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Peer Leadership
Comes Full Circle

The only goal I set for myself for spring break was to make my way through the pile of reading material that had taken root on the left corner of my desk: journals, articles, and alumni magazines from peer institutions, all seemed to beckon for varying degrees of attention and approval. I must confess enjoying immensely the formal, gossipy, idle chatter contained within each and all, as I am happy to sit for hours sifting through the tales that schools tell about themselves.

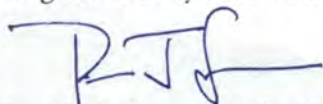


One in particular drew me back several times: a student interview of a long-time headmaster at a great New England boarding school, who, as part of his ritual of retirement, was sharing his opinion on school-related matters large and small. The topics the young journalist selected were hardly surprising; yet the answer to one question, in particular, caught my attention. When asked if he would carry with him into retirement a singular regret, this great, accomplished head of school could summon only one: in 24 years at school, he never taught a class.

So, it was with great satisfaction (and not a little surprise) when, in late February, I accomplished one of my personal goals for this first year: teaching a class in the middle school. Ten eighth graders and I are now working our way through fairy tales and adventure stories, trying to discern if, as the psychologist Bruno Bettelheim wrote in his epic, *The Uses of Enchantment*, the genre is “a moral education which subtly, and by implication only, conveys to each child the advantages of moral behavior, not through abstract ethical concepts but through that which is tangible and therefore meaningful.” It remains to be seen whether we will come close to addressing Bettelheim’s powerful observation, as to step in front of a classroom is to be daily reminded of at least one thing: even on one’s best days, experience, wisdom, and guile are an uneven match for the virtues of youth.

Yet, each day I experience the strongest affirmation of the character and quality of our students and the rigor and reach of a Princeton Day School education. These young men and women (daunted for about 10 minutes by the presence of the head of school at the front of the classroom) write with ease and clarity of voice; speak surely and confidently; are accustomed to – and, therefore, comfortable with – the give-and-take that animates the world of ideas; and are eager to share respectfully the things they know, sense, and understand. (“Don’t worry, Mr. Stellato, I used to confuse *paradox* and *irony* myself; it’s an easy mistake to make and just as easy to correct.”) In their lower school and middle school years, they have been well taught and well led; encouraged and inspired, and readied to make the most of each advantage coming their way. In awe of each, I appreciate more deeply each day the labors of their many teachers, my new colleagues.

What and how our students learn is the topic of sharp debate, as is, on occasion, the educational mission of great schools such as Princeton Day School. Civilize, inspire, ennoble, empower, prepare, sensitize, challenge, and support: each mandate deserves our undivided attention, and yet we aspire to achieve every one...every day. That we have set such goals for ourselves should come as no surprise to anyone who has spent even a day on this campus; that we accomplish each – every day – is a simple matter of keeping faith with our kids and their families. (And I’d like to write more, but I have papers to grade for my 9:00 class!)


Paul J. Stellato, Head of School



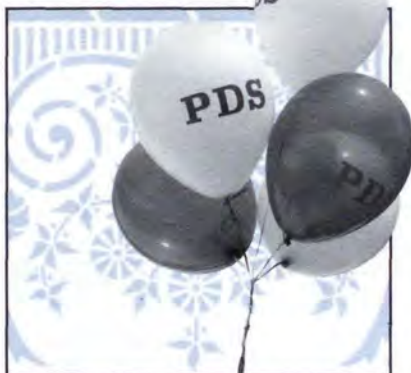
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News & Events



A, B, Cs in Arabic

First graders in Emily Gallagher's class recently spent a morning mastering the Arabic alphabet so they could send greetings to children in Libya via PDS parent Isabella de la Houssaye, mother of Christopher Crane '20, Oliver Crane '16, Isabelle Crane '15, David Crane '13 and Cason Crane '11.

Mona Zaki, who teaches Arabic at the Princeton Adult School, visited the class and helped students create the beautiful characters that spell "ahlan" (hello) and "salam" (peace).

Ms. de la Houssaye carried the greetings with her as a member of the first US ultramarathon team participating in the annual Libya Challenge, a 200k (125 mile) self-supported, self-navigated race in the Sahara. In addition to food, portable shelter and a snake venom pump, she brought a banner, cards and school supplies for children in Ghat. PDS students followed her progress with race coverage by National Geographic and CNN.

"My kids loved learning about a different language and were fascinated by the fact that you wrote Arabic from right to left," Ms. Gallagher said. "They were very excited to think about the children who would be reading their cards."

ليبيا

Sharing Flamenco Culture

The PDS dance studio shook with the sounds of flamenco dancing as Lisa Bottalico, a world-class dancer, shared both the music and movements with students and faculty. In addition to dance workshops, students enjoyed a flamenco performance featuring guitarists, vocalists and several dancers – including Kelsey Burns '10.

The event was part of the Lively Arts program bringing live performances to campus and came "on the heels" of a cultural exchange with high school students from Argentina.



"...they can make a positive impact on a global scale, one penny at a time."



Pennies for Peace

Reading *Three Cups of Tea*, the story of mountain climber Greg Mortenson's rescue in the Himalayas and his determination to help educate the children of Pakistan and Afghanistan, prompted PDS students to launch their own "Pennies for Peace" project.

"Pennies for Peace" is a way for students to support Mortenson's Central Asia Institute aimed at educating children "beyond their experience and showing them that they can make a positive impact on a global scale, one penny at a time."

The charity effort was started by children who wanted to help others their age who need books, pencils and paper — things many US students take for granted. Moved to take action by Mortenson's book, students in lower, middle and upper schools placed empty water jugs throughout the halls to collect coins.

PDS students were willing to share, helping to prove that pennies can add up to real change.

Guest Speakers Inspire US Students...

Face the Class

Rep. Rush Holt, who represents central New Jersey in the US House, visited George Sanderson's Advanced Placement US Government and Politics class, sharing his views on the inauguration of President Barack Obama, the work of governing and the pace of change.

Students questioned Rep. Holt about "pork-barrel" spending — which he preferred to call "member-initiated projects." He predicted a reduction in such projects, but voiced pride in gaining federal funding for programs to train science teachers and to help towns avoid sprawl.

Senior Rachel Bristol said Rep. Holt did a good job answering her question on spending.

"I assumed he would respond defensively...but instead he explained how some spending might seem unnecessary to one person but to another it is a crucial project," she said.

"Meeting with Representative Holt was a great opportunity to hear someone's firsthand take on the election, and on the campaign process in general," said William Curran-Groome '10. "It was nice to actually meet my representative in person, and to find out a little bit about the person who is representing me in Congress."



(above) Rep. Rush Holt speaking to class, and (below) Rep. Holt greeting PDS students.



Michael C. Pitter MD, the 2009 Pioneer in Science guest speaker.

Pioneering Surgeon

PDS welcomed Michael C. Pitter MD, director of minimally invasive and gynecological robotic surgery at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, as the 2009 Pioneer in Science guest speaker. The lecture series, established through the generosity of PDS trustees and parents, invites speakers who excel in the field of science.

Robotic surgery is a significant medical advance that encourages a swifter recovery by reducing pain, blood loss and scar tissue. Dr. Pitter described his journey from chemical engineering to medical school, crediting his success in robotic surgery in part to his affinity for video games.

"I still play video games," he said. "It does help — it gives a sense of hand to eye coordination."

Laparoscopic surgery was launched in 1987 and a robotic arm was developed to assist in 1994. Today, when Dr. Pitter operates, he uses a binocular vision device that provides depth-perception and high-definition three-dimensional images while sitting at a console completely separate from the patient and controlling surgical instruments that have all the freedom of movement of a human hand.

However, Dr. Pitter told students that surgery is not just about using tools.

"Surgery is about using your imagination to use those tools for the maximum benefit."

Up-to-date PDS News: www.pds.org



Sara (Zoe) Hart '96

Unique Perspective

Sara (Zoe) Hart '96, one of only four US women internationally certified as mountain guides, shared stories of daring and caring with Upper School students.

During a recent excursion to Pakistan, Ms. Hart found curious children and helpful, friendly adults — not the violence often depicted in the media. "It was an amazing opportunity to go beyond the news and understand what it's like in another culture," she said.





Chess Champions

Princeton Day School chess teams won team trophies and individual honors during the New Jersey K-12 Grade Championship held in November at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft.

PDS players on the championship First Grade team include Tommy Bocian, Christopher Crane, Christopher Delaney and Clay Hancock.

PDS chess teams also captured first and second place team trophies, as well as individual honors, during the Greater Princeton Championships held in December on campus. Nearly 200 chess players in kindergarten through 12th grade competed individually and as school teams during the tournament. Players representing more than 68 public and private schools in the central New Jersey region competed in sections ranging from "No Score" to "Future Masters" for inexperienced or rated players.



Bloustein Scholars

PDS Class of 2009 members Brian Fishbein, Devon Light-Wills, Lindsay White, Georgia Travers, Jeremy Brinster, Alison Sorrentino and Jeffrey Kowalski were recognized as some of the highest achieving New Jersey high school students. Distinguished Scholars receive up to \$1,000 to continue their education.

Celebrating Kwanzaa

Our community enjoyed good food, good friends and good cheer at the PDS Kwanzaa Dinner held in December. The African-American holiday focuses on seven principles: Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity and Faith. Participants joined a drumming circle led by US French teacher Edem Afemeku, who grew up in Ghana.



"ordinary people doing extraordinary things"

Encouraging Community Service

American Red Cross representatives Diane Concannon and Stephanie Weaver encouraged Upper School students to join the ranks of "ordinary people doing extraordinary things" during the 2009 Susan Moll Community Service Assembly.

Founded in Europe by Henri Dunant in 1863 to enable medical personnel to help soldiers without fear of attack, the Red Cross was launched in the US by Clara Barton in 1881. The agency has remained focused on volunteers coming to the aid of our nation and our neighbors.

In addition to blood drives and disaster relief, the Red Cross today provides training for emergency medical situations and lifeguards, delivers meals to the homebound and engages students in fundraisers and service. The Red Cross in February partnered with PDS to run a blood drive on campus.

"We empower people who want to know their desire to make a difference in the world does," Ms. Concannon said.

Every Gift Matters

Something special is happening at Princeton Day School. Parents, alumni, grandparents, faculty and staff are stepping forward in record-breaking ways to support the Princeton Day School Annual Fund.

The Annual Fund plays a vital role in every aspect of school life, and provides the margin of excellence that places PDS among the very best private pre-K to 12 schools in the country. We hope you can show your support for Princeton Day School by joining our effort. You can make your gift online at www.pds.org/development. The Annual Fund closes on June 30, 2009.

Special thanks to the 2008-09 PDS Annual Fund Leadership

Sean Brennan, Parent Chair
Marilyn Grounds, Former Trustee Chair
Todd Gudgel, Faculty & Staff Chair
Jack Hall, Parent of Alumni Co-Chair
Jim Kilgore '63, PCD Co-Chair
Jim Laughlin '43, PCD Co-Chair
Nancy Miller '57, MFS Chair
Liza Morehouse, Parent of Alumni Co-Chair
Jacquie & Elwood Phares, Grandparent Chairs
Howie Powers '80, Alumni Chair

Letters

Editor's note: In the fall Journal, we asked readers to share memories of Andy Franz and Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick, who were honored during the 2008 Alumni Weekend.

To the Editor,

You asked for stories about Mr. Franz, so here goes.

I took woodworking with Mr. Franz in tenth grade, around 1970. As I recall, no girls had yet taken his class. I think my friend Charlotte Kornegay and I were two of the first girls to do so. Mr. Franz was wonderful to us in that he treated us no differently than he treated the boys.

I remember his lesson about band saw safety, and my children know it well, also. He told us if we didn't follow his safety rules, we might end up like this, at which point he held up his hand with several missing finger tips. That was a very powerful lesson, and, we all practiced safe use of the band saw and every other piece of equipment in the shop.

Woodworking with Mr. Franz allowed us to experience new things, use our hands, learn to use tools, and make some pretty nice projects. I still use the jewelry box that I made. I appreciate its smooth finish and remember how hard Mr. Franz made us work to get it. My parents treasured the bowl and stool I made. The stool was so important to my mother that it is still with her in her apartment at her assisted living home. These projects have all lasted well for almost 40 years. Mr. Franz taught us about quality workmanship.

Thank you, Mr. Franz, for treating us all equally. Thank you for showing us that, with effort, we could learn new and difficult tasks and skills. Thank you for teaching us to finish what we started. These are just some of the life lessons that we learned so well from you.

— Jan Hall Burruss '72



PDS Wins National Green Cup Challenge

Princeton Day School earned First Place in the 2009 Green Cup Challenge competition among day schools throughout the United States, with students, faculty and staff teaming up to reduce campus electricity use by more than 22 percent in February.

"In preparing its students to be citizens of the world, Princeton Day School appreciates that one topic — stewardship of the natural world and its resources — will only grow in importance," said Head of School Paul J. Stellato. "Our claiming the Green Cup Challenge reassures me that we are on absolutely the right track."

The Green Cup Challenge (GCC) is an annual competition encouraging student efforts to measure and reduce electricity use and greenhouse gas emissions while increasing efficient use of water, waste reduction and recycling on campus. The competition, launched in 2006, originally focused on boarding schools but added a national day school competition this year.

Competing with 46 day schools in a similar climate, PDS reduced overall electricity use by 22.09 percent—or 40,000 fewer kilowatt hours—compared to February 2008. Campus efforts saved 36.54 metric tons of carbon emissions in just four weeks, lowering the PDS electricity bill by about \$5,600.

"I am just so proud of everyone," said PDS Sustainability Coordinator and US English Teacher Liz Cutler.

In honor of participating schools, 1,200 trees will be planted by Ace Energy. The total four-week reduction for all schools totaled 1,216 tons of carbon emissions—the equivalent of removing 220 cars from the road for a full year.

The PDS community reduced electricity use by taking steps both large and small, with students from Grade 12 to Junior Kindergarten playing active roles. In Upper School, members of the EnAct Club produced videos to rally participation, while Middle School students volunteered to be "Secret 00Green Agents" who switched off unnecessary lights and unused computers. And Lower School students shared energy-saving ideas that helped classmates and teachers break wasteful energy habits.

Faculty and staff also pitched in: technology staff reset computers throughout campus to "sleep" earlier, maintenance workers replaced incandescent bulbs with compact florescent bulbs, teachers relied more on daylight than interior lights, administrative staff unplugged appliances and computers when not in use, custodians revised their cleaning routine to require fewer lights and food service staff no longer left the walk-in freezer light burning all day.

"Everybody was involved," Ms. Cutler said. "It did take the whole school to win."



EnAct Club display of one day of PDS trash encouraged Lower School students to recycle.

PEER LEADERSHIP

Lessons for Life

In one classroom, a group of freshmen is trying to define “tolerance.” They shout ideas — “to be patient,” “to put up with,” “endurance” — while a senior nods encouragement.

Next door, another gathering of freshmen students and three senior leaders is focusing on dating and relationships. “We just want to have an honest conversation,” one leader explains. “Out there you can get into gossip; but be straight with each other in here.”

Across Shepherd Commons, a third group is talking about sexually transmitted diseases. Snickers erupt as a senior leader reads aloud a list of symptoms associated with gonorrhea. He pauses. “It’s not funny,” he acknowledges. “But it is awkward.”

For more than 25 years, the Princeton Day School Peer Leadership program has been helping students deal with awkward situations and adolescent issues. A winning combination of dedicated faculty and carefully selected seniors team up each year to teach, mentor and guide ninth graders assimilating into Upper School. The result is a strong sense of community that endures long after Commencement.

“It’s hard to put into words how special my experience was,” said former peer leader **Katie Brossman ’07**. “But going into the program in the fall of 2007, I don’t think I realized the impact it would have on me and my life and how it would follow me even until now.”

Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker, who spent four years as a peer group advisor, credits the program with helping a diverse group of students become a close-knit community. “It’s about cultural transference,” he said. “It flattens that historic hierarchy from senior to freshman... There is an *esprit de corps* generated by camaraderie and relationships.”

Peer Group was introduced to PDS in the early 1980s when former Head of Upper School Sandy Bing, who later served as interim Head of School, asked Princeton psychologist Sharon Powell to replicate her successful Princeton High School program.

Dr. Powell ended up becoming the leader of the PDS program, staying for more than a decade. Her children **Robert ’90** and **Katharine ’93** attended PDS, with Robert participating as a peer group leader. Dr. Powell has continued to promote the benefits of peer leadership at the Princeton Leadership Training Center, which she founded.

“This is really one of the most powerful ways to reach young people of all backgrounds and give them tools that will serve them well the rest of their lives,” said Dr. Powell who is retiring. “It is leadership for life for them; it does change their lives.”

Recently, several PDS alums gathered with peer leaders from throughout New Jersey to share the value of their experience and celebrate the success of peer leadership. The conference, sponsored by the Princeton Leadership Training Center, included get-to-know-you games, workshops on conflict resolution techniques and a panel discussion on leadership beyond high school moderated by Natalie Morales, of NBC’s “Today Show.”

With former PDS peer leaders on the center’s board of directors, Dr. Powell said, “it’s coming full circle — and it’s very exciting.”



Compassion



"You can almost pick out a former peer leader when you see people in action. These are transferable skills."

— Dr. Whitney Ross '84

Friendship

Whitney Ross '84, one of the first seniors to participate in peer group at PDS, chairs the board of the Princeton Center for Leadership Training. Former peer leaders Anne McDougald '87 and Regan Hofmann '85, editor of POZ Magazine, also attended the conference, while Deb Levy '82 serves on the center's board.

At the conference, Dr. Ross welcomed participants, saying the program's long-term goal is "leadership for life... We hope you will be inspired to take your leadership skills to college, to the workplace and beyond."

Looking back at her own experience, Dr. Ross said having seniors as role models helps freshmen make the transition from Middle School to Upper School – but it also helps seniors make the transition to adulthood. Peer group "was without question the most important experience that I had at PDS," she said. Working with classmates and faculty advisors "created the support network that was critical to me through my senior year."

Skills learned as a senior leader – communicating effectively with different people, making eye contact, resolving conflicts and facilitating discussions – are life skills she employs today as a clinical psychologist and mom. Facilitation skills and the ability to reframe points of view and find consensus are traits honed by peer leadership training.

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Alumni agree. Betsy Welsh '04 participated in peer group as a freshman and as a leader during her senior year. Peer Group

made the transition to high school easier by providing opportunities to discuss issues and to get to know classmates, she said. As a senior, she learned valuable lessons about working with others to achieve a goal – which came in handy as captain of her University of Vermont field hockey team.

"It helped me to learn a lot about leadership, effective styles of teaching and how others respond to different types of leaders," Betsy said. "Just day-to-day things, like working with people whether in classes or in an actual job setting."

Today, the PDS peer leadership program is run by Health and Physical Education Teacher Jill Thomas, Middle School teacher Donna Zarzecki, Upper School teacher Tom Quigley and Health and Physical Education Teacher Pete Higgins.

And after 18 years of "empowering kids" at PDS, Ms. Thomas still enjoys her role as mentor for both senior leaders and freshmen. "It's still special," she said. "It's never the same."

Indeed, while the basic structure remains the same from one year to the next, the topics and activities reflect the unique interests of the students involved. Seniors are asked to remember life as a new Upper School student and gauge what the incoming freshmen need to consider. This year, for example, students discussed party behaviors, eating disorders, bullying, sexual orientation, internet communications and cheating.



INSIGHT

Whitney Ross '84, Katharine Powell '93
and Charlotte Lescroart '09.



Leadership

"Kids will listen to kids," Ms. Thomas said. "Friends are the most important people in their lives; they are much more likely to listen to each other than to adults."

Former peer leader **Angela Travers '89** came to PDS after spending nine years attending a small Catholic school in West Trenton. "All of my friends were attending Notre Dame (High School)," she said. "I felt very alone and down right scared. Peer Group was a place where I could express my fears and concerns without feeling uncomfortable."

Angela credits her own peer leaders, **Jaye Chen '86** and **Rob Chibbaro '86** for providing "a listening ear, leadership, help with my jump shot—from Rob—and a safe atmosphere." Her experience as a freshman convinced Angela to apply to be a leader as a senior.

"I loved every minute of it with my co-leader **Tom Harvey '89**," Angela said. "I am so happy to hear that Peer Group is still going strong after all these years."

Becoming a Peer Leader isn't easy, however. Faculty advisors, with input from senior leaders, select only 18 leaders from more than 60 applicants based on a combination of qualities, including citizenship, responsibility, empathy and the ability to communicate effectively. Before school opens each fall, selected seniors complete assigned reading—in 2008 the book was *New York Times* best seller *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom—and participate in a three-day overnight retreat where they examine what it means to be a

leader and form their six leadership "triangles."

And life as a role model can be demanding. Seniors work in teams to devise and implement weekly 50-minute lesson plans throughout the academic year, plus meet with their own peer group faculty advisors. They evaluate the freshmen in their groups and consult with adult leaders on any issues they encounter. They plan activities and organize events, including a field day at the Princeton Battlefield, overnight retreats, Parents' Night, Cabaret Night and skating parties.

"Being a leader also means being aware of your significant role as a positive influence," Dr Powell noted. "It's not just about making good grades but good choices."

Asked what advice he would give a prospective peer leader, one senior said "I'd tell them you can't be doing it to look good for colleges or whatever...You have to really want to help freshmen."

Yet the rewards can be life-altering. Peer Group gives seniors a chance to turn their focus outward, Ms. Thomas said. "Our kids are very, very successful and, sometimes, self-centered. This is an opportunity to focus beyond yourself and give back to the entire PDS community. It allows them to see the joy in making a difference in the lives of ninth graders."

A current senior recently told program advisors how the experience had changed her point of view. "Being in the program, I got to meet people I really had never talked to and wouldn't have talked to—now we're friends," she said. "This helped me see the person I want to be and gave me a way to become that."

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and fun experience that PDS offers."*

— Alicia Siani '07





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— Katie Brossman '07

Former peer leader **Alicia Siani '07** was among 20 first-year students selected for the Chidsey Leadership

Fellows Program at Davidson College. Participants form a campus community dedicated to developing leadership cooperation and responsibility during the four-year program. She credits her leadership experience at PDS.

"Between group projects, sports, extracurricular activities, and close relationships with faculty, every student at PDS benefits from collaborative work at some point during their PDS careers..." Alicia said.

"The unique aspect of Peer Group is that this collaboration extends beyond a single project or athletic season, and requires cohesion, communication and vision for a full year with a diverse array of groups, including the freshman class, senior Leaders, faculty advisors, and the PDS administration."

For **Katie Brossman '07**, Peer Leadership encouraged her to find her voice through teaching and interacting with her co-leaders and their freshman peer group. Now at Johns Hopkins University, she is confident as a leader in campus clubs and her sorority.

"The Peer Leadership program helped me find myself," she said. "I used to be shy talking in a big class discussion, but now I can speak in front of large groups of people without hesitation. I also act well in leadership positions such as helping in clubs on my college campus and in my sorority."

But peer leaders say the best part of all this learning and mentoring and sharing is the fun! Whether it's a goofy skit or

western dance, high ropes or retreat, everyone who participates in Peer Group has a story to tell and a laugh to share.

"It becomes a little family," said Mr. Quigley.

On Cabaret Night 2009, for example, peer groups were clustered at separate tables decorated to match their theme for the evening: Fourth of July, springtime, back-to-school, Valentine's Day, football tailgate party and Christmas. After sharing a potluck meal, group members donned costumes for the "evening of song and dance" and the Campus Center was soon crowded with teens in sparkly top hats, reindeer antlers, football jerseys, and wigs.

Such memories linger long after Commencement.

"Shout out to Peer Group 6!" wrote Alicia. "It's weird to think that my freshmen are now at the stage to consider applying to be Peer Group Leaders. I can't encourage it enough! Peer Group is the most rewarding, practical, and fun experience that PDS offers."

One of Katie's best memories from peer group centers on her group's Cabaret Night routine to the song "My Girl." During the end-of-year Overnight Retreat, she said, "We were talking and sitting in a circle and out of nowhere, one of us starting singing 'My Girl,' which somehow had become our song. A second later, all of us were singing; whenever I hear that song, I think of that night..."

"What had been a group of strangers in the beginning of the year, was now a group of friends," she said. "And we were all sad to leave each other." ■



PDS NOTABLE

Alumni Guide Nation, World Affairs

The recent appointment of **Don Gips '78** as Director of Presidential Personnel for President Barack Obama was a reminder that Princeton Day School alumni have guided national policy and influenced world events for decades as members of the President's cabinet, ambassadors and department directors.

Princeton Day School takes great pride in the many accomplishments of our alumni and their dedication to serving the nation.

Below please find listed some of the many distinguished alumni of Miss Fine's School, Princeton Country Day School and PDS who are serving or have served in federal government administration.

Despite our efforts, we realize this list may not be complete due to problems with our records. If you know of anyone we have overlooked, please tell us so they can be recognized in the fall *Journal*.

Contact: Director of Communication Michelle Ruess at mruess@pds.org or 609 924-6700 x1280.



Katherine Baicker '89

- Member, President's Council of Economic Advisors
- Professor of Health Economics in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health



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Charlie Bray '45 †

- Ambassador to Senegal
- Director of the National Foreign Affairs Training Center
- Deputy Director of the United States Information Agency
- Press Spokesman, Department of State

Christian Chapman '36

- US Foreign Service, Department of State

Ford Fraker '64

- Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 2007-present

Don Gips '78

- White House Director of Presidential Personnel
- Head of the International Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission
- Director of Domestic Policy for former Vice President Al Gore



Robert F. Goheen '32

- Ambassador to India

Richard E. Funkhouser '32

- Ambassador to Gabon
- Commanding General for Civil Operations and Rural Development in Vietnam

William Harrop '43

- US Ambassador to Guinea, Kenya, Seychelle Islands, Zaire and Israel
- Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Africa 1977-80
- Inspector General of the State Department and Foreign Service
- Deputy Chief of Mission to Australia

**Nicholas Katzenbach '36**

- Former Under Secretary of State for President Lyndon Johnson
- US Attorney General in Johnson administration
- Deputy Attorney General for President John F. Kennedy

**Anne Martindell '32 †**

- Ambassador to New Zealand and Western Samoa
- Director of Foreign Disaster Assistance, US Agency for International Development
- New Jersey State Senator
- Vice-Chairwoman of the New Jersey Democratic Party

Robert Mueller '59

- Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation 2001-present
- United States Attorney in San Francisco 1998-2001

Peter Orszag '87

- Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Director of the Congressional Budget Office 2007-2009
- Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy
- Senior Economist and Senior Adviser on the Council of Economic Advisers

Michael Shenstone '43

- Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Austria for the Canadian Foreign Service
- Governor of the International Atomic Energy Agency
- Head of the East-West Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

Marina von Neumann Whitman '52

- Director, Council on Foreign Relations 1977-78
- Member, President's Council of Economic Advisors for President Richard Nixon
- Professor of Business Administration and Public Policy at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business as well as The Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

† Deceased

"The First 100 Days in the White House"

Alumni Weekend • May 16 • 10:45 a.m.

As Director of Presidential Personnel, Don Gips '78 has been called "the most popular man in town." Come listen to his unique perspective on "The First 100 days in the White House" during a special Alumni Weekend program at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, May 16 in McAneny Theater.

For more Alumni Weekend 2009 events see page 36.

Notes FROM CAPITOL HILL



By Sara Katz '10



PDS Junior **Sara Katz** recently served as a page in the US House of Representatives. While working on Capitol Hill for Rep. Rush Holt, she attended pre-dawn classes, late-night legislative debates and saw history unfold as the nation's first African-American president was elected and inaugurated.

August 30, Washington D.C. I arrived at 501 First Street SE without knowing exactly what was in store for me. When I applied to be a page for Rep. Rush Holt, I had hoped to meet people with similar interests, learn new things about how our government works, and enjoy a taste of living independently.

Over five months in Washington, I did all that – and saw history unfold. I met people from all over the nation with different sets of morals. I learned much — both in and out of the classroom, both on the House floor and on my own, reading popular hill papers (*Politico*, *The Hill*, and *Roll Call*), and both at school and after class. The experience will stay with me forever and provided some important life lessons, sooner, in my opinion, than most high school students would learn them.

A typical schedule for me consisted of waking up much earlier than I wanted to, putting on my uniform and heading downstairs. In order to sleep as long as possible, I became extremely efficient in the morning. So by the end of my five months as a page, I only needed seven minutes to be ready to walk out the door, if even that! I would meet friends for breakfast or walk the three blocks to school with large groups of friends. We entered through a set of metals detectors, the first of many encountered during our daily regimen, and packed into the elevators.

If we weren't in our seats by the time the bell rang at 6:45 a.m., our teacher Mrs. Bridges gladly handed out a demerit. School always started with a short assembly, followed immediately by classes. The length of our school day depended on when the House was in session — school ended one hour before legislators convened, either 9 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. On short days, each class lasted 25 minutes; on longer days classes stretched to 50 minutes.

