation that mandates the organic management of municipal areas leading to more comprehensive changes in how we manage Northampton’s green spaces.

"In choosing a path of sustainable, local agriculture and food systems, we are pushing back against destructive agribusiness and tending to our communities in ways that not only address the destruction of our climate, but the economic and racial inequities so rampant in the corporate production of food. The food justice work that Grow Food Northampton has worked on for the last decade – and plans to deepen in the next ten years – has crucial implications for the ways we use the agricultural land in our community, the quality of our food, the environment, workers’ rights, access to fresh and affordable food, and our overall health and well-being."

**Jill Johnson AC ’13** After Smith, I earned my MFA in Creative Nonfiction at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. I worked part-time in Smith Admissions until my husband and I started spending half of the year in Florida, where I concentrate on writing. I’m thrilled to report my essays have seen publication and I’m a nonfiction reader for Solstice Literary Magazine. My current project is a memoir about expat life in the sixties. I love living with one foot in Vermont and one in the vibrant city of St Petersburg.

**Anne McNeill AC ’92** is afraid she is in danger of losing her job as Class Secretary. Where is the outpouring of Ada Notes, Ada news, Ada observations? "If there is one shared trait among Adas, it is that we all have opinions! I know you all have lives of interest, books you've read, films seen, food cooked, places you've been. For example, I know that Stephanie Schoen AC ’91 has been making little marzipan candies shaped like tiny fruit and veggies. As for me, I keep track of some local Smithies (though no Adas) in my SoCal area. Alice (Lissy) Ziesing ’72 and I hike almost daily in the mountain wilderness park near us, and meet monthly with our mostly-Smith book group (Joanne Palmer Cate ’50, Cynthia Crawford Berne ’57, Carlene Miller ’65, Lois Homma ’72, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Topper ’82). I still volunteer as the proofreader for our local weekly newspaper and am treasurer of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley.