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Dear Friends of PDS,

By the time you have this issue in your hands, I trust spring will have arrived in all her glory and many of you will be planning to join us shortly for our May 16-17 Alumni Weekend.

Our beautiful campus is abuzz with the sounds and energy of spring. Our halls are full of lacrosse sticks, softball gloves and baseballs. Plans are underway for the construction of a school-wide garden; 8th graders are rehearsing for their musical; and lower schoolers are eager to share their newly acquired knowledge and skills. Almost all of our seniors know where they will be matriculating in the fall and while a few are still navigating the college wait lists before they make a final choice, all are eager to finish their AP exams and enjoy their senior projects.

This time of year is always challenging as we try to be “in the moment” and enjoy our whirlwind of spring activities *and* simultaneously plan for next year. We’ve been focusing on how to provide a smooth transition for our three new senior administrators, Paul Stellato, Head of School; Steve Hancock, Head of Middle School and John Weaver, Head of Lower School. Fortunately, all three have been able to spend time with us this spring so they’ve had an opportunity to talk formally and informally with students, faculty and parents. We feel extremely fortunate to have such talented, experienced educators joining our school. I know all of you will help welcome and acclimate them to this exciting community.

We also join in thanking both Warren Gould and Cindy Peifer for their remarkable leadership this year while serving, respectively, as interim heads of middle school and lower school.

Although there is much to do and enjoy before graduation, I’d like to take this opportunity to tell you how much I have enjoyed being back at PDS this year. We rarely seem to get a chance to “circle back” in our lives and I feel particularly blessed to once again have been able to be a part of this terrific community.

Thank you for your warm welcome and your support throughout the year.

*Lila B. Lohr*

Lila Lohr

Interim Head of School



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# News & Events

## Mock Trial Champions

Princeton Day School's Mock Trial Team captured the Mercer County Championship, with senior **Ben Fisch** named Outstanding Participant in the county. PDS is undefeated in Mercer County mock trial competition since 2005.

"I'm very proud of this amazing team," said Upper School Teacher **Barbara Walker**. "Mock trial requires a keen ability to synthesize and analyze information, think logically and communicate effectively. These students take their roles seriously and always come prepared to do their best." ■



Mock Trial team members include, pictured from left, **Alon Debiche '08**, **Adam Fisch '11**, **Lauren Berk '08**, **Sophia Weissmann '10**, **Matt Oresky '08**, **Aditi Juneja '08**, **Greg Francfort '08**, **Ben Fisch '08**, **Pete Travers '08**, **Scott McCarron '08** and **Paul Mannino '09**.



## Talk Like an Egyptian

The Class of 2015 hosted the annual Egyptian Bazaar showcasing their extensive research into the cultural beliefs and contributions of ancient Egypt, the secrets of King Tut's tomb, Cleopatra's beauty, pyramid construction, Nile navigation, hieroglyphs and more.

Student projects included a "mummy" – with most organs carefully extracted and stored in jars, of course! — as well as explanations of Egyptian gods and goddesses, the Rosetta Stone, home life, pyramids, animal life and agriculture. ■

## pds. going green

Focused on sustainability efforts underway at PDS, this issue became the perfect time to begin using 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper. Using this paper saves natural resources, reduces use of harmful chemicals and encourages large-scale recycling.

We hope you like the new "feel" and appearance of the *Journal*. We're sure Mother Nature does.

This year, **Flori Marquez '09** captured First Place with a bridge that held about 64 lbs. — 1930 times its own weight!

With spring now in the air, Ms. Spencer recently scheduled another special lab experiment. This time, students focused on "partial thermal degradation of carbon dioxide foamed disaccharides with protein inclusions." You guessed it – they made peanut brittle. ■

## Fun With Science

Before leaving for a long winter's break, students in **Jane Spencer's** chemistry class conducted a "special technical experiment" designed to "enable observation of the effect of torsion on the visible configuration of certain groups of macromolecules."

Combining sucrose, vegetable oil, plant starch, potassium hydrogen tartrate and *mentha peperita* extract, they boiled and buttered and stretched their very own CANDY CANES.

When students returned in January, Upper School science teachers **Anthony Lapinski** and **Tom Palma** hosted the 10th Annual bridge building contest.

A crowd of Upper School students gathered as teachers tested the strength of each bridge entered in the competition.

The assignment requires students to design and build bridges using 10 thin, flexible pieces of balsa wood. Bridges are judged by how much weight they bear, relative to their own weight.



## Students Experience African Culture

Using drums, dance and drama, the Seventh Principle dance troupe brought West African culture to PDS, teaching lower school students in workshops and performing in McAneny Theater for lower and middle school students.

In West Africa, where people speak hundreds of languages, dance became a way to communicate, to record history and to worship, said Troupe Director Candace Hundley Kamate. Each dance has its own story and its own rhythm, with the griot — or storyteller — revered in the community.

Lower school students had fun dancing the “kou kou” — telling the story of a successful fishing trip — to the rhythm of the djembe. Dances also would announce important events, such as weddings, deaths and births. ■



Harper Joseph '15 takes a turn on the djembe.

## Writers Big and Small

Princeton Day School students enjoy participating in a community reaching from junior kindergarten through Upper School, sharing laughs and learning along the way.

Recently, classes from different divisions and different ends of campus found themselves collaborating on ways to “save the world,” as Upper School students in Tom Quigley’s Creative Writing class partnered with fourth-graders taught by his wife, Tara Quigley, to write and illustrate books with environmental themes.

Students worked together over five classes to develop plot, characters and illustrations.

“The project was fun,” one fourth-grader said. “I would type, he would draw and then we’d switch.”

Caitlin Gribbin '09 was surprised by how many “cool, zany ideas,” her nine-year-old partner had to offer. “Plus, now we wave to each other in the hall. So, if nothing else, I made a fourth-grade friend. And who doesn’t want one of those!”

The experience also helped Creative Writing students mine their imaginations, Mr. Quigley said. “When mixing classes across divisions it makes it quite clear that the process of writing doesn’t change —no matter what age groups are involved.” ■



Fourth-grader Abby Bilenkin works with Caitlin Gribbin '09 and Adi Kulkarni '08.



(below) Emma Sharer '16 and Tammy Lam '08 work on illustrating their story.

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Pictured, from left, back row: Kevin Shannon '08, Jeff Kowalski '09, Chris Gibson '10, Nick Ford '08, Lauren Berk '08, Karthik Nagalingam '09, Meade Atkeson '11, Juan Carlos Melendez-Torres '09, Maya Anjur-Dietrich '11, Sam Radomy '08, Dina Sharon '10, Jeff Landy '08 and Adam Fisch '11. From left, front row, Jeff Young '08, Ben Fisch '08, Vinay Trivedi '09 and Greg Francfort '08. Not pictured: Rebecca Golden '10.

## PDS Science Olympiad Team Ranks 10th in New Jersey

Princeton Day School's Science Olympiad Team was among the top finishing schools at the recent Princeton Regional tournament and went on to place tenth statewide during competition mid-March.

The Team includes top Upper School science students who compete in challenging events focused on biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. Success requires knowledge of science facts, concepts, processes, skills and science applications. "Their performance was outstanding," said Upper School Science Teacher Barbara Maloney. ■



## Mix It Up

Upper Schoolers joined with teens nationwide in a lunchroom effort to tear down social barriers sponsored by the Allies Working for Awareness Respect Equality (AWARE) Club. Students received colored wristbands that determined table assignments where they discussed topics ranging from cliques to how race and gender shape perceptions.

## Kindergartners Learn F is for Float

With purple, green and gold beads flashing, the Class of 2020 strutted through Lower School, showing off their Mardi Gras floats and waving to classmates and parents.

The annual extravaganza was brought to PDS in 2006 by teacher Jim Laughlin '80, whose wife grew up in New Orleans and served as a Queen of Hermes with one of the oldest Mardi Gras clubs. More recently, Mr. Laughlin was invited to join Hermes and ride the club's float.

Donning his genuine Mardi Gras costume, Mr. Laughlin guided the PDS parade featuring kindergartners in feathered masks tugging homemade shoebox "floats" covered in glitter.

While Mardi Gras is rooted in the Roman Catholic religious tradition, Mr. Laughlin said students focus on the culture, celebration and music. Plus, he said, "We're studying the letter 'F' and that stands for float." ■



(right) Lower School Science Teacher Aaron Schomburg and Interim Head of School Lila Lohr are in character as they prepare to lead the annual PDS Mardi Gras parade.



(right) Kindergartners crafted floats out of shoeboxes and glitter to celebrate Mardi Gras.



## Investing in Excellence Campaign Update

As the *Investing in Excellence* Campaign ends this month, Princeton Day School will be enhanced by both beautiful new teaching spaces and new funds supporting financial aid and faculty. Indeed, the outpouring of support over the past five years from parents, alumni, grandparents and trustees is truly inspiring. On campus, such generosity is tangible – students, teachers and coaches now enjoy new libraries, a new arts wing and new athletic facilities, including an expanded fitness center. These improvements, in turn, create more opportunities for our wonderful teachers to challenge and encourage students to learn and grow.

Less visible than the physical and financial gain, but no less influential on our PDS community, are the volunteers who made this Campaign a success. We are indebted to these individuals for their generosity, thoughtfulness, and extraordinary dedication to Princeton Day School and the future of PDS students.

With great affection and appreciation, we want to acknowledge and thank these individuals for dreaming that PDS could accomplish these ambitious goals and then turning those dreams into reality.

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## Winter Wonderland Wows

This year's PDS Parents Association Auction and Party was truly a night to remember!

Not only did the PA raise more than \$100,000 to support professional development and teacher enrichment for PDS faculty – but they also did it *in the dark*. A major wind storm downed tree limbs and power lines throughout the Princeton area, creating not one, but two, blackouts during the event.

But PDS families don't let a little bad weather ruin a good time. Auction co-chairs Jill Mundelar and Stephanie Briody kept the fun flowing with dance tunes from The Party Dolls, fabulous decorations – those glow sticks and Dayglo snowflakes sure came in handy! — and a spirited live auction hosted by PDS past parent Adam Marcus broke all kinds of records.

Auction volunteers did a tremendous job planning this incredible event and gathering exclusive and luxurious items for auction. The generosity of the PDS community, both those who donate items and those who bid, benefits the school every day. Special thanks to everyone who braved the storm!

Special thanks to the class parents and class agents for the Annual Fund.

## Guest Speakers Provoke, Inspire

Princeton Day School welcomed **Dr. Arthur Caplan**, chair of the Department of Medical Ethics and the Director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania as this year's Pioneer in Science lecturer.

Dr. Caplan discussed the widening scope of bioethics and talked with students studying advanced anatomy and other upper level science courses about issues such as trafficking in human organs, trials for promising yet experimental medicines and vaccine distribution to impoverished areas.

The PDS Pioneer in Science lecture was established in 2003 through the initiative and generosity of former Trustee Marc Ostro and since supplemented by other trustees and friends of PDS. The Pioneers in Science Fund enables PDS to host guest lecturers each year who excel in the field of science.

The PDS History and Religion Department welcomed **David Sanger**, chief Washington correspondent at *The New York Times*, for this year's Anne Rothrock Memorial Lecture honoring a longtime PDS history teacher.

Mr. Sanger, who also met with *Spokesman* writers and AP Government students, covered the White House for several years and is one of the newspaper's senior writers. In a 25-year career at the paper, he has reported from New York, Tokyo and Washington, covering a issues surrounding foreign policy, globalization, nuclear proliferation, Asian affairs and the Bush presidency. Twice he has been a member of Times reporting teams that won the Pulitzer Prize.

Mr. Sanger urged students to analyze what political leaders are saying — but also to pay attention to issues they are not discussing. "Sometimes the news is in the headlines and some-



Dr. Arthur Caplan

times, it's in the silences," he said.

The 2008 presidential election "could be the most interesting election you'll ever see in your lifetimes," Mr. Sanger said. "We're in for a wild ride. So hold on to your hat and soak up as much of this as you can every day."

In celebration of Black History Month and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, Princeton Day School opened its doors and its heart to the wider community, hosting a Jan. 31 guest lecture

focused on the civil rights leader.

The **Rev. William Watley Ph.D.**, an ecumenical preacher and guest lecturer at Harvard University and visiting professor at the Princeton Theological Seminary, shared lessons based on the life of Dr. King with more than 100 guests in McAneny Theater.

Despite the many frustrations and humiliations faced by African-Americans, Dr. King preached a message of dignity and love, Rev. Watley said.

"Dr. King... talked about the fact no one should ever allow themselves to hate others," Rev. Watley recalled. "...His destiny was about more than winning rights; it was about leaving a society where (people) would learn not simply to tolerate each other but to respect each other and even love each other..." ■



Rev. William Watley



David Sanger (far right) in classroom with students.

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*Princeton Day School To Welcome*  
**PAUL J. STELLATO**  
*As Head of School*

In November, Princeton Day School students, faculty and staff gathered in the gym for a special announcement from the PDS Board of Trustees: **Paul J. Stellato** would be our new Head of School.

Mr. Stellato, who gained both friends and admirers during his interviews on campus, is an experienced educational leader who comes to PDS after seven very successful years as Headmaster of North Cross School, a coed JK-12 independent day school of 500 students in Roanoke, VA.

The Board's unanimous decision to select Mr. Stellato followed a nationwide search and an enthusiastic recommendation from the Search Committee citing his character, breadth of experience, life-long commitment to independent school education and leadership qualities as ideally suited to leading Princeton Day School in the years ahead.

Prior to guiding North Cross School, Mr. Stellato spent 13 years at the Millbrook School (NY) as an English teacher, coach, Director of Summer Programs, Director of College Counseling, Dean of Faculty and Assistant Headmaster. His early teaching and coaching career also included work at Williston Northampton School, Blair Academy, Albany Academy and the Hotchkiss School.

Mr. Stellato is a graduate of Hamilton College and of Columbia University, where he earned an M.F.A. degree in writing. He and his wife, Maureen, have two daughters; Katie, a senior at the University of Virginia, and Lauren, who is completing her senior year at North Cross.

When his appointment was announced, Mr. Stellato encouraged students to "stand together and imagine who we will become and what we will achieve together." Now, as he prepares to join our community this summer, Mr. Stellato shared the following comments.



❖ **What do you like most about being an educator?**

Life in independent schools has afforded me the company of talented peers, committed parents, devoted alumni, and searching, curious young men and women. At both Millbrook School, where my family and I spent 13 years; and North Cross School, where we are concluding our seventh year, Maureen and I have had the good fortune to work together and to watch our daughters grow, change, and flourish. Schools have given me the chance to do almost everything: coach, teach, run a dorm, hire faculty, build buildings, and travel the country and the world, all in support of that signature independent school feature: a unique and specific mission unifying the school community.

❖ **What about PDS attracted you to the Head of School role?**

Initially, four things: the school's national reputation, its mission, the manner in which that mission came alive for me during my initial interview, through the members of the search committee, and, most particularly, my tour with John Baldwin, as I listened to him describe the school and his experience of it. Really, each of these traces back to the school's mission. Look at the way in which the Princeton Day School mission statement begins (*PDS nurtures the mind, the body, and the character of each student*) and ends (*our students ... are prepared to act knowledge-*

“...stand together and imagine who we will become and what we will achieve together.”

— Paul J. Stellato

*ably, to lead thoughtfully, to share generously, and to contribute meaningfully...*). Ambitious goals confidently and courageously pursued! In each and every encounter with the school and its people, I have come to understand the power of this mission and the manner in which I may fully live my professional life within it.

❖ **How has your experience prepared you to be the PDS Head of School?**

In the English class I now teach, we ask again and again one question (which I stole from an English professor at Hamilton College): where have we seen this before? Nothing prepares one so well to be a head of school as does being a head of school, as much of a head's life is spent asking and answering that simple question. The life of every healthy school is lived within the scope of student experience, and so while the shape of my days and the people with whom I will spend those days will change, the range and quality of issues remain constant: building a culture that serves students fully; engages faculty completely; invites parents, alumni, and friends of the school into its many conversations, and prepares its children to lead their lives purposefully, optimistically, and confidently.

❖ **How do you plan to spend your first few months at PDS?**

I feel as if those first few months are over and done with, as, by the time Maureen and I arrive in late June, I will have visited campus five times to meet with parents, faculty, trustees, and students; attended the auction; assisted in the hiring of new middle and lower school heads; and gotten lost a number of times while driving around Princeton. Once we arrive, my job is to understand what makes the place tick, and to do so I must spend as much time as possible with those who shape the experience: students, faculty, and parents. While I will not teach in my first year (though I hope to do so in my second year), I plan to soak up every drop of the place.



Maureen and Paul Stellato visit their new home on PDS campus.



❖ **What are the strengths and challenges facing PDS?**

Every real challenge for PDS is a product of one of its strengths. Thus, change has much less to do with finding new approaches than it does of identifying ways to sustain and enhance the true excellence of the institution and the rich experience it affords its members: hiring, compensating, and retaining an outstanding faculty; doing all I can to reduce the degree to which finances impede any family whose child wishes to and is qualified to attend PDS, and imagining the world in which our graduates will live the balance of their lives and preparing them both to lead that world and enjoy all it has to offer them.

❖ **How will you get to know PDS students and parents?**

There is no substitute for being in a classroom. Short of that, there are two keys to coming to know parents and students: availing myself of as many opportunities as possible (games, classes, plays, performances, assemblies, carpool) to be with and around our kids and their families; and encouraging our kids and their parents to come to know me.

All good relationships are built from both sides, and the role of a head of school is fostering healthy relationships, one at a time. Having said all of this, I

don't think my coming to know the community will be much of a challenge: we were attracted to PDS for its people, all of whom have responded warmly and generously to Maureen and me.

❖ **What would you like the PDS community to know about you?**

One of my former students, Kimberly Kaye Fried, is the parent of a PDS fourth-grader, Zoe. One of my former teachers at Columbia, Daniel Halpern, is the parent of a PDS eighth-grader, Lily. (Both parents look as youthful as the day I met them; only I have aged.)

I cook most nights and read poetry most mornings. I go to bed early (don't call after 8:30 p.m.) and rise early (I am at my best at 5 a.m.). I am not crazy about wearing socks. ■

## PDS GREET'S NEW HEADS FOR LOWER, MIDDLE SCHOOLS

*These new administrators, selected following a comprehensive search process that included interviews with administrators, faculty and parents, will assume their responsibilities July 1.*

### JOHN W. WEAVER, *Head of Lower School*

Dr. Weaver brings a range of educational experience to the PDS Lower School, most recently as principal of grades PK-4 at the American School of the Hague since 2002. Dr. Weaver also taught for 12 years in elementary schools and served as principal of two elementary schools in Lincoln, NE.

"John is a warm, caring educator with a great sense of humor, who also brings to us a wealth of teaching and administrative experience as well as expansive curricular knowledge," said PDS Interim Head of School Lila Lohr.

Dr. Weaver holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Central College, as well as a master's and doctoral degree in education from Drake University. From 1996-2002, he developed and taught masters level educational leadership courses at Drake University.

Dr. Weaver expressed his eagerness to join the PDS community in a note to faculty. "Please know how much respect I gained for all of you in the time I was at PDS..." he wrote. "I could see what you have accomplished through your hard work, collaborative spirit, and dedication to your students' learning. I look forward to our work together."

### STEVE HANCOCK, *Head of Middle School*

Mr. Hancock comes to PDS from The Westminster Schools, an outstanding JK-12 coed independent day school of 1,800 students in Atlanta, where he has served as Chair of an 18-member Performing Arts Department that includes drama and music.

A member of Westminster's Administrative Leadership Committee, Mr. Hancock's middle school responsibilities include directing two orchestras, coaching tennis, and coordinating their assembly program. In 1999, Mr. Hancock created and now serves as the Middle School Division Director of Odyssey Atlanta, a nationally recognized summer program for over 250 inner-city middle school students.

Announcing the selection of Mr. Hancock, Interim Head of School Lila Lohr described him as "a collaborative, experienced middle school teacher and administrator with a clear love of, and ability to connect with, middle school students."

Mr. Hancock is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music. He earned an M.S. degree in Music Education from the University of Illinois. Prior to joining the Westminster faculty in 1999, he spent nine years teaching middle and upper school students in the Illinois public school system, and in four of those years won the "Most Influential Teacher Award." ■

## Thank You Lila!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, and indeed the entire Princeton Day School community, I want to express our deep appreciation to Lila Lohr for her thoughtful and effective leadership during this academic year.

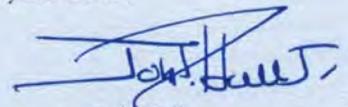
This year, Lila has led a number of efforts which will affect PDS for years to come:

- Guiding the search and subsequent appointments of exceptionally qualified heads for both lower and middle schools
- Providing direction and her personal time to facilitate Paul Stellato's introduction to and understanding of the Princeton Day School community
- Actively participating in fund-raising for our capital campaign

But most outstanding and characteristic of Lila Lohr's earlier tenure as head of school, from 1995 to 2000, is her enduring relationship with students, faculty, staff and parents. Whether hosting dinner with groups of seniors, greeting students and families as they arrive each morning, meeting informally with faculty and staff or sitting down with small groups or individual parents, she has supported and connected with these individuals.

Indeed, it has been a privilege and honor to work with Lila over the past year.

As she leaves Princeton Day School once again, the entire PDS community joins me in wishing her all the best for the years ahead.



— Jack Hall  
*President, Board of Trustees*

# PDS Going Green

## TEACHING A NEW PERSPECTIVE

“Rather than raise ‘environmentalists,’ PDS should strive to raise students whose values lead them to understand the consequences of their actions, and who know how to make choices with a long-term vision.”

With these words, Upper School English Teacher **Liz Cutler** articulated the challenge facing Princeton Day School as our community becomes more active in its environmental stewardship. As a longtime environmentalist and advisor for the PDS EnAct Club, Ms. Cutler has been a passionate advocate of reduce, reuse, recycle *and educate*.

Recently, a groundswell of concern over global climate change, dependence on fossil fuels, food safety and sustainability of resources prompted the PDS Academic Affairs Committee to adopt environmental stewardship as one of our major “strategic initiatives.”

With sustainability as a guiding principle for decision-making, the PDS community has rallied in collaborative and creative ways, with everyone from junior kindergarten students to faculty taking steps large and small — from turning off lights to printing on both sides of the paper, from composting our cafeteria scraps to coming together to create an organic garden.

Seeds of change were planted about a year ago, when a large group of teachers and staff from all corners of our campus formed the PDS Sustainability Team. Team members explore how we can become a more environmentally responsible community and encourage an ongoing dialogue on sustainability. The Team, including more than 25 members of the PDS community, has outlined several goals, including:

- Incorporating sustainability into the curriculum at all levels and across disciplines.
- Involving students more in the physical maintenance and upkeep of campus to foster a more widespread sense of stewardship
- Providing opportunities to discuss and share information about sustainability with families, encouraging parents to learn along with their kids and to take the lead with some projects of their own, such as carpooling, reducing idling and helping with the garden.
- Looking at how we can incorporate sustainability into our facilities and practices.

It didn't take long for teachers to find new ways to incorporate sustainability issues into their curriculums. Math classes in upper and lower schools calculated the environmental impact of the 40,000 plastic water bottles saved by the change in the lower school snack program and English teachers looked at using books with environmental themes. Middle School curriculum was enhanced to include resource and sustainability issues in studies of cultures around the world and the middle school student council elected sustainability reps for each grade. Ceramics students created and sold mugs to reduce the use of throw-away cups.

Even in the campus center, change was obvious. PDS uses no disposables in our lunch or catering program — and no Styrofoam — napkins are 100 percent



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1. US EnAct club in the classroom sharing the importance of sustainability.
2. Beginnings of an organic garden.
3. PDS faculty and staff meeting on how to incorporate sustainability throughout PDS.
4. A big thank you to parents for helping with the composting project.

recycled paper and organic foods are used when possible. The eating utensils station was moved to the end of the line so people would take only what they need, cutting down on the amount of water needed for washing. Fourth-graders gather up used drinking glasses to be washed so plastic bottles are no longer needed. FLIK food services also began composting kitchen wastes for our new organic garden, bolstered by the donation of used jack-o-lanterns by PDS families. So far, we have composted over 3000 lbs of waste to help our garden grow.

Our buildings and grounds staff has switched to “all green” cleaning supplies and installed lighting that turns off automatically. Environmental issues are being weighed in decisions about lighting levels, paint and carpeting. And PDS is the founder of a consortium of 16 area schools focusing on sustainability issues.

“We are training the generation that can either solve the problem... or add to it significantly”

— Liz Cutler, Upper School teacher

Throughout the school year, the Upper School EnAct Club has sponsored a monthly Green Challenge (see sidebar) and created a monthly Green Scene webpage ([www.pds.org/greenscene](http://www.pds.org/greenscene)) featuring updates on our progress, reading lists and fun facts, as part of the monthly *ePDS* online newsletter. You can read the newsletter by visiting [www.pds.org/epds](http://www.pds.org/epds) and typing **username: pds, password: panther**. The newsletter is password-protected for the privacy of our

students. EnAct members also sold 500 reusable shopping bags to help reduce the number of plastic and paper bags wasted and to raise money for an organic garden.

This spring, the Parents Association has planned an all-day, all-community “garden raising” to create an organic garden on campus to be used throughout each division as a living classroom and in the summer as a camp taught by master gardeners. The food from the garden will go to our own cafeteria during the school year to teach where food comes from and the concept of miles to market.

Upper School teacher Lisa Webster is designing bird and bat houses, fourth-grade teacher Tara Quigley is supervising construction of the butterfly garden. Faculty, parents and alumni will work together to build the raised beds, the compost bins and the beautiful garden gate, spread the soil and plant the perennials. Brian Mochnal, director of FLIK food services, is preparing and donating food to keep garden workers energized,

while student musicians will keep them entertained – and Upper School art teacher Jerry Hirniak’s film students record the garden raising for our own PDS documentary! In addition, several PDS families and other members of the community have donated soil, manure, fence posts, tee-shirts and more.

**M**s. Cutler, recipient of the 2007 David C. Bogle Award for her efforts to enhance environmental awareness and action, is heartened by the community’s embrace of environmental issues.

PDS cannot live up to its mission of graduating young adults “prepared to act knowledgeably, to lead thoughtfully, to share generously and to contribute meaningfully” without providing students an understanding of sustainability.

“Particularly here in the United States, and at schools such as PDS,” she says, “we are training the generation that can either solve the problem of resource depletion — or add to it significantly.” ■

## Are you up to the Green Challenge?

The PDS EnAct Club this year initiated a series of monthly “green challenges” to raise awareness of the environmental impact of our decisions and to encourage a more sustainable lifestyle.

**Challenge:** Buy as few disposable water bottles as possible and move to reusable hard plastic, aluminum or stainless steel bottles.

- The US includes just 5 percent of the world’s population yet consumes 26 percent of the world’s resources. PDS has eliminated disposable water bottles from Lower School snack, saving over 40,000 bottles and provides larger, centralized water-stations at PDS catered events, eliminating, for example, 1000 bottles at Back-to-School Night alone.

**Challenge:** Bring reusable shopping bags to the store when you shop. Americans use over 380 billion bags a year.

- Petroleum is used in the making of the plastic bags, and therefore Americans throw away millions of barrels of oil.
- The oil used in 14 plastic bags could drive a car a mile.
- The manufacture of paper bags is more harmful to the environment than the manufacture of plastic bags, with 70% more global warming gasses emitted and 50 times more water pollution.



**Challenge:** Reduce the unnecessary use of lights and fans.

**Challenge:** Change at least 5 of your home light-bulbs from incandescent to compact florescent.

- CFL (compact florescent lamp) bulbs use 75% less energy and last up to 10 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs. Replacing five 60-watt bulbs with CFLs you will save (over the life of the bulb) \$160.78 in energy bills and 1,026 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> from entering the atmosphere (source: Environmental Defense).

**Note:** CFLs cannot be thrown in the regular trash and must be taken to a local recycling center.

**Challenge:** Keep your showers under 10 minutes.

- Estimates vary, but each person uses about 80-100 gallons of water per day and the second highest use of household water is showers and baths. (U.S. Geological Survey). If you keep your shower under 5 minutes, you’ll save up to 1,000 gallons a month. Energy-efficient shower heads conserve energy without changing water pressure. Low-flow shower heads use up to 60 percent less water than standard fixtures.



For this month’s Green Challenge, visit [www.pds.org/greenscene](http://www.pds.org/greenscene)



## PDS ALUM Turns Concern into Career

*Stephanie Horowitz '00 is the Managing Director of ZeroEnergy Design (ZED), a Boston-based architectural firm dedicated to sustainability through the design of the built environment. With a residential focus, ZED's work ranges from off-the-grid homes for expatriates and zero-energy vacation homes on the Cape to energy efficient market-rate housing in South Jersey.*

*Her decision to specialize in housing was a simple one: "It's an underserved market. We've been using the same residential construction practices for over a century, yet commercial construction and design have benefited from numerous technological advances."*

There are approximately 1.5 million houses built each year in the United States yet only 1 percent of these are designed by architects — and even fewer involve an engineer in the design process. Not surprisingly, approximately 20 percent of total US energy use is consumed by the residential sector.

Ms. Horowitz says "a concern for the current and future state of the world" launched her current career path, adding that her "environmental interests — and concerns were fostered at PDS from an early age." Her parents still recall the lesson they received in recycling soon after she started kindergarten. Later, Upper School teacher Liz Cutler helped Ms. Horowitz fuse her developing interests in environment and design, subsequently leading her to apply to Cornell University's professional degree program for architecture. While at Cornell, Ms. Horowitz was a team leader for the school's Solar Decathlon (CUSD) team, which researched, designed, and built an off-grid solar home for a US Dept. of Energy competition.