When the House of Representatives convened, our daily jobs would commence. Nine pages were called "cloakies" assigned to the cloakroom and six were the "docs." The rest of the pages were assigned to a variety of different jobs in rotation throughout the term. Since each congressional page is appointed by a member of Congress, students are assigned to their representatives for work.

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Because of the current Democratic majority in the House, there were 38 Democratic pages and 22 Republican pages.

On the Republican side there were three “cloakies” and the rest were “runners,” pages who are assigned to pick up and deliver messages or items from offices in the Capitol or House office buildings. Because Democrats held the majority, Democratic pages were expected to fill more jobs: statement pages, who would stay on the House floor and collect statements from members when they had finished speaking; runners, who sometimes delivered flags but also letters and envelopes; desk pages who would answer phones and record requested deliveries and pick-ups and those who made copies of each final vote and would place a copy in both Democrat and Republican cloakrooms.

There also were six “cloakies” short for Cloakroom Pages whose job was to answer phones, deliver messages to Members on the floor and help anyone looking for a member to make contact.

I served as one of six “docs” or Documentarian Pages. My job included raising the flag above the Capitol before the House convened, getting water for the Speaker or Speaker Pro Tempores, and — most importantly — ringing the bells to call the House in session, to call Members to vote, or sometimes — our favorite — to announce the session was adjourning for the day.

While working for the House of Representatives and being surrounded by elected officials is a privilege at any time, my class had a unique opportunity to witness history. Despite differing political beliefs about certain bills they passed and the outcome of the November election, I enjoyed being part of the action during an extraordinary time.

I witnessed and heard arguments for and against the bailout and I experienced the hubbub of the election, I attended the swearing in for the 111th Congress. I watched a joint session of Congress, led by the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and former Vice President Dick Cheney, count the electoral votes for the historic 2008 presidential election. And I attended the Inauguration.

My time in Washington helped me develop a new level of independence. I was able to connect with different people from all over the country, some of whom I agree with on many levels and some with whom I strongly disagree. Being a page for the U.S. House of Representatives changed my life. The life-long friends I've made, important life skills I've learned, and insight I've gained about myself — and our democracy — will stay with me forever. ■

Sara was the first PDS student in recent memory honored with selection as a congressional page. Sara's nomination was expedited with the help of Lexi Gelperin '01, who works in Congressman Holt's local office.



As a Documentarian Page, **Sara Katz '10** helped raise the flag above the Capitol.



ArtsNotes



Upper School students performing in 'The Crucible.'

"The Crucible" Offers Timely Lesson

PDS Performing Arts Program showcased several strong female actors in its Fall Play production of "The Crucible."

The 1953 drama by Arthur Miller is based on events surrounding the witch trials of 1692 but was intended as a critique of what Mr. Miller called "an important theme" of 1950's America — Sen. Joseph McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee's crusade against alleged communist sympathizers.

The PDS production added a dance prologue, choreographed by PDS Artist-in-Residence Ann Robideaux, portraying the gathering of village girls with Tituba, the reverend's slave and target of accusations.

"Sweet Charity" Showcases Singing, Dancing

Upper School actors sang and danced their way into our hearts in "Sweet Charity," recreating the energy and emotion that earned Neil Simon's 1966 musical a dozen Tony Award nominations.

The PDS production, directed by Theater Director Stan Cahill and choreographed by Dance Artist-in-Residence Ann Robideaux, included showstoppers such as "Big Spender," "If They Could See Me Now" and "Rhythm of Life."



SWEET CHARITY

Megan Reilly '09, right, portrayed Charity Hope Valentine in the PDS production of 'Sweet Charity.' Charity proved unlucky in love but found support from her pals at the Fandango Ballroom.





An Undersea Operetta

When a princess is captured and forced to marry King Poseidon's son what are a bunch of air-breathing children to do? Dive in and help!

The Class of 2017 operetta was an underwater adventure, featuring mermaids, stingrays, jellyfish, octopi, turtles and even a few electric eels. This year's production — including all 49 fourth graders — is another original written by LS Teacher Cindy Peifer, directed by Meg Mayer and LS Music Teacher Andrea Schafer.

Everybody sings, everybody dances," Ms. Schafer said. "Everybody's a star — but not everybody's a starfish."

Class of 2013 Musical Underway

As the *Journal* was going to press, the Class of 2013 was hard at work rehearsing this year's eighth-grade musical, "Bugsy Malone." Based on a 1976 musical film, the play features gangsters, molls, speakeasy parlors and custard pies. Performances were scheduled for late April.

Midsummer Night in Middle School

Students in grades five through eight turned McAneny Theater into the Globe with a their magical performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This production was the first time Middle School students performed Shakespeare as their fall play, said Deb Sugarman, MS drama teacher. Yet much of the story resonated with them.

"Everyone is interested in magic and fairies, and teenagers in love defying their parents," Ms. Sugarman said. "You can see that people are the same as they've ever been."

In addition to memorizing some of Shakespeare's most quotable quotes, actors gain self-confidence and a new perspective. "They get to know more about themselves and begin to see their classmates in a new light," Ms. Sugarman said.



Katherine Venturo-Conerly '15 as Puck.



(right) Fairies gather in the enchanted woods in Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'

Students Curate 2009 Ceramics Exhibit

The Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery opened 2009 with "24/7 access," an exhibit featuring the work of ten associate artists from The Clay Studio in Philadelphia. The exhibit was curated by PDS advanced ceramics students under the supervision of ceramics teacher Monika Jaeckle.

Students played a key role in the exhibition, visiting the studio to select works for display, helping install the show and hosting a dinner for participating artists, said Gallery Director Jody Erdman '72. "Given this ownership, they created an exquisite, powerful and dynamic exhibition of pieces."

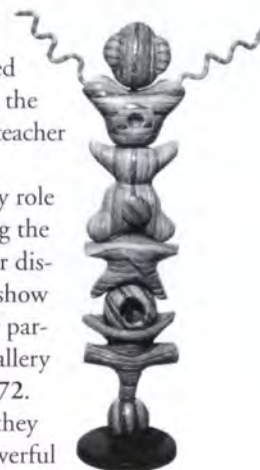


Exhibit Explores Complex Ideas, Creative Designs

The gallery changed shape and color for "Architecture: Deceptively Simple" showcasing Upper School students' design work, such as three-dimensional narrative sculptures and models. Exhibits reflected the journey students make as they move from beginner to independent study of architecture and design, said Arts and Design Department Chair David Burkett.

The show's title reflects how an assignment that may sound simple—what happens when a square impacts another shape?—requires a mastery of sophisticated skills, Mr. Burkett said. "Exploring complex concepts, my students develop new ways to communicate powerful images and ideas."

Sculpting a Legacy

Lessons learned from Upper School arts teacher Jerry Hirniak helped **David Ostro '02** meet the challenge of creating a new and unique memorial to Abraham Lincoln that was unveiled February 12 in a small Illinois town.

Former Trustee Bob Carr hired David to design and create a larger-than-life bronze sculpture to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. David's father, former Trustee Marc Ostro, plans to present a 20-inch replica of the sculpture as a gift to PDS.

Mr. Hirniak was not surprised to learn his former student had successfully tackled such a challenge. David's ability is reflected in a framed drawing of Mr. Hirniak displayed in the teacher's office. "He was at a young age able to capture character, nuance and movement."

"One of the early lessons of a studio is that an artist does not have a single set of skills but a range and that is critical in matching an appropriate skill/material to a subject matter," Mr. Hirniak said. "David has been committed to building a solid repertoire of skills and has proven that he can adjust, adapt and continue learning as he approaches more complex work."

The Lincoln Landing, an interpretive park featuring the sculpture, was dedicated in Mr. Carr's hometown of Lockport, IL. In appreciation, the city proclaimed a "Give Something Back" Week in honor of the foundation that financed and developed The Lincoln Landing site.

The Give Something Back Foundation was created by Robert and Jill Carr, former PDS parents (**Ryan '00, Kelly '02 and Emily '09**) who now live in Princeton. The Give Something Back Foundation also supports the "Give Something Back" Scholarship Program at PDS providing financial support for students who otherwise could not attend PDS.

Desiring to enhance the historic area along the Illinois-Michigan Canal running past Lockport, Mr. Carr envisioned a sculpture of Abraham Lincoln that would help educate visitors about the president's connection to Lockport and the canal. Lincoln was instrumental in creation of the canal, which proved crucial to transporting goods and, later, armaments during the Civil War.



Mr. Carr contacted David Ostro, who was completing his senior year at Vassar College. While David, an arts major, had done some small bronze castings and had some works displayed on campus, he said he had never attempted any large-scale or figure sculpture.

"I started from nothing," David said. "With anything of this scope, you have to do a lot of research." David immersed himself in Lincoln's life and reviewed every Lincoln sculpture and image he could find. Noting the similarity among images of Lincoln – stoic and melancholy —, he resolved to create something new. He toyed with what it means to create an image, incorporating the influences of photography and animation into a "stop-motion" sculpture.

"I started to see Lincoln in light of multiplicity; and I decided to portray a young Lincoln when he did come to

Lockport," David said. "I wanted to depict the many faces of Lincoln, many expressions; representations of his character."

David then turned to PDS classmate **Nathaniel Smith**, a Cornell University graduate living in Harlem, as a model for Abe Lincoln. "I needed someone muscular and lanky," David said.

"I wanted to depict the many faces of Lincoln, many expressions; representations of his character."

The finished statue depicts Lincoln as a young man, frozen in three poses. And while the statue is built to stand for decades, David said he tries "not to think about posterity."

"I never even considered myself a sculptor," David said. "At Vassar...they let you learn how to do everything: weld, work in metal and clay, animation, video and music. That really prepared me to try something new."

David also heard the voice of his mentor as he worked. He remembered Mr. Hirniak as "very demanding" but also "very helpful."

"If I ever felt like I was slacking, I'd just imagine how he'd react," David said. "I'd think, what's Mr. Hirniak going to say?" ■

SportsNotes

From the Desk of John Levandowski:

Some Things Never Change!

When commuting to work in the mornings, more often than not, I listen to 'Mike and Mike in the Morning', a popular and entertaining talk show on ESPN radio.

Recently the show featured a high profile collegiate coach who is well respected for his success and for instilling values that stand the test of time into his players. He left no doubt that the success of his teams over the years is directly related to his philosophy and expectations which, he is proud to say, have not changed much over the past three decades. He admitted that the game may have changed but his formula for success has not.

I found all of this to be very interesting since in my own experience, dating back a few years now, it does seem that the more things change in the world of athletics the more they really do remain the same. In other words, great teams of today and those of yesteryear share similar values and attributes.

So, here are the 5 steps to team success, as shared by a Hall of Fame collegiate coach.

First, the old adage is true... you get out of athletics exactly what you put into it. When you give 100 percent, you get back 100 percent. One foot in and one foot out doesn't benefit the team or the individual athlete!

Second, it's more about relationships and attitude than about x's and o's. Creating a team environment that inspires mutual respect among athletes and coaches is essential for improvement and success. You're all in it together!

Third, your team captains and most gifted athletes must be your hardest workers and most devoted players. It's plain and simple. Players provide the leadership and set the standards! Coaches can only do so much.

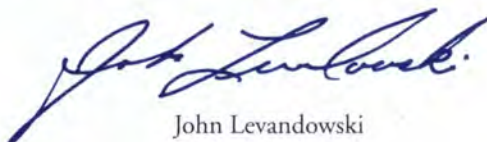
Fourth, embracing good sportsmanship really does matter. It makes for a tougher athlete...one who doesn't make excuses and is accountable to his or herself. You can be intensely competitive, yet at the same time, respect your opponent, your coaches, your teammates and the officials.

And, above all, the athletic experience, at all levels, should be about having fun! Appreciate the camaraderie, the hard work, the pride in team and school.

As the Director of Athletics for Princeton Day School, what I enjoyed most about this interview was that the "5 steps to success" are not unique to his program. In fact, I'm delighted to share that our coaches and athletes embrace the same philosophy.

I see those values displayed every afternoon right here on our campus – and on campuses throughout the country as our alumni athletes continue leading their teams and contributing to their college communities.

So please allow me to publicly congratulate both our players and our coaches for recognizing the important things and doing them well!



John Levandowski



PDS Hockey Coach Honored by Trenton Devils

Boys Varsity Hockey Coach Scott Bertoli was honored recently when the Trenton Devils retired his No. 19 jersey in a ceremony before taking on the South Carolina Stingrays.

Coach Bertoli was one of the original members of the Trenton Titans hockey team, before the team's name changed in May 2007, and played 507 games for the Titans in his eight-year professional career.

A Princeton University graduate and ECHL All-Star, Coach Bertoli is now in his third year as boys varsity head coach at PDS. Recently, he was named Assistant Director of Athletics.

Coach Bertoli grew up in Milton, Ontario, played hockey for Princeton University and was a top scorer for the Tigers, leading them to a 1997-1998 ECAC Championship and a 20-win season in 1998-1999. Coach Bertoli ranks as the Tigers' sixth leading scorer of all time.

Womens' LAX Update

Mariei Jenkins '09 will be playing lacrosse at Harvard University and Cammie Linville '09 will be playing lacrosse at Lafayette College. They join other women's lacrosse standouts Keely Langdon '07 who plays at U Penn, Hannah Epstein '08 who just made varsity at Middlebury College, and Katie Briody '07 at Colby.

PDS Wins Trophies in Prep B State Championship

PDS fencers finished well at the Prep B State Championship held on campus, with both the Boys Sabre Team and Girls Foil Team taking First Place trophies.

The PDS Boys Sabre Team consisted of **Phil Grudzina '09**, **Andrew Schroeder '11**, **Spencer Pretectrum '10**. The Girls Foil Team includes **Katie Elbert '10**, **Carla Tamburro '11** and **Priyanka Trivedi '10**. The Girls Sabre Team, **Francesca Behling '09**, **Svitlana Lymar '11**, **Jane Coates '11**, won Second Place.

Overall, the PDS Girls Team finished Second and the Boys Team earned Third Place. In individual competition, **Sophia Weissmann '10** won Second Place in Girls Epee.



Seniors Honored with Sportsmanship Awards

Senior hockey players **Charlotte Lescroart** and **Spenser Gabin** were honored with the Christopher Reeve '70 Sportsmanship Award during the 2008 PDS Invitational Hockey Tournament.

This year's tournament marked the 39th annual challenge for boys and the 19th competition for girls. "The tournaments are always exciting and a great time for the PDS hockey community to get together," said **Harry Rulon-Miller '51**, tournament director.



Senior Reaches 1,000 Points

Joe Rogers '09 (above at left) scored 29 points against The Peddie School in the opening game of the Peddie School Invitational Basketball Tournament and was selected to the Peddie Basketball Invitational All-Tournament Team.

Earlier in the season, Joe scored 22 points to help lead the Panthers Varsity to its first victory of the year. Those points also pushed Joe beyond the 1000 point total for his high school career.

"This is a major accomplishment for him and is a reflection of his hard work," said Varsity Coach **Paris McLean '00**.

"We are thankful to have Joe here at school as a person, player, and student."

Peter Hatfield '83 Remembered

Members of the Princeton Day School Class of 1983 will gather to remember classmate and athlete **Peter Hatfield** in a ceremony rededicating the remodeled PDS athletic entrance during Alumni Weekend.

The ceremony reflects an effort by friends, family and teammates to honor Peter as the Class of 1983 celebrated its 25th Reunion. Peter, who attended PDS through eighth grade, moved on to St. Paul's School but passed away before completing high school.

Peter's parents plan to attend the May 16 dedication ceremony. "We're thrilled," said **Nancy Hatfield**, Peter's mother. "What all these kids have done is fantastic."

As the 2008 reunion drew near, **Phil Clippinger '83** believed "it was important to do something meaningful in (Peter's) memory" so he worked with the PDS development office to raise money for renovation of the athletic entrance where four benches had been placed in 1983 "to honor (Peter's) love for this school, its sports and the bond that athletes share."

"Peter was a big part of our class and his passing had a profound effect on so many of us," said Mr. Clippinger. "It was great to talk with classmates during the fund-raising process and hear so many wonderful stories about Peter."

Soon, Phil was joined by classmate **Stewart von Oehsen**, owner of Princeton Land Design, who noticed the entrance had become worn over the years and volunteered to donate materials, as well as design and demolition services.

"Peter was always athletic and through sports we all became great friends," Mr. von Oehsen said. "Everyone wanted Peter on their team."

Classmates and friends donated more than \$20,000 to finance renovation of the entrance, including new teak benches, a plaque, landscaping and a four-foot wide PDS Panthers Class of 1983 emblem.

"Peter was a great teammate, but more importantly, he was fun to be around," Mr. von Oehsen said. "I have so many fond memories of him."

Alumni, family and friends are invited to join the Class of 1983 for dedication of the memorial at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 16 just prior to the Alumni Awards Reception.

Games Unite Varsity, Alumni Athletes

Alumni worked off that extra slice of pumpkin pie during the annual Thanksgiving Games held Friday Nov. 28 on the PDS campus. (see photos on page 31.)

"The games are a great opportunity to do what we do best — bring friends together," said Alumni Relations Director **Tracey Gates**. "What a fun way to kick off the holiday season!"

Varsity athletes joined more than 100 alumni who returned to campus to participate in the Frankie K Basketball game, soccer match and men's and women's ice hockey games, as well as a reception and open skating.



Panthers in the News...

The Star-Ledger named its Tennis Prep All Stars, including **Samantha Lieb '11** on First Team and **Elena Bowen '09** and **Samantha Schaeffer '11** on Second Team. PDS was ranked Second statewide!

Samantha Lieb '11 also was named Girls' Tennis Player of the Year by *The Packet* in Princeton.

Four-year XC runner **Erik Lefebvre '09** was named Athlete of the Week by *The Packet* and **Bailey Richards '11** was named to the All Prep Cross Country Third Team by *The Star-Ledger*, the only PDS runner honored by the Newark-based sports writers.

Isaac Lee '14 recently earned third place in the 2008 Mid Atlantic JOAD male Bawman Recurve competition.



Isaac started archery in September 2007 and earned a gold medal in the 2008 Seo Yan Soon Outdoor Shoot, in a competition dedicated to his past coach who was an Olympic gold medalist in 1988.

He earned a gold medal in the California Regional Championships in June 2008 and

a Second Place in the Fita East 2008 indoor championship in November.

Andrew Krech '09 posted many accomplishments this wrestling season, including winning the Championship in the 140 lb category at the Bob Dougherty Tournament at Rutgers Prep. Andrew finished fourth at the Valley Forge Military Academy Cadet Invitational, which drew 15 area teams and was selected by state coaches and regional representatives to compete at the National Championships as a wrestler representing New Jersey, where he finished 103 among 123 teams.

After capturing the 2008 Prep B State Championship, PDS girls varsity soccer players were honored as league All Stars.



Erin Cook '09 and **Cammie Linville '09** were named to the Prep B All Star First Team. **Katie Gibson '11** and **Janie Smukler '12** were named to the All Star Second Team.

Erin and Cammie also were named to the "Mercer 33" as the top female soccer players in the county and honored at a soccer awards banquet with selected athletes from area schools. And Erin also was named to the All-Packet Soccer Team for the season.



Jess Frieder '11 also was honored with the Mercer 33 Spirit Award among all female players in Mercer County public and private schools. "It is truly an extraordinary honor!" said PDS Athletic Director John Levandowski.

Brian Fishbein '09, **Dennis Cannon '10** and **Jordan Page '12** were recently named to the *Trenton Times* All-Prep Football Team. PDS Director of Athletics John Levandowski called the recognition "a great honor" and "well deserved."

Brian Fishbein also was named as the PDS senior honoree for the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Dinner. This year marks the 47th anniversary of this regional event recognizing top student leaders who play football for area high schools and colleges.

Spenser Gabin '09 was named Athlete of the Week by *The Packet* for his varsity ice hockey play. Spenser scored four goals, including a "natural hat trick" to help PDS defeat Hamilton in the Mercer County Tournament quarterfinals.

PDS Director of Performance Training **Darius Young** was named Princeton High School's Greatest Athlete in a contest run by *The Princeton Packet*.

Coach Young graduated in 1988 from PHS, where he played football and basketball.

If we have missed your news, we apologize! If you have news about a PDS athlete, please share with the Journal by emailing Director of Communication Michelle Ruess at mruess@pds.org

BEYOND PDS

Hockey Runs in PDS Family

Matt Cook '05 recently was named the ECAC Hockey Student-Athlete of the Year, after wrapping up his Union College ice hockey career tied for 10th in the school's all-time points with 34 goals and 43 assists in 141 games.

Matt's father, **Stephen '59**, played for the Tigers from 1963-66 and his uncle, **John Cook '56**, holds the PU record for career goals (67).

During Matt's senior season—his second as captain of the Dutchmen—he scored nine goals, with 14 assists for 23 points.

He was named to the all-tournament team at the 2008 Governor's Cup and was named to the ECAC Hockey All-Academic squad as both a sophomore and junior.

For more Sports Notes visit
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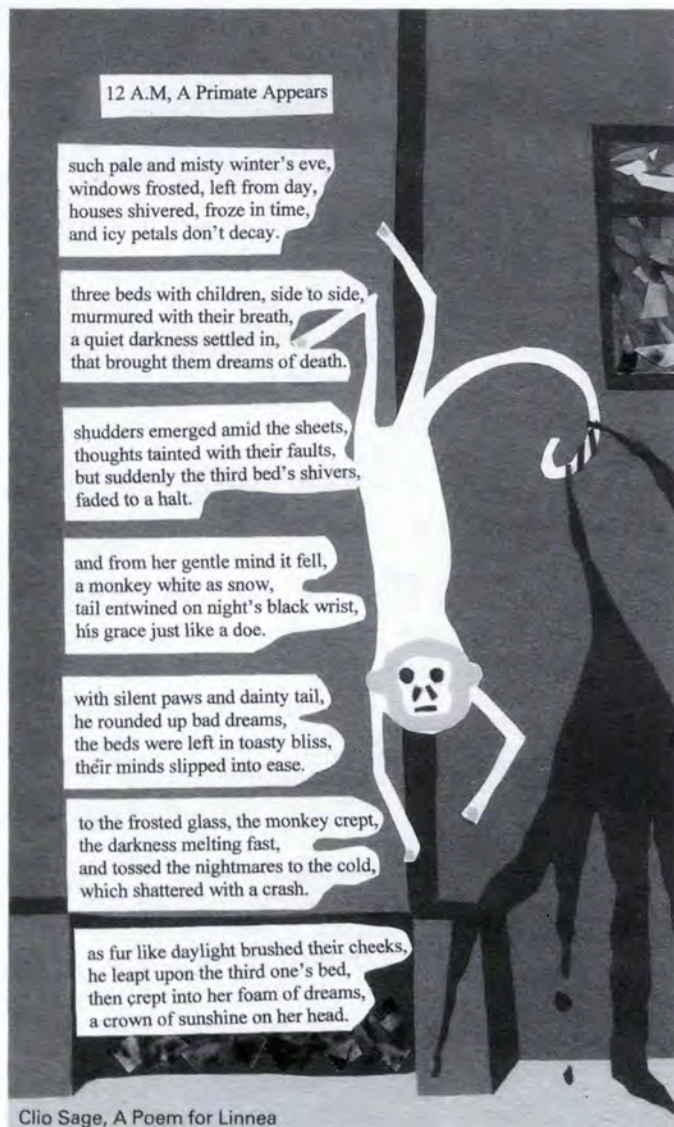
Alumni Return to PDS Rink

The Princeton Skating Club celebrated its 75th Anniversary at the Lisa McGraw '44 Rink with a star-studded ice show featuring alumni from Miss Fine's School, Princeton Country Day School and Princeton Day School.

Ice skating is still taught in PE classes at PDS—a practice since the days of Princeton Country Day School.

The PDS skating community also planned an April event to salute **Lisa McGraw '44** with a tribute hosted by Olympic figure skating medalist Paul Wylie featuring a number of elite and international skaters.

Upper School students share their creativity with Lower School poetry pals.



THE STUDENTS IN BEV GALLAGHER'S class can't sit still. They dash to the book shelf, come back and sit down, jump up to ask a question, come back and sit down, skip over to get a drink, come back and sit down. Finally, the door opens and a string of Upper School students unfurls into the room. "They're here," Ms. Gallagher says. "Meet your Poetry Pals."

To these third-graders, the lanky teenagers from Judy Michael's Creative Writing class are nothing less than rock stars. Way cooler than adults. And, best of all, they love poetry, too! Together, these big and little Poetry Pals will explore poems in new ways — sharing old favorites (Dr. Seuss), finding new ones (Jane Yolen) and collaborating on original verses to share with their classmates.

"The absolutely brilliant part is the moment the Upper Schoolers walk into this classroom," Ms. Gallagher said. "That's when the magic begins."

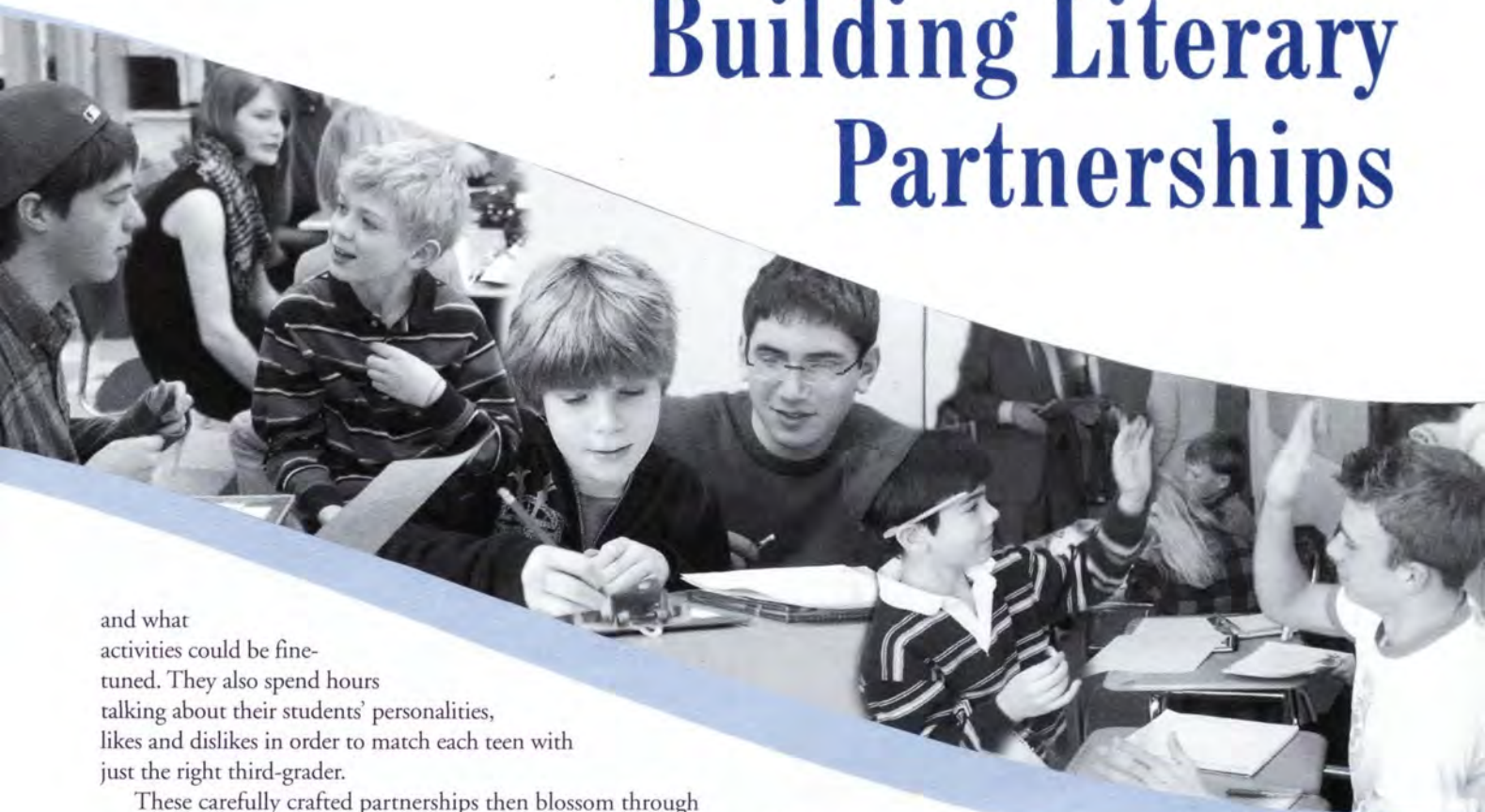
Actually, the magic began about 15 years ago when Ms. Gallagher teamed up with Ms. Michaels, PDS Poet-in-Residence, to create the Poetry Pals project. Ms. Michaels, an accomplished poet and advocate of poetry in schools, inspired Ms. Gallagher while speaking at a regional education seminar. "I thought, that's the kind of work I love to do," Ms. Gallagher recalled.

