

Hi, Gwen:

The centennial celebration website looks great, and I hope to be there with my sister Nancy, who was class of '66. It will be lovely to see everyone, and I hope the turnout is huge.

It seemed I was on an airplane most of this year, flying all over the country and even to Europe for book-related events. It was a big year for me in publishing, because somehow three books came out within three months of each other. One was the paperback reprint of my hardcover young adult novel, [Singer in the Snow](#). Another was a short story collection, [Absalom's Mother and Other Stories](#). The third was the first in a new trilogy, written under my pseudonym Toby Bishop: [Airs Beneath the Moon](#). The second book in that trilogy will come out in three weeks--just in time for Christmas!--[Airs and Graces](#). The name Toby Bishop is dear to me because Bishop is my mother's maiden name.

My mother, by the way, sends her greetings to everyone. So many of my classmates spent happy hours in Mom's big kitchen on Wilton, eating apple crisp and talking the night away. Mom still seems to be surrounded by young people most of the time, and is as generous and wise as always at the grand age of 86.

My family is well. Son Zack works in the software industry. Husband Jake is busily building highrises all over Seattle--or at least designing the HVAC systems for them. And I'm writing fulltime and teaching for an excellent distance-learning school, [Long Ridge Writers Group](#). I sing occasionally, but I celebrate having a new career in middle age. It's great to have new goals and new energy.

I look forward to reading everyone else's letters, and I hope to see you on May 17th, 2008!

Wishing each of you peace and joy in the new year,

Louise Campbell Marley