"As students at Cornell, my business partners and I each studied sustainability

in our respective fields of architecture, engineering and business," Ms. Horowitz said. "This enabled us to develop separate ideas and strategies on how to approach the issue. It was only after we worked (and argued) together on the CUSD team that we came to understand that sustainability is not an end or a single answer—it's a concept we can work toward..."

Ms. Horowitz found "this elusiveness" to be both exciting and challenging in a way that environmental rhetoric isn't. "The difficulty of questioning and responding to such a fundamental human challenge is as fulfilling as it is complex," she said.

Her firm is dedicated to designing and producing "zero energy homes" — ones that produce as much energy as they use on an annual basis. This requires efficiency in its building envelope, mechanical heating and cooling system, lighting and appliances, as well as some form of renewable energy such as solar and geothermal systems.

This translates into well-insulated walls, windows, doors and roofs, plus

passive heating and cooling techniques to minimize the need for mechanical heating and cooling. For example, she notes, a simple overhang on a south-facing window can significantly reduce heat gain during the summer while still allowing the low lying winter sun to enter the house when the heat is desirable. Proper window placement and sizing can both reduce the need for electrical lighting and increase passive ventilation through the

**“Sustainability represents a cultural challenge, not a technological one,”**

— Stephanie Horowitz '00

house. Sound design tactics, combined with a well-insulated building envelope and energy efficient mechanical equipment, can make homes 35-65% more efficient

“Sustainability represents a cultural challenge, not a technological one,” Ms. Horowitz said. “Like economics, technology is an important consideration in

designing change, but only one of many entities that must be considered. Developing new technologies isn't inherently progressive. Part of our environmental context has been shaped by technologies that were applied with good intentions but a limited understanding of their consequences...

“It would be foolish to think that we could simply use new technologies to solve problems initiated by older ones. Renewable energy technologies like photovoltaics aren't answers, but an opportunity for designing change.”

**T**he goal is not simply proclaiming the benefits of “renewables,” Ms. Horowitz said, but to implement them in the context of values shaping our world. “Sustainable design is about broadening the way we approach problems and critique our solutions,” she said.



But even the most dedicated and talented environmental advocates can't solve these challenges alone. To do that, Ms. Horowitz recommends collaboration. “Find your renaissance team,” she said. “Many problems are too complex to tackle with the skills and knowledge of one individual.” ■

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## Save Energy: Read!

Upper School English teacher and PDS Sustainability Coordinator Liz Cutler has compiled a suggested reading list on sustainability topics for all members of the PDS community. So unplug your television, find a sunny spot on the porch and enjoy some high-quality, low-tech entertainment!

### For Adults and Upper Schoolers:

***Plan B: Rescuing a Planet Under Stress and a Civilization in Trouble*** by Lester Brown

In the first half of this very readable book, Brown gives a careful and thorough overview of the global climate crisis, and in the second half he gives us some hope by providing rational solutions.

***The Ominivore's Dilemma*** by Michael Pollan

This clear, lively, and articulate book studies food life in the United States through the lens of four meals: a McDonald's meal, an organic, Whole Foods type meal, a meal made from local ingredients, and a meal made entirely from food the author grew or shot himself. It's a wonderful overview of the food industry, and without advocating for a definitive choice, Pollan guides readers through the maze of eating options and their consequences locally and globally.

***Garbage Land: On the Secret Trail of Trash*** by Elizabeth Royte  
This is a great book about consumption and where garbage goes. It is extremely well written and very accessible to people new to thinking about sustainability.

### For Middle School students (grades 5-8):

***Green Boy*** by Susan Cooper

Twelve-year-old Trey and his seven-year-old brother Lou, who does not speak, cross the barrier between two worlds, that of their island in the Bahamas, and a land called Pangaia, and play a mysterious role in restoring the natural environment in both places.

### For younger students (K-4):

***birdsongs***, by Betsy Franco and illustrated by Steve Jenkins  
This gorgeously illustrated and poetic counting book is also full of facts about birds in our area. It is a beautiful nature lesson that will engender great conversation as you think about putting up bird feeders for the winter.

***The Seashore Book*** by Charlotte Zolotow.

A boy asks his mother to describe the sea, and the result is a lovely and lyrical book about the sights and sounds at the shore. The illustrations are perfect for the text.

# ArtNotes

## Tony-Winner Emily Mann Shares Tips

Tony-award winning playwright Emily Mann shared secrets, fears, ideas and advice during a recent visit with Upper School students participating in Princeton's



Playwrights Joseph Gallo and Emily Mann at PDS.

McCarter Theatre Youth Ink playwriting residency program.

"Plays are wild, live creatures," said Ms. Mann, who wrote the acclaimed Broadway play "Having our Say."

The visit by McCarter Theatre's artistic director was the exclamation point of a two-month partnership between McCarter artists and about 15 juniors and seniors in Kate Winton's Psychological Literature class. Since January, students have been working with playwright Joseph Gallo and dramaturg Carey Hughes to create, revise and refine original,



Playwright Joseph Gallo and Amalia McDonald '09 look over her script.

10-minute plays. One play from each participating school will be professionally directed and performed at McCarter's Black Box Theater in June. ■

## Middle School Art Joins Permanent Collection

Each year, a panel of outside judges surveys Middle School art work and selects outstanding examples to be added to the PDS Permanent Collection.

Artists whose work will serve as a visible reminder of the creativity and quality of our Middle School art program include, below from left, Merritt Harlan '12, Julie Zink '14, Mary Travers '14, Liz Gudgel '14, Julia Miller '12, Sarah Spencer '13, Obi Ferguson '14, Bobby Madani '13, Hadley Jacobson '14, Andre Danko '12 and Selena Anjur-Dietrich '13. The collection also includes works by Class of 2011 members Alexa Manley, Cason Crane, Caylin Brahaney and Ashley Hudson. ■



## Mayhem Poets

Upper School students cheered the hip-hop style of the Mayhem Poets during a slam poetry performance featuring rhyming cadences that ranged from Dr. Seuss-inspired verse to rap lyricism.

"This shows students that poetry isn't just something you read in a book or something someone *else* does," said Judy Michaels, PDS Poet-in-Residence. "Poetry is today, it's their language and their ideas."

The trio of Rutgers University graduates — Scott Tarazevits, Kyle Sutton and Mason Granger — encouraged Upper School students to listen to their hearts and share their thoughts with the world. ■



Mayhem Poets talked with Upper School poetry students.



## Blending Voices, Sharing Talents

PDS Music Department Chair Vincent Metallo directed as Upper School singers blended voices with the Princeton High School Choir to perform "Chichester Psalms" and "Make Our Garden Grow" from "Candide" by Leonard Bernstein. PDS Madrigals, a select group of Upper School singers, also performed songs by Charles Ives, Mourten Lauridsen and Eric Whitacre.

The performance benefited students not only by raising funds for school music programs but also enabling them "to work collaboratively with professional musicians as well as other singers, and sing works they would not be able to perform alone," Mr. Metallo said.

## PDS Hosts Peter Cook Exhibit

The Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery proudly hosted a retrospective exhibit of oil paintings by well-known Princetonian and former Princeton Country Day School art teacher Peter Cook.

Peter Geoffrey Cook, a man of many talents, earned a degree in architecture from Princeton University (where he also coached ice hockey) and later studied art at the National Academy of Design and the Art Students League. His portraits of prominent Princeton residents now hang in many homes around Princeton and in a number of galleries and homes across the United States.

Mr. Cook was an art teacher at Princeton Country Day School and his subjects included Henry Ross and Douglas McClure, former heads of school at Princeton Day School, whose portraits hang today in Colross.

The opening reception February 2 drew a sizeable crowd, including Mr. Cook's sons John and Peter, as well as family members of Anne Reid, for whom the gallery is named. ■



"Carnegie Lake" by Peter Cook.



John Cook and Peter Cook.



Karen, Denise and Archie Reid, sister-in-law, mother and brother of Anne Reid.



John and Beth Dumont and Perry Rodgers.



Writer for *Trenton Times* and Bill Sword.



Jeannie Cook and Peter Cook.



Clark Bristol '06 shared his work during the Alumni Art Show at PDS.



Barbara Vaughn Holmes '78 loaned her photograph "Undulation," which also was purchased by Perrier-Jouet for a billboard advertising campaign in Europe.

## Alumni Share Talents

Earlier this year, the gallery showcased 40 alumni artists from across the country, including work from photographers, painters, sculptors, ceramicists and installation artists.

Many of the artists were on hand to talk about their work during the opening reception held in December.

To prepare for the exhibit, PDS photography teacher Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick reached out to several former students who also agreed to donate their work to the school. Following the exhibit, their work will be displayed in the new photography studio. ■

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**“Everybody sings, everybody dances,  
everybody has lines — everybody’s a star,”**

– Lower School Music Teacher Andrea Schafer



### **Once Upon a Wolf**

The Class of 2016 earned howls of approval for “Once Upon a Wolf,” this year’s operetta based on the fable of the boy who cried wolf. The Class of 2009 had staged a similar show as fourth-graders and joined their alter egos on stage during a special Upper School performance.

The operetta included all 49 members of the fourth grade. “Everybody sings, everybody dances, everybody has lines — everybody’s a star,” said Lower School music teacher Andrea Schafer. “You never know who is going to shine. They’re full of surprises!” ■



### **Middle School Actors Get Smart**

The weather played KAOS with opening night, but the show *did* go on as Middle School actors delighted a packed house with their presentation of “Get Smart” based on the pilot script for the 1960s television sitcom by Mel Brooks and Buck Henry.

Middle School Drama Director Deb Sugarman said the humor and groovy ’60s fashions appealed to her cast. “It’s goofy — and in Middle School, we’re specialists in ‘goofy,’” she said.

PDS students revived the Mel Brooks’ comedy at McAneny Theater, as Maxwell Smart (Peter Powers ’12) and Agent 99 (Jasmin Smoots ’12) saved the world from the ultimate weapon — Dante’s *Inthermo*.

The cast included 35 actors in grades 5 through 8; for many, this was their first prominent stage role. ■



### **Class of 2012 Musical**

As the *Journal* was going to press, Middle School Drama Director Deb Sugarman and her cast of talented eighth-graders were hard at work on this year’s musical, “Damn Yankees” with performances scheduled for early May. We can’t wait!

## Photography Student Wins International Grand Prize

Tracy Rosen '10 won Grand Prize in the PIEA International Student-Teacher Photo Exhibition and Competition from among more than 6,100 entries from 115 schools in the United States, South Africa, New Zealand, India, Guatemala, Canada and the United Kingdom. Judges included representatives of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the National Geographic Society.

Senior **Evan Sachs** received an honorable mention in the contest and will have his work included in the traveling exhibit.

As grand prize winner, Tracy receives about \$3,000 worth of photographic equipment and PDS receives a dry mounting press valued at \$3,500. Tracy's award-winning photo was taken during a visit with her grandmother.

"We are proud of Tracy and her ability to capture meaningful images," said **Carlton Tucker**, head of PDS Upper School. "The equipment her award brings to PDS will benefit all photography students." ■



## Working Wins Raves

Sitting in a new office behind McAneny Theater — down a hallway that didn't exist when he first visited PDS — Upper School Theater and Dance Coordinator **Stan Cahill** reflected on the many reasons "Working" proved a perfect choice for this year's Upper School musical.

"What I first saw when I walked in was scaffolds, concrete and guys in hard hats," Mr. Cahill said. "There's a line in the play that says, 'this place was built for people who labor with their minds by people who labor with their hands'...and I thought that made sense for PDS."

Rather than a traditional musical plot, "Working" featured a series of monologues based on the first-person narratives captured by journalist/author Studs Terkel. Song lyrics were drawn from oral histories shared by a teacher, a custodian, migrant worker, millworkers, and other laborers.

PDS Artist-in-Residence **Andrew Parkhurst** drew on his dance experience — from Broadway to Alvin Ailey — to help Upper School actors portray the "Working" world. His original choreography created dance sequences to showcase a range of styles and capture the movements of working people. For example, a song shared by cleaning women about their hopes was accented by movements reminiscent of scrubbing and polishing.

"The action never stops for dance so the movement had to be borne out of the characters and the situations they're in," Mr. Parkhurst said.

The show featured live musicians, and a two-story set evoking urban images of girders. PDS veteran **Frank Jacobson** shared his talents as musical director, with set and costume design handled by Matt Campbell and Sarah Gosnell of McCarter Theatre in Princeton. ■



PDS production of "Working" by Studs Terkel.

# SportsNotes



## Athletes Enjoy Fitness Center

The new Patrick Kearney '94 Fitness Center is three times bigger than the previous weight room at Lisa McGraw '44 Rink and features an expanded collection of cardiovascular exercise equipment, including treadmills and cross-trainers that are iPod compatible.

The 2,600 square-foot center — part of the extensive renovations and new construction financed by the *Investing in Excellence* Campaign — can now accommodate multiple groups. For example, the new space allows an entire sports team to focus on one set of equipment while a PE class works on another. New equipment includes three “complete body lift” stations enabling students to simultaneously exercise legs, trunk and upper body muscles. These kinds of lifts, which were impossible due to the cramped quarters at the rink, help athletes develop explosive strength needed for sports, according to Mark Adams, chair of the PDS Health and Physical Education Department.

All new equipment is top-of-the-line, Mr. Adams said, including many new pieces customized for PDS by Cybex, Hammer Strength and LifeFitness.

“This is going to change the culture of our athletes,” Mr. Adams said. “Now they can train in-season to increase their strength and speed, develop good habits and prevent injuries.” ■

## From the Desk of John Levandowski, Director of Athletics

Panther pride is alive and well, with a successful winter season that surpassed expectations. For example:

- 5 out of 7 programs improved upon last year's record
- one varsity team actually quadrupled their number of wins
- Fencing won its first ever prep state championship
- Panthers were PDS invitational champions, a prep state finalist, two prep state semifinalists and a Patriot Conference Champion

I'm proud of all our programs — but the most rewarding aspect of this season is reflected in a recent conversation I had with athletes.

During our seasonal captains luncheon, our captains have an opportunity to share their team's successes and challenges. For better or for worse, it is a very open and frank atmosphere...our kids tell it like it is! When asked about their seasons, all of our captains spoke with great pride and enthusiasm. However, what I found more telling is what they later shared about their coaches — unedited and in no particular order!

“We love our coaches! They have great passion for the game and treat us with honesty and respect.”

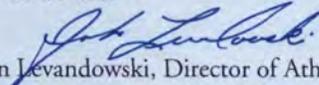
“I admire our coaches' commitment, athleticism and their ability to pass this on to all our players.”

“Our coaches love the game and want to help us improve. They have a plan... but encourage suggestions from the team.”

“Our coaches take the time to work with players of all skill levels. They are encouraging and give constructive criticism without being mean. Plus, they are lots of fun!”

“Our coach is a terrific communicator, and has great knowledge of the game. The players trust him because of his attitude and experience.”

Well, I couldn't have said it any better! When our athletes have fun, work hard and are proud to be on their team — we all win!

  
John Levandowski, Director of Athletics



## Skating to Victory

The PDS skating team won First Place at the fourth Annual Fall Harvest competition in December, kicking off the High School Team Series of New Jersey competitions. Members of the PDS skating team competing include, from left, Rachel Manning '10, Captain Tess Glancey '08, Alexis Deana-Roga '09 and Tara Glancey '10. ■



## Fencing Wins Prep B Championship

Princeton Day School captured the New Jersey Prep B State Championship, defeating the 14-year champion St. Benedict's Prep during a hard-fought contest at PDS. Panthers also won First Place in girls' foil and boys foil, as well as Second Place in boys sabre, along with individual trophies.

"This was a ground-breaking accomplishment," said PDS Fencing Coach Paul Epply-Schmidt. "We are proud to have the overall championship trophy residing at PDS for the first time."

Katie Elbert '10 won the tiebreak bout to give the PDS girls' foil team its first First Place trophy since 1994 and went undefeated in the final 8-fencer round robin to take First Place in the individual girls' foil.

Trevor Hummel '08 won the tiebreak bout to give the PDS boys' foil team a First Place trophy in this event. Trevor also accrued a record in the eight-fencer round-robin final that set up a tie break with last year's winner, whom he defeated 5-2 to take the First Place individual title.

The PDS Boys' Sabre team, including Phillip Grudzina '09, Andrew Schroeder '11, Jimmy Dwyer '09 and Spencer Pretecrum '10 earned a Second Place team trophy.

In boys sabre, Phillip Grudzina '09 also earned a Third Place individual trophy, with Andrew Schroeder '11 taking Fourth Place. In girls sabre, Francesca Behling '09 also earned a Second Place individual trophy.

In boys foil, Noah Lanard '09 earned a Fourth Place trophy, with Matt Oresky '08 ranking in eighth place. In girls foil, Carla Tamburro '11 finished sixth with Sophia Weissmann '10 in seventh.

In epee, sophomore Jermaine Williams '10 finished seventh. ■

## PDS Athletes Receive Tennis Accolades

Neil Karandikar '10 was recognized for his sportsmanship by the USTA Middle States Association. The sportsmanship award is given to only one player in the middle states, male or female. "Neil is the type of person who calls all close balls in. He never loses his temper but always is an extremely tough competitor," said PDS Tennis Coach Will Asch.

Also, Samantha Asch '13 received the 2007 award for best 12-and-under girls singles player in the Middle States. ■



Samantha Asch '13

Neil Karandikar '10

## Coaches Look to the Future

To encourage athletic participation and build skills, PDS varsity coaches have been hosting special practices for both varsity athletes and Middle School athletes. This "Futures Program" is building closer ties between Middle School and Upper School sports, said PDS Athletic Director John Levandowski. "For Middle School athletes to be able to make a personal connection with a Head Coach is very important."

These special practices also give Varsity players a chance to try on the role of coach, he said. "Having the varsity kids instruct the seventh and eighth grades, to run a drill and oversee the activity, is a great learning opportunity."

PDS Athletics includes more than 50 teams and 20 varsity sports. Most PDS athletes are multi-sport players, Mr. Levandowski said. "About 85 percent of Upper School kids are on a team and about 90 percent of Middle School kids are playing on a PDS team." ■

## Panthers Earn First Bowl Victory

Panthers prevailed in their first post-season bowl game, defeating Elkton Christian Academy in the First Annual Crusader Bowl by a final score of 27 to 8.

PDS was leading 12-0 at half time, when the Panthers were called for intentional grounding resulting in a safety for Elkton Christian, bringing the score to 12-2. On the next drive, Elkton Christian brought the score to 12-8.

"And that is when the defense, Mike Shimkin '08 and Clint O'Brien '08 took control of the game," according to Assistant Coach Chris Devlin.

PDS scored two touchdowns with fewer than eight minutes remaining, extending their lead to 27-8. When Elkton Christian tried to score again, Andrew Ojeda '08 picked off the pass and the Panthers had a victory! ■

**“We love our coaches! They have great passion for the game and treat us with honesty and respect”**

— PDS student athlete

## Panthers In the News



Seniors **Andrew Ojeda**, **Mike Shimkin** and **Clint O'Brien** (above) were selected to participate in the New Jersey Sunshine Foundation All Star game – marking the first time three PDS players were honored in the same year.

**Clint O'Brien '08** received a scholarship from the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Hall of Fame during the 46th Annual Scholar-Leader-Athlete Awards dinner in March. PDS Head Coach **Bruce Devlin** nominated Clint for the scholarship “based on his performance on the field and in the classroom.”

Girls Varsity Head Coach **Jessica Katz** was named Coach of the Year by the *Princeton Packet*. Writing about the season for the ePDS online newsletter, Ms. Katz said “I cannot say enough about how proud I am to have been a part of this team. Everything from the dedication that was shown, to the resulting successes, to the most important part — the fun — is something special that each and every member of this team, including the coaches, will take away with them.”



Jessica Katz

**Andrew Krech '09** wrestled for PDS and placed third in the state prep tournament for the second straight year. At the National prep championships, out of 120 teams, PDS finished 97th — because Andrew alone placed above 23 schools.

## FENCING

- **Trevor Hummel '08** was named Player of the Year in boys fencing by the *Princeton Packet*.
- **Francesca Behling '09** was named to the *Princeton Packet's* All-Packet Fencing Team.
- *The Star-Ledger* All-Prep Girl's Fencing team includes **Francesca Behling '09** (sabre), **Katie Elbert '10** (foil) and **Carla Tamburro '11** (foil).
- Fencing Coach **Paul Epply-Schmidt** was named Coach of the Year by the *The Packet*.



Paul Epply-Schmidt

## ICE HOCKEY

- Goalie **Nick Jabs '10** was named Player of the Year by the *Princeton Packet*.

## Beyond PDS

**David Holland '08**, U.S. Junior International Hard Court Champion, in November signed a letter of intent accepting a four-year scholarship to attend Duke University where he will pursue his tennis career.

“He’s our first scholarship tennis player at the Division I level,” said 25-year veteran PDS Tennis Coach **Rome Campbell**. “It’s a thrill for us and the team to see him blossom and go to this level.”

As a member of the PDS tennis team, David has won the past two Mercer County tournaments at First Singles and led PDS to three Prep B State Championships. He was undefeated during his sophomore and junior seasons, having lost just two matches both as a freshman playing against seniors in the Mercer County Tournament.

David credits PDS with helping him develop the skills needed to succeed at Duke University. “Going to a challenging private school has taught me focus, organization, and work ethic,” he said.

**Nick Krywopusk '07** helped the Johns Hopkins men’s fencing team capture its 25th overall MACFA. Krywopusk, fenc-

## BASKETBALL

- PDS was one of only two teams statewide to have more than one player named to the All State Prep B Team by coaches throughout New Jersey: **Joe Rogers '09** was named to First Team and **Kenny Holzhammer '10** Second Team All-State Prep “B.”
- **CJ Martino '08**: Honorable Mention All-Prep (*Trentonian*)
- **Antoine Hoppenot '08**: Honorable Mention All-Prep (*Trentonian*)
- **Joe Rogers '09**: 1st Team All-Prep and 2nd Team All-Area (*Trentonian* and *Trenton Times*)
- **Kenny Holzhammer '10**: 2nd Team All-Prep (*Trenton Times* and *Trentonian*) and 3rd Team All-Area (*Trentonian*)



**David Holland '08**, signing a letter of intent accepting a four-year scholarship to attend Duke University where he will pursue his tennis career.

ing in the A strip, was undefeated in epee.

**Ian McCue '06** recently was in the news for bolstering Johns Hopkins men’s fencing team with his 10-1 record in foil.

**Mary Peters '06** recently logged a team-high five ground balls and posted two caused turnovers for Gettysburg College women’s lacrosse.

**Carly Berger '04** has played a big role in the tremendous success of the Middlebury College women’s soccer team — including two trips to the NCAA Round of 16 and two NESCAC Championships. Carly has played in almost all the games, contributing both goals and assists. ■



### JV Girls Soccer Undefeated!

Panthers scored a season to remember, going undefeated this season with 12 wins and one tie. "We are extremely proud of the progress and determination that characterized this team," said Coach Jeff Rubens. With coaches Jeff Rubens and Sarah Saven, players pictured above include, top row from left, Svitlana Lymar '11, Rebecca Golden '10, Sydney Altmeyer '11, Emily Jaeckel '11; second row from left, Lea Brown '11, Caitlin Shannon '10, Stephanie Sydlo '10; bottom row, from left, Kerry Dillon '11, Sydney Gecha '11, Laila Razzaghi '11, Faith Krech '11 and Sabrina Deana-Roga '11. ■



### Another Perfect Season

Princeton Day School junior girls basketball and Coach Jill Thomas celebrated a second, consecutive undefeated season, posting an impressive 30-0 record over the 2006-2008 seasons. Players pictured, back row, from left, Janie Smuckler '12, Lizzie Frieder '13, Sarah Godwin '12, Lea Brown '11, Alison Frieder '11, Kendra Clark '13 and Natalie Bell '12. Middle row, from left, Jasmin Smoots '12, Katie Gibson '11, Jess Frieder '11, Atiya Walcott '12 and Dominique Jones '12. Front row, from left, Cammie McNeeley '13, Ayana Dawkins '12, Faith Krech '11, Olivia Kelly '13, Sydney Gecha '11 and Sarah Lipkin '11. ■

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### New Coach Inspires, Instructs

Former Red Sox player Tony Vlahovic was just 14 when he was diagnosed with cancer and began a grueling regimen of therapies that whittled his immune system and prevented him from attending high school classes or participating in sports.

He battled back, building his physical and mental health and was signed by the Boston Red Sox, fulfilling a lifelong dream. But before the season opened, his car was



Tony Vlahovic

rear-ended by a drunken driver and he was severely injured.

How Mr. Vlahovic fought his way back to health – twice – is a lesson he is sharing with Middle School athletes as a coach of the PDS junior baseball team.

As owner of Momentum Fitness in Princeton, Mr. Vlahovic now uses his experience to help others reach their goals and develop confidence. During a visit to campus, he shared with students the benefits of "positive self-talk," and visualization techniques, as well as ways to maintain strength year-round and keep the sport fun.

Remember, Mr. Vlahovic said, "It's not how many times you get knocked down — but how many times you get back up." ■

### Boys Take First Place in PDS Invitational Tournament

Congratulations to both girls and boys varsity ice hockey teams for their success in the 2007 PDS Invitational!

PDS boys won First Place, defeating the Landon School and La Salle in the finals. PDS girls earned Second Place, defeating Lansdale Catholic but losing a well-played game against Greenwich High School in the finals.

Special congratulations to Katherine Levinton '08 and Erik Donovan '08, who were awarded the Christopher Reeve '70 Invitational Sportsmanship Awards.



## NOTES FROM

# Santiago de Compostela

*In July, Princeton Day School teachers Amy Beckford and Sybil Holland took a personal and professional journey to explore the meaning of pilgrimage, as studied by their middle school humanities classes. Walking the Camino Frances, they discovered the meaning of home and that journey has little to do with distance.*

Photos by Sybil Holland



The question, “Why do people leave their homeland?” is one of the essential ones asked by Humanities students in middle school at Princeton Day School. While there are many answers, ranging from economic to political, a key motivation has always been religious belief.

While the fifth- and sixth-grade students in our Humanities classes are both familiar with and comfortable leaving their homes, we wondered how to better understand what it meant to people of bygone times to leave their homes. We knew that since the time of Christ’s disciple St. James, Christians from all over Europe have been making pilgrimages to Santiago, Spain. We decided to make the same pilgrimage, documenting our experience as we traveled, just as had pilgrims of earlier times.

Santiago, considered the third most important destination city in Christendom behind only Jerusalem and Rome, is believed to contain the relics of St. James the Apostle. This destination grants pilgrims, who make a journey of at least 100 kilometers to Santiago, forgiveness for half their sins. If they make the pilgrimage in a Holy Year, when St. James’ day falls on a Sunday, all sins are forgiven — and pilgrims arrive during these years in droves.

The Camino Frances is one of a handful of trails that cuts through the Pyrenees from various places in Western Europe to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. As the most heavily trafficked route, the challenging Camino Frances provides pilgrims with opportunities to meet people from all around the world — similar to the medieval experience. We encountered travelers from Germany, France, Austria,



Ireland, Canada, Hungary, and Italy.

Before embarking on this journey, we searched guide books, joined online discussion groups, and met with a former pilgrim. We encountered unsettling stories about pilgrims sleeping on the ground when albergues (hostels) were full, especially in the summer. Based on recommendations, we carried only a 15-lb pack and relied on the albergue system, which provides a bed with a mattress, often a blanket and a pillow, and access to a shower for under 10 Euros.

Our journey began in the city of Leon, roughly 200 miles from Santiago de Compostela, and the last major city along the trail before reaching the final destination. Along the way, we enjoyed visiting cathedrals, churches, monasteries, and museums, all from the Middle Ages or devoted to the pilgrim experience.

A typical day on the Camino began with the 5 a.m. rustling of pilgrims packing up and getting underway before the heat of the day. Our morning routine included finding a place for breakfast while making sure to always follow the yellow arrows and scallop shells marking the Camino.

The path’s surface varied kilometer by kilometer, including cow paths, asphalt or hamlet roads, mountains and ravines, city sidewalks, and river fords. Often the trail was shared with cows on their way to be



milked or cyclists making the journey on two wheels. Throughout the day, pilgrims might hike together or not see anyone for miles. A sort of “trail magic” could reunite past companions while different hiking styles might separate acquaintances irreparably. Along the way, pilgrims gather rubber stamped marks in their pilgrim credentials at each of their stops, proof of their pilgrimage and a beloved souvenir.

After hiking between 10 and 20 miles per day, we would check into an albergue and complete our evenings tasks: setting up a bunk, washing clothes, taking a shower, exploring the town, and finding food. Food was often obtained in a grocery store, but an even better choice was a “pilgrims’ menu”, including an appetizer, entrée, Santiago torte, and coffee for eight Euros. This menu was served earlier than the usual Spanish dinner to accommodate the pilgrim lifestyle. Pilgrims would often meet, or rediscover, one another over these meals, sharing tales of the day’s challenges and tips about caring for tired feet before returning to the albergue for much needed rest.

The city of Santiago itself was well

worth the pilgrimage. The historic center, reserved for pedestrians, is like stepping back into the medieval world. There is an abundance of religious life, including the Santiago cathedral. We visited the roof of the cathedral, enjoyed a free pilgrim’s breakfast at a local five star hotel harkening back to a medieval tradition, and were reunited with fellow pilgrims to review shared experiences.

**D**uring the pilgrimage, we were struck by the idea that every pilgrim who had gone before us had traveled these very same paths, faced similar challenges, and enjoyed the same scenes. The thought that medieval people would depart from their homes for the sake of this experience — never knowing if they would return — was a truly moving concept. There was evidence on the trail that many of those pilgrims did not, in fact, survive the journey. And those who did survive faced the walk home, an extra set of miles that we were grateful to cover in a plane.