The learning environment at Princeton Day School encourages such innovative lessons and collaboration among lower, middle and upper schools students, the teachers said. Today, Poetry Pals is just one example of teachers — and students — reaching across divisions. The program has become a tradition at PDS and a model for other classroom partnerships.

After sharing one Poetry Pals session, Head of School Paul J. Stellato applauded the program. "This kind of collaboration one finds only in JK-12 schools, and it demonstrates the richness of a curriculum stretching across 14 grades."

Poetry plays a key role in the lives of both Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Michaels and they enjoy sharing that love of language, imagery and emotion with their students. They keep the curriculum fresh by searching out new poets and constantly evaluating what worked

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and what activities could be fine-tuned. They also spend hours talking about their students' personalities, likes and dislikes in order to match each teen with just the right third-grader.

These carefully crafted partnerships then blossom through a variety of writing assignments requiring young students to employ analytical, communication and writing skills while challenging the older students to discard teen-angst as a subject and write for a specific audience.

"This project works for children in so many ways," Ms. Michaels said.

Before meeting their pals, Lower School students write a letter detailing who they are, which authors they prefer and the specific genre of writing – two-voice poem, haiku, memoir – they enjoy most. Upper School pals respond by sharing photos and information about books and writers they liked as third-graders. After their first meeting, Upper Schoolers use what they've learned from talking with their pals to write them a poem. Then, the pals collaborate on an original poem shared at a poetry party. Upper School students also write a poem for class based on childhood memories, often those evoked by revisiting Lower School.

"To have (Upper Schoolers) as role models and to see older kids who use writers notebooks means so much to my third-graders," Ms. Gallagher said. "We're just at the beginning as writers but it shows that poetry can be a part of your life."

Several of this year's Upper School participants remembered Poetry Pals from their own Lower School days. Returning to

their former classroom, they were delighted to see the familiar "author's chair" but amused at no longer fitting into the desks.

"You definitely get some serious flashbacks!" said **Charlotte Lescroart '09**.

Jason Kilbourne '10 was surprised to see Ms. Gallagher still displays his drawing of a red and gold dragon. He remembered being awed by the poem written for him by his older pal and was eager to share his ongoing love of Dr. Seuss with his pal, **Christian Brune '18**.

"I had no idea back then that these people—who were three feet taller than me—possessed the same emotions I did then," Jason recalled. "As a third-grader, I thought that poem was the most amazing thing ever."



PDS teachers Judy Michaels, left, and Bev Gallagher.

Charlotte can still name her former Upper School partner—**Kyle Boatwright '05**—and recall how much she admired her enthusiasm for writing. This year, Charlotte worked with **Hannah Rafferty '18** and enjoyed the third-grader's creative imagery and love of fantasy. That love of fantasy inspired Charlotte to write her partner a poem about a raindrop fairy.

"It's a cool opportunity to be connected with Lower School," she said. "And it was fun to have this little person looking up to me."

Indeed, the timing of Poetry Pals is no accident. The project

A Moonlight Symphony

The toad rested on his soft green lily pad
content after a hearty meal
of evening crickets and fresh water lettuce.
The sleepy light of the stars appeared,
luminous twinkles on his bumpy
green and brown camouflage back, he
hops —
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into the dark water
eyes peering from under the blue-green surface
beneath the ripples of moonlight reflected in the water
his body hidden from the shimmering stars...
off in the distance, a symphony of crickets
perform a midnight show for an eager audience
the orchestra plays its violins and cellos in sweet harmony,
shadows ripple in the murky pond water.

— Ellis & James

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—which focuses almost as much on the fun of sharing Tootsie Roll Pops, candy canes and homemade brownies as on poetry—stretches over the first weeks of December, when exams, grades and college applications can ratchet up the anxiety for Upper School students.

"This was definitely something I looked forward to as I was sitting in physics class," Jason said. "It's a good release."

Ms. Michaels uses poetry and the interaction with children to lighten their mood. For example, requiring her students to read Jack Prelutsky poems, she dictates: "Read all the poems and poem excerpts ALOUD to hear the rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, etc. Enjoy the silliness — *that's an order!*"

"Sometimes there is a tension in the Upper School, a focus on achievement," said Ms. Michaels. "I do think there is something very special about going back to third grade while in Upper School that jolts them into realizing it's not 'all about them.'"

Yet behind all this frivolity lurks a serious academic challenge.

"This was good break from the day-to-day schedule," said **Ellis Ratner '10**. "But it was probably one of the more difficult writing assignments."

After talking with his partner, Ellis used **James Wellemeyer's** desire for a pet and love of haiku to write a poem about frogs. And while Ellis usually likes to play with vocabulary and alliteration in his poems, this time he thought about what an eight-year-old would enjoy and focused more on imagery.

"There are many reasons to write poetry," said Ellis. "This is an exercise that expands your poetic voice—it's sort of a way to answer the question about what looking back on childhood means..."

"Trying to get into the mind of a child and combine that with my own perspective—there's something anyone could take away from that." ■

FacultyNotes

Creative Thinking about Creative Writing

Princeton Day School Poet-in-Residence Judy Michaels has been awarded a sabbatical for the 2009-2010 academic year to write her third book focused on teaching.

Ms. Michaels, who also has written several books of poetry, will use her time away from the classroom to explore connections between genres in the high school writing curriculum and the need to make more room for creative writing "on the theory that all good writing—from analytical, persuasive and research-based papers to fiction, poetry and plays—is creative." The book will be a National Council of Teachers of English Press publication.

"In writing my two previous NCTE books, I found that I learned a great deal that I could bring to my cross-divisional work at PDS," said Ms. Michaels.

"I've loved the opportunities this school offers for creative thinking. I hope that working on the research and writing for this new manuscript will offer another such opportunity for me and for PDS."

Penn State Honors PDS Teacher

Third Grade Teacher Bev Gallagher was honored in October by the Pennsylvania State University College of Education with the 2008 Leadership and Service Award. The award "recognizes those alums who have distinguished themselves in their chosen professions" ...based on achievement and service, according to the Penn State announcement.

Science Award Finances Library

When Upper School Science Teacher Barbara Maloney was selected as the New Jersey recipient of the 2006-07 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, she daydreamed about how to spend the \$1,000 award.

Then she read an interview with former Microsoft executive John Wood about his "Room to Read" project—and knew that money was going to help build a library in Vietnam.

"I believed in their motto, that 'world change starts with educated children'," Ms. Maloney said.

She sent a donation in early 2007 and heard ...nothing. Two years later, Ms. Maloney received confirmation this spring from the Room to Read program that her donation had helped create a library at Phuoc Ly Secondary School in a poor, remote region southwest of Ho Chi Minh city.

Photos of the library show children in school uniforms playing games and reading at long tables in a sunny freshly painted room. "This library was established through the cooperation of the local community with Room to Read," states a plaque on the wall, thanking Ms. Maloney and others for their generous donations. The school librarian called the new library "a great gift."

"I got that award and this is what came of it," Ms. Maloney said. "To think this happened because of that is unbelievable."

For more information, visit www.roomtoread.org ■

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AlumniNews

Hello Alums!

It's hard to believe we are already nearing the end of another school year. For me, it seems a bit *too* soon as it marks the end of my term as President of the Alumni Board.

Thank you to my fellow Board members for their incredible energy, enthusiasm and thoughtfulness. It has been a great honor serving with them and I am proud of our results: record-breaking attendance at the 2008 Alumni Weekend, donations to financial aid through our sales of Pantherwear, great events around the region including our first Young Alumni Pub Night, a rocking Career Day and the introduction of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, to name a few.

And a big thank-you to all our Reunion Chairs, Class Agents and volunteers. None of the above could have been possible without your dedication and hard work.

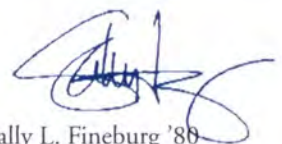
I am sure our returning Board members, along with our incoming members for 2009-2010, will continue to bring new, creative ideas to help you stay connected to PDS. Please join me in welcoming President-elect **Galete Levin '96**, Vice President-elect of Alumni Activities **Sarah Beatty Raterman '91** and new members **Whitney Ross '84**, **Ben Frost '92**, **Sara Lott '96**, **Giovanna Torchio '98** and **Adrena Cunningham '99**. I encourage you to get to know all these dedicated alums from Miss Fine's, Princeton Country Day and PDS — and to share your talents, as well.

We can't wait to see you back on campus May 15-16 for Alumni Weekend 2009! We have a new schedule of events which will give you a chance to see PDS in action as well as to take part in all the fun. Catch up with old friends and faculty and join in honoring our Alumni Award recipients **Erica Frank '79** (Achievement), **Jill Goldman '74** (Service) and **Patrick Holmes '99** (Outstanding Young Alumni) as well as the Athletic Hall of Fame honorees **Howard "Mac" McMorris '59**, **Lauren Welsh '99** and the entire 1983-84 Boys Varsity Soccer Team.

Remember, whether you're in the neighborhood or at the far reaches of the globe, you can stay connected through issues of the *Journal* and the PDS website. Visit our virtual Alumni Community at 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. Or check out our page on Facebook; just look for Princeton Day School Alumni Group.

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

Come join the fun!!



Sally L. Fineburg '80
 President



Jill Goldman '74

A Whirlwind with a Calm Center

JILL GOLDMAN '74 has journeyed from being a Princeton Day School student to guiding her four children through the school to leading its Parents Association. Yet she remains very much the person the 1974 Link describes as "a whirlwind" who "laughs at everything." Both qualities have proved useful as she juggles the demands of a consulting business with motherhood and her PA presidency. Her seemingly effortless efficiency has made her an invaluable volunteer for PDS and the surrounding community and on May 16 the school will honor her extraordinary contributions with its Alumni Service Award.

"Jill has always been an innovator, a risk taker and a forward thinker," says Ruthellen Rubin who was Parents Association president in 2002-2003 and is now a consultant to nonprofit organizations and professor of technology at New York University. "She is a life-long learner and is excited by new ideas, especially when they have to do with technology."

"But what I love most about Jill is her extremely evolved emotional thinking. A mother of four children, she is calm, systematic and very funny. She never overreacts and is able to put things into perspective. When I was PA president, I always kept Jill close by. She was the voice of reason and also that person who could create structure out of chaos. Still, today, I keep Jill close by. She works with me in my nonprofit consulting practice — still the voice of reason and someone who can create structure out of chaos."

The Parents Association first enlisted Ms. Goldman to be a first grade class parent. "It didn't seem hard," she says, "until the grade parent went on vacation that winter and we had one snow day after another. I had to call every first grade parent every night to say there would be a delayed opening and then again the next morning to revise that and say school would be closed."

That experience underscored the importance of an efficient communications network. When Ms. Goldman chaired the Communications Committee in 2002, parents wanted to create a newsletter for middle and upper school parents similar to the *Lower School Bulletin*. They did not want to count on students to



hand deliver it, yet did not want to spend money for postage. So Ms. Rubin turned to Ms. Goldman and her computer expertise.

"Jill came up with the 'revolutionary' idea of emailing the newsletter to middle and upper school parents," Ms. Rubin says. "We began to collect emails through parents' registration materials and began the process of pushing information to parents electronically. When the school decided it was time for them to communicate by email, the PA, under Jill's direction, already had the system well under control."

"Ruthellen enlisted me to get involved on the technology side. I would always come in through the geek back door," Ms. Goldman laughs. "I do the really geeky underpinnings."

Ruthellen knew I was technical. Whenever I was bored, I'd write a data base application for whatever I was volunteering on. I wrote a big application for the Angels benefit and I got to the point where I actually added an algorithm that would calculate a score for everyone indicating how likely it was they would come!"

Though Ms. Goldman jokes about her technological bent, it has proved of enormous value to the school. Her preference for the "back door" rather than the front, is an effort to avoid any fanfare over the work she takes on so willingly. One of the "doors" she has slipped through is the *PDS Directory*. Few are aware that Ms. Goldman is responsible for formatting the entire booklet for printing.

"I don't know what we'd do without her help," says Ann Wiley '70 who is responsible for the directory's publication. While directing the Annual Fund, Ms. Wiley also counted on Ms. Goldman's volunteer help. "She's come up with some very creative, interesting, fun Annual Fund appeals as a class parent," Ms. Wiley says. "She's good with people and doesn't get flustered when she has too much to do. She just does it. She's a no-nonsense type, very down to earth and she has a great spirit." In 2007, after 13 years as an Annual Fund volunteer, Ms. Goldman was honored with the Robert Marquis Annual Fund Volunteer Award.

Ms. Goldman has a B.S. in chemistry from Lehigh University and an M.B.A. from Wharton. Through the years her expertise has benefited a variety of Parents Association activities. She chaired the Angels benefit, the Fund Raising Committee, the Book Fair,

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Erica Frank '79

Healing People and Our Planet

IT IS ONE THING TO hold strong convictions. It is quite another to make them an integral part of your life and be able to communicate your ideas in a way that advances your point of view and brings real change to the world. Erica Frank '79 has been able to do all that and more. She is a physician whose highly regarded research in preventive medicine is now part of the curriculum at many medical schools, and her published articles, television appearances, medical website and international collaborations have extended her message to thousands. Her contributions will be recognized at Princeton Day School this spring when she returns to accept the 2009 Alumni Achievement Award on May 16.

Dr. Frank is a professor in the School of Population and Public Health and a Canada Research Chair at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. In addition, she is a Senior Scholar of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research.

She is as enthusiastic about her work as she is committed. "I adore my work!" she says. "I loved seeing patients. It was very gratifying, but I find it's even more gratifying to be able to affect a wider community. I think that if being a good doc is about helping people, being a *very* good doc can be about helping *lots* of people."

Dr. Frank is involved with three major projects. First, she is the founder and executive director of Health Sciences Online (<http://www.hso.info>), the largest and most comprehensive website to deliver free and ad-free health sciences information. Materials are selected from over 50,000 accredited educational sources including universities, governments and professional societies.

Second, she is the founder and principal investigator of the "Healthy Doc = Healthy Patient" initiative that definitively established that a physician's health is directly linked to that of his or her patients and could be used as a method for improving the health of whole populations. Her research proved that doctors who exercise and eat a balanced diet are 50 percent more likely to talk to their patients about a healthy lifestyle and influence them to adopt good habits.

"Preventive Medicine and Population Health is rapidly becoming one of the most significant fields of medicine in the 21st century," says Doug Fein '79, a nationally recognized radiation oncologist. "Prevention is the direction that medicine is going



and this movement is heralded by folks like Erica. She has published papers in some of the most respected medical journals including four papers as first author in *the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*."

Dr. Frank's third focus is her environmental advocacy. In spite of a demanding work schedule, she manages to devote much of her time to volunteer projects. She served on the national board of the American College of Preventive Medicine. She also has been very active in Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), an affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. The group opposes nuclear war and helps mitigate envi-

ronmental health issues caused by global warming and toxic pollution. She served as PSR's president in 2008 and has been a board member for ten years, overlapping her term with that of Washington physician Andy Harris '57, the 2007 Alumni Service Award recipient.

"Erica combines the best of academic medicine with activism for social change," Dr. Harris says. "Her positive attitude, sense of humor and can-do spirit are an inspiration to all who have the pleasure to work with her."

Dr. Frank's concern for the environment is reflected in her personal life. For many years she lived in Atlanta with her husband and son in eco-sensitive co-housing, a community in which families share some parenting responsibilities and share meals in a common dining room. In the mid-90s, she and her husband co-designed and built the only totally energy independent house in Georgia as a weekend house in a 24,000-acre wilderness area. Currently, the family lives in campus housing and Dr. Frank is one of four "co-mayors" of the 5,000 person community. She commutes primarily by bike, bus or on foot but drives a Prius when necessary.

Dr. Frank graduated from PDS at age 15, attended Smith College and went on to earn her medical degree from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia and a Master's in Public Health from Emory. During her Preventive Medicine residency at Yale University, she served as a medical editor for Lifetime Medical

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F. Patrick Holmes III '99

Helping Business Appreciate the Other Kind of Green

PAT HOLMES '99 HAS done what few involved in the environmental movement have been able to accomplish: He has harnessed the dream of preserving our resources to the realities of good business. The fact that he has done it within 10 years of graduating from Princeton Day School has earned him the first Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

"I'm not surprised by this," says Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker, who was Mr. Holmes' advisor and lacrosse coach. "You got a sense that he was going to do things. He was a force within the class. He had a way of swaying people and was incredibly thoughtful. I had deep respect for him."

Mr. Holmes serves as conservation program coordinator for the Colorado Conservation Trust, a nonprofit state organization dedicated to preserving land by uniting the efforts of local, state and national groups. The group ushered in a new way of thinking about conservation by engaging the efforts of such seemingly disparate groups as the business community, foundations, individual farmers and state legislators to develop policies, set priorities, provide technical expertise and raise funds for its projects. Since its founding in 2000, CCT has contributed to the protection of more than 30,000 acres of land.

"Our approach is pretty unique," Mr. Holmes says. "We're sort of a community foundation, working with all spectrums, from big national foundations that are trying to build different strategies to pour money into the places that need it the most, to individual landowners, farmers and ranchers that have been on the land for generations and are interested in finding ways to overcome the economic pressures and protect their land and the quality of life in their communities."

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

The Princeton Day School Alumni Board is pleased to introduce this award honoring an alumna/us who graduated within the past 10 years who has made significant contributions to civic or professional organizations, whose life is characterized by creativity, curiosity and community service and who reflects the highest ideals of Princeton Day School.



Mr. Holmes works "to get the incentives right" so the benefits of cooperation are apparent and people will *want* to protect their resources. "We're trying to pull together different sources of funding," he says. "The goal is to bring together enough resources to compete with the folks who like to develop land for other uses. The idea is that CCT can bring together more resources and more expertise and deliver them to the places that need them the most. We're sort of working against the clock in conservation efforts because land, especially here in Colorado, is being developed at an unprecedented rate."

"Working with people is the very best part of this," Mr. Holmes adds. "We're all

about relationship building, using the land as a vehicle for bringing people together. The really exciting thing is connecting the people back to the land. Trends show we're increasingly becoming disconnected from our natural areas and this kind of work is all about rebuilding those connections, whether it's to save land in the mountains or protect parks and open space in the cities."

Mr. Holmes' interest in conservation began in his teens and was channeled by two courses he took at PDS: environmental science with Science Department Chair Carlos Cara, which was a relatively new elective then, and economics with History Department Chair George Sanderson.

"PDS was a big part of it," Mr. Holmes says. "I really started to develop an interest in the overlap between Carlos' environmental science class and George's economics class. At the time all signs were pointing to the two courses being irreconcilable. A big part of what I set out to do when I left PDS was to find new ways to fit those pieces together. And that's kind of been the driving force for the angle on environmental work that I've been taking ever since."

Mr. Cara remembers Mr. Holmes as a leader. "He obviously had the talent to pull all the pieces together, but I feel the interdisciplinary approach at PDS augmented his talent," he says. "It's always great when a school can ignite a student's interest in that way."

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served on the Campaign's Parent Gift Committee and helps with the auction. Outside PDS, she sang with Princeton Pro Musica and served on its board as well as the board of Greenwood House in Trenton. In her role as Parents Association president, she sits on the PDS Board of Trustees and serves on the Educational Policy and Diversity steering committees.

"I like being involved here," she says. "It's organized, which many schools aren't." As for serving on the board, she says, "It's refreshing. I think the PDS board runs efficiently and appropriately and the way you would expect a well-run organization's board to run."

"My goals this year are to provide a smooth and harmonious year for (new Head of School) Paul Stellato," Ms. Goldman says. "My second goal is to create a one-school feeling for the parents. To that end, I asked a person from the development office to give us updates on the parents' section of the Annual Fund because we're a part of that too. Another joint project is to give coffees for past parents so they still feel part of the school. Any connection that we can maintain among parents and students and past parents and alumni of the school is a good thing."

Looking forward to her 35th reunion, Ms. Goldman is in a unique position to compare PDS today with the school she knew as a student. "I think it still feels like a home," she says. ■

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Television. She completed a three-year fellowship training in preventive medicine at Stanford University. She was a professor at the Emory University School of Medicine from 1993 to 2006 and, while living in Georgia, also worked as the health reporter for the central Georgia ABC-TV affiliate and the Medical News Network. She was co-editor-in-chief of the scientific journal *Preventive Medicine* from 1994 to 1999, and even wrote a medical column for *Vogue* magazine.

Dr. Frank feels much of her confidence was fostered at PDS. "The thing that was so really important to the rest of my learning and productivity," she says, "was the

amount of autonomy that students were given and the respect they were given to be able to conceive ideas and projects."

She credits the late Anne Shepherd for not only teaching her English, but how to approach learning. She also worked with Ms. Shepherd to organize wreath making and caroling projects for the Social Services Committee. "That was really important to me," she says. "It was my first training in that kind of thing." She also is grateful to former Music Department Chair Frank Jacobson, who offered to let her to sing in Madrigals if she would learn to play the French horn and play in the orchestra. "It was a remarkable way to build a sense of 'I can do whatever I want if I persevere,'" she says.

"Erica's an extraordinary individual," says PDS classmate Muna Shehadi Sill. "She was always herself — an indomitable person who didn't let other people's opinions shape who she was or what she wanted to do."

With typical generosity, Dr. Frank helps perpetuate the opportunities she received at PDS. She is planning a seminar for alumni during her visit in May and has returned twice over the years to address the student environmental club, EnAct.

"She was terrific," says PDS English Teacher Liz Cutler, who leads the club. "She spoke about the house she and her husband built but the real subtext of the conversation was about living your principles, about feeling passionate about the environment and actually doing something about it. The students were so inspired by her because she was walking the walk as well as talking the talk. She was a complete, high powered professional, but bought her clothes second hand and only had one or two pairs of shoes so as not to use unnecessary resources on the planet. The students, particularly the young women, spoke about her for a long time after she left." ■

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"In economics," says Mr. Sanderson, "we spent a good amount of time examining environmental economics—the decision process that drives people to create negative externalities (pollution, for example) and what society can, and does, do to 'internalize' these externalities. I remem-

ber Pat being a fun, passionate student who was a hard-working, thoughtful young man."

Mr. Holmes' love for the land only grew during the years he spent at Colorado College. After graduating *Phi Beta Kappa* with a degree in Natural Resource Management and Policy, he worked as the program coordinator for the State of the Rockies Project (stateoftherockies.com) and co-founded and co-edited the first and second annual State of the Rockies Report Cards which graded communities on a variety of environmental and socioeconomic factors and highlighted ways to interface between conservation and economic development. The 2005 report was a finalist for the Colorado Book Award. Also in 2005, Mr. Holmes was selected as one of 18 international conservation fellows to participate in a month-long seminar at the Kinship Conservation Institute, studying the application of market-based techniques to conservation problems. He is a prolific writer and has published an array of articles for scientific journals and area newspapers.

During the 2004 presidential campaign, Mr. Holmes founded a nonprofit organization called Paddle for the Presidency that sought to improve voter turnout among the young with a canoe trip down the Mississippi River and the Get Your Friends to Vote Campaign. He recently received his master's degree in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies where he was named a Wyss Scholar for his commitment to conservation in the American West.

Today Mr. Holmes takes full advantage of his surroundings — backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, skiing and mountain climbing. He also volunteers in support of a nonprofit group called Elephant Energy, which aims to deploy small scale renewable energy technologies to rural communities in Namibia.

A month before he returns for the Alumni Day ceremony, Mr. Holmes will travel cross-country to give the keynote address to PDS juniors and seniors at Career Day.

"This award is motivation for me to keep going," Mr. Holmes says. "The key is to find how we can be as strategic as possible, how we can work together in partnerships as effectively as possible, so we can make an impact now for future generations." ■

Spotlight on Young Alumni

*From Middle School to the Web:
PDS Lifers Produce Drama Series*

By Chris Palsho '02

ACTION! It is February 29, 2008. Princeton Day School “lifers” and Class of 2002 members **Nathaniel Halpern** and **Chris Palsho** are weighed down by camera equipment as they hike up a mountain in southern California to get a crucial shot for the first episode of their new web series entitled “Looking For Grace.”

The project is their first collaboration since their senior year at PDS. The temperature is rising, the climb becoming steeper by the step – both of them silently wondering if this single shot from atop the mountain will be worth the trouble. They push on, the trail coming to an end, forcing them to pass off equipment, pulling each other up and over boulders until there are no more to surpass. They have reached the top and the view is far more impressive than they had imagined — but there is no time to take in the sights, for their work is just beginning... AND CUT!

“Looking For Grace” is a ten-episode series with an intriguing plot: After a young man, (Harold) discovers his memories have been replaced by those of a mysterious woman named Grace, he sets out on a journey to find her, hoping to reclaim that which he has forgotten; however, along the road, he discovers a strange world, in which nothing is as it seems – and that he is not the only one *looking for Grace*.

Chris recalls his first meeting with Nathaniel about creation of the show. “Our goal was simple: produce a quality, original, and beautiful story for the online space; however, we both knew accomplishing that would not be as simple.”

The two life-long friends met at PDS in Junior Kindergarten (1987) but it wasn’t until sixth grade that they teamed up to film several scenes from the novel *To Kill A Mockingbird* for an English class project – and a working relationship was born. Between grades six and twelve, Chris

and Nathaniel collaborated on numerous short films, culminating in their feature length project “Long Holiday” at the end of their senior year.

Nathaniel went on to complete his undergraduate studies at the NYU Tisch School of Film & Television, while Chris pursued economics at Bates College in Maine. The two stayed close over the years, but never imagining their creative paths would cross again.

After college, Chris took a job in Boston as an analyst in the Media and Technology group for Digitas, one of the leading online ad agencies. During his time there, Chris started to follow a growing trend in the online space called the “webisode” (similar to a television show, with multiple episodes, but created for the internet). Unimpressed with the existing content, Chris recognized the potential of the new medium and began to think about how he could get in on the ground floor. The stage was set and he knew just who to call.

Having graduated from college a semester early, Nathaniel had spent the following year working on a feature length project, “The Beaten Path,” an original screenplay optioned by an independent producer during his junior year at NYU. But a lack of financing had put that project on hold and now Nathaniel was intrigued by his classmate’s idea.

Chris traveled to New York in June 2007 to pitch Nathaniel on the concept of a webseries. Nathaniel had brought a friend from NYU, Aaron Rabin, who had recently received the award for Best Picture at the NYU film festival.

“I told them to think of this as part of their resume—if it was a success, it could



Chris Palsho



Nathaniel Halpern

mean bigger and better projects in the future,” Chris said. “By the time I was finished, Nate said he was in and he’d have some-thing for me soon. Sure

enough about a month later he sent me the scripts for all ten episodes of “Looking For Grace”...

“We had a show. It had been five years since our last project—we were overdue.”

Nathaniel liked the idea from the outset. “I had never written anything episodic before and I saw this as an opportunity to try something new. I got right to work and had a draft of the series not long after that initial talk.”

In 2008, Nathaniel and Aaron both moved to Los Angeles to begin production. Meanwhile, Chris stayed in Boston to work on the marketing angle. When it came time to build a website, Chris and Nathaniel called on **Michael Highland '03**, a talented architecture and art student who attended the University of Pennsylvania’s Digital Media Design program. He instantly got on board and the team was complete.

As the *Journal* was going to print, more than half the series has been filmed and edited. The team was talking with multiple online properties and potential distribution partners, but they remained focused on completing production and growing their fan-base through their website. To join the fun, watch trailers and sign up for the “Looking For Grace” newsletter, visit www.lookingforgrace.com. You can also become a fan on Facebook (search for “Looking For Grace”)

If you would like to pitch in, make suggestions or ask questions, Chris is eager to hear from you at ChrisPalsho@gmail.com.



Mens Hockey players included: Tom Gates '78, Chris Horan '79, Mike Shannon '79, Jon Drezner '81, Scott Egner '81, Stephen (Tebo) Thomas '81, Newell Thompson '82, Tom Rossmassler '86, Rick Crowley '01, Sean Skeehan '01, John Garrett Denise '02, Scott Schaub '02, Michael Crowley '04, Laddie Sanford '04, Lawrence Shannon '04, Will Denise '05, Rajiv Mallipudi '05, Brett DePace '07, Martin Rose '07, John Sydlo '07, Clint O'Brien '08, Nick Jabs '09, Brooks Herr '10 and Schuyler Samse '11.

Games Unite Varsity, Alumni Athletes

Photos from the annual Thanksgiving Alumni vs Varsity Games November 28 on the PDS campus.

Rematch:

Alumni Weekend, May 15-16.

For more information, email Tracey Gates at tgates@pds.org.