So why do people leave their homelands? For generations of Christians, a pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago represented an enduring faith in the power of St. James’ relics. For us, the real reward was the discovery that a return to basic human needs can bring a greater spiritual connection – with each other, other travelers, past pilgrims and a higher power. ■



# Faculty Notes

Thanks to the generosity of the school community, PDS is able to grant selected teachers a sabbatical to pursue professional development and explore teaching techniques that can be shared with students and colleagues.

In the upcoming academic year, Upper School math teacher and class dean **Sarah Latham** will be off campus creating a handbook for deans, while Upper School English teacher **Barbara Walker** will spend time searching for new ways to enhance her popular Art & Literature course.

During the 2007-08 school year, Upper School English teacher **Susan Stein** spent the year developing a one-woman play while Lower School teachers **Susan Ferguson** and **Judy Williams** shared a sabbatical focused on enhancing the math curriculum. Ms. Ferguson returned in February after researching peer schools' math programs and exploring new partnerships between PDS and local community service programs.

## Lessons for Lower School

When you are accustomed to spending your days inside a bustling classroom happily surrounded by 16 seven- and eight-year-olds, finding yourself in a quiet spot in your own house at 8 a.m. on a weekday with a cup of hot coffee in your hands is a rarity.

I experienced many moments of such quiet pleasure during the half-year sabbatical that I was fortunate enough to be granted from Princeton Day School. During that time, I not only had the chance to relax and reflect, but also had a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the art of teaching children and building community within schools. Between November and January, I researched other schools' successes in regard to math, community service and character education.

I visited nine independent schools, traveling more than 3,000 miles, and I came away from each visit inspired to implement new techniques. I also reaffirmed my belief that what we do as educators at PDS is important work in both the academic and social development of each child.

As the math curriculum coordinator for the Lower School, I was eager to observe math lessons and meet with math specialists to discuss curriculum. Our lower school has spent the past two years carefully reviewing math programs in order to choose a curriculum that follows our constructivist approach. I was excited to talk to teachers about the process we have undertaken,

and our conversations made me even more confident that the decisions we have made are right ones for our students.

I also was interested in seeing how other lower schools are addressing community service. Each school's beliefs were different; some worked closely with their "neighbors" and others acted more globally. I watched first-graders happily chop vegetables for a local soup kitchen. I saw children's letters and care packages being prepared to send away to soldiers. At one school, students and teachers celebrated the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday by coming to school and participating in a "day on" variety of community service activities.

The common thread was passion — passion on the part of the children and passion on the part of their teachers. No matter the project, kids need to feel connected and an integral part of the process. I found nothing encourages their commitment more than the examples set by committed, passionate teachers.

Lastly, I had a chance to pursue my strong interest in character education. Integrity, honesty, kindness, caring, citizenship and respect are virtues that, as educators, we hope to instill in our students. I plan to work closely with other lower and middle school teachers to formalize a character education program at PDS, and I have taken some early, exciting steps in this direction.

So now, here I am. It's 8 a.m. on a weekday, I'm back on the job, and lower schoolers again surround me. My coffee is cold and the quiet is gone — but I'm rested, inspired and truly happy to be back. Thank you, PDS!

— Susan Ferguson

## Who needs Oprah?

At PDS, faculty and staff have long been gathering to enjoy a good book. But these evenings have evolved into much more than discussions of plot, characterization and theme.

Last year, the group ventured to a wonderful Indian restaurant to discuss Kiran Desai's *The Inheritance of Loss*. And this year, they held a wake for the main character in Anne Enright's *The Gathering*.

(below) Faculty and staff have fun during their book group meeting after reading *The Gathering*.



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# AlumniNews

Hello Alums!!

We can't wait to see you on campus May 16-17 for Alumni Weekend 2008! I know you won't want to miss visiting with school friends and seeing the beautiful new libraries, arts and athletic facilities.

We also are hosting several special events, including dedication of the Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick Photography Studio, the Andrew Franz Woodshop, the Sara Schwiebert Head of the Lower School Office and the Patrick Kerney '94 Fitness Center.

Plus, I hope you'll join us at celebrations honoring our Alumni Award recipients Carl Sturken '73 and Nancy Miller '57 and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Olive Schulte Brown '43, Suzanne Vine '78, Mark Ellsworth '73, Kenneth Scasserra '53 and Martha Sullivan Sword '73.

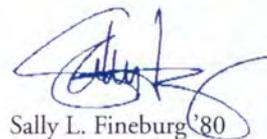
Our goal as Alumni Board members is to host events that help you stay connected to your school and classmates. I'd like to thank all those who returned to campus for Career Day and the traditional Spring Fling hosted by Matt '89 and Jud Henderson '92.

I also want to thank Director of Alumni Relations Stephanie Briody, who has guided our efforts and made all this fun possible for the past 10 years. Stephanie, whose three children are now among the alumni ranks, will be moving on to new adventures this summer. We will miss her tremendously – but wish her all the best. A search is underway to fill the alumni relations role and we plan to have someone on board by July 1.

And remember, you can always stay connected through issues of the *Journal* and the PDS website. Visit our virtual Alumni Community at [www.pds.org](http://www.pds.org) to access an up-to-date Alumni Calendar, share photos and news, update your contact information and join the PDS career resources network. And enjoy the monthly online newsletter *ePDS* (username: pds, password: panther)

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you. Please feel free to contact us with questions, thoughts or ideas.

Come join the fun!!



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## 2008 Alumni Achievement Award Recipient Carl Sturken '73

Okay, let's be honest here. We've all fantasized about being a rock star.

Carl Sturken '73 knows the euphoria of performing in front of thousands of screaming fans and the incredible thrill of hearing a song he's written played on the radio. A successful songwriter and music producer, he will be recognized May 17 with the 2008 PDS Alumni Achievement Award.

That honor will expand an impressive collection that Mr. Sturken and Evan Rogers, his business partner for more than 30 years, have enjoyed. They include 20 Top 40 hits, 12 Top 5 hits and six BMI awards. Their songs have sold more than 60 million albums worldwide. On February 10, Mr. Sturken stood backstage at the Grammy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles, watching his protégé, Rihanna, nominated in six categories, perform one of the opening numbers and then accept her first statuette and thank him publicly for his impact on her meteoric career.

"The competition is unbelievable," he says. "These guys are one third my age sometimes. So it's unbelievably hard to get in there and compete. But we do and that's the thrill."

His success did not happen overnight, however. Music has been his passion since he was a PDS fifth-grader and got his first guitar. Mostly self-taught, by sixth grade he belonged to a band that played at area events and included the older brother of Terry Ward '74 and some eighth-graders from Pennington schools. In Upper School, Mr. Sturken created excitement with a group called the Beach Rollos that included classmates Joe Abelson, Richard Olcott, Chip Place, Jeff Schuss and Roger Williams.

"I looked forward to their act," says Frank Jacobson, former upper school music director. "They were among the funniest and most original things I ever saw students do on their own."

Soon after entering Trinity College in Hartford, CT, Mr. Sturken joined a local band. They rehearsed, and often slept, in a shed on a turkey farm made barely habitable with portable heaters but he was so excited to be playing professionally, he hardly noticed the cold. When he decided to transfer to Wesleyan, he took six courses each semester and got straight As — all while rehearsing and playing three to four dates a week.

"I was just so motivated," he remembers. "I would blast out of school after dinner, head to rehearsal, come back home at midnight, do my homework 'til about three in the morning, get up at



A very young Carl Sturken.



Evan Rogers, Rod Stewart and Carl Sturken.

nine and go back to class."

The band eventually folded due to lack of funds and he joined a more established "R&B, funk, soul band" where he met Mr. Rogers. He played professionally as often as six times a week and still managed to graduate from Wesleyan *magna cum laude*. Although that may not be the typical background for a music producer, he says he uses what he learned every day.

"I've learned how to organize and think and how to be analytical," he says. "And I use my listening skills every day."

Mr. Sturken later moved to New York City. He hung out at Leviticus, a popular night club frequented by celebrities and owned by the former manager of his band. Through that connection, he joined the first-ever national tour of hip hop artists, featuring the Sugar Hill Gang and Grand Master Flash and the Furious Five.

When he returned to Leviticus, the club owner announced he was starting a record label and asked Mr. Sturken if he wanted to produce for him. Within the year, a song Mr. Sturken had written made it onto the airwaves. He vividly remembers when he first heard it on the radio.

"As I turned on the car, my song was playing," he says. "So I figured the (tape) cassette was left in and all of a sudden I did a double take and realized, it's not the cassette, it's on the radio! It was a great, great moment."

Meanwhile he had kept up with Mr. Rogers. The two made the rounds as session musicians in New York and worked on albums by Hall and Oates, the Bee Gees, Bruce Springsteen and Paul McCartney. In 1991 they formed their own R&B group called Rhythm Syndicate. They played, sang and wrote songs, including their No. 1 hit, "P.A.S.S.I.O.N.," and lived every teenager's dream — touring and playing to frenzied crowds of adoring fans.

After eighteen months, they disbanded the group to focus on writing and producing but found pop was on the decline and they had been forgotten. To make matters worse, their manager had left their finances in disarray.

Finally, a song they wrote "for the pure fun of it" restarted their career in England, where they found a whole new audience for their brand of pop and R&B production. They wrote and produced "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You"

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## 2008 Alumni Service Award Recipient Nancy Miller '57

**N**ancy Miller '57 is one of the lucky ones. She always knew what she wanted to do and she turned out to be very good at it. A teacher for 40 years — 33 in the PDS lower school — she retired in 2001 but still enjoys close connections to the school and the thousands of students, alumni, parents, faculty and staff whose lives she has touched. In recognition of her extraordinary generosity of spirit the school will present her with its Alumni Service Award on May 17.

"All I ever wanted to be was a teacher," she says, and she wasted no time getting started. She taught at the Nassau Nursery School when she was 10 and began babysitting at 13. Of her career she says, "My aim was to be the best teacher for every individual that I could be because little children learn at such a different rate and in so many different ways. I hoped that I could help inspire the brighter ones and help the ones that were having some trouble. You have to try every technique that you know to reach them and have the patience of Job."

Former Lower School Head Sara Schwiebert confirms that "Nancy's patience is remarkable...She's a wonderful listener no matter what the issue is. And as long as I've known her she's had this unbelievable acceptance of any child, no matter how brilliant or how difficult. Her ability to find the goodness in people, not just her students, but everybody, is evidence of her own basic beliefs and values."

She was honored in 1995 as the first recipient of the prestigious Robert C. Whitlock Award for Distinguished Teaching. The award is presented to a PDS teacher "who exemplifies exceptional teaching skills, courtesy, devotion to students, zeal for knowledge and pursuit of excellence."

Ms. Miller took enormous pleasure in watching her students progress through PDS and seeing them come back as TAP (Teaching Assistant Program) students and alumni. Being able to teach the second generation of some families was simply icing on the cake.

PDS Trustee Treby McLaughlin Williams '80 was in Ms. Miller's class as a second grader and was thrilled when her daughter Charlotte '12 was placed in her kindergarten class.

"It was such an incredible feeling to be coming back after all these years and having my daughter, on her first day of kindergarten, have the teacher who had taught myself, my two brothers, and for whom I had TAPed," Ms. Williams says.

"When you're a little kid," she continues, "it's easy to put people up on pedestals and then, if you meet them later, to be a



little less impressed. But what was so incredible for me was coming back and having Nancy teach my daughter and feeling *exactly* the same about her. I was completely impressed all over again, as impressed as before, but from a completely different perspective."

As a PDS trustee and an administrator at Princeton University, Ms. Williams knows that a good teacher grabs the "teachable moment." She laughs as she remembers the excitement when both her mother and the class guinea pig gave birth the same week. Seizing a unique opportunity, Ms. Miller encouraged an "incredibly shy" Ms. Williams to write an essay on the experience and

present it in assembly. It was a huge step for her and she credits Ms. Miller for giving her the confidence to flourish at school.

With inherent modesty, Ms. Miller attributes her talent for motivating young children to the education she received at Wheelock College, a school that specializes in elementary education. "Wheelock stresses teaching the child, not the class, and then you teach the child to be *part* of the class, to be part of a team," she says.

After college, Ms. Miller taught on Long Island for four years and then in the American School in London. She loved England and years later her experience was reflected in the lower school reading curriculum. With the help of Karen Pike of the lower school learning resource center and Jan Buley, who directed the After School Program, Ms. Miller set out the enlivened student workbooks and developed a literature-based curriculum with a separate workbook for each letter of the alphabet. For "H" she thought of English hedgehogs and introduced an annual Hedgehog Tea to which parents were invited to hear their children read reports on the spiky animals.

Throughout her life, Ms. Miller has volunteered in the community. During her years at Miss Fine's School she worked at Princeton Hospital and the Leigh Avenue Nursery School. For more than 25 years, she organized the after-service coffee hours at the Princeton University Chapel and served as moderator of a panel of parishioners. She was introduced to handbells by the late Jill Vincent, a former PDS parent and Miller family friend. She practices with colleagues once a week and plays four times a year at the First Presbyterian Church in Princeton.

For the past two years, she has jumped from a boat into the chilly waters of Long Island Sound and swam a mile back to

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for N'Sync which was a Billboard Top 10 single before being covered by country star Alabama and climbing into the Top 5. It received a Grammy nomination in 2000 and was nominated in 2002 for Best Pop Instrumental Performance. They also wrote songs for Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears, Jessica Simpson, Kelly Clarkson, Mandy Moore and Anastacia. In addition, they worked with established stars such as Rod Stewart and produced cast albums for *American Idol*.

In 2005 Mr. Sturken and Mr. Rogers debuted their own label, SRP Records, with Rihanna, an unknown singer Mr. Rogers discovered while visiting his family in Barbados. They co-wrote and co-produced her first single, "Pon de Replay," which was an immediate hit and her first album, *Music of the Sun*, sold over a million copies. Since then she has collaborated with them on two more wildly successful albums, including her Grammy-winning single "Umbrella."

Mr. Sturken has been generous in sharing his knowledge and experience. A favorite at PDS Career Day, he has counseled countless others interested in a career in music. He is passionate about what he does and respects that passion in others.

"I don't want to dash anyone's dream," Mr. Sturken says. "I think everyone should pursue their dream, and the only thing I would ever try to do, is to make them be realistic about what their chances are." ■

**Nancy Miller '57***continued from page 29.*

shore as part of a national Swim Across America fund-raiser for cancer research. She became involved through her friendship with PDS parents.

"A whole bunch of us go up, leaving at 4:15 a.m. to get there in time to get on the boats to take us into the Sound by 6:30 a.m.," says Janet Lasley, who participates in the event with her husband, Marc Brahaney, a PDS trustee.

"Nancy's gotten other people to do it from the Princeton area and our little group alone has raised tens of thousands of dollars," Ms. Lasley says. "One year we raised just shy of \$50,000 and the other was over \$20,000. I love that Nancy participates in the swim. She brings so

# Thanksgiving Alumni Games



**Alumni Soccer Game:** Back row, left to right, Antoine Hoppenot '08, John Zindman '06, Kunle Onitiri '06, Kevin Groome '81, Jim Laughlin '80, roommate of John Zindman, John Maher '06, Asante Brooks '06, David McCord '79, Maxime Hoppenot '11, Douglas McCord. Front Row, left to right, Alexa Mayer '08, Kristen Modzelewski '05, Pierre Hoppenot '05, Mark Treilman '99, Laate Olukotun '94, Carly Berger '04, Andrew Sachs '04, Sean Massimo '04, Andy Dell.



**Alumni Hockey Game:** First row, from left, friend of Chris Horan '79, James Trowbridge, Jack Cook '85 and Jackson Cook, Mike Cook '89, Steve Nanfara '96, Peter Morgan '75, Alex Nanfara '99, John Drezner '81. Second row, from left, Derek Mayer '07, Clint O'Brien '08, Brett DePace '07, Pat McDonald '06, Brooks Herr '10, Chris Horan '79, Rich Olsson '76, Mark Trowbridge '92, Roger Mittnacht '11, Laddie Sanford '05, Fred Mittnacht '06, friend, JohnGarrett Denise '05.



**Alumni Basketball Game:** Standing, from left, Evan Quinn '10, Cody Exter '10, Joe Rogers '09, Former PDS Athletic Director Alan Taback, Anthony Farina '09, Stu Johnson '08, AJ Rubin '11, Justin Leith '99, Will Curran-Groome '10, Jordan Mickens '08, Mike Shimkin '08, Justin Shechtel '09, Brian Fishbein '09, PDS Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Paris McLean '00, Joe Labosco '98, Zack Shechtel '07, Joey Gallo '99, Dylan Leith '04, CJ Martino '08, Jon Patterson '02 and Nick Sardar '01. Front row, from left, Dylan Kelly '10, Kenny Holzhammer '10, Chris Bonnaig '11, Mike Olorunnisola '08, Robby Smukler '11, Drew Godwin '06, Andrew Dowdie '07 and Ram Narayanan '06.

much happiness to the whole day.

"Nancy is one of the most enthusiastic people I know," Ms. Lasley continues. "She was great for Caylin ('11) in kindergarten and got her started with a very positive attitude toward school."

The greatest joy in Ms. Miller's life these days is her great-nephew Alex, the five-year-old son of her niece, Ann Miller

Paiva '86. Now she is able to enjoy all the activities and milestones in a child's life outside school, from the Christmas show at Radio City Music Hall and Princeton University basketball games to Easter egg hunts in her yard.

And unlike Ms. Miller's students, lucky Alex will enjoy her support and guidance for more than just one academic year. ■

## SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNG ALUMNI

## Giovanna Torchio '98: Daytime Benefits of a Night Job

It is 6 p.m. and my company's conference room has turned into a *Generation Obama* steering committee meeting. My boss refers to my commitment to the Obama campaign as my "night job."

Any PDS student or graduate understands the "night job" concept. A PDS student is never just a student, but also an actor, an artist, an athlete, an activist, or more likely, all of the above. We learned at PDS during all those years of over-extending ourselves that the commitments we made after school, to the play, our team or a club, fueled our excitement for what we did in the classroom. Ten years later, I feel that this is still so true.

During the day I track down potential clients and persuade them to use my marketing agency's services. It takes persistence, cultural and business knowledge, a convincing pitch, team work and — did I say persistence? During the evening and weekends, I am spending a good part of my spare time raising money and volunteering for Sen. Barack Obama's presidential campaign. The relationship between my "day" and "night" job seems distant at best, but I've found a way for them to inspire each other.



Giovanna Torchio '98 and Sen. Barack Obama at a successful New York fundraiser she hosted as founder of *Generation Obama*, a network of young professionals supporting the Illinois senator's campaign for president.

"...(at PDS) while I struggled to write impressive essays for my favorite English teacher and keep the puck out of the net for my ice hockey team, I realized that I had gained confidence with the power of communication."

— Giovanna Torchio '98

My passion for politics began during my senior year at PDS. I took George Sanderson's Government course, read Chris Matthew's *Hardball* (long before it became a nightly show I rarely miss) and spent the final weeks of the spring of 1998 interning for the Mayor of Princeton.

I came to enjoy the range of experiences politics allowed; from prepping for exciting debate zingers to helping the Mayor solve basic public works issues. But while I struggled to write impressive essays for my favorite English teacher and keep the puck out of the net for my ice hockey team, I realized that I had gained confidence with the power of communication. Through my "day" and "night" activities at PDS, I found my knack for people, persuasion and persistence. What I didn't

know was that ten years later I would finally figure out how to incorporate those skills into a career and that desire to make a difference into my life.

Right out of college, I was the deputy finance director for Howard Dean's presidential campaign and saw this type of organization from a staffer's perspective. While this was a fantastic opportunity for someone my age, I worked day and night for very little pay. And while I raised large sums of money for the campaign, I didn't feel like I was making the type of difference I wanted.

Something clicked. If I wanted to make a difference and have a job where I actually made money, I'd need to be an indispensable volunteer and promised myself that for the 2008 presidential campaign I'd do just that. Now, I still have lots of friends in politics who will be staffers for life. There's energy, excitement and a unique insider mentality that is very addictive. I just don't happen to have that particular addiction.

In March 2007, I started *Generation Obama* with some friends. We created a young professional network of Obama supporters whose main focus is to raise money for the campaign. This is a volunteer position, but we work alongside the

campaign to plan fund-raising events, organize groups to travel to primary states and grow the database of supporters under 40. Senator Obama has called me after successful fund-raisers to thank me — and that is almost as rewarding as knowing we're helping him to win.

Success requires persistence, knowledge of campaign talking points and a convincing pitch — skills I learned from my years at PDS that continue to come in handy for my twin passions of politics and business.

And it doesn't hurt to have a boss who supports my "night job." ■

## B U I L D I N G   O N   T R A D I T I O N



# Alumni Weekend 2008 | May 16-17

Join Princeton Day School, Princeton Country Day School and Miss Fine's School classmates for Alumni Weekend 2008! Our celebration features all of your favorite events, the Alumni/Faculty and Staff Reunion, Grand Gathering of Alumni Classes, Athletic Hall of Fame and more — plus tours of our new arts wing, expanded libraries, dance studio and fitness center.

Come see how the tradition of excellence continues!

## FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. \* Registration \* Colross  
Registration, information and hospitality in Colross.
- 9:00 A.M. \* Alumni Visiting Day \* Colross  
Alumni are invited to spend the morning attending classes and stay for lunch (pre-registration for classes and lunch is required.)
- 10:00 A.M. \* Miss Fine's Pen Pal and Maypole Celebration \*  
Wallace Amphitheater, Lower School  
Second graders will meet their Miss Fine's pen pals and perform the traditional Maypole Dance. All MFS alumnae are welcome!
- 11:30 A.M. \* Miss Fine's School and Princeton Country Day  
School Lunch with Interim Head of School Lila Lohr \*  
Pretty Brook Farm
- 1:00 P.M. \* Alumni Golf \* Bedens Brook Country Club  
Come challenge your classmates in the Blue & White Cup. Early afternoon golf at Bedens Brook, followed by lunch. Prizes will be awarded. Register early as space is limited.
- 6:30 P.M. \* Dedication of Named Spaces \* Matthews Arts Wing  
We will have a special dedication of the Andrew Franz Woodshop and the Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick Photography Studio in the Matthews Arts Wing.
- 7:00 P.M. \* Alumni, Faculty & Staff Reunion \* Reunion Tent  
Come visit with your favorite teachers, staff, coaches (they'll be there!!) and fellow classmates during this festive evening of fun. Great food, great music, beer and wine provided.

**Performing Arts Festival** (*original student productions*)  
Thursday, May 15 to Saturday, May 17 • 3:30 - 11:00 pm  
McAneny Theater

**Arts Walk Exhibition** (*a showcase of student art work*)  
McAneny Theater Lobby 3:00 to 6:00 pm  
Opening Reception, Friday, May 16 at 3:30 pm

## SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. \* Registration \* Coross  
Registration, information and hospitality in Colross.
- 10:00 A.M. \* Moment of Remembrance \* Rothrock Garden  
Please join us for a brief ceremony honoring alumni, faculty and friends who have passed away during the past year.
- 11:00 A.M. \* Grand Gathering of Alumni Classes \* Reunion Tent  
Join Interim Head of School Lila Lohr and all alumni under the tent for the official Reunion 2008 Alumni welcome! Hear what's new at PDS, who has traveled the farthest, who is the youngest alum to register, which class wins the Annual Fund's highest Participation Prize and lots more. We will recognize retiring faculty members, honor former Lower School Head Sara Schwiebert, naming the Head of Lower School Office in her honor, and salute Nancy Miller '57, the 2008 Alumni Service Award recipient and Carl Sturken '73, the 2008 Alumni Achievement Award recipient.
- 12:00 Noon \* Alumni Luncheon \* Reunion Tent  
Bring the whole family to enjoy a delicious lunch. Children's games and activities to entertain the younger guests!
- 2:00 P.M. \* Alumnae/Alumni Tennis Round Robin NEW! \*  
Tennis Courts
- 2:00 P.M. \* Kim Bedesem Alumnae Lacrosse \*  
Bill Smoyer '60 Field
- 3:00 P.M. \* Alumnae/Alumni Softball Game \* Pagoda Field
- 3:00 P.M. \* Bob Krueger Alumni Lacrosse Game \*  
Bill Smoyer '60 Field
- 4:00 P.M. \* Miss Fine's School and Princeton Country Day  
School Reception \* Colross
- 5:00 P.M. \* Dedication of the Patrick Kerney '94 Fitness Center
- 5:30 P.M. \* Athletic Hall of Fame Reception \* Reunion Tent
- 7:30 P.M. \* Reunion Class Parties

# Alumni Weekend 2008 Reunion Chairpersons

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## Classes of 1953 • 1948 • 1943

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# Outstanding Athletes

Alumni in four of the major reunion classes will have something extra to celebrate this year as they applaud classmates honored for their outstanding contributions to athletics. The Athletic Hall of Fame will induct two alumni back for their 35<sup>th</sup>, **Mark Ellsworth** and **Martha Sullivan Sword**; **Suzanne Vine**, returning for her 30<sup>th</sup>; and **Olive Schulte Brown**, a member of the MFS 55<sup>th</sup> reunion class. In addition, **Ken Scasserra**, marking the 45<sup>th</sup> year since he graduated from PCD, will be inducted in the Extraordinary Achievement category for his contributions to ice hockey. The induction ceremony will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17 “under the tent” behind Colross. Alumni and friends are welcome.

Prior to the Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony, **Patrick Kerney '94**, inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004, will be honored as the school's new fitness center is dedicated in his name. That ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. in the fitness center, located in the former Industrial Arts area.

## OLIVE SCHULTE BROWN '43

If you think field hockey was not as competitive 65 years ago, talk to Olive (“Shortie”) Schulte Brown. She suffered not one, but two, concussions playing on the Miss Fine’s field alongside Morven, one in practice while marking her sister, and one in a game.



“My sister (Leona Schulte Haulenbeek '42) played center halfback and I played left halfback and when we practiced they split us up and we played opposing center halfbacks,” Ms.



*The Link*, 1943

Brown recalls. “Everybody would always back away from Lonie because she undercut the ball so badly. She was about to hit it and I wasn’t backing off, so I lunged and the ball popped up and hit me smack in the middle of my forehead.”

Ms. Brown was knocked unconscious. The scenario was replayed later in the season. “And that time,” she says, “I had to have the prescription for my glasses changed.”

She was coached by two athletic alumnae, **Frances Boice Sturges '30** and **Jean Osgood Smyth '31**. The team played Hartridge and Kent Place schools and participated in state prep playdays in

which the girls would be placed on first and second teams according to ability.

In winter, she played what she refers to as “dumb” women’s basketball because the rules allowed only two dribbles and guards and forwards had to stay in their own half of the court. In spring she played baseball — not softball — and she enjoyed tennis at Cadwallader Park and Trenton Country Club. She won the Trenton Midget title at 10 and advanced to the Middle States level. She also skated at Baker Rink.

Ms. Brown’s parents introduced her to golf at a young age but she found it too slow. She gave it another try after her marriage to the late Leslie Brown, Jr., a scratch golfer who taught her to play. She developed a passion for the game and has gone on to win many local and statewide championships. She became involved in the administrative side of the game and served as president of the Women’s Golf Association of Philadelphia in 1982-83 and for the past 25 years she has been a Rules Official and committee member for the United States Golf Association. Despite hip replacement surgery almost two years ago, she still plays whenever she can.

“You can play golf all over the world,” she says. “You make friendships and meet people you would never meet otherwise. Golf makes you feel good and helps your disposition — if you’re playing well!”

# To Be Honored

## PDS Athletic Hall of Fame

### KENNETH SCASSERRA '53

Ken Scasserra has loved the game of ice hockey all his life. The fact that he has been unable to play it since he survived



polio at age 16 has not ended his participation — it has only redirected his talent and energy. His contributions as a coach and manager and his role in co-

founding and guiding the Princeton University Hockey Association have had an enormous impact on ice hockey throughout the area.

Mr. Scasserra grew up next door to PCD classmate Peter “Picky” Cook and they took advantage of the cold winters to perfect their skills on ponds and lakes.

“He played very well,” Mr. Cook says. “He was a good athlete. Our nickname for him was Skinny because he was built like a fire hydrant. He was a good defenseman.”

The PCD teams traveled to New England to compete against area preps schools and Mr. Scasserra remembers the bone-chilling cold of those outdoor rinks. But he also remembers the fun they had.

“There was a huge snowstorm at Canterbury School the night before we got there,” he recalls. “They couldn’t clear all the snow off the ice so constantly the

puck would get lost in these piles of snow. It was great fun. It really was.”

The next year he enrolled at Canterbury as a sophomore and made the very competitive hockey team. In junior year, Mr. Scasserra was playing football when suddenly he could not make an easy run into the end zone. “After the game I felt terrible and ended up in the infirmary and was taken to the hospital the next day,” he says.

He was almost totally paralyzed and spent four months in an iron lung in a New Haven hospital. He was out of school for a year and regained most of his mobility. When he returned, he lost no time getting back in the game as a varsity team manager and freshman team coach.

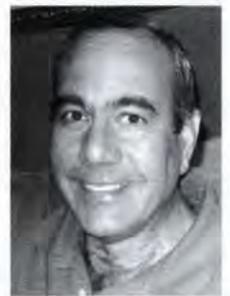
“Hockey was something I fell in love with and I just couldn’t get away from it,” he says.

While attending Princeton University, he managed the hockey teams all four years and was named manager *emeritus* his senior year. After graduation, he coached and managed several area teams. For 25 years he served as treasurer of Lawrenceville School’s Invitational Hockey Tournament. He has served as treasurer of the PUHA since he helped found it in 1969 and was its president for 15 years.

He says “working hard and sticking with it” are values he learned at PCD. “I’ve had great times with hockey. I’ve met a lot of great people.”

### MARK ELLSWORTH '73

Long before the three-point line inflated basketball scores, Mark Ellsworth put enough two-pointers through the hoop to reach a record 1,000 points: the first to do so at PDS. Then he went on to amass another 200, a record-breaking 40 of them in his last game against Morristown-Beard.



“Mark was probably the best pure shooter I’ve ever coached,” says former PDS athletic director Alan Taback. “Pure



*The Link*, 1973

is a basketball term for someone whose shooting stroke and form and everything else is pretty perfect. Mark’s shooting ability was exceptional.”

By the time Mr. Ellsworth was a junior, the basketball team had gone from losing seasons to a record of 15 and 6. His senior year they went 14 and 6 playing a highly competitive schedule against some of the best teams in the state.

“If there were three point shots, he would have had a lot more points,” Mr. Taback adds. “He was that kind of shooter, more of an outside shooter. He utilized whatever he had to the max. He did it all. He was a very good rebounder, not terribly tall, but he knew how to use what he had. He had a good feel for the

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## Atheletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. • “under the tent” behind Colross

*Alumni and friends are welcome*

game and he was an intelligent player and a hard worker.”

Mr. Ellsworth gives credit to his teammates. “What makes you an effective ball player are the people feeding you the ball, and great guards,” he says. “We had a group of players that were really well-groomed for the sport and worked well as a team. You can’t win a team sport by being an individual player.”

He also realizes the importance of the coaching he received. “We won games with Alan that we probably shouldn’t have,” he says. “He brought out the best in everyone who played for him.”

Mr. Ellsworth spent most of his college years at Georgetown University. In his senior year, his intramural basketball team won the District of Columbia City Championship.

He is grateful for the well-rounded education he received at PDS and the opportunity to use his senior project to work in politics. He has combined his knowledge of sports and politics in several projects, most notably when he served as vice president of the Mercer County Park Commission and oversaw the maintenance of its sports venues and the construction of the ice rink.

“This is a great award that ties into the total PDS experience: the curriculum, student friendships, theater and sports,” he says. “These were instrumental in giving me the tenacity and drive to pursue business and political interests. That exposure was invaluable.”

### MARTHA SULLIVAN SWORD '73

From the time she could walk, Martha Sullivan Sword has been speeding across playing fields and ice rinks. She was a standout field hockey and lacrosse player at PDS and Bowdoin College, but it is figure skating that has been a constant throughout her life.

“I just always loved sports and always worked them into my life somehow,” she says.



*The Link, 1973*

She came to PDS in eighth grade and was put on the varsity lacrosse team with a few other middle schoolers. She had hardly played before, but she was fast and learned quickly. She also played field hockey and received gym credit for figure skating. At Bowdoin College she managed to compete in field hockey, squash and lacrosse while teaching skating as a paid college job. At graduation she was honored as Bowdoin’s top female athlete.

Ms. Sword’s mother was an ice dancer who put her daughter on skates at an early age. “I’m sure it was because I was the third child and she just wanted to get back on the ice,” Ms. Sword laughs. “She took me down to Baker Rink from the age of three. I just loved it. I couldn’t get enough of it.”

“She was so little, but she had an awful

lot of energy,” remembers Lisa McGraw Webster ’44, a lifelong skater herself who has sponsored competitors such as Nancy Kerrigan and Paul Wylie and for whom the PDS ice rink is named.

That energy propelled Ms. Sword into competitive skating at age 12. “Back in those days, they didn’t test you for free style, they didn’t test your ability to jump or spin, they just focused on school figures,” she recalls. “Well, needless to say, I *liked* to jump and spin. I did *not* like to do school figures. So it was agony to get through those.” But she completed her tests and was able to earn the U.S. Figure Skating Association’s Gold Medal in ice dancing at the age of 18.

Today Ms. Sword skates three days a week and is training for a ProAm ice dancing competition in Washington, DC. She is the founding treasurer of the Skaters’ Fund providing financial assistance to coaches and performing skaters. For the past 10 years, she has served in an executive capacity for the Princeton Skating Club and she occasionally teaches at PDS for the Princeton Adult School.

Former U.S. National Dance Champion skater and PDS skating coach Charles Fetter says, “Martha is not only a Gold Medal skater, but also a gold medal person, and the Princeton community is very fortunate to have her spirit and energy.”

### SUZANNE VINE '78

There are several recurring themes weaving through Suzanne Vine’s life: sports, music and improving the lives of children. When she came to PDS, she jumped right into the sports scene.

“I’d never seen a hockey or lacrosse stick in my life,” she says. “But starting in

fifth grade, people were playing and I asked to borrow the sticks and bring them home and I practiced for hours in the backyard.”

The practice paid off. Melissa Magee Speidel,

now athletic director at the Lawrenceville School, was fresh out of Ursinus College when she took her first job at PDS. She was drawing complex diagrams on a chalk



board for the field hockey team when a hand shot up in the air.

“And here’s this intelligent question coming from this 15-year-old kid’s mouth,” she says.



*The Link, 1978*

“And I’m thinking, ‘Wow! Good question!’ Suzanne was always asking questions and always curious and always wanting to learn. She had that real spunky, fun, feisty side of her personality.”

Ms. Vine surprised her coach again when she invited her to a violin concert. “You play the violin?” she marveled.

“And she was excellent. She was as good a musician as she was an athlete.”

After being awarded the Gold “P” for athletic excellence at graduation, Ms. Vine went to Harvard University. But she missed the camaraderie of her high school teams. “There wasn’t the same joy as the PDS team,” she says.

However, she rediscovered that joy on intramural field hockey and soccer teams. By senior year, when her former PDS teammate, **Catherine Ferrante Tapsall ’78** urged her to quit the lacrosse team and join Harvard’s first women’s rugby team, she jumped at the chance.

Today Ms. Vine has little time for her own sports. She left her job as an attorney specializing in children’s advocacy cases to raise her two children. Now that they are older, she is teaching fourth grade and coaching her daughter’s recreational soccer and lacrosse teams. She also spends hours cheering her son’s baseball team. And at the age of 40, she’s taking violin lessons again.

“Sports helps you, no matter what you do in life,” Ms. Vine says. “You know that at the end you shake hands and you walk away.”

## Hall of Fame Statistics

### Olive Schulte Brown MFS '43

#### Miss Fine's School

Field Hockey, 3 years  
Basketball, 3 years  
Baseball, 3 years

#### Golf Championships

Women's Trenton District Golf Association  
Champion, '70  
Garden State Women's Golf Association  
Senior Champion, '82  
Super Senior Champion, '92  
Board Member  
New Jersey State Women's Golf Committee  
Super Seniors '89, '93, '98  
Board Member  
United States Golf Association  
Handicap Committee, 1984-2006  
Senior Women's Championship  
Committee 1983-2008

### Ken Scasserra PCD '53

Ken Scasserra has had an enormous impact on the development and growth of area ice hockey. He has instilled a love of the game in countless players as a coach and manager of high school, college and recreational teams. In 1969 he co-founded the Princeton University Hockey Association and has served as its treasurer since its inception.

### Mark Ellsworth '73

#### Princeton Day School:

Varsity Football, 2 years  
Varsity Basketball, 3 years,  
Captain '73, MVP '72, '73  
1st 1000 point scorer  
Most points in season (490)  
Most career points (1200)  
1971: Trentonian All-Prep,  
Trenton Times 2nd Team  
1972: Trentonian All-Prep,  
Trenton Times All Prep 1st team  
1973: Star Ledger All State Prep,  
2nd Team,  
Trentonian All Prep 1st Team,  
Trenton Times 1st Team  
Varsity Baseball, 4 years, Co-Captain '72, '73  
All Penn Jersey Team, '73  
Gold "P"

#### Georgetown University

Intramural Basketball District of Columbia  
City Championship

### Martha Sullivan Sword PDS '73

#### Princeton Day School

Field Hockey, 4 years, Honorary 1st Team  
at Playday, '71, '72  
Figure Skating, 4 years  
Varsity Lacrosse, 5 years, Captain '73

#### Bowdoin College

Varsity Field Hockey, 3 years  
Squash, 4 years  
Figure Skating Instructor  
Varsity Lacrosse, 4 years, Captain and  
Leading Scorer, '76, '77  
Lacrosse and Field Hockey Official  
Lucy Shulman Award for Outstanding  
Female Athlete

#### Post-College:

#### Hebron Academy

Field Hockey, Figure Skating,  
Lacrosse Coach

#### Princeton Day School

Assistant Varsity Lacrosse Coach, '80  
JV Head Lacrosse Coach, '81

#### Princeton Skating Club

President & Treasurer  
US Figure Skating Association Gold  
Medalist Ice Dancer '74

### Suzanne Vine PDS '78

#### Princeton Day School

Varsity Field Hockey, 2 years,  
Co-Captain and MVP, '77  
Varsity Volleyball, 2 years, Co-Captain  
and MVP, '78, All Conference '78  
Varsity Lacrosse, 3 years  
Gold "P"

#### Harvard University

Varsity Field Hockey, 1 year  
Varsity Lacrosse, 3 years  
Intramural Field Hockey, Soccer  
Member 1st Women's Rugby Team '82

Special thanks to former PDS communications director **Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62** for these articles sharing the accomplishments of our Alumni Award recipients and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

# New York Gathering

(below) Steph Friedman '01, Courtney Johnson '01, PDS former faculty member Andy Franz, Mike Fishbein '01 and Nick Sardar '01



(left) Annie Jameson '99, Casey Unterman '99 and Morgan Perkins '00.

(below) Back row, from left, Eric Boyd '96, Mark Chatham '96, Peter Denby '96; front row, Steve Nanfara '96 and Galette Levin '96.



(right) Class of '70 members Ann Wiley, Jack Kilgore, Eve Robinson, Porter Eubank and Calvin Johnson.



(left) Gabe Kuris '99, PDS faculty member George Sanderson and Giovana Torchio '98.

(right) Former PDS college guidance assistant Pat Osander, host Jud Henderson '92 and Meg Brinster Michael '70.



(left) Mendy Fisch '06, former PDS Athletic Director Jan Baker, "Rinkmeister" Albert Petrella, Alumni Board President Sally Fineburg '80 and Kevin Capinpin '92.



(above) Jamie Herring '88, Courtney Shannon '88, Leslie Pell Linnehan '82 and Hillary Hayes '92



(above) Tony Dell '80 and Jamie Phare-Jacobson '80.



(above) Keith Baicker '78 and Chris Horan '79.

# Princeton Gathering

(below) Alice Chow '02, Sara Peach '01, Kyle Liberman '00, and Alyssa Briody '03.



(below) Former PDS teacher Carl Reimers and Cyrus Aphonse '93.



(below) Mandy Helwig '00, Marin Blitzer '98, Eric Cholan Keril '98, John Stitzer '92 and Peter Nowicki '94.



(above) Stacy Orr '99, Jordan Nielson '01, Sara Peach '01, Alyssa Briody '03, and Laruen Welsh '99.

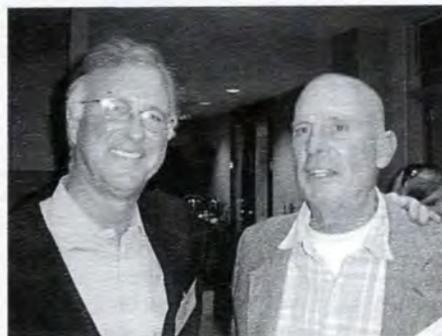


(left) 2007 Marcia Goetz Nappi '52 greets hostess Wendy Gartner Rowland '53.

(above) Bob Nappi; hosts Wendy Gartner Rowland '53 and her husband, Barry; Marcia Goetz Nappi '52 and PDS Director of Advancement Andy Hamlin.



(right) Jodi Kamen Howard '80 with former PDS Interim Head of School Sandy Bing.



(above) Interim Head of School Lila Lohr, center, with hosts Barry Rowland, left, and Wendy Gartner Rowland '53.

(left) PCD buddies Copey Coppedge '63 and David Smoyer '56.

# Boston Gathering

# ClassNotes

## Miss Fine's School

### Please note:

Class notes include columns submitted by the class correspondents, as well as notes submitted directly to PDS and media reports on class members.

Classes without a correspondent may send notes to:  
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Princeton, NJ 08542  
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### 1925-29

PDS Communications Office

### 1930

Margaretta R. Cowenhoven  
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Chestertown, MD 21620-1680

### 1931

PDS Communications Office

### 1932-33

#### 75th Reunion

PDS Communications Office

### 1934-1937

PDS Communications Office

### 1938

#### 70th Reunion

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Roberta Harper Lawrence writes that she spent the winter on Cayman Island but was planning to return to Ann Arbor as the *Journal* was going to press.

Meanwhile, she did receive an email from classmate **Helen Crossley**, who wrote: As for news about me, the D.C. Chapter of AAPOR instituted an annual "Career Achievement" Award this year and named me as its first recipient — for work I began over fifty years ago! Last year I finally sold my lovely condo apartment in McLean Gardens, near the Washington Cathedral, and bought a little cottage in an "adult community" (called Princeton Commons) in Brick Township in the Jersey shore area. But I'm still living in the house I grew up in on Battle Road.

### 1939

Therese E. Critchlow  
11 Westcott Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540-3059

### 1940

Anne Guthrie Yokana  
87 Battle Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540-4945

**Phyllis Vandewater Clement** writes: Bob and I are lucky enough to be well and active. I am on the Senior Center board locally and active in groups working to improve mental health funding and police department protocols. We became involved after our 24-year-old mentally ill grandson was fatally shot by police on January 2. On a happier note, we have a new 8-year-old adopted grandson. I am now on My Space, a new experience indeed!

### 1941

Correspondent needed

**Dorothea A. Siaam (Dossi)** writes: My last job was at the Emily Dickinson Museum in Amherst where I served as a guide for 13 years, which resulted in a lasting

fascination with Dickinson's amazing poetry. I retired in 2006, now concentrating on delivering Meals on Wheels and Amherst Woman's Club activities.

**Alice Huntington Allen**, also living in Amherst, has recovered from a fall on the ice (just before Christmas) breaking her right wrist. She is now beginning to play the piano again. We attend the Amherst College Music Series together.

### 1942

Mary Roberts Woodbridge  
2316 Windrow Drive  
Princeton, NJ 08540-5020

**Polly Roberts Woodbridge** writes: To the few remaining '42 classmates, our numbers are dwindling, but what else can we expect at our age! Here are the latest to leave us:

In January 2007 **Jane Cook Taylor** died here at Stonebridge, a retirement community at Rocky Hill. She had worked as a nurse's aide in WW II and also in Army chemical warfare. Jane moved back to Princeton after her divorce, was active in volunteering and is survived by three children and two grandchildren.

**Jane Cooper** moved from New York City to Pennswood Village, Newtown, PA and died in October 2007 from complications due to Parkinson's Disease. Jane had a distinguished career as a professor and poet-in-residence emerita at Sarah Lawrence College. She published five books of poetry and was named State Poet of New York for 1995-97. Jane is survived by her brother John Cooper of Tucson, AZ.

Ted Rinehart wrote from Montgomery, AL to tell me of the death of **Barbara Lutz Rinehart** in December 2007 after a brief illness from hematic anemia. Barbara was our class president our senior year, attended

Wellesley College and received an AA degree from Finch College. She was a pianist and her interests included ballet and opera. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Ted, and by a son, daughter and four grandchildren.

These three classmates remain vividly in my mind as they were many years ago and they are surely missed.

On a happier note, I include this excellent picture of two years ago, sent by **Johnnie Thomas Purnell** with, I believe a great-grandchild. Johnnie keeps very active at her retirement community in Prescott, AZ with lots of visits to and from her families.



Johnnie Thomas Purnell '42 with her great-grandchild.

I too enjoy living at this very congenial community of Princeton Windrows and still am able to travel — last September to southern Italy and in February on a small boat cruise with my daughter Peggy, MFS '65.

### 1943

#### 65th Reunion

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### 1944-1946

Correspondent needed

### 1947

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**1948****60th Reunion***Correspondent needed***1949**

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**Joan Budny Dawe** writes: Haven't been back to U.S. for over two years, so Roger (husband) and I will be coming over on the Queen Mary in June. We will be visiting brother Roger and cousins Chathams (parents of Mark Chatham).

**1950***Correspondent Needed***1951**

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**Barbara Johnston Rodgers** writes: John and I had a marvelous trip in April 2007 to see Holland and Belgium in Bloom. The Keukenhof Gardens were glorious! Our three children each have a son and a daughter, ranging in age from 16 to 1. We're truly blessed.

**1952**

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**1953****55th Reunion**

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**Elaine Polhemus Frost** writes: **Hilary Thompson Kenyon** and **Hope Thompson Kerr** had a new travel adventure in November! They went on a safari through Botswana, Namibia & Zimbabwe, and also visited Cape Town, South Africa. On safari, they saw elephants, giraffes, lions, leopards, monkeys, but said they were disappointed not to see any rhinos! Hope and I got together for lunch in December, and I was

able to look at her wonderful pictures from the trip.

**Caroline Rosenblum Moseley** and Roger have a new granddaughter, named Caroline Victoria, second daughter of Chris and Michelle Moseley of Dallas, TX.

I had dinner with **Caroline Savage Langan** and John in November when they were visiting family in Pennsylvania. Caroline was going to have a right knee replacement after Christmas. She reports in early February that she is coming along well in her recovery. She is doing so well that she and John are about to resume looking after 3 small grandchildren again on Mondays!

**Mary Roberts Craighill** and Peyton are very busy downsizing and selling their house in Narberth, PA, before moving to the Kendal Retirement Community in Lexington, VA in April.

All for now; is anyone planning to be in Princeton for our 55th Reunion?? I hope to see you all there in May!

**1954**

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Little news from classmates has come my way this winter. I'm sure everyone is busy, staying out of that rocking chair!

**Agnes Fulper** says she plans to attend her 50th class reunion at Connecticut College, New London, CT at the end of May.

**1955**

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**Chloe King** writes: **Jean Crawford**, our outstanding Class President wrote that she is serving on her 50th reunion committee at Wellesley College. Our MFS classmate, **Jo Cornforth Coke** is co-chair of the reunion, and **Ellen Jamieson Franck** is also on the committee, as she is currently secretary of their Wellesley College class. What great MFS representation!! Good luck for a great reunion!

**Jo Cornforth Coke** wrote that her only real news is "I let them talk me into co-chairing our 50th Wellesley reunion. It's a joy to work with '55 MFSers **Ellen Jamieson Franck**, Wellesley '59 Class Secretary, and **Jeannie Crawford**, Reunion Residence Hall Chair. I'm off to Costa Rica in March with my 11-year-old granddaughter. Taking her is just an excuse: I'm the one who wants to take the zipline over the treetops! Mother is in Assisted Living in Richmond, near my niece. At 93, and with Daddy gone after 76 years of marriage, she is one unhappy person!"

**Chloe King** spent a fascinating month in China/Tibet last fall. The entire experience was so educational and interesting. Upon returning from that wonderful, but exhausting, trip, shoulder surgery was the next exciting event. Recovery is MUCH too slow, but hard work with a physical therapist and exercises at home will help reach the goal: to swing golf clubs in early May. A river cruise in Eastern Europe in late May will be the next adventure! Retirement continues to be joyful!

**Alice Marie Nelson** wrote: "I guess my biggest news is that I've retired after 16 years training Customer Service personnel for Tiffany & Co. People keep asking me what I'm going to do. As if I should start in on some new job right away; start my own business; sign my days away in full-time activity of some sort. I find this amazing as I thought the whole idea of retiring was to relax and enjoy the fruits of one's many working years! I am starting a course in Pilates. If I'm not in shape after some months of this, I never will be." **Alice Marie** gave a song recital in England this last July, so she is still singing and looking forward to doing more of it now that her schedule is her own. Enjoy!

**Barbara Kholsaat von Oehsen** has had an interesting fall. She moved to Charlotte, NC to work with a family who breed Labrador dogs. Barbs had gotten one of her dogs from that kennel, and was eager to change location and

work with the puppies. She intends to stay just about a year, and will then return to Princeton. If anyone is interested in getting a lab puppy, go to [www.Labpups.com](http://www.Labpups.com) to investigate the possibilities.

How I wish others in our class would share their news with us. These retirement years allow us to do many interesting things. Please send your news to [Lchloek@aol.com](mailto:Lchloek@aol.com).

**1956**

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**Cicely Richardson** writes: **Lockie Stafford Proctor** recently conveyed George Gallup's gratitude at the outpouring of support for the **Kingsley Hubby Gallup Memorial Fund**. We learned of Kinny's death via email just after our summer class news deadline. Perhaps all of us immediately visualized Kinny on the ice—as **Margy Pacsu** put it, "She was really a sparkling shooting star"—and jumped at Margy's suggestion to honor her with an ice-skating scholarship in her name.

"Kinny was such an example to us all as an accomplished ice skater and athlete (my memories of her as I write are of Kinny streaking across the Princeton University rink in her tangerine and silver costume) that I would like to honor her memory that way," Margy wrote. "Surely there are some poor kids somewhere in New Jersey who could benefit from the opportunity to participate in this sport—an opportunity they otherwise might not have. It seems to me that would be the value of an ice-skating scholarship set up by our class in Kinny's name." Margy's thought clearly resonated with our classmates, and, with Lockie's help,



Class of 1956 classmates at **Kinny Hubby Gallup's funeral**: **Charlotte Cook**, **Lockie Stafford Proctor**, **Pam Thompson Sinkler-Todd**, **Pat Henderson Lincoln** and **Betsy Thomas**



**Community Addresses Threat of Flu Pandemic**

Imagine total disruption of daily activities... Plan for a Pandemic...

**Anne Harrison-Clark '56** (third from left) in the *Williamsburg Health Journal*, November 2007.

the family and Princeton Skating Club did set up the scholarship within the Princeton Area Community Fund. Despite her eight-year bout with cancer, Kinny opened her home to us each time the class gathered in Princeton, welcoming us with warmth and graciousness—we all miss her.

Lockie, Charlotte Cook, Betsy Thomas Peterson, Pam Thompson Sinkler-Todd and Pat Henderson Lincoln represented the class at Kinny's funeral, described by Charlotte as "a deeply sad occasion, but the service was very uplifting, with eloquent testimonials, dazzling music (the chapel organ combined with a brass choir and singing), and many pictures of Kinny — including several from Miss Fine's days — printed in the program."

Carol Harris Bradley is celebrating retirement once again, having recently completed her term as president of the non-profit organization she has been working on for the last five years — "an ecumenical partnership of local churches working together to respond to those who call their churches for emergency assistance. It's a great relief to step away from the helm as the care and feeding of the organization has taken the lion's share of my time and energy for a long time. Now all I need

to do is decompress." Kathleen (Kay) Dunn writes that she and Dick are both teaching again this semester at Simmons and Brandeis respectively, but have both decided that this is their last semester. "There are too many travels and writing that we want to do."

Anne Harrison-Clark remains deeply immersed in her nearly full-time job as a board member for Fords Colony, their home-owners

association. Expanding her avian influenza pandemic research beyond the written page, Anne put together a panel of health experts for a public discussion in November on how to handle a potential outbreak of bird flu.

Anne and Bob have found that Williamsburg is "a destination" for many visitors and somehow find time to welcome them all, expected or unexpected. Cicely Tomlinson Richardson and John had the pleasure last spring of basking in their hospitality, exploring the history-packed area around Williamsburg (with much left for future trips!) and reveling in the beauty of blossoming trees while mud season engulfed New Hampshire. We also explored Annapolis and, much to my delight, found the house my family lived in during the war before moving to Princeton.

Many of our class traveled much farther afield:

Margy writes: "Together with a French girl-friend of student

days, we took a French tour this past September to Greece. What a beautiful country, even though we arrived only a week after all the fires had been put out in the Peloponnesus. Acres of countryside were destroyed, then, for no reason, the fire would stop just before a village. The tour took us north to the Meteores, a spectacular mountain area dotted with tiny (mostly) inaccessible monasteries. Truly otherworldly. A day trip to Hydra and other islands gave us a feel for the unusual luminosity and white Aegean architecture. This experience certainly was good for my French and most of the other tour members had been to the U.S. or to Canada. Imagine our surprise when nobody (except banks) would take dollars (Canadian or U.S.). Just Euros, ma'am. This lovely holiday took place a week after Kinny died. I carried her with me in my heart."

Beth MacNeil Boggess "spent three weeks in Italy over Christmas—12 days in Rome and seven days in Naples (what an interesting city!) with friends whose specialties are in the area of museum design and architectural history. I had not been in Rome for 40 years, not since my son was a toddler! My excuse for the trip, which I hope will be the first of many, was to conduct basic research for a possible project on free-standing baptisteries, but I was very much side-tracked by the extraordinary Paleochristian mosaics which survive in so many of the early church buildings. Anyway, I learned more about Rome as a modern AND ancient city in those 12 days than I ever knew from all the years I taught ancient Roman history and literature!

"We also made a day-trip to Pompeii with Judith Harris, author of *Pompeii Reawakened*, a recent publication on the history of the discovery and excavations of Pompeii from the eighteenth century on. This is probably the most recent book on Pompeii and the surrounding area, and it presents the information in such an interesting way that anyone can enjoy it!"

Lockie and her daughter Lucy recently took a weeklong Western Caribbean cruise on the Holland-American line's Veendam and did a

5K Race-for-the-Cure onboard "twelve times around the ship on the only deck that goes completely all around") and it was great. Tough with the moderate sea and a ton of wind and spray! About 35 passengers signed up. HAL does this on all its ships and has given about half a million so far."

Charlotte's big news was the "dream trip" her husband Craig and she took to Tanzania last summer. "We saw all the animals we had hoped to see in the Serengeti and Ngorogoro Crater, spent three days walking 28 miles down into the Great Rift Valley from another crater on a high plateau, passing through many groups of Maasai tribal people and their cattle, goats and donkeys. We met the boy from a remote village whose schooling we are sponsoring, along with his family — several of whom made the six-hour bus trip to Arusha to meet us. We finished up by attending a traditional (two-day) Maasai wedding in another remote village. We were allowed to observe as friends of the bride and groom who are colleagues at my university."

**1957**

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Susie Smith Baldwin writes: Congratulations to our Nancy Miller, retired PDS second-grade and kindergarten teacher! She is the honored recipient of the 2008 Alumni Service Award "given to an alumna/us whose efforts to give back to the community and/or Princeton Day School reflect the highest ideals of the school. The recipient is someone who inspires others by his or her example of sensitivity or generosity." Let's join Nancy for the May 17th award presentation luncheon, honoring her full 40 years of teaching service, 33 of them on the PDS faculty.

In 1995 Nancy was honored as the very first recipient of the prestigious PDS "Robert C. Whitlock Award for Distinguished Teaching." Bob Whitlock was a gentle, kind, caring, patient and devoted soul of service and excellence in teaching. Nancy



**Cicely Tomlinson Richardson '56** was behind the camera that caught Whitney Wing Oppersdorff's sister Faith MFS '58, Cicely's sister Sally MFS '58 and Cicely's daughter Leslie atop Mount Cube in Orford last October.

exemplifies those nurturing qualities. She embraces the needs of the whole child. A perfect first recipient choice!

Upon arrival at MFS, in fourth grade, Nancy was immediately cast as Mary in the Christmas Pageant. Good casting by Mag Gilbert, eh? We all know how deeply Nancy's sensitive and generous spirit touches others, inspires the best in others. It's in the little things she does for others with love. She embodies kindness and goodness.

Mary Strunsky Wisnovsky, former PDS Board of Trustees member, adds, "I received so many comments from parents of Nancy's students who appreciated her excellence in teaching, especially her soft-spoken, calm, gentle and nurturing way of being."

Alissa Kramer Sutphin emphasizes that "everyone loves and admires Nancy." Alissa remembers "a particular Princeton Skating Club performance when Nancy had an important role, skating in sync, as part of a chorus line. A small child fell nearby. Nancy gave up her place in order to comfort and help the little girl."

Alissa adds, "As a teacher Nancy cared deeply about her students. She strove to do what was best for each individual. Nancy wanted to meet all their needs. She was not just interested in their immediate academic achievements. Even today, Nancy keeps up with, and is a close friend of, many former students and their families."

"As a friend, Nancy is truly supportive and generous with her time. When asked, Nancy has offered me many constructive ideas from her own experience on home renovation, gardening, travel, health issues, etc. When Nancy visits us she is never empty-handed. She brings something she's grown in her garden or made."

As Nancy's classmates we always appreciated her welcoming, supportive and uplifting spirit, at home and in community service, as well as in class activities and team sports.

Eugenie Rudd Fawcett remembers "a courageous Nancy as goalie in field hockey and lacrosse before modern-day protective gear." When asked for an anecdote



Our beloved **Nancy Miller '57**, 2008 Alumni Service Award recipient, at age two.

dote Euge quickly replied, "Nancy was such a good person all the time she does not need anecdotes to illuminate her fine qualities. I am glad someone is getting an award who so deserves it."

Bonnie Campbell Perkins adds, "Nancy's presence inspired others to participate. The Millers were the salt of the earth. They were genuine and down to earth citizens with good values." Bonnie is a retired professional tax return preparer. She continues that work as a volunteer for AARP in Denver.

Just like Nancy, her parents were so "friendly," so "nice" and "nurturing." They were "exceptional parents. **Kinsa Turnbull** adds, "I loved sailing with the Millers and sleepovers at the farm." Kinsa retired this year after 45 years teaching English at Moorestown High School. After a bird watching vacation in the Galapagos Islands she is nesting at home in Moorestown, NJ with her 2 cats, 3 dogs, 300 rose bushes and numerous volunteer activities. Her son, John, and two grandchildren, are close by in Bryn Mawr. Her son, Judd, lives in New York. Her daughter, Helen, and third grandchild, are in San Francisco.