Women's Hockey players included: Natasha Jaques Nolan '00, Alix Warren '02, Elisa Cichonski '08, Katherine Levinton '08, Dana Lerner '10, Courtland Lackey '10, Lilia Sanzalone '11, Stephanie Sydlo '10, Carly O'Brien '11, Megan Ofner '12, and varsity coaches Kat Smithson and Gretchen Jaeckel.



Soccer players included Jim Laughlin '80, Kevin Groome '81, Arthur Rotberg '92, Mark Treilman '99, Chris Palsbo '02, Sean Massimo '04, Andrew Sachs '04, Pierre Hoppenot '05, Nick Maloney '05, John Maher '06, James Cole '08, Alon Debiche '08, Antoine Hoppenot '08, Steward Johnson '08, Alexa Maher '08, Kevin Shannon '08, Evan Sachs '08, Maxime Hoppenot '11, Laila Razzaghi '11 and Paul Zetterberg '12.

Mens Basketball players included Joey Gallo '99, Rob Farina '00, Brendon Hart, '00, Paris McLean '00, Pierre Downing '00, Wilson Weed '01, Parker Curtis '02, Daniel Mykyn '02, John Patterson '02, Asante Brooks '06, Drew Godwin '06, Ram Narayanan '06, Liadi Onitiri '06, Andrew Dowdie '07, Zach Shechtel '07, Chris Bonnaig '10 and Alan Tybak (former coach).



Few activities cement the bonds of respect and friendship like team sports. The exceptional athletes who will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame this year took great joy from contributing to the success of their teammates and, while their individual skill was apparent, so was their remarkable teamwork. **Howard "Mac" McMorris** and **Lauren Welsh** will be honored for excelling on three interscholastic teams and, for the first time, an entire team will be recognized. The **1983 Boys Soccer Team** will be inducted with both Mr. McMorris and Ms. Welsh during a celebration at 5:30 p.m. May 16 during Alumni Weekend.

2009 Athletic Hall of Fame

Howard "Mac" McMorris '59, Lauren Welsh '99 and 1983 Varsity Boys Soccer Team



Howard McMorris '59

Howard McMorris '59

Howard "Mac" McMorris played soccer, ice hockey and baseball, sports where injury is not unexpected. An award-winning athlete at Princeton Country Day School, Deerfield Academy and Princeton University, he ended his interscholastic career unscathed, only to be injured by the bad aim of an 11-year-old girl with a tennis ball — an accident that may have saved his life.

Mr. McMorris was drafted and scheduled to report for duty with the Marines in the fall of 1966. While teaching at a tennis camp that summer, he suffered a detached retina after a ball hit by a young camper struck him in the eye. The injury resulted in successful eye surgery and a permanent draft exemption. Instead of being shipped to the jungles of Southeast Asia just as the Viet Nam War was heating up, he went to Paris and began a career in international banking.

The accident changed the direction of his life but hardly derailed his competitive spirit. "I was advised to avoid any direct blows to the head," he says, "so I played a lot of squash and tennis and took up skiing and golf."

Today Mr. McMorris is one of the leading figures in court tennis. Known as the original racquet sport, it is a fast-paced game first played in the 13th century in the enclosed courtyards of French monasteries. Mr. McMorris is a board member of the United States Court Tennis Association and chaired the "World Overs" international tournaments in 2002 and 2008. He has twice played on the US team in matches against France, England and Australia and captained the New York Whitney Cup team for 15 years until he chose a successor last December.

Nick Hare '59 played soccer and ice hockey with Mr. McMorris at PCD and competed against him at their respective boarding schools. "Mac was a good athlete: focused and smart," he says. "He was very measured, very calm,

very steady, very businesslike. He was a solid performer all the time. He used to drive me crazy when I was at Choate and played against him. He was like a pyramid. And he was a nice guy!"

PCD classmate **Charlie Stuart**, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2006, remembers, "Mac was someone you could always count on in a hockey game, a steady player who could set up **Steve Cook** ('59) in the center position, both at PCD and later on at Princeton University. I played against them both when I was at Dartmouth, and they were a tough combination."

Mr. Cook agrees. "He was the granite. As a defenseman, Mac was the guy you could always rely on to be where you needed him. He was the bulwark of our defense at Princeton."

Mr. McMorris also made Princeton's soccer team but when he was selected to sing with the Nassoons, the university's oldest *a capella* group, he dropped soccer. He still maintains a balance between art and athletics and is active in singing groups in New York City and Philadelphia.

Mr. McMorris feels the town of Princeton had much to do with his interest in sports. "It was the best place to grow up you can imagine," he says. "We watched every Princeton football and hockey game. We would spend the whole day in Dillon Gym watching wrestling, fencing and basketball."

Bikes gave Mr. McMorris and his friends mobility, and responsibility, at an early age. "There were probably 12 of us who would ride bikes out to Mathey's Pond," he recalls. "We would play hockey for about five hours, get bloody noses, fall through the ice — and there was not a single parent anywhere around. It was a different time."

Howard McMorris II '59

Princeton Country Day School

Varsity Soccer, 2 years, Co-captain
Varsity Ice Hockey, 2 years
Varsity Baseball, 2 years

Deerfield

Varsity Tennis, 1 year
Varsity Soccer, 2 years, Captain & MVP '61,
Holbrook Ellis Soccer Cup for sportsmanship
Varsity Ice Hockey, 3 years, Deerfield Hockey
Cup for Outstanding Play

Princeton University

Varsity Ice Hockey, 3 years, Blackwell Trophy
for Sportsmanship, Play, Influence and
Outstanding Contributions

Post College

US Court Tennis Association, Board Member,
1994-present
US Court Tennis Preservation Foundation,
Board member, 2007-present
New York Racquet & Tennis Club, Games
Committee, 1993-present
Whitney Cup Court Tennis Team, 1986-present;
Captain of NY Team, 1993-2008
Over-50 Cockram Cup Court Tennis Team, Paris, 2000
Over-55 US National Doubles Court Tennis
Champion, 2004
Over-60 Bostwick Cup Court Tennis Team,
London, 2004

Lauren Welsh '99

Lauren Welsh '99 did not pick up a field hockey stick until fifth grade but once she did, the magic began. She still holds the record for career goals in field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse at PDS and in field hockey at Dartmouth College but, as much as her spectacular goals, people remember her huge smile and unfailing sportsmanship.

"Her smile and everything about her is contagious," says PDS Physical Education Teacher and Peer Group Director Jill Thomas, who coached her in field hockey



and lacrosse and selected her as a Peer Leader. "She's fun to be around. She's a natural leader, on and off the field."

Tina Flores '99 became friends with Ms. Welsh in first grade and played field hockey with her for six years. "You could just tell she had a love of the game," she says. "She knew it was a team sport and she always played that way. She made everyone a better player. You felt safe when she had the ball. You just knew something great was about to happen."

What usually happened was a goal. "She had the best touch in the circle I've ever seen," says Leslie Hagan, PDS coach and physical education teacher.

Coach Thomas agrees. "Take the Mercer County Tournament. She scored four different ways: on a penalty stroke, a touch corner, a direct shot and an assist. She never settled. She had the

ability to put the ball in the net in all the sports she played."

Ice hockey goalie Sharon Herbert '99 recalls playing with Ms. Welsh as juniors against Lawrenceville. "We had never beaten Lawrenceville and it drove us nuts!" she says. "So it came down to the last 15 seconds of the game and we were tied, and Lauren got a breakaway, skated around everyone on the ice, shot — and their goalie blocked it, but there was a rebound. I'll never forget being at the other end of the ice and seeing the clock above her with the seconds ticking away and Lauren going after that rebound. She gets it — shoots it



Lauren Welsh '99

— and another rebound! At this point she was on her stomach and took her stick and poked at the puck with maybe three seconds left . . . and scored! It was insane, but a typical Lauren move, playing until the last second, even when she's on her

stomach and just doing everything she can to get that puck in the net."

That friendship was apparent when Ms. Herbert was sidelined with an injury for the most important game of the season. "Watching from the bench was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do," she says. "However, when we won, instead of celebrating with the team, Lauren came right over and helped carry me across the ice so I could be part of the celebration."

"Everything is better among friends," Lauren says. "On a team, you work harder, push each other and the victories are sweeter."

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"Athletics has given me the self confidence to go after what I want to achieve, despite how daunting it might look from the outset," Ms. Welsh says. "I also learned to cope with a loss. Not only how to react when I lose, but how to re-evaluate and prioritize, in order to fight back and recover."

Of course, it is the victories she savors. After winning the state field hockey championship in 1998, Ms. Welsh was asked how she felt and replied, "It's better than anything you've ever felt in your whole life. Think of the best thing you can and it's better."

Lauren Welsh '99

Princeton Day School

Varsity Field Hockey, 4 years, MVP '97, '98, Tri-Captain '98,
Record Holder in Career Goals
STX/NFCA High School All American 2nd Team '98
CJFHCA All Star 2nd Team '97, 1st Team '98; Prep A All Star 1st Team '98;
Sports Illustrated "Faces in the Crowd" 3/22/99 issue
Varsity Ice Hockey, 4 years, MVP '97, '98, '99, Captain '99
Record Holder in Career Goals
Varsity Lacrosse, 4 years, MVP '98, '99, Captain '99
Record Holder in Career Goals (212)
NJ High Scorer
Central Jersey All Star South Divisional 1st Team '99;
All Prep A 1st Team '99
NJISAA Scholar Athlete Award '99
Gold "P"

Dartmouth College

Varsity Field Hockey, 4 years, Captain '02
Record Holder in Career Goals (47)
Record Holder in Total Points (113)

1983 Boys Soccer Team

When members of the varsity soccer team assembled on Pagoda Field for pre-season practice in the summer of 1983, they were already in an enviable position, unbeaten in all but one game the year before. During the next ten weeks, they continued to demolish the competition, outscoring their opponents 96-11 and blasting their way to a 21-0-2 record to become the only undefeated team in New Jersey. In the process, they built their unbeaten streak to 34, tied Lawrenceville in overtime in the finals of the Mercer County Championship and beat Pennington to capture their third consecutive Prep B title.

"We had a caliber of player that was really special," recalls their coach, Upper School Science Department Chair Carlos Cara. "They were a multi-dimensional group – a bunch of characters with character. They had a passion for sports and they had immense pride in the school."

Mr. Cara was only in his second year of coaching at PDS. He had taken over a strong team from former Physical Education Teacher Tom DeVito, but most of the previous year's defense, including the goalie, had graduated, causing a reshuffling of positions. Mike Blaxill '84 was one of three senior captains and a very effective midfielder but when asked to move, he put the team's needs before his own comfort.



"He really sacrificed to move back to sweeper, having never played there before," says Andy Bing,* another captain. "Mike Giuli came in as a senior, having never played with us before, and took over as starting goalie. So we had some guys who just stepped up big time."

More reshuffling was needed when Mr. Giuli was injured just before the mid-season game against Lawrenceville. "It was the biggest game of the year," Mr. Bing says. "Jon DeRochi, a sophomore back who hadn't played a game in goal, went in as goalkeeper and made some incredible saves. That was the first time in the history of PDS soccer that we beat Lawrenceville."



"Everyone contributed in that game," says Tri-Captain Don Cogville.** "There were episodes of heroics from people like Jon DeRochi and junior striker Sal Fier who had a hat trick. Our team was a unique combination and we all really liked each other. Tom DeVito had coached many of us in middle and upper school and instilled a never-say-die attitude that we carried with us as part of the team's DNA. He expanded our horizons by having us play all the tough schools in the area, public and private."

"When we dismantled a strong Ewing team in the beginning of the season, people started to believe we might be special," Mr. Cara says. "The turning point came a few games later. We were down 0-1 against Lawrence and David Anderson '84, a stand-out de-

* Andy Bing a 1998 Hall of Fame inductee

** Don Cogsville a 1997 Hall of Fame inductee



First row: David Supple '84, Donald Cogsville '84 (captain), Michael Blaxill '84 (captain), Andrew Bing '84 (captain). Second row: Peter Merle-Smith '85, Kambiz Hadavi '84, Thomas Foster '85, Robert Zimmerman '85, Adam Sternberg '85, Scott West '86. Third row: Peter Gallup '85, Salvatore Fier '85, Richard Pagano '86, Frederick Haitch '84. Fourth row: Paul Schmidt '84, Jonathan DeRochi '86, Frank Little '84, Anthony Cross '84, Michael Giuli '84, David Anderson '84, Missing: D. Merrick, Paul Van Horn '85.

fender to this point in the season, dislocated a shoulder. Cogsville scored a goal to tie and then made an incredible run to make the winning goal. It was a difficult moment that we got over. After that, the team believed they could complete the season undefeated."

Their speed and fitness was a formidable weapon, honed by practice on PDS' maximum-size field. "Carlos made that field as big as possible," Mr. DeRochi says with a laugh. "It gave us an advantage over everybody else. We were in better shape than any team we ever played."

They also had great teamwork and respect for each other's abilities. "Andy would pull out these incredible, beautiful plays in midfield," Mr. Blaxill says. "He would take the ball out of the air and you'd blink and say, 'How'd you do that?' One time against Delbarton he did something jaw-dropping and then fed a long pass to Don who was streaking down the wing and then, just outside the box, Don one-timed it straight into the upper corner of the goal. It was an amazing play. Guys on the other team just looked at each other and threw up their hands."

"Don was the main reason we went from a really, really good team to one of

the best ever," Mr. Bing confirms. "We had a magical run. We got incredible turnout at all our games and as the season went along, you could see the excitement building."

"It was one of those teams that everybody had a great day at some point," Mr. Cara says. "Everyone contributed to the outcome in the end." ■



1983 Boys Soccer Team

21-0-2 record
Prep B Champions
Mercer County Co-Champions
Only undefeated soccer team in New Jersey
Newark Star Ledger ranked one of top 5 soccer teams in state

Head Coach: Carlos Cara

Assistant Coach: Frank Konstantynowicz '76

Tri-Captains: Andrew Bing '84,
Michael Blaxill '84, Donald Cogsville '84

David Anderson '84
Anthony Cross '84
Jonathan DeRochi '86
Salvatore Fier '85
Thomas Foster '85
Peter Gallup '85
Michael Giuli '84
Kambiz Hadavi '84
Frederick Haitch '84
Frank Little '84
Peter Merle-Smith '85
Richard Pagano '86
Paul Schmidt '84
David Supple '84
Adam Sternberg '85
Paul Van Horn '85
Scott West '86
Robert Zimmerman '85

Managers: Deborah Blanche '85,
Catherine Reavey '85

Alumni Weekend 2009

THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Event Schedule

Friday • May 15th

11:00 am • Alumni Golf & Lunch, Beden's Brook Club

Come challenge your classmates in the Blue & White Cup. Lunch at the turn. Register early as space is limited.

5:30 pm • Tree Dedication in Memory of Willie Wade H'97

A Princeton Day School Building and Grounds employee for 41 years. [Location to be determined].

6:00 pm to 11:00 pm • Welcome Back Reception, Behr House

Hosted by Head of School Paul Stellato and his wife Maureen. Come visit with your favorite teachers, staff, coaches and fellow classmates during this festive evening of fun. *Behr House, Head of School's home across from the Lisa McGraw '44 Rink*

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm • FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS!

Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Pennington. Come cheer on PDS' players as they play under the lights on the Bill Smoyer '60 Turf Field. Refreshments, half-time welcome and entertainment.

Saturday • May 16th

9:00 am • 5K Panther Fun Run/Walk

8:30 am registration at the Lisa McGraw '44 Rink. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a run or walk around the beautiful PDS campus. Prizes will be awarded.

10:00-11:30 am • Student-led Campus Tours, Main Entrance

If you haven't seen the renovations to the school yet, now is your opportunity! The facilities are amazing and so are the student tour guides.

10:45-11:30 am • "The First One Hundred Days in the White House" Don Gips '78, McAneny Theatre

Don Gips '78, member of President Obama's transition team and current Director of Presidential Personnel for the Obama Administration will share his perspective and insights regarding our new administration. (Please note: Because of Mr. Gips' schedule, this program is subject to cancellation.)

11:45 am • 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.

12:00 pm • Grand Gathering of the Classes, Colross Lawn

This is the place to be. Bring the whole family to enjoy an old fashioned bar-b-que. Remarks by the Head of School and the Alumni Board President. Children's activities to entertain the younger guests. Don't miss out on participating in the Blue and White tug 'o war!

1:00 pm • Boy's Varsity Baseball vs. New Hope-Solebury & Girl's Varsity Softball vs. Montgomery

2:00 pm • 2009 Alumni Achievement Award Winner Lecture: Erica Frank, MD, MPH '79, Shepherd Commons

Dr. Frank is Professor and Canada Research Chair at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Dr. Frank will tell us about our food choices and their surprising implications for personal and planetary health.

3:00 pm • Alumni Games

Kim Bedesem Memorial Alumnae Lacrosse Game, Bill Smoyer '60 Turf Field

Bob Krueger Memorial Alumni Lacrosse Game, Krueger Field
Alumnae/i Tennis Round Robin, PDS Tennis Complex
Alumnae/i Coed Softball Game, PDS Softball Field

5:00 pm • Dedication of the Peter Hatfield Class of 1983 Memorial Entrance, Lower Gym Entrance

5:30 pm • Athletic Hall of Fame and Alumni Awards Reception and Ceremony, Reunion Tent, Colross Lawn

Hall of Fame inductees: Howard "Mac" McMorris '59, '83-'84 Boy's Varsity Soccer team, Lauren Welsh '99;
Alumni Achievement Award: Erica Frank, MD, MPH '79;
Alumni Service Award: Jill Goldman '74; Inaugural Outstanding Young Alumni Award: Patrick Holmes '99

7:30 pm • Reunion Class Parties

Look for details in the individual class invitations

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Hotel Information

For those traveling from out of town please refer to our list of hotels on our website under Alumni and Development and then click on Alumni Weekend.

All MFS, PCD & PDS Alumni are Invited!

Alumni Weekend 2009

All Princeton Day School, Princeton Country Day School and Miss Fine's School alumni, faculty and staff are invited.

The classes of 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004 will be celebrating benchmark reunions. Don't miss the chance to relive memories with friends, teachers and coaches.

Enjoy activities including: Annual Alumni Faculty and Staff Reunion, Moment of Remembrance, Grand Gathering of Alumni Classes, Meet our new head of school Paul Stellato, Alumni Games, Children's Fun Festival, Athletic Hall of Fame and Alumni Awards Ceremony and Class Parties.

REUNION CHAIRPERSONS

Please note: Registration for Alumni Weekend events must be made online at www.pds.org/weekend09.

For further information, contact your class reunion chairpersons listed below.

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NEW YORK



(above) John Griffith Jr., with son John Griffith III '99 and guest, and Christina Koerte '02, far right



(above) Jay Bavishi '05, Gyan Kapur '05, and Michael Siegler '02.



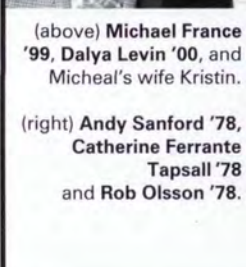
(above) Michael France '99, Dalya Levin '00, and Micheal's wife Kristin.



(above) Class of 1978 pals from left, back row, Rob Whitlock, Rob Olsson, Andy Sanford, Catherine Ferrante Tapsall; front row, Carol Schoenberg and Pamela Macleod.



(above) from left Katie Levine '04, Matt Levine '01, Nick Sardar '01, Mike Fishbein '01 and Carolyn Yarian '01.



(right) Andy Sanford '78, Catherine Ferrante Tapsall '78 and Rob Olsson '78.



(at left) from left Melissa Whitehouse '86, Hillary Hayes '93 and party hostess Whitney Ross '84.

AlumniGatherings

A special thank you to Whitney Ross '84 and her husband Steve Moseley for hosting the NYC event, and also to Barry and Wendy Gartner Rowland '53 for hosting the Boston event.

BOSTON

Head of School Paul Stellato with former faculty member Marilene Edrei.



(above) Anne Dennison Fleming '77 and John Hickling '77.

Janine Williams Matho '90, Dawn Feldman Fukuda '88, Lylah Alphonse '90.



Susan Shea McPherson '62 and gracious party host Wendy Gartner Rowland '53.

(below) Anne Dennison Fleming '77, Lolli Dennison Leeson '80, Sarah Sword Lazarus '81, Bill Ross '80, Sally Fineburg '80, Allison Ijams Sargent '78.



Sarah Peach '01 and Sally Fineburg '80.

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.

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1925-29

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1930

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1931-1937

PDS Communications Office

1938

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Bobbie Lawrence writes: I have no new news except that I am looking forward to a tenth GREAT-grandchild in August. Hopefully, he/she will arrive on my 67th wedding anniversary—August 8.

Helen Crossley writes: The only new news from my corner isn't really new—I've been listed in the just-out *Who's Who of American Women 2008-2009*.

It's not news, because I think I was in the first edition many years ago, probably because I was the first female president of WAPOR (World Association for Public Opinion Research) or a mid-level professional at the U.S. Information Agency (USIA). Marquis keeps updating in hopes you will buy a copy (I finally did!). Now I'm buried in all the papers I accumulated. (You should be in WW too, but I haven't checked). Last October I finally finished collecting and organizing my distinguished father's records; they are now in the Dodd Archive at the University of Connecticut.

1939

70th Reunion

Therese E. Critchlow
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1940

Anne Guthrie Yokana
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1941

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1942

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1943

Marjorie Libby Moore
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1944

65th Reunion

Correspondent needed



Betsy Peterson '56 shared the sad news of the death of her sister **Joan Thomas Purnell '42**—always known as "Johnnie." Survivors include sisters Betsy and Jane Fenninger '38.

1945

Correspondent needed

Sesaly Gould Krafft writes that she is "traveling while I can." She spent a festive Christmas holiday at Kathleen and Greg's in Reston, VA. Then packed for Hope Town in the Bahamas where she was welcomed by her son Bruce and his fiancée Dianne. In April, she went with Greg, Kathleen and Elizabeth to Toby and Sheela's wedding, "a several day affair, as her family grew up in India and are Sikhs." In August, she toured the Rocky Mountains, spending several days in Teton and Yellowstone and on north to Glacier before taking a Grand Circle trip to Budapest and the Black Sea. After a few weeks at home, she spent Thanksgiving in California with Alison and Steve and their family. "A rich family time for which I am deeply grateful."

1946

Correspondent needed

1947

Barbara Pettit Finch
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1948

Correspondent needed

1949

60th Reunion

Correspondent needed

Lucy Law Webster writes: In my efforts to get classmates to come to our 60th reunion, I have been in contact with **Patti Tighe Walden**, **Joan Budny Dawe** and **Mary Byrd Platt**. Patti now lives in Las Vegas where her youngest daughter, a son-in-law and two grandchildren, Fallon and Davis, live. Patti plans to take Fallon with her to Hawaii to visit Patti's older daughter, Liz, who is a psychiatric nurse with the V.A. I have urged Patti to come east first for reunion. Also I hope she will visit me some time when she visits her son, Ben Walden and his four children on Long Island.

I also had a telephone conversation with **Joan Dawe** in Esher, Surrey. She took a taxi instead of driving to a doctor's appointment this February morning due to the record-breaking snow in England. Joan had a nice thank you note from **Kirby Thompson Hall's** daughter Philippa. Joan is hoping to get to our reunion with her husband, Roger.

I also spoke to **Mary Byrd Platt**. She is in Florida for the winter, but will be back in Concord, NH in April. She has yet to check on the dates of her Boston area school reunion, but might be able to come to PDS if the dates do not conflict. Her older son, Tim, and his wife and three children live in southern Maine, and her younger son, Bill, is with Mary in Florida.

I will not only be at our 60th reunion on May 15 and 16, but will also be in the May 14 Cabaret organized by Dominique Jones '12 for *Médecins Sans Frontières* to buy "Plumpy'nut" for hungry children in Africa. I spend most of my time working with NGOs such as MSF, and I also feel close to my two sons and four grandchildren.

1950

Correspondent needed

1951

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Gordon McAllen Baker writes: A couple of months before she died, Kirby Thompson Hall '49 and I had a lovely visit. We lived near each other and in our teens spent a lot of time biking and walking around Mercer Street/Lovers Lane with Esther Young and Harriet Mysterly and Esther's goat "Jimmy." We figured we probably hadn't seen each other in 58 years. SAD. She was a neat lady.

I'm also sad to report the death of my classmate and very good friend, **Jody Seidler Ford**. I last saw her at our 50th Reunion in 2001 and we had wonderful reminiscences together. I have recently had a great conversation with Jody's daughter, Mandy, who is my goddaughter. And I very much hope to get together with her if and when I get to Princeton sometime. It's very sad to lose old, good friends.

As for me—I am doing the same stuff: tennis, some volunteer work, bridge (the laughter can surely be heard in the next town!) and some travel. I am hoping to go to Egypt and Petra in March 2009, though the area is a bit unnerving right now.

1952

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1953

Elaine Polhemus Frost
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Elaine Polhemus Frost writes: **Hope Thompson Kerr** wrote me about a trip she and Hilary Thompson Kenyon took for three weeks last November. They have been taking wonderful trips to far away places each year for the past several years.

"We spent a week in Bhutan—

The Magical Kingdom—in the Himalayas. We were there right after the Coronation of the new 28-year-old King. The country was sparkling with all the flags, new paint, and plenty of photos of the new King. The people all wear their native dress—men, women, and the children.

From there we spent 2 weeks in India, in the northern area, driving, train ride, a short flight from Delhi to Kolkata (Calcutta). We spent time in Jaipur, Agra—visiting the Taj Mahal, and on to Varanasi. What a land of contrasts! "Slumdog Millionaire" was very true to what we saw. We were in Agra when the shootings started in Mumbai (Bombay).

Last summer, Hilary and I and her daughter and granddaughter took a trip to Alaska. We planned the trip ourselves, and wanted to take full advantage of all kinds of transportation. I flew to Oregon, we drove to Vancouver, cruised up the inner passageway, stopping at Ketchikan, Juneau, White Pass, train up to the Yukon, rented a RV for 10 days, and drove up to Anchorage, camped in Denali National Park, flew in 2 small planes, landing on Mt. McKinley's glacier, and drove as far north as Fairbanks. Then we flew from Anchorage back to Vancouver. We met Judy Williams, a lower school teacher at PDS, during a hike in Denali Park. There was the photo of the 3 of us in the last issue of the PDS News. Alaska is such a good family trip."

Juliana Cuyler McIntyre married Richard Fenn in July at St. Columba's Chapel in Middletown, RI.

1954

55th Reunion

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Chloe King writes: **Jo Cornforth Coke** is looking forward to her Wellesley College 50th reunion. **Jean Crawford** and **Ellen**

Jamieson Franck are on her committee. Jo highly recommends a trip to Costa Rica! She took her 11-year-old granddaughter, and had a super visit! It is clean, inexpensive, operates on the US dollar, and they love Americans!

Jean Crawford went to DC to be with **Barbara Kohlsaatz von Oehsen** while Barb was recovering from her second knee replacement surgery. Chatting with Barb was as if there had been no gap of time. Jean's brother, Steve, who lives near Barb's son, took her on a tour of DC including the Brookings Institution where he works, and delivered her to her train. Jeannie is having fun on the planning committee of her 50th college reunion with **Ellen Jamieson Franck** and **Jo Cornforth Coke**. Jeannie and Jo go all the way back to middle school!!! Jeannie sees her four children and their families often since they all live in nearby towns in Maine. She gets a lot out of her involvement in Quaker meeting, and she spoils herself with watercolor painting lessons. Jeannie sends her best wishes to everyone.

Mary Tyson Goodridge Lund sent news of **Nicky Knox Watts** whom she has seen recently. Nicky is living in Santa Fe, NM. Two of her children and one grandchild live nearby. Justin, Nicky's grandson, is a chess champion at age eight! Ty continues her work in Mexico. She sees her grandchildren every few months. Two live in Austin, TX and one is 20 years old, and is attending the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Barbara Kohlsaatz von Oehsen sent much news, as she has had a wild year! At last, Barb is happily settled in Lawrenceville. She lives on the first floor of a historic 18th century colonial house which was a tavern. It reminds her of Mercer Street with high ceilings, wide floor boards, fireplace in every room, and a fenced-in yard for Tripp. Barb is close enough to her boys, too. Barb's address is: 2695 Main Street, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. She sends her love to everyone!

The "secretary in perpetuity" is well and busy! Just back from an awesome trip to Antarctica and Iguazu Falls (border of Brazil and Argentina) I recommend this trip to anyone who wants adventure... wild crossing of the Drake Pas-

sage, visiting islands on which there are thousands of penguins, and meeting wonderful other adventurers on the trip. In May, we will be in France on a river cruise from Paris to Normandy, and then through the Loire Valley back to Paris. I'm looking forward SO much to the Wellesley College '59 reunion in June. I'll bike to the campus for lunch with our classmates! (7 miles) Isn't retirement marvelous????