**Sue Barclay Walcott** adds, "Nancy followed in her parents' footsteps of lifelong church and community service. Nancy is still a lay reader at the Princeton University Chapel, as well as a member of the handbell choir at Nassau Presbyterian Church. Her father even took time to judge our MFS pet shows. We knew how much Nancy loved children in her babysitting days for the Bristols and in her loyal volunteering for the Leigh Avenue Nursery School. Just like her mother, Nancy

became a Princeton Hospital Aide and a kindergarten teacher."

Sue happily reports, "I am now feeling much stronger. I am working with a good pain management center." Sue's daughter, Ann, lives in Alharetta, GA. She has Hailey (15), Laura (14), and John (11). All the grandchildren go to Sue's Camp Wohelo in Maine. Hailey follows Sue's foot-steps as a camp counselor this year.

**Molly Menand Jacobs** adds, "What wonderful news about Nancy." Molly helps her daughters with the grandkids. Anne, her husband, and 8-year-old Megan live just up the road in Montgomery. Cricket, and her husband, Brian, gave up their jobs to devote fulltime to marketing their new children's drink, Bot. They live in Lawrenceville with 4-year-old twins, Emily and Layla. Kimberly, and her two cats, live in Saratoga Springs, NY. Last spring Molly's father, Howard Menand, a Princeton University dean, died peacefully in his sleep at 92.

**Nancy Hagen Spaulding**, fulltime caregiver at home in Windsor, CO, writes: "This year Vern and I are staying close to home for his dialysis treatments." She adds her congratulations to Nancy. "She is so gracious, truly generous."

**Ros Webster Perry** sent a great Christmas family photo from Santa Barbara, CA. She writes, "My six grandchildren are tons of fun. My older daughter, Virginia, a child-birth educator, lives nearby with her husband, a philosophy professor, their 13-year-old daughter and twin 10-year-old boys. My younger daughter, Angela, lives in LA and is fully occupied at home with her 3 young sons, ages 7, 4 and 1. Her husband works in the entertainment industry as a music editor."

Ros adds her congratulations to Nancy. "Her cheerful nature brought out the best in us. She always went the extra mile to make sure everyone felt included in activities. We were blessed to have her in our class!"

I stayed in beautiful Vermont



**Ros Webster Perry '57** gathered with her family in Santa Barbara, CA at Christmas. On the left, Angela and James Bladon with baby Christopher; in the middle, Emma, Cedric and Malcolm and their parents Virginia and Marc Bobro; in front, Charles and George Bladon; far right, Dick and Ros Perry.

this winter. I am practically across the road from my grandkids' Waldorf School. My son, James Hillier, Waldorf kindergarten teacher and Nancy's former student, follows in her footsteps and passes on "the gift of kindergarten."

Nancy has always had the gift of naturally nurturing students, parents and friends of all ages, the whole child within. Nurturing springs from the core of her being, her grounded and loving presence, her wholeness. She has always known who she truly is. Ever since our early years together at Nassau Street School Nancy has inspired me, and countless others, to be gentler, kinder and more accepting, to live in harmony with nature, to more faithfully live our values.

The naughtiest thing Nancy and I ever did was to skinny dip in Stony Brook without our parents' permission. Nancy still swims a mile a day whenever possible. In fact, she intends to make her third "Swim Across America" for Cancer this summer as long as her April Fools' Day hip replacement surgery is sufficiently healed. Let's envision Nancy's rapid recovery, successful swim and joyous May celebration.

## 1958

### 50th Reunion

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**Nancy Hudler Keuffel** writes: In anticipation that this issue of the Alumni Magazine will debut

before our reunion I want to take this opportunity to say how exciting it is that many have expressed an interest in attending the reunion. To find out particulars about the reunion go to [www.pds.org](http://www.pds.org), then hit alumni and then reunions. There you will find many details of the event. There is a potpourri of activities from which to choose – or do them all! Visit the site frequently as there will be updates. And, do know that I have been assured there will be ample time to just hang out, chat, reminisce and catch up on events that have made us glad or sad. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions you may have about the reunion and I will try and get you the answer. Email is the best way to reach me.

Looking forward to seeing you all in May. Y'all come!

## 1959

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**Ann Clapp** writes: In November I was delighted to welcome Nancy McMoris and Susan Stevenson Badder to my new home in Manasquan, NJ. Time flew by as we listened intently to glamorous tales from Nancy. The next day Susan Valentine (Class of '60) drove over. It is a short hop from Princeton, so I hope others of you in the area will also visit. Nan Nicholes Goodrich sent her amazing USA travel log with her xmas greetings and announced a FOURTH trip to Antarctica in late December. I am enjoying my first grandchild, Ella!

**Susan Stevenon Badder** has left the Corcoran and is now consulting and teaching part time at the Maryland Institute in Baltimore (a walking commute vs the DC train hassle of the past)

The San Diego City Council declared Jan 29 "Dr. Ruth Riedel Day", commemorating 19 years of "visionary leadership in public health" in the region and on Feb 11 six organizations will celebrate her grant making and advocacy at Alliance Healthcare Foundation which she founded in 1988. **Ruth Pessel Reidel** has been working tirelessly for 46 years.



MFS Class of 1960 held a mini-reunion in September up in Vermont. Seated on floor: **Carol Garrigues Scofield, Caroline Godfrey Werth, and Martha Thompson Eckfeldt**. Seated on sofa: **Nancy Davis Sachner, Cathy Otis Farrell, Mary Jane Burbidge Hayes, Harriet Gaston Davison, and Eileen Baker Strathnaver**. Standing: **Penny Hart Bragonier, Sally Mullen Bub, Louise Scheide Marshall, Sally Hagen Schmidt, Susie Behr Travers, Anne Kales Howson, Mary Liz Alexander, and Jill Stokes Halbert**.

## 1960

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**Penny Bragonier** writes: The class of '60 met in September for its sixth annual reunion (see photo), this time at **Louise Scheide Marshall's** lakeside heaven near Middlebury, VT. Launched in 2002 to celebrate our collective 60th birthday, this gathering of longtime friends (some of us going as far back as Miss Mason's nursery school) has become quite a phenomenon.

Reminiscing was our major source of amusement in the beginning. **Eileen Baker Strathnaver**, even brought her Tiki (or was it Taki?) to the first reunion. But as time goes on and the group grows closer, the scope of our conversation broadens to reflect our six decades of living and learning. We always hope that classmates who haven't joined us yet will show up the next time. FYI, **Anne Kales Howson** will host this year's reunion in San Francisco from September 10-15.

Our coming together also heightens our awareness and concern for each other as we confront rough times. We share **Martha Thompson Eckfeldt's** ardent hope for the discovery of a new drug that will cure her husband Dick of the rare and debilitating blood disease he has been

batting for three years. We share, too, **Harriet Gaston Davison's** relief that her husband John, after many years of cognitive decline, is now residing, very happily, in an assisted living center only a couple of miles away from their home in Weybridge, England.

Our hearts are with **Amanda Maugham Pearson** whose warmth and wisdom remain undefeated by her grave illness. We are in awe.

We mourn the death in December of **Judy Taylor Murray**, wife of Peter and mother of Duncan and James. Judy's death is keenly felt not just by her family and friends but by her colleagues in occupational therapy and those at London's Bobath Centre for children with cerebral palsy where she worked for the last forty years. Shortly before her death, the center presented Judy with its outstanding achievement award in recognition of her considerable expertise and creative, interdisciplinary approach.

Needless to say, such sad events bring home our vulnerability and our obligation to enjoy the moment. We revel in new life—e.g. the birth in October of my grandson, Bodhi Taylor Bragonier, on Martha's Vineyard and the arrival of **Joan Nadler Davison's** new granddaughter from Vietnam after three weeks of arduous negotiations by Joan's son Matt and his wife Nancy in

Hanoi. We take pleasure, too, in watching our grown children apply their talents to making the world a little better: e.g. Martha's daughter Sarah Eckfeldt who is an impassioned and skillful Senior Social Worker at Beth Israel Hospital in NYC.

We also take advantage of our ability to travel and explore. To that end, **Mary Liz Alexander** and **Susie Behr Travers** are embarking on a trip to Cuba, identified for visa purposes as a "cultural/humanitarian delegation." They are, in fact, bringing supplies to elementary school kids and medicines to a Catholic charity and will partake of the cultural side (theater, dance, museums) of Cuban life.

And, finally, there are our own efforts to do something useful in this world. **Susie Travers**, for example, went to New Orleans last fall to build gardens in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity's construction efforts in the devastated 9th ward. And **Joan Davison** and husband Bill who, though both are still employed part-time and living in Delaware, continue to travel around the world on behalf of Operation Smile. Bill is currently working on an educational project in Vietnam. In November, Joan goes to China and Bill to Russia on two of the organization's twenty-five simultaneous missions to developing countries—part of its 25th anniversary project, "World Journey of Smiles."

Addendum from **Penny Bragonier**: **Amanda Pearson** died at home in New York City, seven months after being diagnosed with cancer. A stunning loss. Warm, loving, funny, courageous, and honest, Amanda has long held a special place in our hearts. Her insight and compassion made a real difference in the lives of those who knew her. Not only did she get down on the floor with the autistic children with whom she worked, but she entered into their worlds and helped them find what they needed. Amanda had a grace that was hers alone. She will live on, not just in the hearts of her husband Hal and daughter Diana, but in all of us.

## 1961

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**Nancy Smoyer** “went to Washington, DC, for the Veterans Day gatherings as usual, but this year was special because it was the 25th anniversary of the Wall. Lots of folks came—old and new friends; there was a parade, and the names were read which is wonderful. Just coming to the Wall every day and hearing name after name enveloping the whole mall creates a serene and caring atmosphere. My winter trip this year is to Kenya with Overseas Adventure Travel. Actually, I’m following in Joan’s footsteps since she went with the same group in October and promises I’ll have a great trip [see below].” Actually, the other day Joan got a phone call from Nancy who was in Tanzania (with the same guide Joan and Hal had!) where she had just viewed the flamingos at the Ngorongoro Crater, so we can expect Nancy’s glowing report in the next Journal.

**Tibby Chase Dennis** wrote, “First off, I have to mention... that my annual vacation on Cape Cod...took an exciting turn when I unexpectedly became involved in helping two group homes open, one for women and one for men, sponsored by Cape Cod’s ecumenical ministry to the homeless....There are now sixteen...formerly homeless folks living in places of spiritual, relational and physical beauty right near Hyannis Harbor!....The whole business was so inspiring, in fact, that I found myself realizing I’m not ‘finished’ with the Cape after all....I found myself buying a little condo, also in Orleans, to have a base of operation for whatever else God may have for me to do and be in this place I seem unable to leave! Here in Northampton, our small team of folks who work with College Church’s ministries to the homeless continues to grow closer and closer, as we branch out with new dreams and new programs.”



**Cary Armstrong Rothe** and Paul Rothe in Cary’s new studio.

**Cary Armstrong Rothe** has a wonderful new studio of her own to work in and is preparing for another show in 2008. Her medical and self-care are requiring more time than she’s used to as she’s building her immune system back up after three good procedures in Boston, but she says “the daily symptoms are manageable and spirits are good.” Cary and Paul have family nearby and visit at “soccer games, basketball, school performances, or at theater events in Hanover and Lebanon.” Cary has been able to travel to Williamsburg to hear her brother conduct “the most incredible Hayden’s *Creation*” and to Wisconsin for a mini-vacation.

**Tucky Ramus Gray** says, “I am looking forward very much to retiring at the end of this semester! And we are more than contemplating a move to New England, likely the Dartmouth area, rather than Massachusetts. My brother is up there, and it is only two hours or so from where Sarah (oldest daughter) and her husband live at the moment. I have returned to my interest in folk music, and am very much enjoying a beautiful new Martin, learning to deal with finger picks, and so on.”

**Joan Yeaton Seamon** “just returned from a most special three-week trip to Africa. We toured Kenya and Tanzania on safari with ten others. The guides were exceptional, the scenery amazing, and the animals extraordinary. This was the first time we had experienced third-world countries....This year also brought us the best gift—a new grandson—Matthew Yeaton Aslaksen [who will turn one this February]. A highlight of the year was not Hal’s 70th birthday but his hole-in-one on the most challenging

course here in Kingsmill. Joan’s mother, who lives nearby at a retirement home, reached the grand old age of 92.”

**Lucia Norton Woodruff** reported a “great vacation with our children and expanding family here at home and at Big Bend National Park which everyone should try to see sometime in their lives!.... One of the highlights of the holiday season was my opportunity to reconnect with **Erika Bauer**, the Swiss AFS student who stayed with my family our junior year, even though I was at boarding school. She is now Antonia (her middle name) Fahrney and lives in Taos. If you want to reach her, her address is 609 Valverde Street, Taos, New Mexico 87571. She remembers so much about MFS and would enjoy being back in touch.” Lucia came through NYC last week on her way to play chamber music on Long Island and stayed long enough to have take-out Indian dinner with **Cynthia** and Harvey and me. After catching up on news, we settled into a lively discussion of—what else—the coming elections, and then moved on to censorship in the arts. Thanks for making the opportunity for such a great evening, Lucia.

**Julie Fulper Hardt** wrote, “I have resigned as manager of the Henderson Sotheby’s Int’l. Realty office in Pennington, effective 3/1/2008, and am looking forward to reclaiming some freedom and flexibility with my return to Princeton as a garden-variety broker/associate.

My number there, from March on, will be (609) 924-1000. Had a wonderful Christmas with the entire family, and the first real awareness of Santa and his magic for our little grandson. [See photo.] Stephanie Briody, the hard working alumni liaison at Princeton Day School, and I held a tea for MFS in March and collected several photographs to

enhance the archives. Julie also enjoyed “a delightful lunch and catch-up time with Nancy Smoyer when she was visiting in November. Such an opportunity is one of the many good things about living near Princeton.” In December, Julie and I had our annual date to hear the Messiah at St Thomas Church in NYC. It’s a wonderful performance with the superb choir of men and boys, and excellent soloists and chamber orchestra.

**Cherry Raymond** said this didn’t qualify as news, but I’m the reporter, so I’m including it! “I had a lovely visit with Tibby in Northampton last fall and Polly in Orleans, but, as you put it, nothing special to report—except having a happy heart for seeing them in their natural habitats, and feeling the enduringness of our old connection, and enjoying our conversations.”

**Polly Busselle Bishop** sent this: “Let’s see. When were the last news items put in? We had a lovely summer in Maine, huge garden with literally thousands of pounds of cucumbers and six dozen butternut squash—tremendous overkill but so very satisfying and very appreciated by the multitudinous recipients. Summer began with volunteering at Haystack School of Crafts, readying it for summer sessions—it is an awesome place overlooking the world. This ‘work’ will become one of my traditions. No pottery last summer—just cavorted



**Julie Fulper Hardt '61** and her growing family.

around on the water and with various and sundry grandchildren. Since our new house in Maine is high on a hill and kind of hard to get to, I decided to get more sociable and waitressed (too much) in our tiny town’s miniscule restaurant (fabulous chef). Brooksville consists of only the market, the church and the



Barbara Pearce Williams and Casi.

restaurant, but the harbor is so appealing that it's well visited. Now we've built a barn, so Don can pursue his sculpture (which is great) and I can make and display pots if I want. However, we are now the proud owners of a 28-foot wooden, old, gaff rigged sloop with topsail so hopefully we'll do some cruising. When I left Maine to return to the Cape, my other life began again—volunteering in a school with 5-year-olds, teaching a Haitian woman English. In the meantime, over the last year and a half, I've been writing and re-writing a book—now comes the hard part, publication. But since it's designed to be educational, I care a great deal about getting it out there, and after all this time I feel really good about it. SO, besides my early Dec. elbow fracture, which won't heal, all is well. We would LOVE to have anyone visit in Maine, where we are at least May-October."

Sheila Long has been in the US during January and has just returned to France. Cynthia saw her and reports that besides visits with friends and family, Sheila made a trip to the Grand Canyon. In her Christmas letter, Sheila said that "we've started making plans for our collective old age....Last spring, Mère Abbessé and the head infirmarian began visiting other monasteries to see how they were managing; afterwards, the treasurer and the sister in charge of house maintenance joined them in conferring with a geriatric team consisting of a doctor and an architect specializing in the construction of nursing homes. The French government has chosen to try to help people stay in their own homes for as long as possible, rather than build large numbers of nursing homes to accommodate the increasing

number of senior citizens. They plan to train large numbers of home-health aides to cook, clean and do errands for the elderly at home, thereby reducing unemployment. We are already benefiting from this policy, with women coming in several hours a day to help with cleaning the infirmary cells and cooking, their time being commensurate with the number of hours to which our infirm sisters would be entitled if they were living on their own. In the interest of having us stay where we are, rather than gradually fill up the retirement home in Montmoreau, the state is also prepared to pay ten percent of the cost of a new infirmary wing, provided that it meets their norms for nursing homes. Construction will start as soon as we have a building permit, by June if we're lucky....After I came back here last year, I was relieved of my 19-year-old job as assistant sacristan, which has turned out to be a great relief....Now, I can go into the church without worrying that I've forgotten something, and if there's glitch in the liturgy, it's unequivocally not my fault and I don't have to try to fix it. I'm also rediscovering how wonderful it is to have some personal time on Sundays and major holidays. To replace my sacristan job, I have a new assignment, as guesthouse chauffeur, which mainly involves picking up guests at the train in Montmoreau. I like the contact with the guests and the chance to go out for a little spin."

Barbara Pearce Williams wrote in August. "I so love being a part of this email group. How amazing! I have just ended my working career...today I left my job of seven years as a legal clerk for the local dept of child support services. It has been quite an amazing day with the range of emotions. Tomorrow I leave my home in Oakdale CA and head toward Maine but first I have to pick up my brand new Labrador puppy who will fly back with me. Don't really know what's in store for me but I just knew the time was right to stop working." I saw Barbara in September when a group of us from Wells spent the weekend with her in Maine. Her puppy, Casi, upstaged us all. Recently Barbara has been show-

ing her in the San Francisco area where her brother, Bucky, and sister-in-law Nancy are also active in the show circuit (if that's what you call it). Retirement seems to be really agreeing with Barbara. [See photo.]

I have to say that I have little to add to the above. I'm working away at classical guitar (in preparation for a reprise of the Ramus-Morgan duo of old J) and making progress. The challenge to my brain, to say nothing of my fingers, is actually exhilarating—at least enough of the time to keep me going. I even played in a little student recital, which I confess to liking a lot. The idea of a class reunion of some kind this summer is still percolating on the back burner. Stay tuned.

## 1962

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Gail Cotton reports hearing from: Susie (Shea) McPherson who wrote "just a quick note as I am leaving Thursday for the Australian Open with my daughter, Sandy - we will be at the Open for 2 weeks (we'll see every possible game) & then head up to Sydney for 3 days before coming back to the US in time to join the Kelloggs at their home in Connecticut for the Super Bowl!

So ... here is my contribution in addition to Susan's: Susan (Matthews) Heard, Susie (Shea) McPherson, Cindy Brown, Win (Dickey) Kellogg, and I celebrated our 45th Reunion the weekend of October 6th at the home of my cousin in Estes Park, CO. While we had hoped more classmates could come, being a small group we were able to visit in depth and re-connect as the women we are today. The weekend was such a success we decided to make it an annual event. Cindy is working on planning a gathering for this year in Florida. My life became really hectic after that weekend with the good news being that I will be able to retire this year in the foreseeable future. I am pleased to report that I will be seeing more of Kitty (Walker) Ellison in the future. Kitty and Dan have purchased a second

home in Loveland, CO and plan to spend winters in Loveland and the warmer months in Steanboat Springs. Both their daughters live in Loveland which is an added bonus. Our deepest sympathy to Kitty and her family on the death of her mother in May. I am also delighted that I am seeing more of Win. Their son, Daniel, and his family are living in Erie, CO and their daughter, Lisa, is living in Denver so the Kelloggs are frequent visitors to CO. Dennis and I spent a very enjoyable evening with Win and her family right before Christmas. Hope to hear from more of you next time.

Susan Heard writes: Our visit to the Taj Mahal was a highlight of the nearly month-long trip to India and Southeast Asia in December. We also cruised the Indian Ocean, rode the Eastern-Oriental Express train from Singapore to Bangkok, and walked under the Bridge on the River Kwai. As fun as the trip was, I missed practicing golf, my new hobby. And our cats barely greeted us on our return. I hope that we have another Class of '62 reunion this year. It was a highlight of my year.

## 1963

### 45th Reunion

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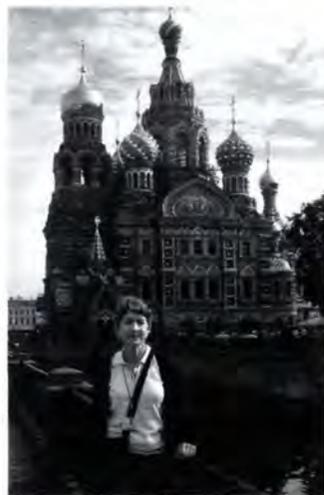
Alice Jacobson writes: I write these class notes on a chilly Oregon winter day realizing that you will be reading them in the summer. Our 45th class reunion will have passed (stay tune for news of it in the next issue), more of us will be entering retirement or the next stage of work, grandchildren will have been born, and other exciting events will have transpired in our lives. As always, we'd love to hear about them from you and share your news.

Kathy Sittig Dunlop sent a holiday e-mail with pictures. There are wonderful shots of Kathy and Richard in Russia, them celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary with their daughter, son, and daughter-in-law in Key West, and a picture of them in Peru taken during a trip there last fall. They are busy people with a very full life, always

influenced by their deep faith.

I received a short note from **Lee Gardner Shult**. She wrote from Singapore on their way to India where they plan to work for an organization called Home of Hope, begun by a parent at Lee's former job. They will spend 5 months traveling around India. They have spent 9 months out of the last year traveling in Central America and throughout the US. Lee reports spending 5 days in NYC with **Ellen Levy**. "We had a blast!" Her final comment: "Now that we're retired, it's mostly about travel."

**Colleen Coffee Hall** had her first grandchild, Price Elizabeth Donaldson, on August 25, 2006, her husband's birthday. Price and her parents have moved to



**Kathy Dunlop '63** shares this photo of her standing in front of a cathedral in St. Petersburg.

Princeton, so Colleen and Bob get to see them often. Colleen is serving as one of the hosts for our reunion, and she is looking forward to seeing "Everyone back in town for our 45th. I don't want to say "I can't believe it"...but I can't believe it!"

**Pam Sidford Schaeffer** says she, too, can't believe we've been out of school for 45 years. She adds, it seems "that my graduation was yesterday, and I am still 23. I did take a look at the year-book, and the dress and hair styles tell a different story..." She goes on, "I am lucky enough to feel the choices I did make were the right ones at the time, and I am a happy old person. Creaky and gray, but happy."

Well, **Laurie Rogers** and I would beg to differ. We got to-

gether at Pam and Leonard's home on Cape Cod this fall, and Pam showed us a great time! I'm the gray one, we all 3 creaked, and Pam and Laurie are definitely not old. Both are busy with active lives. Pam will be a first-time grandmother in February when her son and daughter-in-law have their first child. Pam's daughter is having a "birth" or her own: she is making an independent film and serving as author, director, and editor.

Laurie is still working as the administrator of an environmental firm, serving as mentor to several younger employees. She is very engaged with family and friends in Connecticut, and she has a full life. It is a joy for the three of us to have rediscovered our friendship, and we feel very blessed to have had two reunions in 2007.

I am still enjoying my small business of coaching and consulting. I have wonderful, bright clients, and they see me as a sort of wise crone, not a bad place to be. I am so glad that their business travails are theirs, not mine. I recently facilitated a planning retreat for a local college, and I felt all my juices going as they discussed their several potential futures. And then I was so glad that when the meeting was over, I did not have to "make it happen!" We're off for two weeks to San Miguel in Mexico at the end of March, and I guess that brings me back to where I started. It will be good to get out of the chill of winter. I hope that you are all doing well.

**Patricia-Anne Hillman** writes: Dear Class of '63. You were my first eighth grade homeroom at Miss Fine's in 1957-58. I've so often wanted to tell you that while my computer monitor now offers the date, I find I much prefer to check it out on the perpetual calendar you gave Milton Gill and me as a wedding gift. It's always been on my desk. The silver frame is engraved with your class numerals, but *you* are lovingly engraved in memory. Every month for 50 years, when I've changed its well-worn paper inserts, I've seen your faces. I wish there were a way to hear how each of your lives has unfolded. I wish I could thank all of those in

Grades 4-12 who made music with me in 1957-9 and gave me so many happy memories! If you want, you can catch up with me a little bit in *The Dancing Animal Woman - A Celebration of Life*, Bramble Books, 1994. A new one is coming out in April. With love to each one of you, Anne (formerly Patricia-Anne) Hillman, 177 Alamos Road, Portola Valley CA 94028.

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## 1964

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**Barbara Callaway** writes: Hi, Everyone! For those of you who sent me up-dates and accounts of meetings with other classmates, thank you. **Susie Moulton**, I think you may want to consider taking over as class agent. Your email invitation to weigh in with thoughts on the presidential candidates sparked the greatest response and enthusiasm from our crew I've seen since graduation.

**Sue Jamieson** gets the prize for visiting the most classmates in 2007. In October, she and husband Max took a trip to California and met up with **Cary Smith Hart**. Sue writes: "[We] took a very beautiful overnight Amtrak trip in October after a wedding in San Francisco and rolled off the train at about 6 am in Sacramento to the cheerful greeting of **Cary Smith Hart**. They spent two days in the Hart's friendly home, rode bikes around the neighborhood, had a great meal, enjoyed an insider's tour of the Capitol, and talked over the decades that had passed since MFS. Cary and Gary are looking great, both are sort of retired but teaching special reading projects, planning far flung international trips with their daughters, and, it appears, setting an enviable standard for the rest of us as we have more time for more fun. Too bad Sue missed seeing **Dora Lange Gilstrap**. Dora was teaching school and couldn't get away. What's new, Dora?



**Sue Jamieson '64** and her husband, Max.

**Cary Smith Hart** wrote, "It was so fun to see Sue J and her Max—we'd love to have more visitors!" She and husband Gary had just returned from a 3-week trip to Southeast Asia prior to Sue's arrival.

At the end of October, I had the pleasure of staying at night with Sue and Max at their home in Atlanta. The weather was glorious and I enjoyed a lovely dinner at their house, which was followed by a walk and dessert at a favorite local coffeehouse.

In response to **Susie Moulton's** politically charged email, **Joanna Fox** wrote back with her thoughts as well as an update on herself and her family.

"Re family — Lara lives in SF and I have just finished visiting her. We had a fabulous trip to the north coast redwoods and beaches and cliffs. She hadn't been happy with me that I hadn't visited her new apartment, either, so we made this visit mostly family. Danny is still in Spain and I think permanently, the third grandchild is due in May, (and I'm going over again at Christmas).

Re me — still in DC, working in Baltimore, at JHU, on HS reform, although now in policy and not traveling to do hands-on work, planning to move to Baltimore although not too diligently as you can tell, as it has been 5 years now...still own my house in Atlanta, not a good time to sell it, hey! So I keep on re-renting it (and would love to see all in Atlanta — will come back probably both in Dec and in Jan to fix it up for the new tenant)...and in general would love to see all. I no longer travel to the south for business much, although have spent quite a bit of time in Mississippi, which was quite a new adventure this fall..."

**Fran Wolff** has been on the road again. She recently wrote: "On the personal side, I have just returned from Jordan and Israel—a trip inspired by Jimmy Carter's book *Palestine—Peace not Apartheid*. I wanted to see for myself just what's going on between Israel and the Palestinians. It's a very complicated situation, and I don't think there are any clear-cut answers. I think Carter has somewhat oversimplified the situation. If anyone is interested in a most objective history of this area, I recommend *Holy Land, Whose Land?* by Dorothy Drummond.

Other than that, my dad just turned 96. My brother in Boston and sister in Austin are well, and I continue to be a devoted "Auntie Fran" to three teenaged nephews. I'm still running Stress Management Resources, but working at my own pace—leaving lots of time for travel, the Diamond Approach (a program of spiritual/personal growth exploration) and my new hobby—bridge. I'd love to hear what the rest of you are up to!"

**Penny Pettit Kreinberg** also wrote in response to Susie Moutlon with her thoughts on this year's political race and told of us her recent battle with breast cancer. Penny, I know I speak for us all when I say we are delighted with your recovery and hope by this writing you are happily back at the easel and feeling like yourself again.

**Susan Schildkraut Wallach** retired a year ago, but I doubt she's slowed her pace. In a recent email Susan shares her latest and greatest news. "I do have news. Our daughter, Dana, and her husband, Michael Jones, had a baby girl, Eloise Amelia Jones, on March 24, 2007. Ken and I are having a wonderful time in our new role as grandparents. Eloise is a happy, chubby baby who resembles a little sumo wrestler. She's all smiles and gurgles as she progresses toward her first birthday. It's wonderful to have all of the fun and none of the responsibility!"

Before moving to Charlotte, NC, over New Year's, to join HM Properties, I made a 2-week road trip North, visiting family and friends along the way, ending up in NYC in time for Christmas, where two of my children and my almost three-year-old grandson,

Jasper live. Despite 1500 miles of driving, it was a terrific trip.

I hope you'll all jot down my new address make plans to visit. Charlotte is such an exciting and vibrant city! As always, I look forward to hearing from each of you.