Thanks to each of the above classmates for sending news. Perhaps others will join us next time. With hugs to all, Chloe.

1956

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Cicely Richardson writes: MFS '56 remains "Semper Super at 70" as witness the following notes from our classmates.

Carol Harris Bradley jumped the gun with big news to share even before Thanksgiving. "Much to my surprise, I find that I have achieved Centerfold Status in a national publication," she wrote. "It's not a very sexy picture but, at 70, probably as good as it gets and it's nice to know there are still good surprises in life." *Presbyterians Today* published a lengthy and interesting article about her founding the Coalition of Care, a nonprofit, ecumenical partnership of local churches working together to reach out to those in need of emergency assistance.

According to the centerfold article, the coalition she developed provides immediate material, emotional or spiritual help to people "who fall through the cracks," preferably on a one-to-one basis and to develop long-range plans to break the recurring cycle of need. Carol's initiative,



Carol Harris Bradley '56



(above left) **Lockie Stafford Proctor's** family excursion to Lake Champlain. From left in front are Lockie's son Perry, his wife Debbie, grandson Ryan (son of daughter Holly), Holly, daughter-in-law Darcy (married to son Toby), Toby, daughter Lucy, and Lockie. In back are granddaughter Cori (daughter of Perry and Debbie), granddaughter Allie (daughter of Holly and Rick) and son-in-law Rick. Missing from the picture is grandson Jay (son of Perry and Debbie) who overslept. (above right) **Lockie Stafford Proctor's** son Toby with her newest grandchild, Ella Verplanck Proctor, born on December 19, 2008 in Springfield, MA.

leadership and persistence in recognizing and filling a need would have impressed even Shirley Davis and Ann Shepherd.

I'm sure we all extend our sympathies to **Betsy Thomas Peterson** for the loss of her sister, "Johnnie" Purnell, MFS '42, to a fast-moving cancer, a double blow as their brother Bart, PCD, whom we all remember, died of cancer less than two years earlier.

Our incredible Boston hostess barely paused for breath last fall, heading west immediately after our Semper Super celebration for a trip to the Grand Canyon, with a stopover to visit Johnnie. In Betsy's words, "I spent one day admiring views from the South Rim, then met some friends from earlier rafting trips for an 18-day dory trip down the Colorado River. It was unbelievably beautiful and interesting—awesome in the truest sense of that now degraded word. We had great weather, a great group, and great guides. At river level, you get this amazing mix of vast scale, and, as you hike into side canyons, amazing intimacy as the canyon narrows and you end up in a grotto with a waterfall. I especially enjoyed sleeping under the stars every night—and discovering there are shooting stars on an October morning!"

Pamela Thompson Sinkler-Todd reports that she has been spending the last year slowly sorting out her home preparatory to downsizing to a condo. "And naturally, oil painting has been my passion when 'life' does not interfere. I spent two weeks in

January with my English family in Surrey and my two super grandchildren—complete with English accents!"

Pam has become a "donor" to the Bryn Mawr College Department of Special Collections and The American School of Classical Studies in Athens, giving her parents' diaries, letters, papers, art objects, photos, and more to the institutions that they dedicated so much of their careers to.

"My mother had kept a personal diary from 1912 to 1994—through college, two world wars, marriage, child rearing and her archaeological career. I am also heir to their letters to each other from 1942 to 1945 while he was with British Intelligence in Italy, and she holding down his two academic positions in Toronto where we lived. I have these transcribed and am trying to think of what I can do with them now. Any ideas?"



Miss Fine's School Class of 1956 member **Pamela Thompson Sinkler-Todd's** English grandchildren, Miranda Rose and Leo Michael Sheard.

Pam's exciting news, for all of us, is that she and Betsy Peterson are beginning to plot our 2010 Reunion here in the city of Broth-



Class of 1956 members (from left) **Betsy Thomas Peterson, Margy Pacsu Campbell, Pam Thompson Sinkler-Todd** (front), **Lockie Stafford Proctor** (rear), **Cicely Tomlinson Richardson, Hobey Alsop Hinchman, Anne Harrison-Clark, Rosemarie Rubino Johnson, Charlotte Cook and Marina Turkevich Naumann** celebrated their big birthday in Boston last fall.

erly Love! "We shall keep you all in the loop as soon as we get this off the ground."

As for our 70th celebration in Boston, what can we say? It was "Semper Super" and Betsy was amazingly unflappable as she opened her home to us and came up with a perfect balance of organized and free time. As **Margy Pacsu Campbell** observed, "Our reunion was such fun...it's amazing to know a group of people so well, yet not see them for months and years at a time."

The only downside was that we mightily missed those who are no longer with us and those who couldn't make it. Please clear your 2010 calendars now so you can join the fun. (Pam and Betsy: Please work around our 50th college reunions.)

1957

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Susie Smith Baldwin writes: I know everyone joins me in sending our heartfelt condolences and love to **Sandy Strachan Froehlich**. Her husband, Warren Froehlich, Jr., died of a massive heart attack on October 27.

Sandy: "Although Warren had been unable to work after back surgery and a bout with prostate cancer, his sudden death was a complete shock. It was important to Warren that he was still able to be an organ donor, even at 70. I've received several letters of grateful appreciation."

"Warren could always be counted on to offer his help to others, to say a kind word to everybody, and to love and



A cake decorator's attempt to replicate Semper Luceat and the lamp of knowledge produced a new logo for MFS '56.

appreciate his family. He was a very proficient woodworker and shared his love through gifts of that craft. He made the cabinets for my kitchen and made numerous pieces of furniture for his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed hand carving—ducks and such."

"Warren was my best friend and we were married for almost 48 years. I thank John Burbidge for recommending a blind date with Warren 50 years ago this year. Actually, I had a crush on Warren in 2nd grade at Nassau Street School. Warren was just as handsome, friendly, funny and well-liked before he died as he was then, 62 years ago!"

"We moved to Eagle Lake, ME, near the Canadian border, with our two young children in 1977. We had a bar and hunting lodge until it burned down. When our mom and pop store burned down, four years later, the insurance people rolled their eyes and checked us out thoroughly. We also owned a 1906 Stickley house in Presque Isle which we turned into a fine dining restaurant. When President Clinton closed the AFB nearby, we were unable to survive the economic recession in Northern Maine. After 4 years in Las Vegas we moved back to Eagle Lake in 1999."



Sandy Froehlich '57 at home February, 09. Sandy continues to work at Northern Maine General as a Dietary Manager & Food Service Supervisor.

"I miss Warren so much ... from his smiling face all the way down to his long spiels on the gas prices. I really miss his knack for starting and maintaining the woodstove. He worked so hard on our property, whether it was plowing the 2008 263" snow with his farm tractor or tending to the grass and flowers. Looks like I'll be out there this summer, but am not too sure that weed-whacking will be up my alley. The body t'ain't what it used to be, that's for sure!"

"In December I had back surgery. I have only just gotten back to work now... in February. I continue to work at a Northern Maine General nursing home, practically across the road, as a Dietary Manager & Food Service Supervisor. I am so grateful to have my daughter, Wendy, living close by, and even working for the same corporation. She's a payroll supervisor. While not close enough to see me often, my son, Donald, calls every day to check on how I'm doing. Donald is a chef in Portland. Donald and his two children came to join Wendy, her husband and two children for my 70th birthday."

Nancy Hagen Spaulding: "I miss Vern's companionship, his sense of humor and so many little things. It is so good to have my son, Peter, here with me this year. We talk, and joke a lot, about Vern. I really love my life, connecting with my family, neighbors and close circle of friends, volunteering at the hospital and Denver day trips to shows and museums with the senior center. I am off to Las Vegas this week with my two college roommates so you know I am recuperating well from knee surgery in January."

Anne Gildar Kaufman: "I have been going through a very



Sandy Froehlich '57 shared this photo of her late husband, Warren, out on the town with his children in January 2008. Donald is a chef in Portland, ME and Wendy is the payroll supervisor for Northern Maine General in Eagle Lake.

difficult time for the last 10 days. Our son, Brian, had his leukemia come back. He now has lymphoma as well. I hope that further tests identify what type of lymphoma he has and, of course, I hope it is the treatable kind."

"The good news is that Larry decided to retire from Merrill Lynch while there was still a Merrill Lynch! He had been in the financial business for 41 years and decided he didn't need that stress any more. I am so happy that he made that decision."

"Our son, Gregg, also left Merrill Lynch and is now working for Morgan Stanley. He is very happy that he made the move. Our daughter, Julie, married a wonderful man a year and a half ago. They are so great together."

Ros Webster Perry: Ros and husband Dick have just returned from a trip to Yucatan, Mexico, not for research this time, but to lead a tour group from San Antonio, TX. "We enjoyed getting to know these 'Friends of Latin American Art' as we visited old colonial churches and haciendas in this picturesque part of Mexico." Ros will be curating an exhibit of her grandmother's quilts in celebration of Marie Webster's 150th birthday in July!

Betsy Baker Carter: "Paul and I are still married after 48 years. One attorney son lives in Paris. It is good to have Catherine, one of our two Parisian granddaughters, close by in NYC." En route to visit their other attorney son and granddaughter in California last summer, highlights of the trip included Chicago's art and architecture as well as the impressive Crazy Horse Memorial in SD. If finished this mountain monument will be the largest sculpture in the world.

Eugenie Rudd Fawcett: Euge and Jim plan to retire one of these years before 2012. "I intend to come to our next reunion. The end of May has been an impossible time with papers, exams and year-end obligations."

Susie Smith Baldwin adds: Love and prayers to everyone going through especially challenging

times. Sandy and I did laugh this winter at "how old", even "ancient", we thought our mothers were "back then", "at only 50, or even less!" Sandy asked amusingly, "Did they, like us, often feel like kids inside old bodies?" Let's honor the kids inside of us. Let's all put May 2012 on our inner calendars of intention.

1958

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Nancy Keuffel writes: Here in Michigan we are in the midst of one of our coldest winters. The snow is beautiful, but sub-zero temperatures are a challenge! My "indoor time" has been improved by some emails from classmates—and do remember you can email me any time with news! I am still doing prospect research—research for non-profits going into fundraising campaigns—and this season there is lots of business as the charities are having to "dig deep" to find donors.

Sarah Adams Model reports that they flew to Massachusetts the day after Christmas to visit Heidi, Gary, and 4-year-old Amanda. They drove to Stowe and then spent New Year's Eve in Burlington, VT after visiting Ben and Jerry's ice cream factory. New England was bitterly cold and they were happy to return to California!

Another Californian, **Linda Mullaly Masten**, enjoyed performing with her husband in their choral group at Carnegie Hall in November. Afterwards they had dinner with **Jinx Prather Tirana** and her husband. The Mastens thought performing at Carnegie was fabulous. Linda is up for

hosting a class reunion either at her home in Carmel-by-the-Sea or in New Zealand where she goes every year in our winter—New Zealand's summer. This is indeed something to consider!

Betsy Carter Bannerman is happily retired from day care/ kindergarten subbing. She is learning the mandolin and is considering building a dollhouse. She is eating locally grown food, has put solar panels on her house and is considering purchasing an electric car. Do remember, Betsy, there are some US made cars that are kind to the environment—Detroit needs you and others! Betsy's son Cody graduated from Northeastern University in 2008, living at home!

And, please email, call or write with news. I love to hear from you and so do all our other classmates!

1959

50th Reunion

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Ann Clapp writes: Wendy Yeaton Smith babysits four days a week for her grandchildren, ages 6 months and 2.

Tinka Grondahl travels 30,000 miles per year but is lucky to have both sons and four grandchildren near her Berkeley home. She continues to teach the Diamond Approach by spiritual teacher A.H. Almaas. I am enjoying my very verbal 20-month-old granddaughter and doing some mentoring with at-risk middle school girls. So far, nine of our classmates have expressed interest in gathering in Manasquan for pre-50th festivities.

Cecilia Aall Mathews has graciously offered to host a luncheon at her home after the official May 16 reunion at PDS.



Pamela Aall McPherson PDS '68 and **Cecilia Aall Mathews MFS '59**, who attended but did not graduate from MFS.

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Fiona Morgan Fein writes: Barbara Pearce Williams sent the most dramatic and wonderful, announcement! "My big news is a bi-lateral lung transplant in October 2008 at UCSF Medical Center in San Francisco. I was suffering from severe emphysema and wearing oxygen 24 hrs/day prior to the transplant. I am doing extremely well and this weekend was able to take my yellow Labrador, Casi, into the show ring and get her first points towards her championship! This was a great accomplishment for me! I feel so very blessed to be given this new lease on life."

Polly Busselle Bishop wrote that "Don and I would love to welcome people to our wonderful home in the blueberry fields high above Penobscot Bay. And if you come after mid-July, you can eat them all day and take buckets home. We have a huge, bounteous garden; one 62-year-old wooden gaff sloop; and a 17-foot "stink-pot," which I adore. Perfect for picnics with grandchildren and visiting firemen on the islands. I have a small pottery business in our new barn and also sell some pots out of our truck at the farmers' market in Brooksville. We made a big decision to leave this bucolic life on Cape Cod (where we've been for 30 years) and have put our house on the market. So we'll divide our time between Brooksville and Portland, where we've invested in a tiny condo. I'm hoping that in Portland there will be more mediation and teaching ESL opportunities. Plus it's an unbelievably cool small city."

Cherry Raymond responded to my request of a description of our wonderful mini-reunion at Debbie's house in Dutchess County, NY. "What I remember is



MFS '61 Mini-Reunion in Dutchess County, NY. Back Row: Fiona Morgan Fein, Nancy Smoyer, Julia Cornforth Holofcener, Tibby Chase Dennis, Trish Ward White, Trika Smith-Burke. Front Row: Cherry Raymond, Polly Busselle Bishop, Debbie Moore Krulewitch, Julia Fulper Hardt, Cynthia Weinrich.

the beauty of Debbie's home nestled among hills, the strangeness of seeing dearly loved faces really aging now, yet utterly familiar; the improbable double tennis matches which through humor and pure civility accommodated an improbable mix of real zingers (Trisha and Nancy and Pol) and total beginners (myself as first order of klutz). I spotted Tibby running for the ball in a motion of even grace and poise (all that posture training at MFS that looked no different than if we were at Marquand Park. Meals, meals, and more meals, with superb cooking by an undaunted Debbie, and of course volumes of yakking. My, we did catch up. Trish Ward White from Florida, Julia Cornforth Holofcener from France via Florida, Julia Fulper Hardt from Princeton, Polly Busselle Bishop from the Cape, Fiona Morgan Fein and Debbie Moore Krulewitch from New York City, Trika Smith-Burke from practically the next town over in Connecticut, and Nancy Smoyer all the way from Alaska, via Princeton. (And Cherry Raymond from the Boston area.) Cynthia Weinrich and Tibby Chase Dennis came from New York City and Northampton, MA, respectively, for a Saturday afternoon visit—an act of devotion that lifted spirits for all.

"Clearly we are moving into the later years, so there were tales of troubles, transitions, successes, retirement, and an abiding respect for the ephemeral nature of our time together. We spoke of Cary Armstrong Rothe's passing and her remarkable memorial service

at Dartmouth in October. This prompted an eager sprawling letter of greeting to her Paul. And we took walks and walks in beauty with dogs and the grassy greens still eyeballing the sky, had a hoot and holler of a dinner chez somewhere *Français* and *speciale*, and departed reluctantly. Debbie hosted us with an equipoise that must make her a pillar of calm for many as she continues as senior VP with Estée Lauder. Saturday night was great fun and silliness in the kitchen as we line-danced around the center island, strutting our stuff to teeny bopper tunes of Sherry, *Sherry ba-aby, won't you come out tonight?* and *Wake Up Little Susie*. My, my times long gone by. Probably the last time THAT will happen! (*Don't count on it!* Ed.)

"Well, I don't have much to report, things are in a kinda in-the-works mode at the moment. I am super grateful for Obama's election. I'm putting together a little program called *Turning Point*, to give talks on the R/Evolutionary theme, most particularly about a pollution-free and limitless source of energy from the vacuum that could replace the whole fossil fuel infrastructure. There is high urgency about getting these ideas into the mainstream. As oceanographer Sylvia Earle said just the other day, 'The actions we take in the next ten years will determine outcomes for the next 10,000.' A deeply troubling, very exciting time to be alive. Whoa, do I wish I were back on the farm riding horses and bailing hay!"

Cynthia Weinrich said "I

really enjoyed the chance to get together with people at the reunion last fall. Other than that am dealing with work, the (so far) minor ills of getting older (I still feel one shouldn't have to deal with cataracts in one's 60s—too early!), not to mention trying to figure out Medicare. I'm beginning to feel you practically need a college degree in the subject, and I have become an even more ardent proponent of a single-payer system! Have had a couple of nice phone conversations with Sheila (who seems VERY happy up in Windsor, NY). I hope to get up to see her before she goes back to France in March, to try to sort things out with her French monastery. We can all add prayers, or whatever we do, that all will go smoothly."

Tibby Chase wrote "Last fall's mini-reunion at Debbie's was SO MUCH FUN with such great connections... and my, the excitement of playing tennis (if you can call it that!) for the first time in about 40 years! Closer to home, I seem to be ever busier with programs for the homeless (breakfast four times a week now, plus driving a lot of folks around, etc.)... and it looks as though we are forging ahead with a project to collect the stories of homeless folks' experiences on Cape Cod, possibly for a real book! We'll see."

Julia Cornforth Holofcener sent the following: "Larry has an opening of a month-long exhibition of his sculpture and paintings in the south of France early in March. We are eager to return, as it is truly a different way of life. The Christmas holidays were spent hugging and loving children and grandchildren...and filming a documentary by a young French filmmaker on Larry's many careers in the arts. Our daughter, Nicole, has a new film coming out this summer, and I'm focusing on a tribute to Hal Prince, the amazing Broadway director and producer. Life is full, as usual, and keeping in good health has become a priority."

Jane Smith wrote "I continue to work in the Listers Office for the Town of Brattleboro, VT and have the Baskets Bookstore in Harmony Lot here in Brattleboro. That is my fun job. Retail, in general, has been pretty bad in this area, but we are hanging in

there, going on 14 years of my owning the store and the store itself has been run continuously for probably a good 25 to 30 years. I had hopes of giving up the Listers Office job and just working on the store, but with money as tight as it is for most all of us now, I feel that I should continue both jobs as long as I can. Believe me, I wish I could tell you all of the fun places that I had visited and trips that are to be, but that just isn't in the cards. I have to enjoy the trips vicariously through you all. And I do, I especially enjoyed Nancy's accounting of her trip to Egypt."

Jean Shaw Byrne is "still in Florida for the winter, and a good one to miss in Jersey. Have 6 granddaughters and they are fun and healthy and the light of our lives, 5 are on the East Coast so I can have lots of grandmother time especially in the summer. Our dog Rex is a main attraction when they visit. Am playing golf and bridge and experiencing a wonderful church. We each still have a healthy parent and feel truly blessed by life. I think about our wonderful past in Princeton and hope some of our paths will cross again."

Julia Fulper Hardt says "the only thing I want to do is to restate how wonderful it was to share old memories and create new ones with the *stalwart 11* in Clove Valley this fall. Not surprising that the very generous Deborah would so graciously share that beautiful spot with us. Since the inaugural, and with the first few warming days, I'm feeling more hopeful about the world, life in general, and even the real estate market."

Kasa Loundes Cotugno wrote from San Francisco that she is volunteering at local theaters and that recently "Amazon asked me to participate in reviewing submissions by new writers for a contest. It is actually harder than I'd thought. Although the excerpts are all the same length, some seem interminably long, some too short and provide frustration when they're cut off at the knees. I don't get paid for this, but will get a Kindle at the end of the 2-week period."

Lucia Norton Woodruff "has joined the ever growing club of *Hipsters*. Hurrah for joint placements! One more to go next

month. Life slowed down over the holidays as I was recovering most of December. It was delightful to watch everyone running around like chickens with their head cut off as I babied myself, only job to heal, eat well, sleep well, take care of myself. Quite a learning experience. Zen anyone? Hard to maintain as I recover my ability to race around and join the other chickens!"

Margaret Trika Smith-Burke "just attended a workshop on starting 'intentional communities'—from communes to eco-villages to retirement communities to 'co-housing.' It was very informative and has convinced me that I don't want to start one but might be interested in joining one. First step, I have to figure out where I want to live. My search continues. While I loved the weather in San Diego where I visited this December, being highway dependent seems potentially daunting for the senior years! I am off to check out Lake Travis, north of Austin, TX in a week—still considered a 'blue' part of TX :-)."

Nancy Smoyer, just back from the Peruvian Amazon, sent this. "Highlights of my last few months were our class reunion and my January warm-up foreign trip—this year to the Peruvian Amazon. Our reunion was wonderful, in the warmth of Debbie's home. The very full weekend consisted of talking, numerous walks, playing tennis, talking, eating, looking at old dance pictures, remembering old classmates, talking, and one crazy scene of us dancing around the kitchen table to the music of the Everly Brothers and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons."

"The best part of my Peru trip was the people I met on the Amazon. We visited a village that had only seen the tourist boats passing but had never before been visited. The villagers and we gathered in the school, sang songs for each other, gave gifts, and answered questions. When they asked why we had come to the Amazon, our response, "because it's warm," was met with uproarious laughter. Our great guide also arranged for seven people from another village to come on board our little boat. Their reactions to things they hadn't seen before were fascinating—the pilot light in the stove, the cold air-conditioned rooms

and the sink faucet which I demonstrated. Oh, and I also caught a piranha and swam in the Amazon with the piranhas and dolphins."

The only new thing I have to report is being made a trustee of Wells College, where Barbara, Cherry and I all went. Since I've always been an operations person, I find the boardroom, as it were, a very different environment—both interesting and challenging.

1962

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Gail Cotton writes: Our deepest sympathy to **Kate Sayen Kirkland** whose beloved husband, John, lost his long fight against chronic pain and coronary problems on January 21, 2008. Despite such a tragic start to the year, Kate wrote "In August 2007 Jennifer (her daughter) and Brian LaBombard told us they were planning to be married—much to everyone's delight! In November 2007 Jennifer came to Houston to begin discussing a November 8, 2008 wedding. We had lots of fun making arrangements and the weekend of November 7-8 was spectacular—about 72 degrees with brilliant blue skies."

The ceremony and reception went perfectly (and I actually had fun). Brother Jamie turns out to be a terrific escort and danced with every female member of his family!"

Kate attended a number of other weddings in 2008 and said she had "a fabulous lunch—all Vermont products—with **Marty Sichel Kelly** and her mother, Peggy Taplin, at their beautiful farms near Brattleboro."

On the same trip, Kate got to Princeton and New York to see her sister, Connie, and daughter, Anne. Connie and Anne also had a much enjoyed shower for Jennifer which was well attended by both families.

Kate finished her book on the Hogg family philanthropy and is currently researching a book on the first chairman of Rice Institute. Kate also found time to chair the

search committee for a new director for Chinquapin which she found fascinating. Kate's daughter, Anne, is a Renaissance art historian and was awarded a wonderful year-long scholarship to Harvard's I Tatti in Florence. Kate was going to be joining Anne for two weeks over Christmas.

Kitty Walker Ellison and husband, Dan, are very glad they have their home in Loveland as well as the one in Steamboat. They were able to escape the snowiest winter on record in Steamboat Springs—450 inches!

With great joy and delight, Kitty announced the arrival of their first grandchild, Miles Walker Heilner, born November 1, 2008 to their daughter, Jenny, and son-in-law, LB.

Kitty is still volunteering one morning a week at an organization providing services for developmentally disabled adults,



Wedding bells for Brian and Jennifer LaBombard, daughter of **Kate Sayen Kirkland '62**, with attendant Anne Leader.

singing in the church choir, and enjoying learning about antiques through the Questers Club.

Kitty and I spent a wonderful day with **Win Dickey Kellogg** at her lovely new home in Erie, CO, at the end of October. Win provided a delicious lunch and we talked and talked! Win had recently returned from England and attending a surprise 60th birthday party for her sister, Polly. Judging from the pictures, the party was a huge success. We are hoping to meet Kitty's new grandson at our next gathering which will hopefully be soon.

Tassie Turkevich Skvir and husband, Dan, were blessed with three granddaughters in 2007. Nika '90 is the mother of Madeline and Katherine, who are 18 months old and live in California. Kyra '94 is the mother of Sadie, 19 months old, who is much closer in Brooklyn.

Congratulations to **Carol Estey** who is the new chair of the De-

partment of Dance at Stephens College. Way to go, Carol! Carol's new email address is: cesteys@stephens.edu. Contact me if you'd like additional contact information. Carol recently emailed us the program from our kindergarten Christmas Pageant which was a hoot.

Tony and Linda Maxwell Stefanelli went to Australia for the wedding of her niece, Ashley, daughter of her brother Lee. All the Maxwell siblings gathered Down Under and had a fabulous time traveling around his home in Narara, N.S.W. (about an hour outside Sydney).



Sandy McPherson, daughter of **Susie Shea McPherson '62**, recently graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in California.

One of the highlights of my year was our gathering in November in Sarasota, FL. **Cindy Brown** made fabulous arrangements and she and her husband, Bruce, were extraordinary hosts. Cindy, **Sonia Bill Robertson**, **Susan Mathews Heard**, **Susie Shea McPherson**, and I had a lovely, relaxing time talking, laughing, reminiscing, walking on the beach, and eating the fabulous food provided by Cindy and Bruce. We did some serious advance planning in the hopes that more of you might be able to come with lots of advance notice and also, because we have such a great time, we want to keep the mini-reunions going! Susie has once again generously offered her gorgeous home in Hyannis for our 2009 gathering which is scheduled for the weekend of September 11th.

Susan Mathews Heard will be hosting the one in March 2010 in Rancho Mirage, CA. We felt it was time for us to go to Susan as she has always loyally flown east for the other reunions. I do hope to see more classmates in September. You will be amazed at how effortlessly we pick up the threads of our ties and begin to weave them again.

Another highlight was reconnecting with my MFS "little sis-



Class of 1962 mini-reunion with, standing from left, **Susan Mathews Heard**, **Gail Cotton** and **Cindy Brown**; seated from left, **Sonia Bill Robertson** and **Susie Shea McPherson**.

ter," **Kitzi Becker '66** thanks to **Paula Cook Sculley**. We both still have and wear the pins we gave each other for graduation! I hope I can see her on my trip east this fall.

Colton's two daughters stayed with us for a month this summer while Colton presented a paper at the 8th Annual Global Conference on Wetland Ecology in Cuiaba, Brazil. Needless to say, we were very proud of him! I have heard nothing but praise for the Day Camp run by the YMCA Camp of the Rockies in Estes Park so I signed up Colton's daughters and two other grandchildren for the first week in August.

They are four very different personalities and each one absolutely loved their experience at day camp. I enthusiastically join in praising the program. Colton received another major honor in November when he was awarded a scholarship to get his PhD by Land and Water Australia. He will begin his program in June at Griffith University in Brisbane.

My thanks to all of you who sent news. I look forward to seeing many of you in September.

1963

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Alice Jacobson writes: **Sally Campell Haas** wrote that she is living in Denver for most of the year. She has lots of friends and activities there including French conversation group, concerts, theater, Bible study, book group, hiking, skiing, and biking. She spends time in the spring, summer, and fall on Cape Cod; she and her

sister **Bonnie**, MFS'57, share the home their parents owned there. Sally reported that she and **Polly Miller** and her husband, Nick, went skiing recently at Beaver Creek. Sally wrote that she hopes that we'll be in touch when **Pam Sidford Schaeffer**, **Laurie Rogers**, and I have our next Cape Cod reunion. It would be great to see her.

Speaking of classmates who want to see others, **Kathy Sittig Dunlop** wrote that she'd be happy to see any of us passing through or near her home town of Vero Beach, Florida. **Kathryn Kilgore** called Kathy when she was in Vero recently, and Kathy reports that she missed her. Her life in Florida is busy with family, dogs, Bible study, church, community development projects, book club, chorus, international travel, and golf.

After being impressed by Sally and Kathy telling of their many activities, I did the only thing I could think to do: take a nap.

Equally busy: **Pam Schaeffer**. She and Leonard are thrilled to be the grandparents of Samantha who is turning 1 as I write this on March 1. They are having a Pirate Theme party to celebrate. Pam will stay on and babysit for Sam while her parents take their first vacation in over a year. Film-maker daughter, Jacqueline, is waiting to hear if her first feature length film will be accepted at festivals; in the meantime, she has moved on to writing project #2. Pam and her sisters **Sandy '61**, and **Holly Sidford '68** are planning a spa vacation in Sonoma later in March. In addition to this, the Schaeffers are remodeling their 4th house, this one near the Brewster, MA home. Pam says they are getting better at it; no threats of divorce!

Laurie Rogers spent 10 sun-filled days in England last summer. She went with her sister and traveling companion, Cathy, and they visited cousins in the English countryside of Derbyshire. She spent the rest of the summer taking advantage of great weekend weather to bike and hike and visit country fairs. Laurie takes advantage of her proximity to New York City to see plays and dance and to

hear concerts. She also visits galleries and other art venues.

Laurie, Pam, and I had our annual reunion at Laurie's home in Connecticut and at Pam's home on the Cape in October. My partner AJ came, too, as this was my first trip after total knee replacement of my left knee at the end of July, and I could not have made the trip without her. We had a wonderful time in both locations. Laurie showed us all around her part of the state, and both stays were full of laughter, great food, and many memories. To quote Laurie's holiday letter, "...despite or perhaps because of entirely different life paths, our friendship flourishes. Shared history makes communication easy and honest and without judgment. Laughter abounds."

I am very much enjoying my executive coaching and consulting business. We're off for a week in New Orleans in mid-March, to the Oregon coast in April, and to Seattle and Bellingham, WA in May. Depending on many things, not the least of which is the economy, we may do a longer adventure in the summer.

As always, I'd enjoy hearing from all of the Class of 1963. Please send me your news.

1964

45th Reunion

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Barbara Callaway writes: Wow! How did we get here so fast—45 years gone since the day we marched with our spray of roses on stage to receive diplomas from Shirley Davis! We were so ready and eager to move on, innocent students of the '50s and '60s, armed with a stunning education, poised on the cusp of change which would profoundly affect every aspect of life as we knew it. What a time to be around!

And around we are; our homes spread out all over this country. I appreciate hearing from many of you as we celebrate this 45th reunion year. For those who didn't contact me, I hope you are all well and enjoying life. I'd love to hear from you.

First to respond to my email

request for news was **Joanna Hornig Fox**, who wrote, "I'm still in DC working at Johns Hopkins in education policy, sometimes from home sometimes from Baltimore, but top of my new year's resolution list is to buy a house or condo in Baltimore in the next few months, much though I clearly love DC and prefer it over Baltimore." (That would put you close to **Gail Petty Riepe**, who lives outside Baltimore. Gail what are you up to?) **Joanna** also mentions the fact that she now has 3 grandchildren all living in Madrid with their parents who are both mathematicians at universities there. **Joanna** is able to keep up visiting 2-3 times a year. She also managed to spend some time with **Sue Jamieson** and her husband Max in Atlanta, where they had a great time catching up. Lara, **Joanna's** daughter, is attending Stanford School of Education.

Sue Jamieson also wrote with her news that son Mar and soon-to-be daughter-in-law Yasha "are getting married in August in Istanbul and [are] having a pre-wedding celebration in March in Atlanta. I am working 4 days, more or less. Went to Japan in the fall with Max to visit an old Peace Corps friend and to the Bahamas in December because I won a trip when I went with Fran to IHOP and put my business card in a fish bowl.

Life seems to be a constant transition or, as I guess the Buddha would say, nothing stays the same. "Speaking of times 'a-changing,' **Annie Clay Harris** wrote a very brief but poignant message last month, "Hi, I'm on the NJ turnpike returning from the inauguration. It was incredible—like Christmas—everyone was happy and polite. We spoke to people who came from all over the country. They felt that they just had to be there. I'll write." Annie, we need to hear more about your momentous experience in Washington, DC!

How wonderful to hear from **Dora Lange Gilstrap**! She writes: "Not much news from here, but these are the vital statistics: We still live in Indio in the southern California desert near Palm Springs. I'm still teaching first grade in a local public school, but retirement is sounding better and better, the longer No Child Left



Class of 1964 friends, from left, **Mea Kaemmerlen**, **Dora Lange Gilstrap** and **Cary Smith Hart** in Santa Barbara.

Behind grinds education to a pulp and school budgets continue to be slashed—maybe '09, we'll see. George is still running his polo equipment store and riding whenever he can. Our two boys have grown up—what a surprise! Daniel works in the music consulting business near here and Justin (married last summer) lives in Brooklyn and is working for an NGO involved with minority populations in Serbia. Our two grandsons are a huge joy! I spent a good deal of last summer in Princeton following the death of my mother, emptying and selling her house. Now my roots in Princeton are pretty much gone, unfortunately. Transitions..."

Dora also went on to say that "We joined **Cary Hart** and her wonderful family in Santa Barbara last summer for a barbecue and beach stroll. It was a great time to meet her girls and to reconnect and reminisce. (Remember that incredible trip to Greece with Mrs. Raubitschek?). Cary and Gary provide the perfect model of retirement: active, involved, relaxed and rested—looks good to me!"

It was equally nice to hear from **Liz Aall** (now Mea Kaemmerlen), who is still actively reporting on all aspects of life in the Princeton-Trenton area through her bi-weekly column. Mea writes: "I'm still in Plainsboro with my husband, Al, and dog Lulu. Sometimes they appear in my *Trenton Times* column, especially when the Phillies win the World Series (as they did this year), but since I'm in the News section, I tend to be more serious. I'm in my ninth year with this weekly column and was amazed last year when the NJ Press Association chose mine as the best in New Jersey for this size newspaper. (The paper puts most of my columns on www.nj.com/columns/times/kaemmerlen.)

I also work as a writing coach at Trenton Central High School and lately have been deeply involved in shepherding a family of seven, newly arrived refugees from Chad, through "the system." Monique, the mother, and I joined a huge crowd at the Princeton Public Library to watch the Obama

Inauguration, and we both cried. But didn't everyone!"

Mea is also on the "PDS Alumni Board as the Miss Fine's liaison and am planning a few events for local Miss Fine's girls (class of '64 is among the younger ones, but we're all still spry and definitely loyal)." She sent in a lovely photo of herself and her two sisters.

Great to hear from **Penny Pettit Kreinberg** recently, when she brought me up to speed on her life on the West Coast. "I'm still living in Oregon where we've been for 35 years with only a 2-year sojourn in the Netherlands. We just can't seem to find a place on the planet that we like better. I have retired from teaching but still do some counseling, concentrating on adults in transition. Aren't we all? We have 3 terrific children, two of whom live in Portland. I've been joyfully occupied for the past 6 years with our 6 beautiful grandchildren who are all 6-and-under. I have had the incredible gift of caring for the three in Portland while my daughter works. Our 3 California babies have less of my time, but not less of my heart.

My health has been a challenge the last three years as I battled cancer, but it seems to be vanquished enough to allow me to get back to traveling internationally, my long term love since Peace Corps. I followed my youngest daughter into the art world and continue to paint and exhibit. It's a wonderful meditative tool." Penny, send us a picture of your crew.

Now that she and husband, Gary are "retired," **Cary Smith Hart** seem to have plenty of time for travel and visiting with various classmates. She writes: Happily retired but still trying to give back to our community and so hopeful for our country in spite of the economic crises.

Wendy Fruland Hopper writes in a recent email that she's visiting in my neck of the woods. "...we are going to be in SoPines/Pinehurst for 3 months this year... Feb/Mar/April. Family is great... Emily and Bill have 3 girls...ages 7 (in March), 5 and 2½...she's wild and living in Far Hills. Nice for Art and me!! Allison and Tom are still in San Rafael with their adorable 2 boys...and Hilary is in Burlington...just got a new job at Green Mountain Coffee. Art is retired and I'm still riding everyday. Nervous about the economy...we are looking into a money making press to put in the basement. Know of any?"

I love the Internet! Several of us have sustained a number of interesting email streams on subjects ranging from politics to choosing a spot in the USA where we can all get together one day. I encourage you all to participate. What better way to stay in touch and continue to learn from one another!

While many of you are bursting at the seams with grandchildren, I have one fabulous grandson, Jasper (3½), who lives with his mother Elizabeth Hare '88 and father Todd Drake in a lovely old house in Cold Spring, NY. I visit as often as I can and wish it wasn't a plane ride away from where I live. My son Hobie Hare '93 is still in Florida working as an assistant coach for a young Div I soccer team at Florida Gulf Coast University. Daughter Katherine currently lives in Manhattan and works in the area of higher education for McGraw-Hill. I'm including a photo (below) taken this past



Christmas in Naples 2008, from left, **Lucy MacCallum**, **Elizabeth Hare '88**, **Hobie Hare '93**, **Jasper Drake**, **Katherine Hare**.

Christmas when we were all together in Naples, Fl.

What can I say as we celebrate our 45th? The challenges we faced

as graduates in the '60s, though different, were just as daunting as those we face today. What hasn't changed is the indomitable spirit which energized and moved us 45 years ago. It's still present, as these notes illustrate, and continues to motivate us to make a difference in this world. That's what I'm celebrating.

1965

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Elise Rosenhaupt Noble writes: **Gigi Godfrey Leonard** wrote about her family and about **Merethe Lange Nielsen**, our AFS senior year classmate: "The big news is Merethe visited me this fall! She and her husband, Borge, were traveling around the world, literally, and stopped in the US to visit all their AFSA connections. Merethe spent three days with me in Freeport, Maine. She is now the proud grandparent of six. As for me, I continue to work as an occupational therapist in the South Portland school system. My husband, Dana, is still going to sea. My son is teaching skiing in Vermont this winter and returns to his boat in Australia in April to continue his voyage of sailing around the world, and my daughter is working as a sail maker and coaching for local sailing teams. I guess sailing runs deep in our family."

Peggy/Woody Woodbridge Dennis sent her news: "I continue to keep uber-busy with multiple responsibilities for the county's civic federation. I have become the de facto "Erin Brockovich" of the county's "orphaned roads"—those that are publicly dedicated but privately maintained and, in many cases, unimproved. Having carried out a survey and study of these roads—my own included—I'm now working with the DOT to have an official policy for the future improvement of these roads adopted and legislation drafted to enable the property owners to more easily band together to carry out the improvements themselves rather than waiting years for the county to do the work then pass on the astronomical bill to the homeowners. It's a long process and quite a challenge. The big difference

between me and Erin: I saved the county \$250,000 but no one's going to surprise me with a check for a million dollars at the end.

"Bob continues to be overworked at the Congressional Budget Office with the worldwide economic crisis providing ever growing challenges. Son Peter has finished with law school and is embarking on creating his own companies and going into business. Son Alex graduates from McDaniel College in May with a shiny BS in biology and no idea what to do with it in the real world. Another challenge!"

Alison Hubby Hoversten reports that she has moved: "I am now living in Denver, after spending 20 plus years in the small and quite insular, but beautiful, town of Vail. It was time to re-create myself at my ripe old age so I am taking advantage of all that this wonderful city has to offer: theatre, concerts, the arts, sports, etc. There is also definitely something to be said for a warmer climate and this winter has been particularly good.

"Road biking has become a passion of mine and I am making a concerted effort to see parts of the world from the seat of a bike. I've been to New Zealand, Sicily, the Dordogne region of France, Italy, Canada and, of course, the U.S. Would recommend this to those of you who love to exercise, travel and have a thirst for learning about new cultures.

"None of my kids are married as yet but I have an adorable grand-dog who keeps me on my toes when he comes to visit!"

Molly Dorf Purrington sent a thoughtful commentary: "My life has spun around yet another major turn. The main change is that my 23-year marriage is over. Like all major events, the result is a mixed bag: I am free of a rocky and stressful marriage and finding time to do things that have mattered to me, I have a great deal more to think about (when does the garbage come?), do (I need to clean out the cat box NOW) and negotiate (you want to go where?) than I have had before just because I no longer share our home life. Nonetheless, I have found a sense of peace that I haven't experienced in many years. The best thing is that my spouse and I are still good friends.

"My children are still the main focus of my life—I had children late in life so my daughter, Marya, is only a sophomore in college and my son, Adam, is 16. My daughter is launched—and becoming more responsible and adult than I ever could have predicted (whew!) and my son is a very mellow kid with a great sense of humor. But all of a sudden to have my daughter gone, my husband living elsewhere and just my son and I in the house was pretty strange at first. By now, we are definitely beyond the grunting stage.

"I have discovered walking—and walking with a women's walking group that makes ten miles at a pop seem like going to the park. Once a year, we have a challenge where we are part of a team and compete for numbers of miles walked. It always falls in the wet of winter and it spurs me to get off my chair and into the fresh air. I read books when I walk alone and I gab like crazy when I am with my friends—we don't always solve all the problems of the world, but we sure talk about a lot of them.

"My work has led me to join a group called Courage and Renewal which has met at least three times a year for the past three years for a weekend of reflection and good conversation. The wisdom I have taken from these weekends and deep friendships have carried me through the recent death of my brother and the demise of my marriage.

"I am still working for the University of Washington and I love it. As a fund raiser for the humanities departments, I have

built relationships with a number of remarkable people and it only continues. The economic downturn has resulted in a very intense winter as we all struggle to keep the quality of education while reeling from the cuts we are required to take. I have learned so much from how people approach these times.

"As I live on an island, I must commute by ferry every day and do so in a vanpool with a bunch of UW employees. It makes the commute feel lighter and we do find laughter is the best way to deal with traffic, George Bush and lost jobs. Recently, we sat in the ferry line and inadvertently pushed a button that played a CD of Czech marches that someone had put in the machine. As we all came alive, jiving to the truly ebullient music, I thought about how we have pulled each other through tough times and how perhaps equally important we are joyful with a change in the leadership of our country. We have let go of a pallor that hung over us for so many years."

I (Elise Rosenhaupt Noble) have a new street number (see above), but have not moved. I'm busy working to get Santa Fe voters to approve a transfer tax on the sale of high end homes. Proceeds from the tax would go into a fund supporting affordable housing. We have the highest minimum wage in the country (\$9.85), and we hope to create a model of how a city that wealthy people choose to move to can remain a community where those who work can afford to live.

Keep in touch...

To keep up with classmates between issues of the *Journal*, join the **Alumni Online Community!**

Just go to www.pds.org and select the Alumni and Development page. Click on "Login" from the left navigation bar and then "Register Here."

Questions?

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ClassNotes

Princeton Country Day School

1926-1931

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1932

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Benjamin F. Howell, Jr. writes: I am a lucky man. I now have six great-grandchildren. I only regret that none of them can attend Princeton Day School. They live too far away.

1933-1938

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1939

70th Reunion

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Harold Erdman writes: Believe it or not this is our Class of 1939's 70th Reunion year, so mark your calendars for May 15-16. **Burr Fisher** and I have agreed to co-chair this event, and we will be in touch with you.

I keep in touch with **Ed Frohling** because he was recently elected President of our Class of 1942 at Lawrenceville. He commutes back and forth between Boca Raton, FL and his home in Southampton, NY with his wife, Helga.

I see **Owen Roberts** usually twice a year in the spring when he and his wife, Janet, are on their way to Maine, and again in the fall when they are on their way back to Washington, DC. Owen is in the best shape of any of us and is ranked world-wide in tennis singles, over-80 group, winning matches in Switzerland and Italy as well as the USA. He is in charge of the only gas station on his small island in Maine.

1940

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1941

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Detlev Vagts reports no news this time from the Class of 1942.

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1944

65th Reunion

Correspondent needed

1945

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Colin McAneny writes: I recently attended the 60th Reunion of my class (1948) at Taft School.

1946

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1947

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60th Reunion

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Phil Kopper writes: After living in the same town for years, I finally caught up with **Rens Lee** and learned about some of his outstanding achievements in research and foreign affairs. He has "just finished a stint as a short-term scholar at the Kennan Institute of Advanced Russian Studies here in Washington." The topic of his study was "Evaluating US-Russian Nuclear Security Cooperation," a subject as important as it is arcane.

Rens, I learned, has written impressively in the area of dark commerce. His books include *Smuggling Armageddon: The Nuclear Black Market in the Former Soviet Union and Europe*, *The White Labyrinth: Cocaine and Political Power* and *The Andean Cocaine Industry* (the latter with a co-author). Write on!

The only other classmate to respond to my plea for news was **Tom Kerr**, an Episcopal priest now long-since retired, who emailed that he had nothing to report. But at our age, the fact that one can report "no news" is news in itself

and proof positive of a preferred condition to the alternative.

Apropos, I hope to return to researching a book that arises from a lamentable topic in America: How we deal with death—i.e., poorly. Given the declining state of publishing these days, and the increasing youth of editors, it's not really a go-go topic, although the actuarial facts suggest that a rising number of people with time on their hands must be thinking about it. My thesis: we can deal with death much better in the many ways we prepare ourselves and others.

Meanwhile, I ghosted two books that appeared within months of each other, memoirs by two principals who couldn't be more different. One was a Washington butcher boy turned dentist, turned developer, turned philanthropist extraordinaire; the other Wilhelmina Cole Holladay, founder of the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

1953

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1954

55th Reunion

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Tim Carey writes: Last fall I received a note from **Morgan Shipway** who said he was coming to Boston, to Noble and Greenough specifically, with his cross country team for the New England Championships. I had a chance to catch up with him as we wandered around the course and watched runners making their way along. Morgan is fit and looks as if he could run a marathon tomorrow. He is still reaching, tutoring and coaching. His great interest in coaching, besides cross country, is Girls' Hockey at Westminster. He must be doing a pretty good job since his team knocked off Nobles last week. Nobles had been unbeaten and was the top team in New England going into the game. We had a great talk about the days at PCD, and he expressed his regret at not being able to attend the reunion two springs ago.

I also had a chance to see **Tom Cone** who left PCD after his fifth grade year and moved to Washington. He is a long time biology teacher at Andover. I see him each year when Noble and Greenough play Andover in squash. He is the coach of the Andover squad. He was interested in hearing the news I had picked up at the reunion as well. He still has a Princeton connection: he is married to **Bill Morse's** sister.

I continue to teach two courses at Nobles and spend most of the rest of my time doing some photography and following my 14-year-old daughter around from one event to another. I went to South Africa last summer for two weeks in preparation for a trip I will lead this June with one other teacher and sixteen students. I have now been to the country four times and am feeling more familiar with the people, the issues the country faces and the beauty of the place. A year from now, I will be taking a group to Vietnam for the third time to cycle the Ho Chi Minh trail which has now been paved.

I hope this finds you well after a long winter. I hope to have more to report next time around.

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1959

50th Reunion

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Roger Budny writes: **Steve Cook's** son, **Matt**, co-captain of the Union College hockey team, has been chosen as one of the ten finalists to be considered for the Lowe's Senior Class Award in NCAA men's hockey. This award recognizes the complete student-athlete.

I am still trying to be a small-time Florida rancher. So far it has been a losing battle for a wizened, old man. Just added a few Braford (Brahmin/Hereford) replacement heifers to the herd. These beautiful, red cows with white faces have picked up my spirits.

Preliminary estimates for the number of classmates returning for our 50th reunion on May 15-16 are very promising. It looks like around 15 participants.

Rob Carrick reports he is doing well and often gets to Hightstown to visit his 95-year-old mother in a nursing home. Unfortunately the school where he teaches is still in session in May and Rob won't be able to attend the reunion.

1960

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1961

Correspondent needed

Peter Morse writes: Currently residing with wife, **Melissa**, in Lagos, Nigeria, working as a geophysicist for Chevron. Assignment duration to last three to four years. We return often to our house in Houston, TX.

Tom Chubet writes: **Charlie** is currently a Media Supervisor at Mediaedge, the Internet advertising division of the WPP Group. His fiancée **Kelly**, whom he met at the

University of Vermont, works at Smith Barney. John is an Associate Broker with JC DeNiro and Associates and founding president of Mercury Interiors Ltd., specializing in fine furnishings and custom construction installations for apartments. Carolyn is still a Kaplan Premier tutor, training new tutors and revising Kaplan's retail SAT manual. I am completing my 36th year with Morgan Stanley.



Tom Chubet '61 with **Charlie**, **Kelly**, **John** and wife **Carolyn**.

Randy Hobler, who recently opened his musical "Banjo Boy" in Iowa, now has two songs available at www.youtube.com.

The musical, based loosely on Meredith Wilson's life as a young man, includes show-stopping tunes "Thanks Be to Music" and "Sears, Dear Sears." More information about the project is available at banjoboy.net.

1962

Correspondent needed

1963

45th Reunion

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John Ritchie writes: I got a nice note from **Kevin Kennedy**, who wrote: "I continue to work at Goldman Sachs where I currently have responsibility for our business in Latin America.... I married **Karen Andresen** in 1971 and we have two sons, both in NY, and are awaiting our first grandchild. **Karen** has a pediatric practice in Manhattan. I am active on the boards of Hamilton College, my alma mater, the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Public Library and the Wallace Foundation."

Kevin also said that he and **Karen** see **Susan** and **Copey Coppedge** frequently. **Kevin** and **Copey** played hockey together on the Harvard B-School Blades in the

early '70s and also in a summer league in Boston, but according to **Kevin**, "I abruptly retired from hockey after school and despite the class prophecy, I never became a referee."

Kevin also reported: "In the small world department **Copey's** oldest son moved onto the fourth floor of a six-floor and six-unit building in Tribeca just above my oldest son – they had never met but have now become friends."

In a previous column, I reported that **Ferdie Wandelt** was the long-time Director of Admissions at Taft, but until reading **Kevin's** note, I did not know that during his tenure **Ferdie** managed to draw to Taft all three of **Ford Fraker's** children, one of **Copey Coppedge's** sons, one of **Kevin Kennedy's** sons and both of **Ferdie's** own children.

Though he hasn't seen **Charlie Samson** recently, **Kevin** says that **Charlie** visited Washington, DC for **Ford Fraker's** swearing-in ceremony as U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. **Kevin** finished with this anecdote: "We saw **Deborah** and **Warren Baker** last summer and he so charmed my mother that much to the disappointment of other PCD-ers present, she proclaimed him 'the handsomest man I know'."

Jim Kilgore still lives in Princeton, where he is President and Publisher of Packet Publications. This is a group of 12 community newspapers, based in Princeton, serving the New Jersey counties of Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Monmouth and Burlington, as well as Wayne County, PA. If you ever get nostalgic and want to find out what's going on in Princeton, just go to www.packetonline.com.

And finally, **David Blair** reports that he and **Lina Hervas** got married in the Philippines on December 27, 2008, and the newlyweds are doing well.

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1965

Correspondent needed

ClassNotes

Princeton Day School

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Debbie Hobler writes: Our class has put on their traveling shoes. Apparently, turning 60 has not slowed any of us down! We're moving to new places and traveling around the world.

Galey Bissell Sergio-Castelvetero and her husband Max both retired last year, then spent their entire summer packing up their home of 25 years. In early November, they MOVED to La Paz, Mexico to their new home. Galey has had no problems adjusting to her new status as a retiree, as she reports that she's enjoying cooking, hiking and discovering life in La Paz. In February, she and Max will travel throughout Mexico, and in October will join their son Alex, in

Orange County, CA. While she's in Southern California, I hope to pull together our California classmates for a mini reunion.

Fortunately before the market crashed, **Kirsty Pollard Lieberman** left her job at Merrill Lynch, made a left turn from Princeton and landed in Los Angeles, CA. She's taken a position as an attorney for Transamerica in the Retirement Services Group.



Sebastian, grandson of **Dale Kellogg '66**.

After many years of living in Colorado, **Dale Marzoni Kellogg** packed up her bags and moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico to be close to her daughter Lorelei, her partner, and new grandson, Sebastian. At the moment, she is buying a new home there that has lots of room for gardens and fruit trees and her family.

Sally Harries Gaudie visited with her new grandson Jack Robert Gaudie in Scotland in September, and then turned around soon after to meet her new granddaughter, Madeline, born in Boston on September 15. It was her son Steve

and wife Sam's first baby. In order to balance her global travels, in February Sally and Jack vacationed on the other side of the planet, in New Zealand and the Cook Islands for three weeks. Sal reports that it's the longest holiday they've ever taken.

In November, **Linda Staniar Bergh** and husband Bill joined their daughter Courtney in London for Thanksgiving.

Patience Morgan-Irigoyen traveled to San Francisco and Carmel in the late fall with her husband, Mario.

Sally Behr Ogden left the cold winter in Clinton Corners, NY, during January to warm her spirit in Utah.

This winter, teaching ceramic workshops has taken **Sarah Jaeger** to St. Louis at a private day school and Chicago at a clay guild. Having had enough of this often bitterly cold 2009 winter, she traveled to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida in mid-February to join her sisters.

In mid-February, **Debbie Hobler** joined her two sisters, Mary Hobler Hyson '68, and Nancy Hobler in Sanibel and Captiva, Florida for a sibling reunion. She is looking forward to joining her family in late May for her father's 65th Princeton '44 class reunion. How much bad reunion beer can she still drink?

In addition to starting a blog on MySpace, **Hannah Blakeman**, along with her daughter Virginia, has been sending homemade breads and cookies, beef jerky, magazines, letters and postcards to American soldiers in Iraq. She responded after learning from Army friends stationed in the Middle East that these were the things that helped them feel most connected to home. Thanks Hannah for supporting and nurturing our troops.

Margery Cuyler was the last 1948 baby in our class to celebrate her 60th birthday on December 31. Both her sons were there with her and husband Jan for the Christmas season, and she said "our house rocked with people both young and old". Margery reports that, "Son Tim, who is now 19, is studying architecture, engineering and construction at the University of Cincinnati, and Jan is working on a new book about the psychology of femininity as revealed through seven fairytales." Margery still edits children's books, and continues to write her own. The latest to be published is "Princess Bess Gets Dressed" in February, and "Bullies Never Win" in June. She comments that, "In general, though publishing is suffering in the recession, adult books are getting the brunt of it."

Susan Bonthron's daughter, Caitlin, was married in the fall.

Katherine Becker adopted a new feline named Ned in the fall, who has proved to be a fine companion for Ms. K.

Lynn Wiley Hoffman volunteered as the computer guru to the "Bucks County Residents for Healthcare Reform", a group created to gather feedback from the public on health care issues. Lynn says, "So far, the meetings have produced reports that have



(left) **Sally Harries Gaudie '66** visited with her new grandson Jack Robert Gaudie in Scotland in September then (right) came back to visit new granddaughter Madeline Gaudie (with President Obama in the background).



been sent to President Obama's transition team, our representative and Governor. It feels terrific to be involved in something so important, and to have a president who really wants to know what people think." In her spare time, Lynn has returned to her knitting and crocheting passions, and has enjoyed creating numerous sweaters and vests.

Acting upon **Mettie Whipple's** suggestion that we start a *Facebook* gang, I created a group cleverly named, "The PDS Class of '66". All are welcome to join the three of us—



Mettie Whipple

Mettie, Dale and myself—who have been brave enough to sign up so far. *Facebook* is a great way to keep up with each other's activities, photos and thoughts on a regular basis. All information on the site can only be seen by class members. In our *Facebook* notes, we presently have MFS and PDS pictures of our class, teachers, events, and class reunions.

1967

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Susan Hunter writes: This is the year of the 60th birthday. Congratulations to all of us!

Julia Lockwood writes: All is going well with our family. Rachel has moved back to Portland (Maine) after her year in Dublin completing her master's thesis in English. She is currently working with Americorps, organizing an after school study center for children who live in one of the Portland housing projects. She's enjoying this year as a non-student and has become involved in the Portland scene for young people—playing the piano and taking part in a local band and planning for graduate work in a couple of years. Our middle daughter Shradha had reconstructive surgery on her knee in February following a basketball injury. I recently went to Princeton to visit with my mother who is now 98, still living at home and doing well. I saw **Jennie Borgerhoff**, who was visiting her mother also,



Weezie Huntington '67 and her husband Paul Moran on the beach

with her children. I love walking around Princeton and revisiting old haunts.

Phoebe Knapp Warren sent a postcard with a photograph of one of her latest sculptures entitled "Tomb, 2005," a large 12' x 12' x 12' work made of stained wood, lighting and mixed media, including water. The sculpture consists of three boxes gradually diminishing in size that viewers can enter like a labyrinth, Phoebe said. She showed this work in a new interactive way at a show entitled "Exposure/Enclosure" at the Ryniker-Morrison Gallery at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana in February. She installed the inner two boxes in the gallery and set up the larger one outside with a "tent" camera obscura inside that people could enter. (In the opinion of this writer, the sculpture looks impressive photographed at night, with patterns of light emanating from its slatted exterior onto the surrounding Montana countryside.) Phoebe said she recently reconnected with **Chris Otis** and it was great to hear from her after many years.

Francoise Foassier will be visiting the U.S.A. this fall and will get together with PDS friends and others. Although plans for the trip are just unfolding, so far she'll visit with **Beth Schlossberg '68** in New York City, **Sue Fritsch Hunter** in Connecticut and **Jo Schlossberg McConaghy** in Wellesley, MA.

Pam Erickson MacConnell writes: We are living right in DeLand, FL, about two blocks from Stetson University where my husband and I both went to college. Our daughter graduated from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia with a business degree in not-for-profit marketing and management. She lives in Macon and works for the American Cancer Society and

loves it! Our son is a sophomore at Stetson, living on campus less than two blocks away!