## 1965

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**Elise Noble** writes: **Karen Fraser** wrote with the sad news of her mother's death in mid January. Karen had been visiting her father Russell in Honolulu, and during that time she had arranged for 5 days of "respite care" in a hospice facility. Karen wrote, "On Tuesday she told me that she didn't think she could go back to her home. I told her not to worry about it, that I'd figure something out when I returned. Wednesday we were in transit; Thursday we were back; Friday morning she died. I can only chalk it up to an extraordinary New England resolve to do as she planned, and with as little inconvenience to me as possible. And lest you think that she was hovering at death's door for a while, you should know that the week before she died she was raking leaves in the back yard."

Karen added, "On a brighter note, I need to share with all that I've been in touch with Andrew Littauer, an unofficial member of the class of '65. He writes that they've purchased an amazing house on Library Place in Princeton, which turns out to be the home of **Barbara Lawrence** of our class. Those who remember the house will get a chance to see it again in a year or two when we hold a reunion back in Princeton; Andrew says we're invited!"

On Tuesday, February 12, **Ellen Aronis Heard** sent her update: "I thought that being a part of the Potomac Primaries would be an exhilarating experience, so I rose bright and early today to get to the polls. My husband and I voted at the synagogue down the street from us and although we were early, we were also amazed and disap-

pointed at the lack of hoopla. Not a Hillary or Obama sign in sight. To say that it was a whimper not a bang was an understatement. However, we will stay up late, if need be, and watch MSNBC, and re-enforce our roles as political junkies. You will simply have to guess what our persuasion is but I will give you a little hint. We are not a part of the 61% of the American population that does not believe in evolution.

"Other than the political excitement, my family and I are well. Jamie and I celebrated our 30th anniversary in Rome this past December. It is a lovely place to visit and hasn't changed since the last time I was there, probably 30 years ago. Our daughter Sarah will be graduating from Berkeley graduate school in public policy in the spring and our son Nick is going for the second level of his CFA, Certified Financial Analyst, exam while toying around with the idea of going to grad school in business.

"My work in educational consulting for challenging youth, has me traveling extensively around the country, visiting special schools and special kids. I continue to be charmed and fascinated by what I see and how much I am learning from this amazing population.

I, **Elise Rosenhaupt Noble**, dropped the ball (nothing new there, as **Mesdames Cobb** and **Corlette** would testify) and failed to ask for news etc. until past the deadline. I thank Karen and Ellen for responding with last

minute notes. I am putting this column together on February 13, a day after the Potomac Primaries whose outcomes we knew before bed last night. My state has not yet certified its Democratic caucus results. Perhaps New Mexico, "Land of Enchantment," should be dubbed something more apt, like "Land of Electoral Curses."

I am somewhat puzzled by the women our age who feel they must support Hillary because of the breakthrough she represents. Not that I don't admire Hillary and think she'd be a fine president, but somehow I don't feel that being a woman has been particularly limiting. I wonder if my Miss Fine's experience influenced my perspective. Anyone else have thoughts on this?

Our daughter Kate recently began working in the City of Santa Fe's Economic Development Division. Last night, we testified at the state legislature, I as a Realtor and she as a former business journalist. The bill we spoke against would have barred municipalities from taxing real estate sales. We won, and the City can now initiate a "Robin Hood bill" to support affordable housing. It was a kick to do this beside Kate. I'm ecstatic that she is back in Santa Fe after more than 13 years in New York.

Our son Patrick, a paramedic/firefighter, is also working as an assistant to a physician and getting certified as an Emergency Medical Services instructor. Tom and I are still working as renovators. We hang out at Home Depot. ■



Alumni Board Member **Julia Fulper Hardt '61** recently organized an afternoon tea for fellow Miss Fine's School alumnae at the Present Day Club in Princeton. Friends gathered to swap stories and share memorabilia from their schoolgirl days. Those attending included, back row from left, **Mickey Shriver '46**, **Alumni Board President Sally Fineburg '80**, **Hope Thompson Kerr '53**, **Jane Gihon Shillaber '53**, **Julie Hardt '61**, **Carol Frothingham Forsbeck '53** and MFS administrator **Joan Baker**; seated, from left, **Lib Flemer '43**, **Polly Woodbridge '42**, **Hedl Roulette '46**, **Nan Agar '38**, **Therese Critchlow '39** and **Helen Crossley '38**.

# ClassNotes

## Princeton Country Day School

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### 1926-1938

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### 1932

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It is with sadness that we report the death of **Sandy Maxwell** on February 23, 2008 after a brief hospitalization. A retired advertising executive, he was still playing the piano professionally and, at the time of his death, still had several "gigs" in his date book. In December his family gathered in Princeton to celebrate his 90th birthday.



In December **Sandy Maxwell '32** celebrated his 90th birthday with his children, from left, **Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62**, **Rob Maxwell '62**, **Donna Maxwell Griggs '65**, and **Lee Maxwell '62**.

### 1931-1938

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### 1933 & 1938

#### 70th Reunion

### 1939

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**Harold Erdman** writes: We are all saddened to learn of the death of our classmate **Bradford B. Locke** (*In Memoriam Fall 2007*). He had been for the past 25 years Rector of the Episcopal Church in Guilford. He is survived by two daughters. His sister "Fifi" is a graduate of Miss Fine's School. The original Miss Fine, founder of the school, whose portrait hangs in Colross, was Brad's aunt.

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#### 65th Reunion

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**David C.D. Rogers** writes: Still enjoying financial consulting, usually analyzing the competition before a major acquisition or industry restructuring. Louisa and I enjoyed cruising the Greek Isles and western Turkey on the Sea Cloud last summer...the original ship is great fun, even if such things as the AC do not always work. Bebo at the bar and Simon running the hotel operations and Capt. Shannon in charge make it a fun, exciting voyage every time (over the years, I've been 7 or 8 times on the Sea Cloud). Just recovering from double total knee replacement. Great idea to just get it over with even if the pain is a bit more.

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#### 60th Reunion

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**Bob Hillier '52** received the AIA New Jersey 2008 Michael Graves Fellow of the American Institute of Architects Lifetime Achievement Medal.

### 1952

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**J. Robert Hillier**, founder of Hillier Architecture, now RMJM Hillier, has been awarded the AIA New Jersey 2008 Michael Graves, FAIA Lifetime Achievement Medal. He was honored in January at the AIA New Jersey's annual Design Day and Service

Awards Gala at the Newark Club, atop Seton Hall Law School in Newark, NJ.

Just the second recipient of the award, following Graves in 2007, Hillier is being recognized for his "compassion for design, business model and overall contributions to the profession," said Jerome Leslie Eben, AIA, president of AIA New Jersey.

The award is provided for the completion of a significant body of architectural work and for an individual's influence on the practice of architecture. First conceived and developed in 2004 under the AIA administration of Robert Cozzarelli with support from AIA Regional Director Martin Santini, FAIA, the award is considered "the most prestigious award that AIA New Jersey as a Chapter and a Region of the AIA could bestow on a deserving member."

Hillier founded Hillier Architecture in Princeton NJ as a solo-practitioner in 1966, growing the firm over the next 42 years on the foundations of client-focused service and design excellence into one of the largest, most respected practices in the United States and Europe. Known today as RMJM Hillier, following the firm's merger with Scotland-based RMJM in June 2007, the firm is now part of one of the largest architectural practices in the world, with offices across the U.S., Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Post-merger, Hillier now serves as Deputy Chairman of MJM Group, the holding company for RMJM, and continues to work on significant architectural projects while exploring new business opportunities across the globe.

## 1953

### 55th Reunion

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## 1955

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**Tim Carey** writes: I hope this rather short version of the class news finds you all well and thriving. I have gotten some nice notes from people about the information included in the last issue, and I hope you found them accurate and enjoyable to read. I can only reiterate what fun it was to return to Princeton to see many whom I and others had not seen for years.

I got a call from **David Smoyer** PCD '56, who lives a few miles from me, and he just wanted to say that he enjoyed finding out what people were up to.

I carried on an exchange of emails with **Bev Aaron** who recounted a number of stories about his time at PCD, Princeton High School and beyond. He recalled one evening at dancing school when he and **Ralph Smith** found their way into the basement, located the fuse box and plunged the entire place into darkness. He went on to include the moment when his life really unfolded: "It basically began on a large Russian cargo plane flying to Kiev, Ukraine, where I was doing a story on the post traumatic stress of Chernobyl. With me was a camera crew and Esther Berezofsky, a former child psychologist who had worked with Robert Lifton at Three Mile Island. Though now a plaintiff's environmental attorney, Esther was the ideal expert for this trip. So we traveled from Kiev to the forbidden zone, and back to mental asylums where mothers, crazed with fear, begged us to take their babies to America. And then, on New Year's Eve we lost our ride to America, as the USSR fell apart, right there in the middle of the hotel in Kiev. Afterwards, it was freezing cold, as Esther and I were walking through the glittering snow covered park in

the middle of a city that suddenly belonged to an independent Nation that was still reeling from the world's worst nuclear industrial catastrophe, and we didn't know how we were going to get home, since the Russians had taken back their cargo plane, and it was just the two of us, naked in this USSRless world. And that's how come last Saturday, we were standing on the beema watching our twin daughters, Alex and Zoe becoming bat mitzvahs. It was the happiest day of my life, truly paradise."

Bev also has two sons by a first marriage, Gloster, who is a professor at Wesleyan, and Bill and a daughter Elizabeth. Bev continues to work fulltime for ABC. He added a brief note about a time when he met **Tyler Gatchell** by chance, had a few drinks and went off to see Tyler's production of *Sweeney Todd*.

I also got a note from **Pony Fraker**. Like me and Bev, Pony has two younger children, sons Will, 14, and Colin, 17. The family has been able to do a good deal of traveling to Puerto Rico, Mexico, France and England. His daughter Jessica is married and has given Pony three grandchildren, Gwen, 8, Chloe, 7, and Andrew, 3. Though he did not say so directly, I gather he is still teaching and heading the University of California Architecture School. He wrote just as he was heading to Nantucket to celebrate his father's 92nd birthday. Harry the Horse!

Unfortunately, I do not have more to add. I hope that you who do read this will drop me a note with some news. I promise I will get it into the next issue. You can call me at 781-326-8966 or email me at tim\_carey@nobles.edu. A good spring and summer to you all.

## 1958

### 50th Reunion

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## 1959

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**Roger Budny** writes: **Jim Vollbrecht** reports that he now has six grandchildren to go along with his six children. This fall Jim coached soccer for his 5th and 7th grader's teams in Northern Virginia.

This December **Huck Fairman** and I attended the Union College-Princeton Hockey game where we saw **Steve Cook's** son Matt '05 (Captain of Union) score a goal. We had a brief reunion with Steve, his wife Nina, Johnny Cook '56, Peter Cook '53 and **Bob Smyth**.

**Huck Fairman** recently reviewed **Harold van Doren's** *Lines on the Water*, saying the Maine stories, based on actual events, "present an unvarnished, sometimes painful, often humorous and charming, portrait of a coastal life that is increasingly rare. In a style that reflects the simplicity of that island's life, and both the desolation and beauty of the seascape and its residents, the stories recount the author's struggles, mostly as a part-time resident, to fit in with the insular year-rounders, but also to find the balance he wants in his own life. The stories chronicle days of exploring, fishing, lobstering, sometimes in dangerous seas, improvising to keep the island's vintage cars running, racing on the water and the land, cooking, and story telling, all requiring a delicate appreciation of the island's resources and its quirky, practical, wry personalities. Reading *Lines on the Water* is to journey back in time and off the shore to a different land."

## 1960

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## 1963

## 45th Reunion

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John Ritchie writes: Rob Wolff is still on the faculty of the Biology Department at Boston College and is currently Director of the Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Program. Rob writes, "my wife Elizabeth Kirschner is a writer/poet with 5 books to her credit and my 15-year-old son, Dylan Wolff, is a freshman at Newton North High School."

I had an exchange of emails with Jim Scarff who has been living and working in the Bay Area since graduating from Stanford in 1972. Jim writes:

"I ended up getting a law degree and an M.S. in Wildlife Biology, both from U.C. Berkeley. Most of my career I worked as an attorney for the U.S. Dept. of Energy, and for 20+ years as a consumer advocate/attorney at the California Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco. I worked about 90% time, and took the remainder to travel in many countries around the world. I also ended up publishing various legal and scientific papers, mainly to do with whaling law and right whale biology, but also papers on wolves. My biggest hobby has been wildlife photography for decades, and I'm getting better (or at least getting better equipment)."

Jim took early retirement from the CPUC about two years ago, but seems to be fully occupying his time.

"One thing I enjoy greatly about the S.F. Bay Area is how easy it is to see wildlife close by. There are coyotes and golden (and bald) eagles in the Berkeley hills (plus the occasional mountain lion which I haven't seen), and two weekends ago I drove down 90 miles south to Monterey where there are always whales and dolphins and often albatross. We had two 'friendly' humpbacks hang around our boat, probably rubbing the side of the boat as they surfaced, for 15 minutes until they found us boring. With only my telephoto, I couldn't even get a picture!"

"Folks curious about what I'm up to now can get some idea from my webpage: [www.sfcelticmusic.com/jsl/](http://www.sfcelticmusic.com/jsl/)."

Jim hasn't kept up much with PCD classmates, he says, but did pass along two reports (unconfirmed): "Last I knew, John McLoughlin was living in France and I believe involved in the wine business. I tried to get in touch with Bill Sayen about 10 years ago when I was back visiting my mom in Princeton, but he was off to a Buddhist monastery in Sri Lanka."

I also got a nice note from David Blair, though tainted by some sad news: "I've lived in New Hampshire since 1973, when my wife Linda [Marsella] and I moved here to get masters degrees in education at Antioch, New England. I've been a teacher, one way or the other, since then: 10 years directing environmental education programs, 8 years as the English as a Second Language teacher in our public school district, and now director of the Mariposa Museum, a folk art museum that Linda and I founded in 2002. We are a hands on, 'please touch' museum of folk art from around the world. Our mission is to celebrate the diversity of human culture and the common humanity that connects us all. You can visit us at [www.mariposamuseum.org](http://www.mariposamuseum.org)."

"... I've also worked with the Karuna Center for Peacebuilding in Amherst, MA. Karuna is a small NGO devoted to peacebuilding and reconciliation in societies torn by conflict. We have worked all over the world, and I've been part of our conflict transformation work in Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Sri Lanka and most recently Senegal. I also serve as the board chair. I invite you to visit our website at [www.karunacenter.org](http://www.karunacenter.org)."

"Linda died last summer of pancreatic cancer. She lived long enough to know and love our third grandchild and first granddaughter. I am blessed to have both children and three grandchildren living close by; work that I love; good health; and a spiritual base that helps me stay centered in the midst of it all. I send you all warm greetings and best wishes."

Brad Smith is a senior partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York where he primarily represents banks, including J.P. Morgan, and other financial institutions. After Yale, Brad got his law degree at NYU in 1974 (Order of the Coif), and has been at David Polk ever since. A few years ago, Brad was named one of the world's best banking lawyers in a survey of other lawyers in the field. Brad writes:

"I cross paths with Chip O'Brien [at Morgan Stanley] now and again but have long since lost touch with the rest of the class.... On the personal side, I have six wonderful children whose college tuitions will run until around 2020!"

It was great to hear from both David and Brad, who I remember were always at the top of the class every marking period. The rest of us struggled to keep up with them.

Finally, I received word that Bill Crooks died of a heart attack in November 2004. Bill is survived by his wife Karin, who conveyed the news to me, and two children.

Steve Goheen covered a lot of ground in his update. He says that after Portsmouth Priory (now Abbey) and Harvard, he and Gail (the "love-of-my-life") went to New Orleans where Gail attended law school at Tulane. "In 1974 we moved to Montana with our son, Dylan (1974). We've been here ever since and have been joined by two daughters: Alysha (1976) and Morgan (1985). We settled in the Bitterroot Valley in western Montana, about an hour south of Missoula. Job-wise I've been a house husband, a substitute teacher, a

timber cruiser, an elementary school teacher, and for the past 25 years an independent computer consultant. [Steve's company is Top-Down Computer Consultants, Inc.; website [www.top-down.com](http://www.top-down.com)].

"I have been heavily involved in community and youth soccer, as an early participant (when soccer was almost unheard of out here), then as an organizer, and now mostly as a referee instructor and administrator. Besides the soccer, my community efforts have been associated with our local public library. Our family enjoys the outdoors immensely and we have always spent a great deal of time hiking, camping, and exploring. Luckily we are 12 miles out of town with a beautiful mountain range to the east behind us and over 4 million acres of wilderness area to the west of our valley. So we have done it backwards – we live here and vacation back to New Jersey and Massachusetts."

Many thanks to those who have sent news to me recently. I hope to hear from the rest of you for future Class Notes.

## 1964

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## 1965

Correspondent needed

## Keep in touch...

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# ClassNotes

## Princeton Day School

### Please note:

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### 1966

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**Debbie Hobler** writes: Our class members contributed more than the usual news for our column, so apparently we've become more communicative (and more active) in our 60th year. I can't tell you how much I appreciate you all making me look like a classy co-class secretary. As you know, nothing looks worse in the *PDS Journal* Class Notes section than an empty space after a class year.

After recovering from shoulder surgery in the late fall, **Katherine Becker** has taken a position as Acting Director of the After School Program at St. Luke's School in Greenwich Village. St. Luke's is a JK-8 school that sends its graduates to the best independent private and public high schools. Katherine will be super-

vising the innovative program that includes classes on fashion design, foreign language studies, yoga, jewelry and stop action animation. Ms. Becker reports that depending on the trimester, sometimes after school classes are for parents too. Hey, Ms. Becker, can I sign up now?

Katherine is really pleased to be joining the school in this interim position: "Sharing the lives of young students is a pleasure, and their wonder and ideas keep me awake (I hope not at night) open and mindful."

**Hilary Drorbaugh Propst** took time off from her every other day cross country skiing in the Seattle area to write that she and husband Michael spent several weeks in Vermont this past year. "I had a fantastic experience this summer learning how to fly fish. Michael has been a reel fisherman for years, but wasn't interested in fly fishing, so a friend and I went to a fly fishing school sponsored by Orvis. It was great fun and even though we didn't catch any fish, I definitely have the bug (no pun intended) now. This winter I plan to take some lessons on fly-tying." Hilary, would you be willing to provide our class dinner with a fish entrée at our 45th reunion?

Since their retirement two plus years ago, the Propsts have also sunned by their time-share in Key West, summered in Maine, swum in Hawaii, and bird watched in Texas. (They've also joined a bird club) When not traveling, Hilary continues to volunteer at her old school two days a week, and at the Animal Aid Society for dogs, a no-kill shelter, once a week.

Our class energizer bunny, **Barbara Sullivan**, continues her enviable streak of multi-tasking, teaching and traveling while speaking two languages. Barbara wrote

me from Cochabamba, Bolivia, "Where I am half way through a one month stay. I am living with a Bolivian woman my age that has many family members nearby. Each day I take Spanish lessons (with an eye toward trying to eventually become a translator back home in Wilmington, NC. where there is a large Hispanic population). In the afternoon, I work at a small orphanage with a group of ten kids ages 2-4." Barbara reports that Cochabamba is very hilly, and she gets her daily work outs up by climbing up and down the town's hills.

"When I get back home, I will continue lecturing and teaching courses in gardening, writing articles for gardening magazines, designing gardens and doing my bi-weekly radio show, AND (that's this class secretary's capitals) taking Spanish courses at our local university." Barb has also been involved in a long-term Wilmington, NC community project which is erecting a memorial to the events in 1898 during which elected black and white officials were thrown out of office by a white supremacist faction, while the black newspaper building was burned to the ground and people fled for their lives.

*Harmony: Land of the Four*

*Seasons*, a children's book, written, illustrated and published by **Hope Rose Angier**, is now available. Go to [www.hopeangier.com](http://www.hopeangier.com) to read all about it. "It's a great read for any 'grandmothers' out there in the class of '66," says Ms. Angier. Hope got a lovely quote for her book from our classmate and noted children's author, Margery Cuyler. Hope's shippable stair-riser murals have kept her busy in her studio, and she looking forward to some national magazines showcasing her work in the spring.

"2007 was truly a memorable year for Fred and me. We sold our boat after calling her home for almost seven years. Then last June, after Fred's 97-year-old father passed away, we spent six months going back and forth from Maine to Cape Cod where we sorted through 97 years of his household goods, and restored his Dad's 1830 farmhouse and farmland. At the same time, we oversaw the final phases of clearing, de-stumping and seeing our piece of land in Hope, (no joke) Maine, where we will build our next home."

Hope, are you in the running for our next energizer bunny class contestant?

**Sally Harries Gauldie's** son, Dave married sweetheart Sandra in Scotland last summer, while



**Sally Harries Gauldie '66** celebrates her son's wedding in Scotland; pictured are her husband Jack, son Dave, bride Sandra, and Sally.

son Steve is working in Boston, starting up a new office. Sally is so pleased to have one son closer to home. Sally's plans for this year include many travels, including travel with Jack to Estoril, Portugal for a business conference, where her son, Dave, and daughter-in-law, Sandra, will join them, then she'll hop over to Rome for pasta and chianti, followed by a drop in to Geneva, Switzerland, where she will celebrate her 60th birthday in early April with Jack and her brother and his family.

**Hermine Delany** writes, "We found our Shangri-la last June, a beautiful 5 acre spot in the foothills of New England, (Ashburnham, MA) 1,200 feet above sea level, with 7 fresh water lakes, one of which we can swim in; trees filled with peaches, pears, plums, cherries and apples galore. Susie B was here recently; we sat in the sun and jabbered away like we did at our glorious reunion." This past fall, Andrea, Patience and Susie B. and Susie Sichel MFS'65 all gathered for a mini-reunion at Hermine's. Hermine, any way you could provide the fruit for our 45th reunion dinner?



PDS '66 Classmates **Andrea Hicks, Hermine Delany, Susan Bonthron, Patience Morgan-Irigoyen** with **Susie Sichel MFS '65**.

**Galey Bissel Sergio-Castelvetera** is enjoying her newly completed home in Baja, Mexico during school holidays. Max is retiring in June; Galey will follow and leave her teaching career in June '09.

**Lynn Wiley Hoffman** started work on a new job with a company that produces and sells chemical catalysts (whatever they are, she says) with five Chinese chemists. "Since I don't know the Chinese language or anything about chemistry, I am winging it!"

**Mettie Whipple** writes that

she and Nipper Harding "just bought a classic old Maine farm house together in Yarmouth. We've been here for three weeks now, and even happier than before. It's always a good sign when going through all the stress of moving, packing and unpacking boxes, that it doesn't get in the way of our enjoying each others company!"

**Dale Marzoni Kellogg** has gone global since her retirement last year. She has a new astrology blog, <http://www.ardenastrology.blogspot.com> that is informative and interesting. Please check it out. Her status as grandmother became a reality on January 22, at 9:35 am, when Sebastian Xavier emerged from hiding carrying 8 pounds and 2 ounces with blonde hair and deep blue eyes. Dale reported that Lorelei and the baby are doing fine, and says, "I'm beside myself with joy."

**Gail Hood Adams** continues with her contributions to the greening of the planet—she and Joe (Adams Architects) collaborated with a local Houston couple to create a home that makes a statement and can send the electric meter into reverse. They designed an entirely self-sustaining 5,000 square-foot residence in the Houston area; including but not limited to 110 photovoltaic panels to provide electricity and draw water,

and underground networks of pipes for passive air conditioning. The project was written about in the local Houston newspaper, and included a picture of the owners, Gail, Joe and a model of the home. Gail's daughter Jessie is a freshman at Penn, and poor thing, she HAD to take a course for one week in Venice, Italy as part of her collegiate program. (Hey, this is reason enough to return to college!) Daughter Anna continues her work in Boston in graphic design, and Kate is in

Seattle. Gail and Joe don't like having an empty nest, so they recently were hosts to an exchange student from Brazil.

**Hannah Blakeman** continues her painting, while her daughter Ginny, who attended our 40th reunion, enjoyed her academic program that involved a summer living with a family in France. Despite forever-lost luggage, Ginny managed to enjoy all that her family and France had to offer. After completing her undergraduate degree, she has graduate school in her sights.

As a result of her United States Artists award last year, **Sarah Jaeger** has commanded attention from coast to coast—she spent time in LA hanging with Target's bulldog (a publicity tour for United States Artists) (Hey Sarah, was he a good kisser?) followed by an article about her in *The New York Times* on October 10, including a PICTURE with her *avec pots*. Maybe Sarah could provide us with dinnerware for our 45th reunion?



**Sarah Jaeger '66** poses with Target's Bulldog.

Our esteemed Ms. Jaeger was a visiting artist at PDS last November where she taught three classes and met with faculty members. "I am SO impressed with PDS with its top notch studio facilities, it's better than most of the colleges I have taught at. I don't think the kids know how lucky they are to have such resources at hand. More significantly, the caliber of the faculty is incredible; THEY ARE ALL DEDICATED AND TALENTED TEACHERS DOING AMAZING WORK with their students. (Sarah wanted me to put that in caps to make her point!) I felt so proud to be part of PDS."

**Linda Staniar Bergh** and I had lunch together in September while I was in Princeton to cel-

brate my folks' 85th birthdays. As usual, we were not well behaved and ultimately, after a struggle, were asked to leave Main Street Restaurant. We continued our crime spree by stealing Halloween masks from a nearby Hallmark store, then robbing a bank around the corner in order to secure funding for our 45th PDS reunion. Forget fundraising! In the Princeton Police Station, we are now known as the "Blonde Bandits"; dangerous and armed with too much fun.

## 1967

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**Susan Fritsch Hunter** writes:

**Mary Young Bragado** wrote the following poignant entry. "2007 began with much happiness for our family with the weddings of our two children as you read in the last issue of the PDS *Journal*. We did not see what the future had in store for us. My sister, Jane, died of lung cancer in August, and my mother passed away in September, which saddened us very much. But fate was waiting to pounce on us one more time in December.

My son Julio and his wife Jennifer were in a terrible accident on an icy road in New Jersey returning to Manhattan for a "Nutcracker" performance in Pennsylvania the night of December 2. Julio and Jennifer were run over by two different cars after they left their vehicle that had just run into a pile-up of cars. Julio escaped with a badly broken leg, but Jennifer could not be saved. The outpouring of sympathy has been extraordinary, and Julio's friends and colleagues from the American Ballet Theatre have not left his side. Therefore, the healing process has begun both for his leg and for his heart."

Mary tells me that many people have given gifts in Jennifer (Alexander's) memory to her company, the American Ballet Theatre, in New York, NY. The class extends its deepest sympathy to Mary, Max, Julio and their family. Our prayers are with them as they draw strength

and love from each other during this time of grief and healing

Phoebe Knapp Warren exhibited her wood sculptures at a show entitled "Natural Order" at WalkerFineArt gallery in Denver, CO. The show, which ran from November 2007 to January 2008, featured the work "Night Birds," that is pictured below.



"Night Birds" by Phoebe Knapp Warren '67.

## 1968

### 40th Reunion

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Mary Hyson writes: I have only a few minutes to dash off this column, as I am leaving in the morning for Florida. For once, I am grateful that there is not a plethora of news!

There is no question what is of primary importance: our upcoming 40th reunion on the weekend of May 16-18. Sia and I are determined to lure back lots of classmates. We hope you'll be able to come.



Franny Gorman '67 enjoying her grandson Max at Christmas time.



Nathaniel "Nate" Fitz Randolph Hyson, grandson of Mary Hobler Hyson '68.



Brendan James Tierney, grandson of Punky Brewtser Rutledge '68.

## 1969

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## 1970

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Ann Wiley writes: Pam Orr Marck wrote a long newsy Christmas letter. The highlights included: She and Jack have purchased a new home on Cape Cod, which for now is for long weekends, but eventually will be their retirement home. Pam and Jack are both active at their church. Their daughters are very busy. Melissa is working in HR for a loss prevention company, going to grad school, and will be getting married in August. Jennifer is teaching 6th grade in Westwood, MA and has completed her master's degree in Special Education. Hilary is a sophomore at Stonehill College; she worked this past summer as a residential counselor at a center for abused adolescent girls. She will study in Spain next fall.

Diane Erickson was the first to reply to my plea for news. She wrote: "I am pleased to report that my daughter is set to graduate from Stetson University this May with a B.B.A (she is only 20). She intends to stay on to complete her M.B.A. by spring of '09. My interests have been ex-

panding so on top of drawing, I am working on sculpting and hope to have my first bronze poured from my clay sculpture in about two months! I missed the deadline for Nude Night this year, but will be able to enter it next February. Unfortunately, I am still working for a living, so other fun art activities will have to wait their turn!"

Harriet Sharlin announced that she became a grandmother on June 26. She has a grandson.

Wendy Lawson-Johnson McNeil loves being a grandmother to "Chanan Kairos Wijesooriya, an adorable little boy. Lawson and Romesh are wonderful about keeping me close in their lives with him." She is still working really hard as Vice-President of the board of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, especially on a project to build a museum in Abu Dhabi. She is also trail riding out west and in South Carolina as often as possible and training to become a disaster volunteer for the Red Cross. When there is any time left, she tries to be in Richmond where son, Tucker and daughter, Lawson, Romesh and Chanan all live.

Bob Peck sent a few photos and wrote: "Sorry I missed Eve



Recognize these folks? These Class of 1970 members include Calvin Johnson, Jack Kilgore, Eve Robinson and Porter Eubank.

party tonight at Sweet's Historic Ballroom, where the Panthers used to meet...here's a pic of my kid; he became one of those large people w/ a deep voice who hit really hard...its fun to hang and have bad coffee at the Mediterranean Cafe where the whole hippie thing started; I've managed to party with some of the local denizen like Michael McClure and Wavy Gravy and some of the other North Beach crawlers... when Gertrude Stein said 'there's no there there' she was talking about Sacramento..."