I am the Association Executive (CEO) for the West Volusia Association of Realtors. I love the job, but it's a tough market for our members right now. John (husband of more than 31 years!) is an assistant county attorney and the sheriff's legal advisor. His office is less than a mile from the house, and he has been known to walk to work! My office is less than 7 miles, and after years of traveling or major commutes, this is bliss! We can walk down to the little downtown area and love living in town. Come visit!

Thank you to those who have sent in class news. I encourage those who haven't sent in news in a while to email news and photos to me at the above address. We'd love to hear from more of you!

1968

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Mary Hyson writes: Perhaps Currier and Ives portrayed delightful winter scenes, but after many snowfalls, ice storms and chilling temperatures here in New England, I needed a change of scenery and to thaw out for a bit. So I headed to Sanibel and Captiva Islands on Florida's west coast for two-and-a-half weeks of sun every day. I think I can retain that subtropical heat in my body to hold me over until spring!

Several classmates helped make this column possible with news from coast to coast. **Beth Schlossberg** has big news. "I have recently opened my private practice in adult psychotherapy (whoohoo!) at 211 East 43 Street, Suite 230 in NYC. Phone: 212-561-1798. My profile can be found on www.psychologytoday.com ("find a therapist"). Referrals are welcome and very much appreciated. Other than that, I'm finishing my two-year post-grad institute program in May and continuing to work full time at the clinic until my prac-

tice picks up. Hoping to pull together a gathering of nearby '68ers at my place, in the not too distant future. Also plan on doing a catch-up with **John Claghorn**. He never fails to make me laugh." Beth, good luck with your new venture.

Gail Smith Cleare, who is intensively trying to finish a romantic suspense book by March, replied to my request for anecdotes. She wrote: "Unfortunately we are not going to Obama's inauguration, but my niece, Jennifer, will be there. She is in charge of PR for the Army chorus, and her husband is one of the soloists who will be singing. He also sang the National Anthem for Clinton's swearing in, and shook hands with him as he took the podium. Woo hoo! Anyhow, my old white rooster, 'W' recently kicked the bucket and the new dominant rooster is a black and white striped one named...you guessed it, 'Obama.' His sidekick is a little golden Bantam rooster named 'Joe.' I have heard that chickens are used for predicting the future in certain obscure Caribbean religions, and now I guess I know why!"

Happy New Year greetings came my way from **Nancy Flagg** in southern California. "I guess here in Orange County, eight straight days of over 80 degrees is sort of like a tropical rain forest. Except that if this keeps up, we will have no water! I am not a FOB (friend of Barack) but I'm very happy to have a change in DC. Hopefully, our economy will improve, and everyone's 401k, too. This year, I plan to continue part-time in pediatrics at Kaiser and am beginning to look around

Where Are They?

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the West more seriously to find a place to move where the cost of living, smog and traffic are less and there are lots of outdoor volunteer activities. It is exciting to think about having new adventures and getting to know a different part of the country.

On a sadder note, my Mom is very ill with Parkinson's. My younger brother is staying with her (bless him) so she can remain at home as long as possible. This is a hard time of life for all of us with elderly parents. Sometimes it seems like just yesterday that they were all attending our PDS graduation and getting us off to college." Our best wishes to your Mom and the family, Nancy.

Lynn Behr Sanford is one of the few remaining classmates who live in Princeton. In January, she emailed to say her two sons both graduated from PDS. Lad got his bachelor's degree from Emory last year and Brody is a freshman at Princeton. Go Tiger!

An enthusiastic **Mazzie Madeira Gogolak** broadcast her latest: "Our family news is that our oldest son, Stephen, will be married in July in Northeast Harbor, ME! Stephen is the director of Web Casting at Cramer in MA. His bride, Lauren Sloger, is



Nanda D'Agostino '68 with daughter Lucia and husband Brian. "I wish you were all here to taste Brian's Apple Brandy Elixir."

in the personnel area of Omega. Our other son, Sam, graduated from NYU last May (magna cum laude – obviously got his father's brain!) and is now teaching Junior English and second year Latin at Blair Academy in NJ. I think Blair might be a PDS competitor in sports. As a Lawrenceville grad, he is seeing another side of boarding school life as a dorm master and advisor. Thank goodness they are all employed, so far! Charlie and I finally dug up our Boston roots

and sold our condo. Now we have our Florida place in Naples and our Maine place in Northeast Harbor to bounce between. Not a bad existence – we play lots of golf and are on boards in Maine to do our part for the community. We are cheering for our country and hoping that President Obama will rally us all in good directions to make it an even better place for our kids and grandkids to live."

A. Richard Ross writes: Regret missing 40th reunion—just had kidney transplant. Judy donated to me so I always have a piece of her with me! Had some wonderful exchanges with **Bassett Hobler Hyson!** She is still a gem. Caught up with **Jerry Pitt** and **Andy Fishmann** during recuperation and cherish their support and kindness—also that of Sally Lane Graff '66 whom I have known for nearly 55 years! Judy is deputy general counsel of Chubb, which keeps her on the go. I've been in practice for 30 years—still love the competitive nature of litigation—winning and losing. Have pretty much focused "athletic" endeavors in golf at Trump Bedminster. More intellectual pursuits find me with a wealth of knowledge about Mughal, India spurred by a business trip to Hyderabad and Delhi. Recommend William Dalrymple's books to all.

Nanda D'Agostino writes: "2008 was quite a year of travels, adventures, hard work and thrills and chills for all. A big change in our family life came when our neighbors adopted two children from Ethiopia. We became substitute grandparents and have gone absolutely crazy for them. They arrived just as our nest was starting to feel particularly empty as Lucia finished up her second year of college. She is heading to Buenos Aires for a six-month study program. She is now a junior at Claremont McKenna College majoring in International Affairs.

"In July, I went to China for a two-week exhibition and artists' residency at the 809 International New Image Art Festival near The Three Gorges. After some difficult times in my own life in the past few years, this trip had a huge impact on me. It was a powerful show, a beautiful place and the sense of community and real friendship that sprang to life

so quickly among the artists, the villagers and the volunteers, was really phenomenal. I always am the happiest when I am facing challenges and new experiences, learning something and connecting with people in unexpected ways. The 809 was all of that and more. I'm so very grateful that life can still REALLY surprise me.

"This year has also been a year of reconnecting with old friends from way back – dear friends from both college and high school. Picking up the thread of a conversation you began years ago and finding out you still have lots to talk about is a great feeling. I guess if the connection is real, it doesn't every really go away."

Nanda, I hope you get to our next class reunion, as circumstances prevented you from joining us for our 40th. We missed you.

That's all for now folks.
Happy spring!

1969

40th Reunion

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Bill (Jesse) Markham writes:

I hope to reconnect with some of you, having just learned that PDS has maintained alumni status for PCD.

I left Princeton for St. Paul's, then joined **Brent Vine** at Harvard, and eventually became an anti-trust lawyer in San Francisco. I am now a full-time law professor at the University of San Francisco. My only continuing contact with anyone from those wonderful years in Princeton is Betsy Hartmann, daughter of Headmaster Tom. I married another Hartmann daughter Darcy, and we split amicably about ten years ago. I hope to hear from some of you. I am at markham@usfca.edu

1970

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Ann Wiley writes: **Rett Campbell** spent the past year on the road, responding to the flooding in Indiana, Hurricane Hannah in North Carolina, and Hurricane Ike in Texas. In February, he was

in Iowa as part of the recovery team for the flooding of Cedar Rapids and reported that it is quite cold there.

Marjorie Shaw was diagnosed with breast cancer this summer, and was very fortunate that two different loci were discovered at a very early stage, and both in the same breast. She had a mastectomy, but avoided chemo and radiation, and has had "a wonderful reconstruction (complete with liposuction!)." She wrote: "I am now feeling great and healthy, am full time back at my job teaching anatomy at Howard Medical School. I have come from the initial feelings of anger and fear to a state of feeling extraordinarily lucky. Get your mammograms ladies! It can save your life."

Tom Berger lives and works in the United Kingdom and heads up a team of fund analysts at Skandia, which is primarily a fund of funds business. He is in charge of a team of about 35 who travel around the world in search of the best investment managers in all asset classes. They then construct portfolios, using the selected managers, which are sold in the UK and globally. Tom wrote: To keep things simple and to make sure I stay on course, I try to follow some rules – 10 of them to be precise. They are:

1. If you are not being criticized, you are not making a difference.
2. In life you are more often judged by perception than reality.
3. Doing the right thing and being popular are not always compatible.
4. No matter how much money you make, there will always be someone with a bigger yacht.
5. About edges: They should be pushed, but not gone over. A fine but important distinction.
6. About mistakes: They can be easily avoided, as long as you never try to achieve anything.
7. About the world: More and more I am convinced that it is round, despite the fact that my cell phone mysteriously works in China, France and Argentina.
8. Too many meetings is what has prevented mankind from realizing its full potential.
9. Share credit for any success widely. (And do the opposite for failures.)

10. Make sure to have a dose of fun everyday."

Tom invites anyone to look him up when passing through London or Southampton.

Liz Hamish Roberts loves living in Keene, NY (near Lake Placid), where she and Bill moved last August. Liz is currently doing substitute teaching at a local school and Bill splits his time between his home office and his Massachusetts office. They love the outdoor activities there: skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, kayaking.

Jack Kilgore just finished an Old Master Paintings exhibition at his gallery in New York. He reported that it went well, considering the general economy. He wrote: "Our market has certainly held up far better than the contemporary field. I am off to exhibit at The European Fine Art Fair at Maastricht in the Netherlands. This will be my 17th year. Seems incredible to think that I have spent over one year of my life in this medieval city. On the home front our daughter, India, is in second grade at The Spence School. I am afraid that she likes school just about as much as I did at her age. My wife Kim is a Brownie Troop leader, and works much harder than I do. What a surprise! We just got a cat named JoJo. Our Westie, named "Westie", is not happy. At this point, they live on separate floors of our house. Where are Joan Williams and Barbara Miller? I was just talking to my wife about Lew Bowers. Hello? Like to know."

Allison Gilbert Kozicharow, Hilary Martin and Allison's daughter, Maggie attended all the



PDS Class of 1970 pals **Hilary Martin, Allison Gilbert Kozicharow** and Allison's daughter, Maggie, celebrating at the Lincoln Memorial concert for Obama.

inaugural events together. Allison reported that it was an "experience of a lifetime! I learned about hand and toe warmers, too!"

Robin Murray wrote: "I am completing the work for a \$100,000 grant that I received to document a class I taught on rural sustainable development and to work with five municipalities in NJ to develop sustainable master plans. They each got \$50,000, so it is a \$350,000 initiative. We hope to get national recognition for it when finished. I have written some papers on it, one of which was sent to EPA by a professor who sits on one of their advisory councils. I also gave a presentation on some related matters at the AIA national convention in Boston last June. Personally I am almost a full time student this spring taking nine credits as I finally finish my Master's of Infrastructure Planning degree. The three 100-year floods I suffered from September 2005 to June 2006 slowed me down significantly. I don't recommend being flooded to anyone even once much less three times in succession. It is a little odd to be studying so much. The fun part is many of my classmates are from Europe and Asia. I am not traveling like I was so I haven't seen classmates of late. I did 30 different cities in three years with a lot of repeats in DC, 2 in Portland, Minneapolis and Seattle. I miss visiting new cities but am glad not to be traveling 12+ weeks out of the year. I hope to be in San Francisco in early May but that is it."

Wendy Lawson-Johnston McNeil reported that not much new is in her life. She loves her work with the Guggenheim Museum and that it is moving full force in many positive ways. She and Tommy spend time in South Carolina, currently recuperating from her "very minor" heart procedure and Tom's rotator cuff surgery. And, of course, she loves spending time with her 1½-year-old grandson, Chanan.

Calvin Johnson announced that he hopes his first book, *Within The Band of Christ* (700 pages) will be in print by April.

Bumper White wrote that he had hoped to tell us that **Deebs Young, Freddy Erdman** and he were all going to play in a hockey

tournament in Martha's Vineyard, hosted by Jim Young. However, they aren't playing but instead he thinks that **Jimmy Rodgers, Freddy King, Carl Erdman '76** and **Freddy Erdman** will be at the tournament.

Ann Wiley won't be bothering you anymore asking for money for PDS! After 15 years of running the Annual Fund, the Development Office was restructured and she was freed of that responsibility. She is now overseeing the computer operations of the Development Office; usually a much less stressful role, especially in this economy. However in a very weak moment, she agreed to chair the annual stewardship drive at her church... And she continues to fundraise for their mission work in Haiti. Ann spent a long weekend in Lisbon in February, sunned in Florida during spring break, and will spend a week in the Poconos in June with three friends.

Mark your calendars for May 2010 for our 40th Reunion! (The dates haven't been set officially yet, but it will probably be May 14-16.)

1971

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Betsy Meredith Rigo writes: Alas, the long winter is over, and I'm looking forward to spring and summer! I will be going out to the Bay Area in late spring, and hope to see several classmates there. Meanwhile, things are fine here in New York.

Thanks to **Bill Flemer** for coming to the plate last fall and compiling the class notes.

The school's email address list for our class is out of date. So, when you get a chance, if you have a new address, please send it to **Ann Wiley '70**, who runs the PDS database, at awiley@pds.org. Several of your emails arrived too late for press time; these will be incorporated into the fall notes.

Bill Flemer writes: My latest news is that my oldest daughter **Emma** got married on January 31, to **Jake Morrow** of Princeton. He teaches Latin at Penn Charter School in Philadelphia. **Emma** will be organizing and coaching Penn Charter's new rowing program this spring. (She rowed on Ithaca



Bill Flemer '71 shared this photo of his daughter, **Emma**, and husband **Jake Morrow** on their wedding day.

College's NCAA Division III champion crew.) **Jake** and **Emma** are both accomplished musicians, and perform in the Philadelphia area. They also play with me and my son **Will** around Princeton. Their long-term goal is to have a farm.

Nina Shafan pens: I've been on the road as part of the FCC's "DTV Outreach" team. (Are YOU ready for the switch to digital television? Visit www.dtv.gov for answers.) The work took me to, among other places, Utah and Wyoming for the first time in my life. The vast open spaces and sparse traffic were a refreshing change from my congested east-coast environment, and the high, snow-covered mountains and pine forests were breathtaking. The Grand Teton was in full view on one of my days in Jackson. I saw herds of antelope and elk only from a distance, but got fairly close to several moose nibbling willow branches at the far edge of someone's unfenced backyard. Now back to my routine. I recommend a visit out west if you've not done so already.

Nina, I spent many childhood summers in and around Jackson. My aunt had a summer dude ranch near Jackson, and I have fond memories of the place, including the wildlife.

Lisa Warren writes: I just had my 24th anniversary at J&J. Hard to believe. The work remains very interesting and keeps me on my toes. One of the things I have learned is that I never aspire to



Lisa Warren '71 (left) and **Vicki Willock '71** on a recent visit together in California.

being a Continental platinum or even gold elite member. Silver is quite enough for me, thank you very much.

I am looking forward to having dinner with **Vicki Willock** when I am in California. Haven't seen or heard from anyone else from PDS lately but I enjoyed very much seeing everyone who attended our 35th anniversary reunion at the Flemer compound.

Just to keep things lively, we recently rescued a puppy. So now, in addition to our teenaged daughter, we live with our beloved 7-year-old Golden Retriever, a devilish 5-month-old Texas Healer (Australian Cattle/Australian Shepherd mix) and a dwarf hamster who has significantly exceeded her life expectancy. When I drag myself into the house after a business trip or long day at the office, my dogs are there, wagging their tails and greeting me with that unconditional love only they can give.

Lisa sent a late newflash, saying that her daughter Rachel was accepted into the PDS class of 2013. She will enter in the fall as a ninth grader.



Georgia Myer '71 celebrating her father's 87th birthday with sisters **Ginny Kester '72**, and **Jody Lynch '75**.

Georgia Myer writes in: Hope all is well! I'm forwarding a photo of the Myer clan (above) taken on my Dad's 87th birthday, just after Christmas in Wisconsin. All continues well here in Vermont.

Vicki Willock pens: My husband and I decided it was time to go "down under," given the nature of the financial marketplace. We traveled in Australia and New Zealand for most of the month of December before returning home in time to ensure the sale of one of my engineering clients on 12/31. Now that's the way to end the year: pleasure and business!

Well, that's the news for now! Please write in for the fall.

1972

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Jan Hall Burruss writes: **Steve Silverman** passed away on February 9 following a long illness. Visitation hours were held on February 14 and funeral services were held the 15th at The Jewish Center in Princeton. Burial followed at Princeton Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Cardiac Division of the Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, or to the Cardiac Transplant Research Program at the UCLA Medical Center 10833 Le Conte Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90095 or the University Medical Center at Princeton Foundation, 253 Witherspoon St., Princeton, NJ 08540. Condolences may be sent to Steven's brother Jon at: jdsilverman@optonline.net

Giovanni Ferrante writes: I think about high school classmates often, and really had a good time at the 35th (whew!) reunion! gjaiff@comcast.net.

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Hilary A. Morgan writes: After five years overseas, four years in Hawaii and 15 years in Alaska, I have returned home to New York! It's great to be back. Working with The Doe Fund — still helping homeless people! Have two cds at hilarymorganmusic.com!

1974

35th Reunion

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Melinda Cragg Challener writes: Our oldest, Brandon, is a high school senior this year! Makes me feel OLD. We think he wants to be in Boston. I think the Red Sox have something to do with his



Anne Russell '75 on a Habitat for Humanity building trip in Thailand and the adventures of having 20 students under her care.

choice. I am teaching at an amazing school in downtown Chattanooga. I have kindergartners and several of them break my heart because I know what they are going home to. Despite the odds some of them face (dad in jail, mom on crack, three siblings all with different dads, etc.) they are all reading and writing by the time I have to send them to first grade. Signal Mountain, TN has been a great place to raise kids, one of those Mayberry towns, but I miss, miss, MISS the northeast. Brandon in Boston schools sounds great to me.

Barbara Spalholz, PhD writes: I continue to work at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD supporting cancer research across the country, am still married to Frank Capello, artist and teacher, and have two children: Joseph, age 17 is looking at colleges, and Andrea, age 12.

1975

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Molly Sword McDonough

writes: Thanks to all for sending your fascinating news and photos from all over the planet! We have a great class of friends, and it is so wonderful to find that we can connect and re-connect as we go through our lives, together.

In the accompanying notes you will find news from Abu Dhabi to Patagonia, and we look forward to Caron's news reports from China for the next *Journal*!

There will be a Memorial Service for **Bill McClellan's** father,

Dr. Bruce McClellan, at the Chapel at the Lawrenceville School on Sunday, May 3, 2009, at 10am, for any of our classmates and friends who are able to attend.

Anne Russell writes: All well here in Abu Dhabi. We spent Christmas vacation enjoying the UAE and glorious weather. I had just returned from a Habitat for Humanity building trip in Thailand and the adventures of having 20 students under my care in the airport shut down. We shopped. We were delayed only one day due to the decision by Etihad Airways to arrange emergency flights. We had to camp out with 1000 other people for one night on the parking lot of an old Thai military base (think Vietnam B-52s) and boarded the plane at 5:00 am. We enjoyed the adventure because the group was terrific. Also during the holiday, Lia Grigg, Ellen and David's daughter, came through on her way to Australia. Amazing.

Now life is normal: child in musical and soccer and gymnastics. She asks perceptive questions, like "mommy what would we do if we did not have a nanny." And still there is never enough time to exercise? I watched some 30-year-olds play in an Ultimate Frisbee tournament and thought, "weren't those the days!"

Kip Herrick O'Brien writes: My daughter is currently a junior



Class of 1975 graduate **Kip Herrick's** two kids; Connor (15) and daughter, Kelty (18), and dogs, Wellington and Chumley.

at St. George's School in Newport, RI and loves it! She is beginning to look at colleges and she and I are doing a southern sweep of schools over spring break later this month. We are expecting to see, and stay

with, **Ruth Barach Cox** while in Raleigh-Durham. My son is a freshman at Fairfield Prep and is, thankfully, still living at home with my husband and me. Besides being an attorney in NYC, my husband is still very active with ice-hockey, biking, flying etc. (do they ever grow up?!!) and I am still doing my interior design business when I am not doing a multitude of things for the kids!! Like the rest of you, life is busy, but good. Big hello to everyone in our class... hope you will ALL show up for our next reunion.

Sally Blodgett Carton writes: Hi all—always fun to read. The best is seeing **Susi Vaughn's** name. WOW! we had lots of fun together and it has been years. Nothing much to add here.

PS from Molly: Sally and her family witnessed quite a lot of excitement last year in Chicago, because they live in the same neighborhood as our new President and his family! The reports from Hyde Park were fabulous and fascinating! I suppose that, in comparison, 2009 must seem kind of quiet!

Michael Hill writes: Here's a quick update: We had a great visit over the weekend from **Keith Rittmaster**, his wife Vicky (both marine scientists and leaders in the world of dolphins and other marine mammals), and their terrific 12-year-old daughter, Lindsey, while they were up here working with the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History. Among many other amazing things—such as starting and running the Cape Lookout Environmental Studies Station on the NC Coast and helping to run the North Carolina Maritime Museum—Keith is heading up a project to reconstruct and display the skeleton of a sperm whale that washed ashore and died at Cape Lookout in 2004. Sperm whales are endangered, and this one (which volunteers found just about the time of its death) provides lots of helpful information on the whales' habits. Great pictures, etc. are at www.bonehenge.org.

Caron Cadle writes: Our big news is that Ralf Remshardt, my husband of 22 plus years, will be in Beijing from late April to early June. He is kicking off his sabbatical year by joining with friend and colleague David Gardiner to co-direct their play "Einstein's

Dreams," adapted from the novel by Alan Lightman, at Beijing University, also known as Beida, China's flagship institution of higher learning. Mom and I plan to fly to Beijing right after my 30th Princeton reunion, in time to catch the last performance on June 7. The play will be performed by 9 Chinese student actors, in English. We'll then take Ralf along with us to visit Hong Kong and then on a tour to Hunan, Sichuan and Yunnan provinces. We're swallowing hard at the idea of spending the money to do this, since our finances have proven no more immune to the general meltdown than anyone else's, but Mom, who last visited China in the 1980s, would like to go now, while she's still sure she can, and we can't argue with that!

Anyway, it should be fascinating work for Ralf. He and David will have professional costume and lighting designers (the play does not require any scenery), and translators available to help them much of the time. Though design meetings and rehearsals will take a lot of hours, they'll still have a lot of leeway to take in Beijing. I'm quite jealous, but look forward to being shown the highlights of their earlier explorations when Mom and I get there!

Did see **Sally Wright**, who is walking further each day after a successful hip replacement, and stopped in to visit as Mom's house is on her route! Her Dad will be 85 this year and plans are already afoot to mark that occasion. My husband Ralf hits the big 5-0 in July (yes, I cradle-robbed) and nefarious schemes are twined about that occasion too!

Janie Katz-Christy writes: I'm living in Cambridge, MA, where I've been since 1980, following graduation from the University of Michigan. I went to graduate school in Architecture (like a number of other PDS women classmates, I think) at MIT, and worked as an architect for many years.

A few years ago, some friends and I started a citywide monthly celebration of green transportation, on the last Friday of every month. They are called Walk/Ride Days and are like monthly Earth Days of transportation. We kicked them off in public and private schools across Cam-



Janie Katz-Christy '75 shared this family photo.

bridge, then in corporations, government offices and the retail community. I took on the job of coordinating the effort, first at our kids' school, then in Cambridge and now for the organization as whole. The Green Streets Initiative (www.GoGreenStreets.org) is now a 501c3 organization, and has spin-offs in various cities in MA, NH and ME and abroad. We've had interest from across the country and beyond. It's been so much fun and has connected me to wonderful people in the environmental, public health, business communities and to politicians, philanthropists, activists and others.

I'd love to hear from any other PDSers who would like to start Walk/Ride Days in their community! Or who would like to help with funding, or to help us develop more financial resources.

Besides Green Streets, things are great. My husband runs a non-profit hands-on engineering education company, and we have 3 amazing kids, ages 12, 10 and 7. They go to a local Montessori school, but we're hoping to transition them into the public schools for high school, if not before then.

One very sad thing is that my mother, Eileen Katz, died in December 2007 after a long and valiant struggle with breast cancer. I think about her daily, and admire her more and more.

I'm in touch with **Anne Tate**, who lives nearby in Somerville, MA. Anne is also an architect, and has a 10-year-old daughter who sings with my 10-year-old daughter (and 100 or so others, including my 81-year-old mother-in-law!) in a family opera company. Anne and I met up when our 10-year-olds were newborns.

Molly Moynahan writes: Okay, things are interesting ...I'm back teaching at Evanston Township High School; they had an emer-

gency need and my husband had been laid off. I'm teaching AP Lit and four sections of failing seniors. Whee. Meanwhile, my husband has been asked to be a foreman for a huge welding project at O'Hare. I have a vampire novel bouncing around HarperCollins and my son Luke is running track and playing Hendrix & Iggy Pop on his guitar. Condolences to Bill and love to all.

I wonder if you could let everyone know my web site is



Luke, son of **Molly Moynahan '75**.

live, www.theteachersway.com. It was designed by **Jody Myer** who did amazing work with someone who kept tweaking. She's a great designer! If anyone has education connections, I'd really appreciate the support. Quitting my job in recession was probably crazy but then again, turning fifty means you just close your eyes and jump!

Carl Briscoe writes: I am living in Gaylordsville, CT with my wife Lisa, daughter Kate (19) and son Mack (17). My daughter is a freshman at Colgate University—so far so good. My son is a "fifth form" (junior), day student at Canterbury School in New Milford, CT. Canterbury is primarily for boarding students but not too different from PDS in its approach to learning and development. My wife is a real estate agent and works 24/7. I am an Assistant Treasurer with Novartis Finance Corporation in NYC. I have talked to **Jack Bonini** recently and he is doing well. I've been connecting to some classmates through Facebook; there is a Princeton Day School Alumni Group but only a few '75s.

I encourage people to check it out.

Philip Benson writes: Greetings, on the first day of Spring in Patagonia! Just wanted to tell you that the best way to reach us is at: ballbenson@gmail.com. We are thoroughly enjoying early retirement/extended sabbaticals. The hectare of land we have on Lake

Nahuel Huapi keeps us very very busy. That, plus, the library we are building and the several chapters of an International Baccalaureate History of the Americas I'm writing should keep us out of trouble.

Deirdre and I are past the 33 year mark together. As you can see by the attached photo, I have lots of grey and plenty of wrinkles. About ready for botox and a tummy tuck!

Dafydd Jones writes: Just a quick note to say that my e-mail address has changed to info@dafyddjones.com. Molly adds: Dafydd has a website with his photography: www.dafyddjones.com.

There are beautiful photos of Bucks County and other landscapes that I'm sure the class will enjoy.

Curtis Webster's daughter, Theo, has graduated summa cum laude from Rutgers this Spring, in Classic Languages.... you know, the ones that none of us can read, speak or understand except for **Jeffrey Streed!** Congratulations to Theo (and kudos to Curtis!). Theo has begun graduate studies in Classic Greek language at Columbia University!!!

Curtis is actively involved in presenting free, summer concerts in Princeton, through his not-for-profit "Blue Curtain," at the outdoor venue in Pettoranello Gardens. These concerts have been met with "sold-out" crowds, and much appreciation from the people in town.



Eric Dunn '75 had a celebratory 2008—with Eric's 50th birthday, and Eric and Susan's 25th Anniversary!

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Susi Vaughan Meade writes: For the past year I have been working for the BCIU as an IA!!! OK to many abbreviations; The Bucks County Intermediate Unit as an Instructional Assistant. To put it all in a nutshell the IU deals with special education children that would be served

better in an inclusive classroom rather than being mainstreamed in regular educational classrooms. I am an Instructional Assistant (a fancy title for those of us who teach but do not have the certificate!) for the Kindergarten-First Grade Diagnostic Language Support Program. It is challenging, rewarding and a lot of fun. The kids are great, funny, frustrating and lovable. The best thing is that the classroom where we operate from is in the elementary school where my kids went so I know all the teachers from the regular ed classes as well as the administration and it is only a 3-minute commute!!! And of course I get the school vacations and summer off so I can spend time with my own kids. Though I am finding this summer I am playing taxi driver a lot getting them to and from camps, swim team practices, and jobs. My oldest Gillian (19) finished her first year at Hobart & William Smith Colleges (Yes my alma mater) and did very well. She managed to juggle social life with academic life making Dean's list both semesters as well as enjoying being part of the college chorus, and losing the freshman 15 rather than gaining the freshman 15! This summer she is busy being a counselor for various adventure camps, (canoeing and hiking in the Adirondacks and down the Delaware) and when not doing that she is waitressing at a local restaurant. The middle one, Cassie (16) finished up her sophomore year at Pennsbury High School where she was the Goalie for the Junior Varsity Soccer team and is anxiously thinking about her move up to varsity next year. This summer she is concentrating on learning how to drive so that she may eventually take over the taxi cab position in the family. This summer she practically lives at our township pool complex where she coaches for the township swim team as well as teaching swim lessons and lifeguarding. What a tan she is getting! The youngest Kallie (13) is busy with field hockey camps, swim team practice and just busy being a 13-year-old (and all the complexities and drama that age brings)! We all hope to get to relax at the beach for a week in August before all the back-to-school things start.