Robin Murray writes that in her role as Adjunct Professor in the Masters of Infrastructure Planning program at NJIT, she recently was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Office of Smart Growth, DCA, NJ. The money will be used to document the work of her students from the Spring 2007 design studio, Rural Regenerative Planning. It will also be for her, along with the Municipi-



Bob Peck '70's son.



Bob Peck '70 and his "new squeeze."

and Jack and Calvin in Nueve York- that would've been fun... Here's a pic of me and my new squeeze on gang affiliation nite at the Women's Auxiliary Club. I caught "Bad Girls" Ellen Sussman at Cody's Books awhile back — nice connect to the old ways... Man these 5 year stretches between reunions get longer and longer... going to a Pandora.com

pal Land Use Center, to assist five rural NJ municipalities, each of whom has received \$50,000, to create sustainable master plans. Robin has been teaching at NJIT since January 2005. She also just completed a three-year term on the national board of the American Institute of Architects as regional director for NJ. One of her last trips allowed her to visit

with **Lew Bowers** in Portland, OR in the fall. He is doing wonderful work in revitalizing the city and personally claims to eat in all the new restaurants in the Pearl District. We had a great lunch in a Peruvian restaurant, a tour of the city and a visit with his wife Susan. Susan has an amazing garden which has been stocked with many varieties from **Heidi's** business here in NJ.

I spent six days in Haiti doing mission work in January, a long weekend in Venice in February, and almost two weeks in Florida during Spring Break. Otherwise, I am busy at PDS or doing church work, including raising money for our work in Haiti and serving as the Communications Chair of our capital campaign. And I have gotten into a good habit of going to the movies once a week.

## 1971

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Hi Classmates! It's **Betsy Meredith Rigo**, and I've volunteered to be the new class secretary. PDS sent me an email class list. Some of your addresses came back as old. So, when you get a chance, please email Stephanie Briody, director of the Alumni Office at sbriody@pds.org with your current snail and email address.

First, thanks to **Louise Broad Lavine** for filling this spot for so many years. **Louise** writes that she and her family have just moved from Durham, NC, where they lived for 20 years, to Amherst, MA. Her husband will be teaching statistics at UMass. **Louise** says that it has been very hard to leave a home where they had roots. But she likes the cooler weather in Amherst, where the landscape remains relatively unscathed by malls. Her older son is a freshman at Haverford College; the younger son is a soph at Amherst Regional High. If anyone lives in the area, she would love to get together.

I heard from quite a few of our compatriots. **Lisa Warren** writes that she's still living in Bridgewater, NJ, and working as

in-house counsel managing litigation at Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick. She's been there for 23 years. **Lisa**, I didn't think that jobs like that existed anymore, but kudos to you. She reports that work keeps her very busy and that she travels fairly often. **Lisa's** married, with a 12-year-old daughter who likes to ride horses. She also has a fair amount of 'livestock,' a registered therapy dog, a guinea pig and a dwarf hamster. She's been very active for over 20 years on the board of the Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children, which serves at-risk youth. **Lisa** writes that she's been in touch with **Katie Poole**.

Speaking of **Katie**, she emailed this missive: My news is that I moved to Hong Kong over a year ago, with my husband's job. I am taking time off from work as I try to see and learn as much as I can about Asia, which should be about three years. Our two girls are in the States going to college and we are all racking up frequent flyer miles as we try to stay connected during this adventure.

**Katie**, it was sad news to hear of your father's passing. He was a wonderful teacher and will be remembered.

I also heard from our classmate **Blythe Kropf**. **Blythe** works in Serials Acquisitions at the New York Public Library. What a great organization to work with, **Blythe**! She has been taking piano lessons for many years in NYC and attending seminars at the Taubman-Golandsky Piano Institute every summer. **Blythe**, I love to play the piano as well, but given space considerations in a New York apartment at this point, I'd either have to get rid of several bookcases or put the piano in the bathtub.

**Georgia Myer** rings in from the hinterlands of East Calais, VT. **Georgia's** a circulation consultant for the Christian Science Monitor. She helps to run the Woodbury Calais Food Shelf. The number of people served at the Food Shelf has tripled in the last three years. "Like never before," **Georgia** writes, "poverty is not a

temporary condition." **Georgia** also mentors a fifth-grader at a local school. She continues to work in her art studio and has enjoyed the chance to study landscape painting in Stowe each June with **Frank Mason**. **Georgia** spends a few months each summer in Cape Breton and may have the opportunity to sail the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador this summer. I reconnected with **Georgia** at our 35th reunion, and we are in touch now and again. **Georgia** sent me a photo of the two of us as tiny tots.



**Bill Flemer '71** describes himself as "the middle-aged guy with the guitar."



Daughters of **Bill Flemer '71** share his musical talents. From left, **Nell**, 20, plays fiddle while **Emma**, 23, plays guitar.

Speaking of our 35th reunion, **Bill Flemer** was a most gracious host for our crowd, and also a wonderful musician. Here's **Bill's** news: I'm still living in Princeton township with **Louise Hutner ('70)**, and working on establishing a business as a tree, garden and nursery management consultant. My son **Will** (13) and **Louise's** son **Peter** (18) live with us. Our older kids are mostly out of college. I'm playing in two bands, a bluegrass band named **Riverside** ([www.bluegrassband.com](http://www.bluegrassband.com)), and a new and larger alternative-country band called **Spring Street**. Both my daughters, **Emma** and **Nell**, play in it, along with other



**Georgia Myer '71** (left) and **Betsy Meredith '71**, as tiny tots.

talented local guys. If anyone is planning a party around Princeton, we're always looking for work! **Bill** invites anyone who wants to be in touch to email him at [Billflemer@aol.com](mailto:Billflemer@aol.com)

There's also news from **Anne (Healy) Elbaqali**. **Anne** and I reconnected back in 2001 here in NYC, and it's been great to rekindle an old friendship. **Anne** writes: This may be the first time ever that I have submitted to our class notes! Ever since PDS graduation I have been living in New York City. After graduating from Parsons School of Design in 1975, I have been employed at NBC TV for 25 years, which is hard to believe. The time has flown by, as they say. I am a graphic designer and have worked for late-night NBC comedy shows – **David Letterman** for 10 years, **SNL** for 12 years, and now on **Late Night with Conan O'Brien**. I love what I do: who knew?

Over the years I have kept up close contact with **Ellen Stern**, **Evelyn Sherwood**, and **Kate Erdman**. As you may have heard, **Ellen** passed away a few years ago. She was a wonderful, warm, energetic friend whom I miss very much. I was fortunate to reconnect with **Bill Flemer** at her funeral – first time I've seen him since PDS graduation! I am



**Evelyn Sherwood '71** and **Ellen Stern '71** photographed in 1991.



Miss Fine's School first grade featuring Class of 1971 members, back row from left, **Susy Waterman, Allan Eddy, Doug McCall, Jean Schluter, Wendy Sarett**; middle row, from left, **Anne Healy, Lizette Mills, Dede Clark, Belinda Donner** and front row, from left, **Paula Zaitz, Cathy Lane, David Sampson, Lulie Peters, Steve Gorman**.

in weekly contact with Evelyn, who lives with her 17-year-old son in Seattle. She is planning to go live in London and is investigating that now. I visit with Kate in Bernardsville, NJ, about once a year. She has a son in college and three fantastic daughters at home in school.

Anne and I often get together at my club, the New York Athletic Club, to play pool and have dinner. Anne is an excellent pool player. In her note, Anne says that she spends much of her time playing pool, as she has been for 20 years. She writes: I play in tournaments, leagues, and for fun and practice at least four times a week. Other than that, I travel to Europe as much as I can and am enjoying that immensely after living in the city for so long!

Also, some news from **Lizette (Mills) Hardie**. She writes: Living in Raleigh, NC, where I work at the Veterinary College at North Carolina State University. I teach small-animal surgery, work in the small-animal clinic, and do whatever projects need doing to help the veterinary students' education. I'm serving on way too many committees: electronic medical record development, building a new hospital, putting the curriculum online, and building a video library of skills the students need.

My long-time significant other, Bob True, is also a vet, who enforces humane handling of food animals and food safety. The kids are almost through college: Francie graduates from Duke in May, Ian is a junior at Cornell. He is spending this semester in

Edinburgh. Francie wants to be a "Bones" clone and Ian would like to design race cars. When I can escape from work Bob and I dive, hike, and camp. We always have extra room at the house in Fuquay Varina (near Raleigh, and try saying that without sounding lewd) or at Badin Lake, halfway to Charlotte.

Now some news from the West Coast, from **Vicki Willock**. Vicki pens, I continue to live and work in San Francisco, where I operate Willock Partners. It's a small investment bank that works with private firms that need capital for growth or want to be sold. I have an interesting group of clients from a broad spectrum of industries. I recently sold the premier frozen foods distributor in the Hawaiian Islands who distributes everything from ice cream for Dreyer's and Haagen-Dazs to pizza for Kraft Foods to a financial sponsor on the West Coast. Otherwise, I represent companies in the electronics industry and engineering consulting firms.

My husband, John Frankel, and I enjoyed a grand holiday in Venice last year, and then cruised to Greece and Turkey. Our border collie wasn't happy that we were gone for three weeks, but we have made it up to her by taking her with us on all other travels out here in recent months. When we aren't enjoying the weather in San Francisco we spend time at our home in Truckee, CA, in Lake Tahoe.

Vicki, for your hard work I hope you have a carte blanche supply of Haagen-Dazs ice cream, sorbet, and other delights.

Late news from **Dede Pickering** that she will be traveling to Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam for several months.

I, your humble secretary, am living in New York City, where I've been since Christ was in knickers. Well, not quite that long. I work as a subcontract editor and writer for several publishers, mostly those that concentrate in medicine, health, and social sciences. If any of you need help with a writing project, book, or editing, please write to me at [Nessoid@aol.com](mailto:Nessoid@aol.com). I also occasionally write essays and articles for newspapers. I've been doing volunteer work — teaching reading and writing to kids who are struggling with these skills. When I can, I escape the coil of Manhattan and play golf. My late husband, John M. Rigo, was my (very patient) golf coach. I like to go to Martha's Vineyard for vacation, where I've gone for years. I'm planning on going to Europe again soon, this time perhaps to Prague, Budapest, and Sofia.

Thanks to all of you for taking the time to write in. Please remember to write to PDS with your current addresses. We had a poor showing this time for the guys, except for the ever-reliable Bill Flemer. So in the fall, do write in! That's all, folks!

## 1972

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**Jan Hall Burruss** writes: I'm the very proud parent of two Harvard students and one high school student, and we spend our winters Nordic skiing and racing. Not much worth sharing. All is well.

## 1973

### 35th Reunion

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**Pamela Allen** writes: (I) retired from teaching playground educa-



**Pam Allen '73**

tion after 28 years in Jamestown, RI. Husband died in 2007, leaving three children, Cameron (20), Virginia (18) and Victoria (13). Victoria is in Lincoln School in Providence, RI.

**Margaret Erdman Becker** writes: I am watching snow falling on March 28, wondering if Mother Nature intends to skip spring and shock us with summer ....and no transition. The boys are putting away, with reluctance, the skis and hockey equipment in favor of more lucrative and timely endeavors?...lacrosse (inside), golf (inside). It's hard to plan for summer, yet must! Margy is anxious for job/career shift to more challenging situation in government/non-profit sector....Jim (husband) continues making heirloom custom furniture; Sumner (16) and Colin (13) doing well in school. We look forward to a summer of continuous outdoor recreation, some music (Sumner's jazz), work, as usual, and family vacation. Don't know if I can make our 35th, but will try.

## 1974

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**Molly McDonough** writes: We are, according to **Ralph Brown**, the winners of the longest Class Notes column in the history of mankind, or at least in the Fall

PDS 2007 Journal, so we have a reputation to maintain, and a championship to defend, so Go team '75, GO!

I would like to make note of some important milestones, especially the 3rd anniversary, on January 16th, of Marjorie's death. Her 50th birthday would have been this month, January, 2008. I have to admit that I cannot recall the exact birthday, but it is a birthdate that is also shared by her husband, Tim Noah.

I have been in touch with Tim recently, and he told me that he is compiling another book of Marjorie's writings (which will also be the last) and I know we will all look forward to reading it when it is published. Tim can be tracked through his column in the online magazine, *Slate*.

I had the extraordinary experience of attending the Memorial Remembrances for Atle Selberg, Lars' father, last Saturday, at the Institute of Advanced Study. The Class of '75 was represented by John Brinster, as well. It was an amazing and thrilling peek into the universe of these really, really brilliant people.

The Institute organized a 2-day series of lectures in Atle Selberg's honor, and in his memory. I had to admit to Lars and Julie that I could only attend the one event where I understood the title: "Remembrances." Titles of some of the other lectures included: "Selberg's Contributions to the Theory of Riemann Zeta Function and Dirichlet L-Functions," and "The Selberg Integral, Rankin Selberg Method, Arithmeticity."

In spite of being in an advanced math class with Lars in 3rd grade, at Johnson Park School, where Lars and I were sent out into the hallway to work on math together, I was not able to comprehend most of what was said at the Institute.

However, Lars and his sister, Ingrid, gave absolutely stirring eulogies about their father, as a man and a father and a real person. Lars spoke with such eloquence about his father's life, and his life with his father and mother, it brought tears to the eyes of most, if not all, in the hall. A mathematician sitting next to me offered me a Kleenex. I have

since discovered that he was the presenter of an earlier lecture in *Spectral Theory of Automorphic Forms* and something or other....

Lars prepared a fabulous slide show of his father's life, from Norway to 7 Maxwell Lane in Princeton. It was simply amazing, the whole thing. Lars and Julie's children are beautiful, charming and brilliant, as are their cousins, Ingrid's children.

I was honored to be in the audience to hear about Lars' Papa, but I was even more honored to be there as Lars' friend. With my love to all, Molly Sword McDonough.

Sally Blodgett Carton writes: It is delightful to be receiving your wonderful class notes, and very nice to have been brought back into the fold of PDS '75 through your outreach.

I have greatly enjoyed the letters and fond memories they have brought. Reading about Caroline Erdman's mother's death filled me with sadness for a time long gone and the hours spent in the Erdman's house. What a laugh I got remembering that huge tent and the Delaware Water Gap trip in the driving rain. But of course it reminded me of my dear friends Caroline, Suzanne and Molly and the hours spent biking between our houses, playing along Stony Brook, and Mrs. Erdman's steadfast welcome. Since I fell off the map by leaving PDS our junior year I have not been the best at staying in touch. Perhaps my trip to D.C. to see Marjorie (Par) before she died was the beginning of my return to my youth in Princeton, but without Molly's wonderful capacity to maintain connections, I would not be in touch now.

After my father died in 1990 (6 weeks before the birth of our first baby) and my mother took to visiting me more frequently in Chicago my trips to Princeton dwindled. My mother moved to the Boston area about 7 years ago and sadly I am rarely back in the area. Given the current college environment those pleasant thoughts of our son getting into Princeton and reviving our trips there have become preposterous.... so who knows when we will be back. (He is waiting for college news this spring, and our daughter is in 9th grade).

I have had some serendipitous contact with members of the class of '74. Bill Brown is a good friend and neighbor whose daughter we see often with our daughter on the soccer fields, or at their place in Michigan. And of all things Amy Stanley who is another Hyde Parker and University of Chicago professor was assigned to interview our son for Princeton! Of course right now our most exciting neighbor is Obama, who until the past year we used to see on the block with more regularity! Their kids go to Lab School where our kids go, and we see them there. I have long admired Michele who is an impressive woman and public speaker. The scene on Halloween this year when Barack was trying to trick or treat with his girls at the home of another neighbor and close friend of theirs was hilarious. The stream of trick or treaters here is always huge as hundreds of families from the neighboring inner city communities come to this area to safely trick or treat and enjoy an abundance of candy. Meanwhile the security detail had blocked off traffic with their black SUV's creating a backlog of confused gawkers and blaring horns from people just trying to get home from work. All of this 2 doors down from our other neighbor Louis Ferrakhan who has his own private security force beefed up on Halloween. And between them all ran the little fairies and power rangers, hell bent on the candy and oblivious to the potential president in their midst. Go Obama! Best wishes to all. [sallycarton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sallycarton@sbcglobal.net)

Anne Russell writes: A thank you to Molly for building what feels like a genuine community among such disparate souls. As I watch seniors move closer to senior spring and final days, I am always reminded of that remarkable transition period in our lives. Much remains the same about being 18. I am enjoying teaching in Abu Dhabi, UAE and putting a face to this part of the world. I have also fallen into a position of being the "community service" coordinator which is quite the opposite of an "IB Higher Anthropology" teacher. I like the change as I build a new skill set. Our most recent "service" was to

do the leaderboards at the PGA tournament here. Abu Dhabi does not have many poor to feed, cloth and house so much service is community events. (We do not have access to the labor camps where one suspects people with real needs exist.) Much of our efforts are directed at fund-raising. I did spend a week in Bangladesh and built houses with a Habitat for Humanity school trip. The 23 hour delay on the floor of the Abu Dhabi airport (due to fog delay) was a little rough, but building houses and then a visit to hold babies at the Mother Theresa orphanage were very memorable experiences.

I know many of you are at the other end of the parenting continuum, but I am negotiating playdates and belly dancing classes and the first sleepover with 8 girls. Thankfully, that was not hosted by me. Maria is in 2nd grade and is delightfully social so that desired image of curling up in corner with an old cherished favorite, like *Stuart Little* is not happening. "After all mom, I already saw the movie and the sequel." Then of course there are the parents who proudly affirm that their child has read all seven Harry Potter's before starting 2nd grade. I smile. Maria is much more excited by Webkinz which her aunt sent her and her American Girls and the Polly Pockets ..... I confess I am quite happy to be removed from US TV advertising. Maria could not think of anything to write on her Santa list this year. Quite interesting ... She does love sports (did she have a choice) and her father has built her a kayak so all is not lost.

Lars – that takes some work to put together the story of a life in such a public way. Molly's description of the memorial was quite impressive. I would have enjoyed seeing it since the time period is one so many of our fathers shared. I read of a review of a book, in which the author talks about taking care of aging parents and their passing and then finding oneself "the parent." I have always grown up with some wonderful elders around me – I must be too young to become one. I have not been good about sending messages of condolence to all of those who have had par-

ents pass away. My thoughts are with you. Best to all of you. Do we now ignore all future birthdays or continue to celebrate each year with gusto! A little of both. I have passed up two opportunities to see Elton John in the past eight months for "practical reasons" so I definitely qualify for middle age.

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**Molly Moynahan** writes: Anyway, it's -1 here in Chicago and I am typing away on my new Mac—a lovely return to that first computer I bought in 1990 when my first novel took me out of the dire poverty of living in Manhattan on a publishing assistant's salary. We are well here. My husband has been setting steel in terminal 3 at O'Hare, working many nights which makes me feel like Alice on *The Honeymooners*. My 14-year-old Luke is applying to high schools here in Chicago which they've turned into an ordeal reminiscent of college.

I am soon finishing my final year teaching high school English at Evanston Township High School. I'm starting my own business, a company called *The Teacher's Way* which will be educational consulting with a focus on using creative writing to inspire all writing and also some one-to-one with students writing college admissions essays. Helicopter parents are a great boon to those of us who know the secrets of the high school mind! Jody Myers is helping me design the new website which is fantastic. Way back she picked me up most mornings to drive to PDS in her VW Bus. Life is damn circular, isn't it? I'm also going to work with minority students who need to be given the kind of support that gets them into good colleges. Once the business is on its feet I'll apply to be a non-profit and go to schools that can't afford an over-priced consultant. I'll miss my students but I'm eager to be better challenged but not spend days grading papers. I also have a new novel not yet bought by a publisher and a creative writing book

for teachers called *The Recovering Writer* based on the 12 steps I know so well (23 years!).

Yesterday my 82-year-old mother told me she's taking Pilates to get rid of her "back fat". I guess it never ends. I often think of lovely Marjorie, wishing she were here to enjoy her life which she so richly enjoyed. I gave her book to a friend with breast cancer who was absolutely inspired by her courage and wit. I think about her children and hope they remember their wonderful mother in all her beauty and goodness. I feel very grateful to be alive. Getting older is a gift I may not always appreciate as I am shocked by the interesting effect it has on my face but...I'll take that. All love to all of you.

**Caron Cadle** writes: Thanks for the heads-up, and especially for the moving report on Atle Selberg's memorial celebration. He must have been an incredible man — I'm sorry I never got to know him.

Not much real news from our neck of the woods. Mom in Princeton is fine, has the bit in her teeth as usual, and refuses to so much as consider any formal celebration of her 75th which is coming up later this year. She hates big functions! My sneaky hope is to kidnap her to Germany for some leisurely travel, just the two of us, in the fall when Ralf is busy with teaching anyway.

I'm cranking out book manuscript pages and dealing with a looming master bathroom remodel, necessitated by a leaking shower, the last straw after a non-functional bathtub and wallpaper my husband has hated since we moved in (1994!). We've had a heck of a time just picking out all the pieces that have to be put together to complete this "jigsaw puzzle," and one thing is clear: I'm never doing a whole house! Mom (and Dad, who was still living then) did just about that the year we moved down here, and I admire and honor her, but don't have her stamina!

The play Ralf is directing, Tom Stoppard's "The Real Thing," opens on Feb. 1 at the Constans Theatre, the University's main drama venue. We managed to go out last night to a potluck dinner at friends', but that will be

his last social engagement until after opening night. Mom is coming down for the occasion and will stay with us for a week. Unfortunately, the day after she gets here is the Florida primary and I have to work all day as an assistant clerk at the polls. But Ralf doesn't teach that day and he and a friend will somehow keep her from cleaning up our entire house and weeding the whole yard (I hope! It's hard to stop the Teutonic Dynamo when she decides she's going to do something!).

Two other friends who live in Indiana are also flying south to see "The Real Thing" so Ralf will have quite a cheering section on opening night. As soon as the play is firmly launched, Mom and I will head up north to Princeton, but I only have seven days there to do her taxes so I don't think I'll be able to do much socializing. I have to be back home again in time for Valentine's Day (sentimental wretch that I am!).

Even with the play behind him Ralf will still be more than busy as he is taking 17 students to Berlin and London over Spring. Break on a theatre trip. He's managed to score them tickets to the hottest theatre events in both cities: "The Masque of the Red Death" in London and the 80th anniversary production of "The Threepenny Opera" at the Berliner Ensemble, directed by Robert Wilson. I only wish I could go! But I'm stuck here with the home remodel and my book manuscript.

Anyway, must stop here as it's time to pack up the plants before tonight's freeze (28 degrees, very cold for North Florida!)

## 1976

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**William H. Von Oehsen III** writes: I helped organize, last year, a trade association of over 400 academic medical centers and non-profit hospitals from around the country. The organization's mission is to expand access to affordable medications for low-income populations in the U.S. I serve as president

and general counsel of the association, which means I lobby and testify before Congress and the Administration.

## 1977

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**Barbara Russell Flight** is a senior vice president at Brown Bros. Harriman in Boston. Her children Casey (16) and Christopher (14) are in school in Dover, Mass. Her husband is at present writing a book.

**Jennifer Weiss** and her new husband, Bruce Hamilton, live in Cary, NC with their children, Max, a senior in high school, and Anna, an 8th grader. Jennifer recently filed for re-election to the NC House of Representatives. Check out her website at [www.weissforhouse.com](http://www.weissforhouse.com). She writes: "I give a good tour of the NC House — call me if you come to Raleigh."



**Nora Cuesta '78** and son Jovan.

## 1978

**30th Reunion**  
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**Allison Sargent** sends along these notes: **Nora Cuesta** writes: I am still living in Miami, FL. I am still a widow — February 4th will be exactly 5 years. My adopted son, Jovan, is now 8 years old and the light of my life. I am still a Risk Consultant so I get to work with many different types of people on

a daily basis, so I enjoy my work. Jovan has started modeling and has been in 3 issues of *Vogue Bambini* and also worked for Nestle's. He enjoys it and as long as he continues to, I will let him model. He is also in Tae Kwon Do and enjoys the classes immensely. My dad, Dr. Cuesta, lives 4 miles from me and is a huge part of Jovan's life. He sends his love to all those that took Spanish class from him and/or my mother. This year he turns 78 and is as active as when we were in high school.



Jacob (12) and his sister Abby (10), children of **David Barondess '78**.

**David Barondess** writes: Life is good in mid-Michigan, despite the national press that no more cars or drugs (pharmaceuticals that is) will ever be produced here again. I continue to enjoy my career as a Professor of Biological Epidemiology and Forensic Anthropology at Wayne State University in Detroit. I have a large cohort of masters and doctoral students wanting this and that at all hours of the day (and sometimes night). I actually live in a suburb of East Lansing and while the commute isn't to be envied, we are able to take advantage of a terrific school system for my 12-year-old son

Jacob and his 10-year-old sister Abby. So, as many of you already know, my wife Margaret and I are reminded seemingly daily (hourly?) that we have that late elementary school/middle school brother/sister "thing" going on in our lives. Both kids are into the usual extracurricular things, playing sports and musical instruments and trying to figure out how to implement the back-up plan if the

garage door opener code doesn't work when they arrive home from school with mom and dad gone. I am currently enjoying coaching Abby's basketball team (4th-7th graders—in theory, I know we ain't got no 7th graders) and I'm getting tired of playing teams whose guards are ALL taller than our "centers." Last game one of my 4th grade players "only" took 11 steps before remembering to dribble, so we're making progress. The ref was about to blow his whistle but my team is SO cute (their pony tails are 3/4 of their total height!) he must have thought better of it. At least that's my (unbiased) take on the no-call. The opposing coach looked at ME as if I should admit the ref messed up and give his team the ball—he of course didn't know I went to PDS during my formative years and thus he had absolutely no chance of convincing me to voluntarily give up the rock—not sure if I learned that attitude in philosophy, ethics, or basketball. No disrespect to any of my former PDS teachers/coaches, of course. Nevertheless, we lost 22-4. Cheers to all.

**Greg Morea** writes in the annual family Christmas letter: If we had written this letter a few weeks ago, we would now be starting to tell you of the blessings we had this past year as a family.



**Greg Morea '78** sends this shot from a family vacation in Alaska. All four earned a Polar Bear Award by swimming in the Arctic Ocean in Barrow, the northernmost point in North America.

Educational achievements by Joseph and Rebecca, volunteer work and singing by Barbara, career growth by Greg would all follow.

But this letter is being written at the beginning of December, and the blessings now come in a different form. You see, a couple of weeks ago, Greg had a routine doctor's appointment, and during the appointment some unusual

swelling was noticed in a rather sensitive part of his male anatomy. This was on a Monday, and by Friday morning, a now-confirmed cancerous testicle was removed from Greg.

As of this writing, the prognosis for recovery is excellent, but we are still awaiting the results of some tests, and a course of radiation will be starting soon. Blessings, you might ask? Actually, there are many to be found in a time such as this. It appears that any spread may be minimal, if at all. The type of cancer (semi-noma) is among the most treatable. More importantly, the support of all, family, friends, co-workers, and health care professionals is truly heartwarming. Also, this experience brings a new perspective on life to us all. Be thankful for each day you have, and be especially thankful for all the gifts around each and every one of you.

On a happier note, we've always shared the exploits of Joseph and Rebecca during the year, so here's a little more on what they've done. They were *forced* to accompany mom and dad on a visit to Alaska (the picture on our card is from a day cruise on Prince William Sound—no oil seen—during that trip). Joseph knows the inside of many hotel rooms in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Barrow due to a strong reluctance to venture beyond those walls. He, however, more than made up for this by earning the nickname "The Slayer" during the guys' week at a fishing lodge on the Kenai Peninsula (while the girls were being spoiled on a cruise of the Inside Passage). All four of us earned our Polar Bear Award by swimming in the Arctic Ocean in Barrow, the northernmost point in North America (no, not the same Barrow we talked about 3 years ago—that one was in England!). The sun never set while we were there. Rebecca tried her hardest to find wolves without success, but she more than made up for it with the various other wildlife she sighted. Mom had to regularly check her pockets and suitcase to make sure that no sled dog puppies would end up in Connecticut. We did, however, adopt

"Humpy," a four foot long fiberglass salmon that had graced the streets of Anchorage all summer. And yes, this was a legal adoption.

Joseph gave in and finally admitted that his father's place of employment was not the worst place in the world to work and earned himself a summer job at Electric Boat where he performed well. Rebecca spent a glorious week of nerd-dom at engineering camp after being accepted to the Engineering 2000 program at the University of Connecticut earlier in the summer where she drove her own hydrogen fuel cell car (named Roxanne) and played with molten aluminum...safely.

With hope for a wonderful new year for all of you, we wish you all of the best in all that you do. May God bless you all.

## 1979

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**Evan Press** writes: Just a tidbit of earnest info (sounds like a cartoon character) from the inimitable Class of 1979. And where better to start than with good old Myrna Sahoodi, errr, Muna Shehadi, (we ask rhetorically.)

Muna wrote, "**Muna Shehadi Sill** is dragging herself through one of the top 25 snowiest winters in Wisconsin and since it's mid-February and the sun refuses to shine in this stupid state, she is extremely bad-tempered. Her alter ego, Isabel Sharpe ([www.IsabelSharpe.com](http://www.IsabelSharpe.com)), however, is cheerfully looking forward to a book release from Harlequin in May (*Indulge Me*) and from Avon/HarperCollins in July (*As Good As It Got*). Muna tells her to shut up and get back to work."

"Does this count as two entries from Muna", asks Nick...Evan counters with a thoughtful, "Huh?"

From the questioning one, **Sir Nick Robert Donath** comes, "My company, Bengal Realty & Investments (Las Vegas, NV), will be turning 5 years old this Spring. Not a bad achievement



**Evan Press '79's** children Nevin (6) and Hartley (9).

considering some of our much larger competitors are out of business due to the dismal market conditions — but HEY! It's a great time to buy!

I spend every morning in the gym and/or playing tennis (still play competitively at 5.0 level) and every afternoon in the office. Travel plans this Spring include Maui, Palm Springs, Cabo San Lucas and Princeton (P.U. 25th!)”

On a side note, Nick visited me in Fayetteville, Arkansas in October. It was non-stop hilarity. Good, clean fun and solid entertainment for the entire family!!!

**Eric Reichard**, from the burbs of Baltimore, writes “I am bonding with my kid playing halo 3 and call of duty 4 (and soccer — I think I'm finally good enough to make the JV team). Lovely Linda (the wifey) enduring me barely.”

As for yours truly, aka Evan R. Press, my son, Nevin is 6 and playing Soccer and Baseball “competitively.” I am coaching both teams. I am umpiring HS Baseball and playing in my 18-and-up league. My 5-man bowling team, as of this printing, is attempting to be back-to-back-to-back champs. Daughter Hartley is 9 by the time you read this. She has been on the Honor Roll all year, plays piano, performs as a Hip-Hop dancer, and has had her art exhibited locally on a few occasions.

**Karen Polcer Bdera** reports: Getting used to home ownership — shoveling is grand! Am trying to work a little less intensely and enjoy the journey — easier said

than done. Nick is still teaching at Isabella Geriatric and I'm still fund-raising for the breast cancer cause. Hi to all!

## 1980

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**Karolyn Carr Diamond-Jones** reports from Milton, GA that her husband is working as a consultant for a local bank while she continues to “rend the hearth,” ride low-level dressage and volunteer for her local North American Riding for the Handicapped facility. She also has been speaking at the local metro synagogues on behalf of a domestic violence prevention organization. During a trip east, she enjoyed lunch with **Andy Sutphin** in New York City, adding, “He looks great and he's still wild and wacky!” She also marveled at the changes in the PDS campus, noting “PDS just keeps getting bigger, better and more beautiful every day!...It's times like this that make me so proud to be a PDS alum. I even put a PDS magnet on my car and drive around down here, showing my PDS pride!”



**Karolyn Carr Diamond-Jones '80** and her family visited PDS during an east coast “fun and educational” trip from their home in Atlanta. Pictured here are Karolyn, along with husband Greg, and children Nate, Harry, Will and Darcy.

**Jennifer Dutton Whyte** writes: I'm just passing along the class news that I received from **Nick DeCandia**. Nick received his CPA license in May of 2007 and a promotion at a local firm. But he's pursuing a small business opportunity in publishing — having written two textbooks. He's still in Albuquerque with his wife, her son (eleven) and their daughter (eight).

## 1981

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**Deborah Levy '82's** son Henry.



**Wendy K.D. Selig '82** with her husband Mike and their children, Jessica (9), Ryan (5).

## 1982

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**Lorraine Herr** gathered these notes: **Wendy K.D. Selig** writes: Life here is hectic but great. I am still with the American Cancer Society working in Washington, DC where I began a new job this month as VP for External Affairs and Strategic Alliances, focusing on advocacy, government relations etc. It's hard to believe I have been here for almost 8 years!

My kids are growing (like weeds!) with Jessica now 9 1/2 and in 4th grade. Ryan just turned 5 and will be in Kindergarten next year. My husband, Mike, and I have our hands full with the two of them and our 3 new kittens (who have joined our one old cat that is entering her 16th year with us)! We still love our house in McLean, VA. Thanks for keeping in touch!

**Deborah Levy** writes: I have some news for the alumni notes: Better late than never, I had a baby in 2006! My partner Jayne

and I couldn't be happier, and Henry is doing really well. You might even have seen him — he was the baby in the Staples holiday commercial!

**Jeffrey Perlman** writes: The 5 of us — Bob Szuter, Jeff Perlman, Jamie Herring, Bill Brennan, John Vine — have a regular monthly dinner meeting. At a recent gathering we lamented the demise of the “Bathroom Boys” theater lobby location as PDS has undergone dramatic renovations. Three of the five of us (Szuter, Perlman and Vine) have kids at PDS so we get to spend time on campus. The school looks different, but the vibrant atmosphere has not changed.

**Jessie Drezner** writes: Great to catch up with some of my old classmates at our big 25th Reunion! It seemed as though not a day had passed with such a lively class!!

## 1983

### 25th Reunion

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From **Rena**: Happy 25th Reunion! Looking forward to seeing many of you at PDS this coming May. Thanks to those of you who



Class of 1982 pals, from left, **Bob Szuter**, **Jeff Perlman**, **Jamie Herring**, **Bill Brennan** and **John Vine**, still meet once a month for dinner.



Simone and Julia Christen, daughters of Jill and Joe Christen '83 and current PDS students.

submitted alumni notes to me via email. Please keep me posted at [renawhitehouse@hotmail.com](mailto:renawhitehouse@hotmail.com).

From Joe Christen's wife, Jill: Steeped in deep denial that we're old enough to be out of high school 25 years, you would think that our oldest child matriculating to the Upper School this past September would have been a wake up call for us, but no! Simone (Class of 2011) is in her 10th year at school and is probably the happiest she's ever been at PDS. Graced with wonderful, sophisticated and truly motivated teachers she is thriving in school. She loved all the new students who entered in the fall making her class seem different but in all the same familiar surroundings for her (plus the new, fabulous arts/performing arts addition). Showing that life is but a full circle, Simone is 'TAP'ing (Teacher Assistant Program) with her former kindergarten teacher and PDS alum, Jim Laughlin '80. We still can't believe that she's old enough to be doing this as we can remember walking her into Jim's classroom on her very first day of school! Simone is also a swimmer whose rigorous training and schedule have her often pulled away from school but PDS has accommodated her schedule for which Joe and I are truly grateful.

Our Julia, Class of 2014 is in 6th grade at PDS having started with in JK. She is totally enthralled with the new addition as she is our 'drama girl' (as if as a pre-teen we should be encouraging more drama in our household!?!). She was again this year in the Middle School play. Typical to her age, our Julia is all about her friends! She has a huge circle of friends which seems to grow daily as she has developed some amazing friendships throughout

her years at school. Last spring, Joe and I bought a home in Bay Head and spent our first summer there (Joe's folks are still in Mantoloking, only 4 miles south). We had an amazing summer! I don't think we've ever had so much fun on a continuous basis as a family as we are all beach people! (Joe and I met going into our senior year of HS in Mantoloking). Making it so much fun for us all was the girls having their friends around them to hang out with on the beach. Simone had her teammates while Julia got to 'hang with' her super buddy and classmate since JK, Hadley Jacobson (daughter of Jamie Phares Jacobson '81) who also moves east to Bay Head come summer time. It was all such fun and SO relaxing. Joe, of course, is still at Lahiere's. Talk about old, next year the restaurant will celebrate 90 years! This past Halloween ('07) we celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary (how can that be when I only admit to being 28!?!?) by trick or treating with the Phares-Jacobsons and Drezners (Jon and Bentley) throughout Ertl Farm. We had such a good time, laughing our way throughout the neighborhoods with our girls being the oldest in the bunch of kids. Other than that, life's good with being too busy to get everything done being ours and everyone else's biggest complaint. Here's to the Class of '83 - Cheers!

Keri Sheehan Putnam writes: I'm not sure I will make the reunion - although I'd like to - but here is what I'm up to. I live in Los Angeles with my husband, Marvin, and our two kids Eli (13) and Lucy (11). After many years working at HBO, I left last year to join Miramax Films where I oversee production and acquisitions. Hope that helps flesh out the column! Can't wait to read where everyone else is. I crossed paths with Cecily Rhett who is a film editor in Los Angeles. I keep in some touch with Julia Katz Schonfeld whose mother sadly just passed away. And also with Karri Bowen Poole whose kids

(judging from her Christmas card) look exactly like her!

Macky Alston is still living in NYC with his partner, Nick and their two children. Macky had a film in the Tornota Film Festival last September called *The Killer Within*. He also had a new film premiere on PBS this past February called *Hard Road Home*. Check out [www.hardroadhome.org](http://www.hardroadhome.org) for more information.

From Amy Brewer Reed: I am hoping to come back to NJ for the reunion in May as my parents have retired down to LBI and its a great time to bring my family for a visit. The short version of my life since May 1983 is that I graduated from Rutgers with two undergrad degrees in Jan 1988.

I then attended Rutgers-Camden School of Law in 1989 and graduated in 1992. I immediately moved to Colorado where I worked for a large firm in Denver and also its Colorado Springs office until December 1997. I moved to the resort town of Breckenridge, CO in 1997 and opened my own law firm (The Brewer Law Offices) 10 years ago already! I currently have two locations - my main office in Breckenridge and a satellite office in Vail which is about 35 miles away. I specialize in Worker's Compensation and Personal Injury, representing the injured parties.

I married Jim Reed a few years ago and we had a son, Will, on 3/7/06, about 3 weeks before my 41st birthday. So, I'm now 42 with a little boy who's almost two. We ski all the time and Will is on skis already, too. I can't say I let him off his harness and he can't get up by himself when he falls with all that winter clothing on, but he's a trooper and thrives on being outdoors. I imagine he'll like alpine skiing a lot better next year. Most often he rides in a sled that we attach by a harness around my waist and pull behind us while back-country skiing. Life here is definitely about fun and outdoor activities.

I haven't seen anyone from PDS since probably 1985 or 1986 when I stopped dating Barr vonOehsen, Stewart's older brother. I would love to hear news and see pictures!

Peter Stabler is approaching



Amy Brewer Reed '83 and son Will at Lake Powell in the summer of 2007.

20 years of living in San Francisco with wife Martha, Emily (11) and Tim (9). He is now working for Credit Suisse doing equity research in media/advertising.

Thank you to Cindy Hudson Whitman who shared with me Vicki Curtin Karamanoukian's email address. Vicki responded from China: After graduating college, I lived in NYC and worked in public relations for about 8 years. In the mid-90's, I married Henry Karamanoukian and moved to Bucharest where Henry was living and working at the time. We then followed his job to Moscow and Paris. We are currently living in Guangzhou in southern China. We have three boys, George (11), Charlie (8) and Michael (6). The boys attend the American International School here. I have become somewhat a "professional expat" which means I can cope with culture shock in a number of languages and have devised numerous ways to profit from our foreign experiences. I must say that years of French at PDS prepared me well for our years in Paris. In China, I am taking Mandarin lessons but finding it tough! I am also very busy being a mother to my children with the usual rounds of homework, afterschool activities and playdates and in trying to help them as best I can to cope with each move and benefit from our international life.

Rita Sweeney would like you to welcome August Jeanne Ehmann, born September 19, 2007, to Rita and her husband Charley Ehmann.

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**Andrew B. Smith** writes: Loving life out here on the left coast. My wife, Jennifer, and I are constantly entertained by our three kids, Cooper, Devon and Tea Sloane. Jennifer is a professor of marketing at the Haas School of Business at Berkeley and I work for the entertainment technology company, Dolby.

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**Julia Herr Smith** writes: Our big news is the birth of our second child, Sawyer Sarah Smith, on Oct. 25, 2007. Her big brother, Ryman, dotes on her constantly. In January, I will return to Cadogan Management LLC, where I am Director of Operational Risk. Scott continues to run Biscuits & Bath and its six



**Julia Herr Smith '88** with her expanded family, including Sawyer Sarah Smith, born Oct. 25, 2007, big brother Ryman and husband Scott.

NYC doggy gyms. I recently had a farewell dinner with **Andrea Hall Elish** and **Laura Heins** before Laura moves to San Francisco.

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**Lindsay Berkman Roth** writes: Living in West Village, NYC with husband, Evan, and children, Emmett (3), and Sally (1). Very happy but constantly trying to figure out how to balance work and family (family gets extra weight even though finishing psychoanalytic training).

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**Aly Cohen Lewis** writes: My husband Stephen and I celebrated the birth of our son, Asher, in

March 2007 and are rapidly approaching his first birthday – Wow! I'm still very close with Julie Marcus Downs and Fanya Stansbury who are doing great. I caught up with Carolyn Hender-Clark in Princeton last fall and our boys had a blast! All the best to PDS alumnae and community!

**Amy Livingston** writes: My husband and I bought our first house in July and have devoted most of our weekends since then to fixing it up. So far, our basement walls have absorbed three gallons of joint compound. I'm still working as a freelance writer/editor. Contact me at amylivingston@optonline.net if you can use me for anything.



**Aly Lewis Cohen '91** and husband Stephen celebrated the birth of son Asher in March 2007.

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**Shara Feldman** writes: Chris and I are delighted to announce the birth of our son, Raphael Joseph. The little munchkin arrived on October 10, 2007, a bit early, but, thankfully, after the completion of my doctoral internship in clinical psychology. I'll be taking



**Shara Feldman '92** and her husband Chris announce the birth of their son Raphael Joseph.

this next year off from work to stay home with Rafi and to try to crank out my pesky dissertation!

**Alison Cho** completed GE's two year Human Resources Leadership Program and joined IBM as an HR Partner at the East Fishkill semiconductor plant in February, 2007. After living in Charlottesville, Louisville and Warren, Ohio, it's nice to be back in the Northeast and have access to good Korean food again. The Hudson Valley area is beautiful and I appreciate being closer to Jersey! Hope everyone is well.

**1993****15th Reunion**

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**Adam Petrick** writes: I'm taking a slight change in direction with my company and am headed to Shanghai for the next six months. I'll be back home to Boston frequently, but I've taken the opportunity to spend a little while in the Far East to restructure our Brand and Marketing departments in greater China. If you happen to be anywhere near there in the upcoming months definitely let me know!

**Ben Kuris** writes: Elijah "Eli" Dylan and Max William Kuris were born on Labor Day. We're doing great in Cambridge, MA where I work as a Research Scientist for Intel.

**Scott Feldman** writes: As for me, we still live in Manhattan. Our daughter, Maxine, just turned 4. She will be entering her last year of nursery school at the JCC in September. My son, Jonny, is about to turn 1. My wife is entering her 14th year as a pediatric nurse practitioner focusing on infectious disease at Saint Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan. I continue to kick around in the finance world at Susquehanna.

Finally, **Arielle Krebs** writes: Here's the scoop: I have spent the better part of January 2008 on the road in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina working for John Edwards and serving as his

New York Grassroots Leadership Committee Chair. Now back in New York, I am focusing on Get In The Game, the nonprofit I created which registers voters at sporting events. Join us and help register voters in your community during this crucial election year. Visit [www.gitg-vote.com](http://www.gitg-vote.com) for more details.

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**Deborah Wepman** writes: We are doing great here in D.C. I am currently working part-time with the State Superintendent of Education for D.C. It's a great balance between my career and spending time with our son Tobias, an energetic and talkative little guy. When we make it to Princeton, Tobias loves to play with Taryn White's son, Payton.

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**Mandy Rabinowitz** writes: Hello again Class of '97. Yet again it's time for me to sit down and write about the comings and goings of all of our classmates. It is always wonderful to hear news from you guys—if only more of you would send me some tidbits! Yet again, **Louise Sturges** has been an excellent source of information, and I am still contemplating handing over my Class Secretarial duties to her.

This time around Louise writes: "I was back at PDS in mid-December for the PDS alumni show, where I am currently exhibiting a photograph along with a bunch of other artsy alums, like **Ali Johnston** and **Taj Forer '00**. **Mariana Sparre** came to the show and we had quite a time walking thru the upper school, seeing all the radical changes. The new art wing is spectacular, rivaling that of many college art departments I've seen. Ms. H was kind enough to give us a tour of the photography zone, which was lovely, as is she. Ms. Jaeckle, the ceramics teacher popped in and to our surprise she remembered me and Mariana. Following the show, we dropped into Hoagie Haven for the full Princeton experience. Mariana is doing well, living in Lambertville and working at [artspan.com](http://artspan.com). Last year she was kind enough to put together my initial website: [louisesturges.com](http://louisesturges.com). Speaking of, I am in the midst of building a new website, [louiseingallssturges.com](http://louiseingallssturges.com), which will hopefully be up and running

by the time this comes out. Other than that, I am busy applying to juried art shows, making small edition books, entertaining the idea of finally moving to Brooklyn, and blogging daily at <http://besosyfotos.blogspot.com>. Oh and I almost forgot, I'm working on a couple of paintings for a group show that will be going up this summer in Dublin.

I met up with **David Soloway** to view **Taj Forer's** show at the yossi milo gallery in Chelsea this fall. The work looked so great that I bought the book, *Threefold Sun*, dedicated to Ms. H. Congratulations to Taj!!

**David Soloway** is back out in Chico, CA with **Chris Conley '98**, working on a collaborative album with the band say anything. **David** and **Reed Black** spent some of the Christmas break upstate working on music. I've recently gotten on [facebook.com](http://facebook.com) and found a slew of people like **Kevin Mackay**, **Darcy Peifer**, **Tom Anderman**, **Ali Johnston**, **Kate Harris** and the like.

I literally ran into **Dave Bromwich**, while jogging, this fall on the West Side Highway. He was doing algebra, which brought back not so fond memories of PDS but he was not doing it for pleasure, he is applying to grad school right now for socially conscious urban planning (or something admirable along those lines—sorry Dave)."

This fall **Janie Egan Bertelson**, Louise and I got together for a wonderful girls night out. It is always great to spend time with them. In fact, while walking through the hallways of her office building Janie every so often runs into **Carly** and **Lindsay Nemirow's** dad and was able to get some news on them. Both **Lindsay** and **Carly** are living in Chicago these days. **Lindsay** is an attorney who recently got engaged and **Carly** is working as a dietician.

**Whitney Sinkler Robinson** married **Maurice Urban Tome IV** October 6 at Prallsville Mills in Stockton. She is employed by the Environmental Defense Fund in Washington D.C and coaches the Washington College of Law team for the International Chamber of Commerce Mediation Competition in Paris, France. She won the competition in 2006.

## 1998

### 10th Reunion

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**Erin Conroy** in December 2007 married **Thomas Welling Jr.** at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer in New York. Erin is working at Deutsche Bank and her husband is with the New York law firm of **Simpson Thacher & Bartlett**.

**Philip DeGisi** writes: I am currently a first-year student at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. While it was a little strange getting used to doing homework again, I've been enjoying being able to ski every weekend and taking a break from Manhattan. I don't think I will be able to attend our reunion this year but you can get in touch with me via Facebook ...I'd love to catch up with all of you.

**Tom Smith** is co-founder of SilverTree Media, an interactive game studio in Pittsburgh, PA, and holds degrees in Fine Arts (BA 2002) and Entertainment Technology (MET 2004) from Carnegie Mellon University. At SilverTree, he is working alongside an amazing and unique group of artists, designers, producers and programmers and serves as art director. Recent projects include a medical training simulator called Rapid Response Sim, Disney's Create-a-Fairy and creating a video game called Toy Box Kingdoms. SilverTree Media continues to work closely with Disney developing a number of substantial interactive projects for the Tinker Bell and Pirates of the Caribbean franchises. The team is also very excited to further expand thrilling in-house content for the world to enjoy.

**Andrew Warren** writes that he is living in Boston, MA and working as a sports agent, representing professional hockey players since his graduation from law school in 2007.

## Send us your news

What is happening in your life?  
What alums have you kept in touch with?

Send your news to the class representative listed under your class year.

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**Nabil Laoudji** writes: I would love if you let my class know that I moved to India in Jan 2007 in order to launch TechnoServe, a US-based nonprofit that helps rural entrepreneurs build businesses. Please also ask them to get in touch with me if they ever find themselves in the neighborhood, email: nabil@laoudji.com.

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**Sara Peach** writes: I am taking evening classes at Boston University, working toward my MBA. I coached ice hockey again this winter at Newton Country Day School and saw Mr. McCready for a scrimmage with the middle and upper school teams. I have gotten together with **Jordan Nielsen** on several occasions for a pint, and in October, saw Jordan,

Alyssa Briody, Mandy Helwig, Stacey Orr, Lauren Welsh, Kyle Liberman and Alice Chow at a Boston Alumni gathering with Interim Head Lila Lohr. At Logan Airport, Lauren Welsh and I were on the same flight home for Christmas and while waiting for our flight we met John Stitzer '93. Small world!

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**Katherine Allison Blatterfein** in December married Jeffrey Sorrentino in Kirkpatrick Chapel at Rutgers University. Her bridesmaids included sisters Amy Blatterfein '06 and Kirstin Blatterfein.

**Amy Perlman** has been accepted to the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education in New York City where she will pursue a Masters of Arts in Jewish Education, almost, but not quite fulfilling her senior superlative of "Most Likely to become a Rabbi."

**2003****5th Reunion**

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**Nick Perold** writes: **Rich Dreher** is living in NYC as an actor - auditioning and trying to build on his experience at Carnegie Mellon. This January Rich had a guest role on Cashmere Mafia, a new mid-season pick-up show on the ABC network starring Lucy Liu. Other than that Rich says, "I'm just living and eating and trying to do the best I can."

**Will Dewey** is enjoying putting his Classics degree towards fly-fishing - he will be working as a guide and manager for World Cast Anglers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming this summer and hopes to stay on for some skiing in the winter.

**Jon Headley** graduated from

Elon University in May '07 with a major in Business Administration and a concentration in Marketing. Currently, Jon is working as a "Team Leader" for American Express in Greensboro, NC with plans to attend business school

After finishing her English thesis on Katherine Mansfield this past April and graduating from Bates College in May, **Allison Marshall** moved to Washington, DC in the beginning of August. She is now working as a production assistant at Bloomberg Television located near the U.S. Treasury and White House in downtown DC.

**Claire Hoppenot** is currently a high school English teacher in Okayama, Japan, and will start med school at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in the fall.

**Chad Lieberman** graduated from MIT with a BS in Aerospace Engineering and a BS in Mathematics. He is currently studying at MIT to receive his SM in Computation for Design & Optimization with intentions to graduate in February 2009.

**Erich Matthes** is in his first year of study toward a Ph.D. in Philosophy at Berkeley, and is loving the Bay Area. Erich has been tutoring high school students in English at a local tutoring center, and is looking forward to being a TA for some philosophy classes next year. Erich says, "Grad school isn't quite like college redux, but it's pretty close, and I'm enjoying it immensely."

**Ken Miller** received a B.Sc. in Finance from Rutgers in May '07. Ken graduated with "highest honors" in his major. Ken is currently putting his degree to work in the Mergers and Acquisitions Group at Citigroup Investment Bank. On the lighter side, Ken notes, "While I was unable to attend the bowl game in Toronto due to work, I managed to make every home game in the last 5 years and have body painted for every single one (yes, even this year). My entire family attended every Rutgers home game this year as well and traveled to the bowl game."

**Nick Perold** graduated with a double-major in Philosophy and Economics from Connecticut College in May where he received the Robert W. Jordan prize in

Philosophy. Following graduation, Nick relocated to San Diego in early July and has recently joined the account management team at Aviatech, LLC - a San Diego-based interactive advertising and marketing agency. Despite the incredible fires in October, Nick is enjoying the amazing San Diego weather and environment through trail running and surfing. Nick says, "Can't wait to see you all at reunion!"

**Kathryn Finley** reports that she is a nursing student at Boston College.

2Lt. **Christopher Campbell** is getting married to Melissa Moyer at the Princeton University Chapel on August 30, 2008. Next year he will earn a MSC in Control Engineering from the University of Cambridge (UK) before reporting to Euro-MATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard AFB, TX.

**Russell Nemiroff** writes: Sorry I won't be able to attend our 5<sup>th</sup> year reunion...I'll be graduating from George Washington University that weekend. Hope all is well with the Class of 2003 as well as the PDS faculty and staff.

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**Mendy Fisch** writes: Over the past year of writing class notes, it seemed to me that big news (births, marriages, et cetera) was exclusively the domain of the older classes. Our class had our

share of exciting stories, but we just didn't measure up in the weddings and babies department. But it seems that we are catching up. It's my pleasure to write that **Jeff Moll** announced his engagement to his girlfriend **Tae Richmond** this January.

Moll writes: "I'm excited to announce that on January 30, 2008, my girlfriend of four years, **Tae Richmond**, and I got engaged! We are planning a May 2009 wedding shortly after **Tae's** graduation from Rutgers College."

I join the rest of the class in congratulating **Jeff** and **Tae**. Take that, Class of '98!

In almost as exciting news, **Ally Brill** finally got her driver's license. She passed the New Jersey test on Friday, January 18, which was the first time she took it. "It went great," she reported. **Brill** is looking forward to a lifetime of driving herself around.

Meanwhile, **Arvind Thambidurai** is making himself cozy in his new house on Plum Street in New Brunswick. He and some other Rutgers students began renting the house this summer, and **Thambidurai** lives in the attic. **Thambidurai** has also become the Vice President of the Delta Sigma Iota fraternity, a South Asian interest fraternity that, among other things, holds wild parties and does community service.

**Tanvi Goel** is continuing to party with her Indian Fusion Dance group, Penn Masti. **Goel** says that she has been part of the group for over three semesters. In addition to dancing, **Goel** has also been honing her management skills, having transferred into a Wharton School program this fall. She writes: "I applied to Wharton this summer, and I got into the Jerome Fisher Management and Technology Program, which is a dual degree program between the Engineering School and the Wharton School. It's like fifty people, and every year they have five to nine transfers. I was so lucky to get in at the end of my freshman year."

**Emily Bloom** also transferred to a new course of study, and will be seeing more livestock in her life at Delaware Valley College. She writes: "I haven't been doing much; just working. But I did just transfer to Delaware Valley Col-

lege to be a livestock major, which was noteworthy to me... I don't know if it is for anyone else." I would say the news certainly meets the threshold for Class Notes.

Dean **Jacoby**, who was a decade or so too old to graduate with our class but helped most of us get into college, reports that he is moving as well, to New Mexico. **Mr. Jacoby** writes: "Choate wasn't the right place for us and I'll start at Albuquerque Academy in the fall – serving as Associate Director of College Counseling. I am thrilled, and hope to continue my work with Native students on a more regular basis."

**Mr. Jacoby** explained that the area he is moving to has many reservations and a large Native American population, which he hopes to work with. He added, "I think often of PDS and the many wonderful teachers and students I got to know. Of course, I hope everyone is happy with their college choices!"

Finally, **Charlie Turndorf** is contemplating the longest move of any member of the Class of '06, albeit a temporary one. **Turndorf** has begun taking Japanese this year at Kenyon College, and is considering spending the entire coming academic year abroad in Japan.

While some members of our class travel, get engaged, and further their education, **Neil Sharma** reports that he has been eating chocolate chip cookies and playing video games. **Sharma** writes: "In between figuring out what the heck he wants to do with his life, **Neil Sharma** enjoys chocolate chip cookies, **Fifa '08**, and is currently working on a Bollywood screenplay that will one day star **Rishi Patel** in the leading role." **Sharma** also wanted to give a "special shoutout to my man," **Dean of Class of 2006 George Sanderson**.

**Mike Rappaport** has also been relaxing, both in New Jersey and with **Fred Mitnacht** in Costa Rica. He writes: "It was great to be home over break and see everyone. I thoroughly enjoyed everyone's stories of their fall semesters. My break concluded with an amazing trip to Costa Rica with University of Vermont correspondent **Fred Mitnacht**. We ventured into the rain forest,

had close encounters with 18 foot crocodiles and poison dart frogs, surfed along the coast, and had some crazy nights with the locals."

**Rappaport's** life during the semester is just as exciting as it is over break. He added, "**Caitlin McPhaden** and myself are greatly looking forward to a rendezvous of sorts with PDS alum here in Miami over Presidents weekend. Some members of the group include Villanova representatives **Jonathan Hofmann** and **Ellen Cook**, as well as everyone's favorite Boston College advocate, **Sara Martin**. It is sure to be a fun-filled weekend of beach hoppin' and flip-floppin' in the city where the heat is on."

**Aaron Sashihara**, now Lance Corporal **Sashihara**, is gearing up for his deployment to Iraq in March. **Sashihara** will be based in Ramadi, the capital of the Anbar province, where he and his 12-man Police Transition Team will help the Iraqi Police set up their police stations and train new recruits.

**Sashihara** explains that the Army's new tactic in Ramadi is part of a greater strategy shift in the war. Since last summer, the Americans have been recruiting heavily from the Sunni population, training local police groups known as "Awakening Councils." These are the groups that **Sashihara** will be working with.

**Sashihara** writes: "Interestingly enough, these were the same guys shooting at us and blowing us up a year ago, but something happened which turned the local populous against al-Qaeda. In other words, we were fighting the people of Ramadi a year ago, but the locals got tired of al-Qaeda (al-Qaeda started forbidding

things like smoking – which, if you know anything about Iraqis, is insanity) and so the locals joined up with us."

**Sashihara** says that the Americans' jobs in Ramadi have become easier since the beginning of the Awakening. "If there's a high-value target or someone we're interested in questioning, all we need to do is tell the Iraqi Police, and eighteen or so guys armed with AKSs go out in a few pickup trucks. X minutes later, they're back at the station with our person of interest. Much easier than the old days," he explained.

Though **Sashihara** feels ready to go, he did express some concerns. "The enlisted guys have some thoughts about the wisdom of having twelve Marines, by themselves, in the middle of random-place Iraq. But our opinions don't really matter when we have orders," he wrote.

I have been enjoying my first semester at Princeton. I've gotten involved with the *Daily Princetonian*, Princeton's college newspaper. This fall, I wrote an article about the marked increase in public urination citations in Princeton Borough. Of course, my main motivation for writing for the *Prince* is to hone my skills for Class Notes.

Please keep writing!

## 2007

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**Kim Fanok '07** (far left) in a production of "Les Misérables."

# In Memoriam

The school has learned of the passing of the following members of the PDS community.  
We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

**Jennifer Alexander**, daughter-in-law of  
Mary Young Bragado '67

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Daniel M. Leaf '81, Sarah R. Leaf '83  
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