Molly Sword

McDonough writes: I am excited about my new business venture, Pitcher/ Sword Productions, which represents some wonderful acoustic musicians, including Henry Butler, Happy Traum, The Bobs, Barry Mitterhoff, and several other terrific artists. I would love to have everyone from the PDS community send me the name of your favorite "listening room," club, small theater or festival, which would really help me get a sense of the quality venues around the country!

It is a great thing during these tough times to have old friends to connect and communicate with, and I encourage everyone in our class who has not yet sent me your e-mail address to get onto our class-wide e-mails, where we keep up-to-date with each other throughout the year.

More photos from Class of '75, with photo descriptions if you click through www.dotphoto.com/Go.asp?l=mollysword&P=&AID=0&T=1.



Pete, Sarah, Tom and Molly Sword McDonough '75, during Parents' Weekend at The Island School, South Eleuthera, The Bahamas, May 2008.

Livy Delafield is remembered through the Livy Delafield Music Fund which underwrites the costs of classical and traditional music programs presented by professional musicians to students in San Diego area schools. The Fund, run by Young Audiences of San Diego, last year provided 58 professional music performances for more than 12,500 students. Contributions can be made to Young Audiences of San Diego, 4007 Camino del Rio S. Ste. 212, San Diego, CA 92108 or online at www.yasandiego.org.



Marjorie Williams '75 husband and children: Tim Noah, Will and Alice Noah, during a book reading of *Reputation*, the most recent compilation of Marjorie's writings, edited by Tim Noah, in November 2008, at Politics and Prose in Washington, DC.



John Joyce '75 with his wife Nancy.

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Jennifer Walsh and her husband **Bernard Wharton** are featured in a recent *Architectural Digest* for their work in Africa. "In the arid slums of Mukuru (among Kenya's largest informal settlements), outside Nairobi, Bernard Wharton has upended the concept of architectural export," the article states. "He financed, but did not design, a modest facility that bears no connection to the high-end residential realm of his practice, Shope Reno Wharton. Here, on the metaphorical and actual other side of the world from their home in leafy Connecticut, Wharton and his wife, Jennifer Walsh, have moved beyond architecture to invest themselves in the noblest type of building."

1977

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Greetings! Thanks to **Rob McClellan** for his recent correspondence to our class. We should definitely act on Rob's suggestion to reach out and reconnect with each other. Rob also mentioned that this is a significant year for

the Class of 1977. Not to put a damper on anyone's day or add stress about fine lines and wrinkles, but most of us will be celebrating the big 50 this year and we will definitely be thinking about how we got to where we are today. It seems like time has passed with record speed. Many of my memories of PDS are so vivid that it's hard to believe that the events occurred more than 30 years ago. Sad times, happy times, confused times, inspired times, I remember the smell of the classrooms on rainy days and the sound of our cheers at ice hockey games. I remember our passion, concern and anticipation of the unknown. How kind **Ruth Hershenov** was to me one day in French class after a "less than pleasant" lashing about my inability to use proper pronunciation. Thanks Ruth! I hope you're well.

And **Karin Morgenstern**, your chocolate chip cookies were amazing back then, could they possibly have gotten any better?

I heard from **Jen Weiss** who wanted to confirm that a former item in the PDS Journal may have given us the impression that she was remarried, while in fact she has been happily married to her one and only husband for years. In addition to being a wife, mother and lawyer, Jen has served as a member of the NC House of Representatives since 1999.

Celia Schulz, with "no juicy updates" to report, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Texas – Pan American in Edinburg, TX. Her email address is heliotrip@flash.net.

As for me, I am enjoying my job as the Communications and Membership Director at the Westhampton Country Club. My inbox is always open and I look forward to hearing from you and sharing more class news in the future. Be well!

1978

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Allison Sargent writes: Thanks to all who wrote in with their news. By the time this issue of the Journal is published, it will be roughly one year since our 30th reunion. It

was really fun and gratifying to see so many classmates at the various venues held over Reunion Week-end. So this is a very late but very special thanks to **Liz Westergaard** and her husband for hosting us all in such spectacular-fashion on Saturday night and to **Tracey and Tom Gates** for the wonderful, intimate brunch the next day.

This first update is a snippet from **Greg Morea's** witty and informative Christmas letter. It is an amazing document, stuffed to the gills with news on the very busy Morea family. It is hard to edit because it is all so interesting. And by the way, Greg, it always bums me out a little because I do about 2% in a year what your family seems to accomplish every month!

"Well, we've made it through another year, and while it definitely had its ups and downs, it was much better than the last couple of months of 2007...Greg underwent a 'wonderful' month of radiation treatments in January for his testicular cancer, but his testing in February and again in August showed no indication of the disease. He had an interesting suntan for a while, but other than a strange inclination to glow at night, he's a cured man. He's still chugging away at Electric Boat, traveling for the company now and then but thankfully not as much as he used to. He continues to lecture at church and joined the Knights of Columbus early in the year and was exemplified (promoted) to 3rd Degree Knight in the fall. Rebecca loves to tease him about the Knights (no, that's NOT a typo—think Monty Python & the Holy Grail) but he genuinely enjoys being a Knight." His wife Barbara has also faced some health challenges. She ended up in bed for well over a month due to back issues but is now recovered and back to work and to her singing (she sings in three church choirs!) Their children Joseph and Rebecca are going to be attending school together at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rebecca next fall as a freshman, Joseph as a senior. Congratulations to Greg and Barbara on celebrating 25 years of marriage! Greg says he knew they still loved each other when on their second honeymoon "we were able to spend day after day in a very small car driving on very long



Class of 1978 Reunion revelers **Ken Trock**, **Robyn Ultan**, **Nancy Chen Cavanaugh** and **Sue Fineman**.



Class of 1978 members **Jeff Patterson** and **Brian Trubee** enjoy their 30th Reunion.

roads, very long distances and never once wanted to kill each other".

I was able to pester **Lydia Thompson Fox** into sending along her news. "I am alive and well and living in La Jolla, CA. with husband Dave Fox near Windansea beach, a well-known surfing area where the Beach Boys composed some of their songs... I have tried surfing but found the water too cold. Moved from the East Coast metropolitan area 10½ yrs ago after having gotten a PhD in Chinese art and archaeology from NYU, then did some teaching and curating. Now have my own art appraisal firm. We have 2 girls, 10 and 13, who are lots of fun. I have converted to the southern California lifestyle and seriously doubt that I will return east (well, maybe to NYC). I welcome old pals to come visit!"

And then I went onto shame **Jeff Swisher** into writing in as well: "Finally finished our massive remodel and was fortunate to sell the majority of my stock to pay for it in October of 2007, two days after the market peaked. The bummer is all my wealth is in my house. At least I get to live in it. Kids all well, job is still fun. Still get along great with my wife. Excellent week skiing in Tahoe last week. Best snow in 10 years. I still miss our days at the round hearth at Stowe. Seriously would

you let your kids at 15 go skiing by themselves for a week? Different times for sure."

Finally, I harassed **Alice Lee Groton**, who obliged with this wonderful update written from the Denver Airport

waiting for a plane: A friend and I started a flower arranging business last May in Stonington, called Periwinkle Design, Flowers for All Occasions. Kept us very busy through the summer and business has waned, as you might imagine this winter! My younger daughter Sophie and I traveled in July to Ecuador on a "mission" type trip to help rebuild a church in Puyo, in the south of Ecuador, bordering the Amazon rain forests. The beginning of the journey was in Quito, elevation 9000 ft. Beautiful drive down through the Valley of Volcanoes to our destination. Visited the tallest, active volcano, Cotopaxi and also stood on the equator—what a rush to try and walk on a straight line, feeling the pull from both sides. It was fascinating! Daughter Sara, age 20, and I drove from Connecticut to Denver where she is in school at DU, at the end of August. Great trip—tried to hit as many college towns on the way (great restaurants!): Princeton, Kenyon College in Gambier, OH, University of Missouri and University of Kansas...then prairie for MILES!! Sara spent a month in Thailand from November-December, hiking through villages in the northwest region of Chiang Mai. Their purpose was to build new trails connecting these villages which will help increase the hiking tourism. Life-changing experience for her.

I have been corresponding a bit with **Jenny Chandler Hauge** who is enjoying her life in DC working for non-profits at a national level. Her daughter is celebrating her 21st birthday at St. Andrews in Scotland in April and Jenny is heading over there to commemorate the big day. Her son is currently a freshman at Dartmouth College (like mother, like son)! She is also a Facebook convert and is enjoying connecting with old friends.

So nice to hear from **Tom**



Jennifer Chandler Hauge '78 shared these photos. (above left) Annabelle Brainard '77, a tax attorney for Verizon Wireless in Philadelphia, and Mark Zawadsky '77, recently married and now living in Washington DC, and (above right) Annabelle and Don Gips '78 currently Director of Presidential Personnel, working in the White House.



Gates. It is very fun that his wife, Tracey, is now on the PDS payroll as Director of Alumni Relations. The whole family sounds like they are doing great: All good here. Tracey loves her job. Sheridan played Nicki in the musical, "Sweet Charity," in March. Our exchange student from Spain, 10th grade PDS, is amazing, also was in the play in a major role. Ren is enjoying SLU and SLU tennis. I am still at Arlington Capital, 15+ years, and enjoying the fun and challenges that residential mortgage financing offers! With a partner, I have recently become the owner of our downtown Princeton Office at 33 Witherspoon. Stop in anyone and everyone!

Thanks to Celia Manning Tazelaar who also wrote in. We were sorry to miss you at reunion.

"I was so sorry to have missed the reunion last May—Eric and I went to Puerto Rico for the weekend to celebrate our 17th anniversary (okay, maybe I was not *so* sorry). We decided to buck tradition by recognizing prime number anniversaries. We were thrilled to be in DC the weekend after the election—the girls got to sign the wall congratulating President Obama, and we all enjoyed the good vibe on the street. I don't know about the rest of you, but I am incredibly happy to have a president who speaks in complete sentences! I recently joined Facebook where I will be happy to "friend" (now a verb) PDS alums. I can't say I have done very much with it other than post photos of my children (*whom I have not friended*)."

And finally, nice to get this update from Brian Trubee who was also at reunion.

I saw Pat DeMaynadier last September at his place in Guilford, Indiana. He and his wife Heather have a 40-acre farm with horses. He works at Hill-Rom as a general

attorney. I also got to see Tom Gates briefly as I was sitting in the realtor's office on Spring Street in November. I was back in town moving my father from there to a place about 3 miles away from me here in Redmond.

My older son is now at Kirtland AFB, going through training to be a USAF Pararescue Specialist. He should graduate in September. I visited with him in October, some of his instructors are my old teammates.

Between work, taking care of my Dad's needs, my wife Amy working at the Seattle Yacht Club, one son in seventh grade, a mortgage, marriage, one dog, riding my bike and motorcycle, staying in shape, flying, etc, it's busy out here in WA state, but in a good way. Just trying to fit a few more hours in each day. Looking forward to the summer when we can go sailing up in the San Juans, and maybe go out to Mt. Rainier to see if we can get mauled by Bigfoot.

On a very sad note, the Class of '78 sends its most sincere condolences to classmate Liza Constable on the loss of her mother and her brother this past year.

As for me, not much news on this front. I get to see the famous Dennison sisters a bit (Lolli '79 and Anne '77). They haven't changed one bit. They need to figure out why they don't age, bottle it, then make a bloody fortune. Other than that, this sort of sums it up for me:

Kids growing,
Economy slowing,
Hair graying,
Backside splaying,
Hormones warring
Spirit soaring
Keep in touch! Allison

Don Gips writes: It is an incredible honor to work for this President. I am serving as his Director of Presidential Personnel which means that I am respon-

sible for helping to fill several thousand political jobs across the Government Agencies. We have had hundreds of thousands of people apply for these jobs so, please, whatever you do, no more resumes. The job is 24 by 7, and I spend most of my day saying no to people, and I miss my family who are still in Boulder. None the less, when I think about the challenges facing our nation and the world, and the integrity, intelligence and compassion of our current President, I feel lucky to do whatever small part I can to make a difference.

Nora Cuesta writes: I want to say hi to everyone and again say what a wonderful reunion we had. I was so amazed at how so many people can get together, a lot who had not seen each other in 20+ years, and still it felt as if time had not gone by the warmth and love that everyone shared. We have that special bond that PDS gave us and no one, no one can take that away from us.

This past year has been very good to me. Jovan has now turned 9 and he is doing amazingly well in both his Tae Kwon Do classes and his modeling. He has received various gold medals and some silvers this year, which shows his commitment to the sport. At 9 years old I thought this would be a game for him, or a way to simply exercise, but I see that he is committed and enjoys the challenge. My motto with my son is "Don't Give Up" and he shows me everyday that he plans to live by those rules. He has also kept me busy with modeling. He has been in 4 Vogue Bambini catalogues, Nestle's Annual Report, Chavignon in Paris (on a billboard there as well!), the European catalog H&M, Walmart, LTD Commodities, Target, a Burger King commercial that aired in Europe and he just completed Marks & Spencer. We cannot accept everything that they call him on, since I am a single parent and time does not permit, but what he does do is entertaining and we meet the nicest people from around the world. As long as he continues to enjoy it and his grades do not fail, he will continue to do both.

My dad, Doctor Cuesta, is now 78. He still outdoes me when it comes to his social life. He is always on a trip, in a party, at a



Doctor Cuesta (former faculty) and his grandson (son of Nora Cuesta '78).

reunion, eating out, at a play....he never stops. Thank God for good genes. I hope they are passed on to me! He reads the *Journal* every time it is published and gets very sentimental reading about any and all of you. If anyone wishes to drop him an email his address is alimar2007@comcast.net. I have two email addresses at the moment since I am trying to slowly get rid of the first, so if you email me, my main one is nlazz@mac.com. I am also on Facebook if anyone wants to be my friend!

My love and best wishes to everyone. Let's all thank God that we have friends out there to reach out to when the world sometimes feels as if it is going in the wrong direction with the wars, etc. Be good, stay safe and tell your significant other at least once today that you love them. My best to all of you.

1979

30th Reunion

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Nicolas R. Donath writes: Needless to say, the real estate business here in Vegas has been challenging. But, I am optimistic we'll weather the storm as we did our freak snowstorm earlier this month!

1980

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Thanks go out to Kim Groome '78 for sending in the following news about her brother Jim's recent achievement. Jim Groome received an award from the US EPA, The NPEP (National Partnership for Environmental Priorities) Cham-

pion Award, for his work to get plants within his company, The Okonite Company, to reduce their use of lead in cable production, and his work to help NPEP "shift the market toward lead-free cables in the U.S." Congratulations Jim!

1981

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Jonathan H. Brush writes: Working for Hilton Realty, right here in Princeton, for 10 years now as assistant director of leasing. Both boys (11 and 10) play travel hockey for the Lawrence Flames; daughter (5) learning how to skate!! Busy coaching boys.



Eva Mantell '81 shared this photo of her husband, Merrell Noden (right) with their son **Sam '17**, now in 4th grade at PDS, and **Patrick Courtney '85** (left). "Patrick was Merrell's student when he taught English in the Middle School," Eva writes. They met up at the Phillies vs. Brewers game in October 2008. Patrick is now a spokesman for Major League Baseball."

1982

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Lorraine Herr writes: Here's what's new with us: **Jeffrey Perlman** writes: **Bill Brennan**, **Jamie Herring**, **Bob Szuter**, **John Vine** and I still get together monthly to share old stories, new stories, funny stories, blue stories. **Sam Woodworth** is in the life/disability/health insurance field and we frequently refer clients to each other as I reside in the other side of the insurance world. (property & casualty). **Jeff Henkel** has taken up squash and

we have a weekly game- he's just as fast now as he was in our glory days.

Peter Fried wrote in from Brighton, MA and shared that he is active on the LinkedIn site.

Susan Short wrote a note saying she has a new baby!! His name is Luke David Short (9lb 1oz, and oh-so-beautiful) and he joins brothers Will (9) and Eli (4).

Kip Thomas and **Will Eglin** are still friends.

1983

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Amy Brewer Reed and **Tim Brush '77** caught up with each other in Breckenridge, CO, where they live. Tim knows several other PDS alums that live in the Boulder/Denver area, too.

1984

25th Reunion

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Daniel R. Herr writes: Son **Davis Wilmer Herr** was born on September 19, 2008.

Andrew Naumann, son of **Robert** and **Marina Tukevich Naumann '56**, was married in September to **Elizabeth Lennie Ebel** at the Princeton University Chapel.

1985

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Charlie Jaques writes: After years of playing in bands and writing songs, I finally recorded an original CD. Eleven original tracks can be heard on "Highway Run." You can listen to the songs at www.charliewheelerband.com. Wheeler is my middle name. You can also look to see if we're playing in a town near you.

1986

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Elizabeth White Meahl writes: Still living in Portland, ME and loving it between May and November! Really, it is a great place to be, even in the cold and snow in April! Please visit us! Have stayed in touch with **Kelly Noonan** and **Christi Curtin** and recently heard from **Jenny Hawkes** and others care of Facebook. Looking forward to reunion.

1987

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Peter Orszag is now Director of the Office of Management and Budget in the Obama administration. He is a former director of the Congressional Budget Office. He graduated from Phillips Exeter after attending PDS. He lives in Washington, DC with his two children, Leila and Joshua.

1988

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Amy Venable Ciuffreda writes: It seems like so long since I have written a column for the *Journal*, but now with the addition of Facebook in our lives, the column seems to write itself. Out of just over 100 classmates, those who graduated with us and those who left before senior year, I have been able to "friend" 66 classmates! I think this is an amazing way to reconnect after 20 years. And yes, for those of you that lost count, we had our 20th Reunion last May, and one day soon I promise to add more photos from the reunion to our *Princeton Day School Class of 1988* Facebook group.

I don't have much free time with working full time as the Accounting Manager at Petersons, a Nelnet Company and keeping up with my kids, Nicholas (age 7) and Katie (age 5). We are all still in Lawrenceville and I love the smalltown feeling of having been here my whole life. So many of us are traveling the world (**Ron Cunningham**, **Arianna Rosati**), having many kids (**Collins Roth**, **Christine Grounds**) and living abroad (**Marc Collins**). Here are just some of the quick glimpses into our classmates lives...

Chris Moody (ESU Exchange) is alive and well, both in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, where he lives with his wife Rachel and two daughters. He is also very active (probably far too active) on both Facebook and Twitter (@ChrisRHE). He would love to catch up with people virtually or indeed in person if you're ever in the UK. He had tea with **Taylor Hwang** and his wife in Bath just before Christmas...

Felicity Wood writes from Los Angeles that she and **Rachel Savage Householder** just ran their second half-marathon together. Combine them both and they have run a full marathon! They are running the next on May 2 in Palos Verdes, CA, and are looking for co-runners and people to buy them margaritas. Had a great time eating dinner in the Meatpacking District with **Brooke Murphy** in New York last September. Otherwise just laying low in L.A. Lovely to hear about all my Princeton Panther cohorts from back in the day.

Rachel Savage Householder is working as an art teacher at a middle school in Phoenix, AZ. She lives with her husband and two kids, an 8-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter. Her mom, sister and father are still in NJ so she does come back East now and then.

Greg Myers lives in San Francisco, and loves every minute of it! He is still working in high tech at Intel, running a marketing group. He just got back from heli-skiing in Canada, and hopes to make it to Argentina again for some more skiing this summer (their winter).

Miriam Pollard Cohen is now living in Randolph, NJ. She is a Pediatric Physical Therapist (just became Board Certified this past

year!!) and has a private practice in Chatham and also does Early Intervention Evaluations in Morris County.

Cliff Hilpert sends greetings from Fairbanks, AK where he has lived for 10 years. He resides there with his wife, Katey, and his two sons, Theo (age 4) and Pete (age 1). He is a carpenter in the union and works for a smaller company building custom homes, remodels, and suspended ceilings on commercial projects. Right now he is building his own house which should be done in the spring. He does not get back East much, though he was home for the holidays this past winter.

Elisa DeRochi Welles is still teaching 7th grade in PA and enjoys being a mom to Charlie (3) and Jack (2). She took her boys ice skating for the first time which brought back memories of skating with Suzy Dwyer '89 and **Scottie King**.

Emily Francomano writes: "just got tenure at Georgetown, finally published book...happily ensconced in Alexandria VA with partner Eugenio and son Pablo."

Helene Dawn Feldman Fukuda sent notes from Boston: "After nearly (gulp) twenty years in HIV/AIDS service, I am still at the Massachusetts DPH as the Associate Director of HIV Health Services. Despite so many advances, the challenges remain daunting at home and abroad. Also doing some consulting internationally in reproductive health and human rights. I had the opportunity to attend the International AIDS Society Conference in August 2008 in Mexico City, and connected there with Regan Hofmann '85. Also, through the wonders of Facebook I reconnected with **Abigail Zimskind Schein**, only to discover we live five miles apart and our daughters attended the same preschool. Imagine our surprise when we attended her daughter's birthday party, only to discover the girls were already well acquainted. We are still living in Boston, so should you find yourself in the area, please drop a line to dawnfukuda@comcast.net".

Holly LeCrann Greenberg just finished her MA in Integral Counseling Psychology and is working on earning her 3000 hours towards MFT licensing.

She is focusing on somatically oriented trauma work and loving it! She also teaches Scuba on the side so if you're ever in San Francisco and want to learn to scuba look her up!

Jack Alvino is currently living in Los Angeles with his wife Tara and 2-year-old daughter Bella. He is working on getting his horror movie made and is writing two other projects at the same time... he also edits for various television shows, currently cutting opens and promo type stuff for the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) shows.

Dave Sinniger is living in Alexandria, VA with his wife Kathy and their 3 daughters, Rachel, Sara and Josie.

Ron Cunningham and his wife Hollynn relocated to West Virginia last year. Ron is a freelance consultant with Data Design Consulting and his wife is the Director of the Emergency Medicine Residency Program at West Virginia University. They love to travel and last year they visited China, the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park, Montana.

Sharon Thompson is living in NYC and is the Director of Technology at a small school in the West Village. She has been teaching for ten years.

1989

20th Reunion

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Doria Roberts writes: Hi everybody! Even though I got to see Paul Goldman '88, Sarah Foster '90, **Suzi Leibowitz** and **Nicole Dunn** at my show in New York, I don't really have any updates since last time. But, I wanted to remind you to find our class on Facebook.

There are about 40 of us online and it's been a lot of fun catching up. We're also making plans for reunion there so, if you want to know what's going on, thinking about coming or have

any suggestions, join our class page. Just search "Princeton Day School Class of 1989".

I only got a few updates this time but some great pictures! Enjoy and I'll see you all soon.



Suzi Lebovitz '89 is living in downtown Manhattan with her boys, ages 5 and 8.

Suzi Lebovitz writes: I am living in downtown Manhattan. I've been in the city for 13 years now and it's truly my home. I have boys, 5- and 8-years-old and I work as a consultant at a global search firm in midtown. Looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion!



Jane Heap '89 shared this photo of her family, including husband Greg, Miles, 5, and Eleanor, 3.

Updates from **Jane Heap**: I've enjoyed the PDS Facebook page and look forward to attending my first PDS reunion.

I don't think I ever sent a blurb before so in a few lines this is how I spent the last 20 years: After Skidmore, moved to London for a master's program at the London School of Economics... started working in finance... met my exotic foreign husband (all the way from Canada)... moved back to NYC... got married... had a beautiful baby boy (Miles, now 5)... moved to the suburbs (Rye in Westchester)... had a baby girl (Eleanor, now 3). Am still specializing in Latin American equities and pack way too much into every day but I can't imagine life any other way.

Nicole Dunn has been helping out with reunion plans as well and writes: After living in Ireland for a year and then spending another 18 months in the ancestral homeland (that's right, NJ),

I am back in NYC. I am now working at the Apple Store, Soho. Come and visit me there! I have two terrific cats, Mutt & Jeff. No other direct dependents, but my sister has obliged me by producing a lovely daughter (4 years) and son (6 months), with whom I am absolutely in love.

Andy Dykstra reports: We're in the process of escaping the Wisconsin winters, and moving our family (my wife, Becky and kids Katie, Charlie and Maggie) to Florida. I've joined a marketing/advertising agency in Jacksonville as a Partner.

I can be found through Facebook. We are still house hunting so I'll send that info in when we get settled. The kids are psyched to live by the beach but will miss sledding quite a bit.

Greg Gordon writes: Hi everyone! I haven't sent an update in a long time. So, here's what's going on with me... I've been living in Boston for nearly eight years. My wife, Freya, and I relocated up here so she could attend medical school. She will finish her pediatric residency this June and is looking forward to joining a practice in Boston.

I have a 3½-year-old son named Dexter. He is a great little guy who loves to sing, dance and run wind sprints up and down the hallway in our apartment. He speaks Spanish fluently, which is a hoot! His babysitter only talks Spanish to him during the day. I can barely keep up and understand them when they talk to each other!

I'm no longer working as an actor. I made the logical career transition from show business to finance. I now work at a private fiduciary trust company, which specializes in trust and investment management as well as estate planning. We administer trusts for many of New England's "established" families.



Greg Gordon '89 shared this photo of his wife Freya, and son Dexter.

I started running marathons in 2001. I've run races in New York, Boston and Scranton, PA. I am currently training for this year's Boston Marathon, which will be my 7th consecutive year running Boston and 13th marathon overall. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in May.

Bryan Stone writes to say he is working at the World Economic Forum in New York. He and his wife, Emily, have two daughters, 2-year-old Julia, and 7-month-old Veronica.

Howard L. Katz is living in Austin, TX, having fun with improv theatre.

1990

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Robert Biro writes: I am proud to announce that on January 9, 2009 at 7:51am my wife, Shauna, gave birth to our first child, Megan Agi Biro. Little Megan weighed 7lbs 2oz and was 18 inches long. Both are home from the hospital and Megan is doing extremely well.

1991

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Irene Kim Asbury writes: Hello! With the advent of Facebook, keeping track of our class suddenly became much, much easier.

Aly Cohen and her husband, Stephen Lewis, reside in Cranford, NJ. Her latest son, Landon, joined his 2-year-old brother, Asher, earlier this month. "Clearly I am totally outnumbered by the men in my life!" she stated. She also would like to remind all that along with **Fanya Stansbury** and **Sarah Beatty Raterman**, she is the class agent for alumni gifts, should anyone feel so inclined! You can reach her at alycohen@yahoo.com with questions or congratulations!

Justin Grow and **Carin Moonin**, '92, are married and living in Portland, OR. According

to Facebook, Justin spends a great deal of his time putting together groovy bicycles!

Alyssa Denzer is with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She and her husband, David Sturgeon, live in Washington, DC.

Wendy Pinder Bombard, her husband, son and daughter live in Vermont.

Kate Muccino Gandhi and her husband, Archie Kothari, live in Summit, NJ. Kate is a personal trainer and group fitness instructor for CanDo Fitness.

Tony Mack, his wife and three "overly active" sons are in Trenton. In his free time he takes sailing lessons and kayaks with his boys. Tony is an Associate Program Manager at the Rutgers School of Social Work, Institute for Families. His oldest, James, is in his second year at PDS!

Brendan Lucey and his wife Danielle live in Wilmington, DE, with their little girl, Siobhan MacMillan Lucey. Brendan is a Director of Business Development for ABS.

Michael Yacht is a Lead Software Engineer for Benefit Vision and lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Kristie Considine Quillen and her husband, Ryan, live in Bedminster with their two sons, Parker and Reece. Kristie is head of Client Relations for Quillen Advisory Services.

Dany Cheij lives in Austin, Texas with his wife Chandra. He is a Compliance Engineering Manager for National Instruments. They welcomed Nicholas Anthony Cheij on September 23, 2008!

Ron DeVilla is a Project Coordinator for RMJM Hillier. He and his wife Michelle live in New York City.

My husband, Jacob, and I reside in downtown Jersey City with our two dogs. Most recently I served New Jersey's 13th Congressional District in the last Presidential election as a delegate to the Republican National Convention 2008 in Minneapolis-St. Paul. I am also on the Board of Directors for the Korean American League of Civic Action and also assist that organization in mentoring and training students for future public leadership. I have my own law practice. My business has an emphasis on real estate, civil and commercial litigation, mediation, and municipal

court practice. To relax I take my husband to fundraisers, but he also insists that we rock climb, sail, kayak, travel and bike. It keeps us well-rounded.

1992

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Adam Petrick writes: Hello everyone, hope everything is going well. As some of you already commented on in Facebook, I proposed to my girlfriend in January. We're already in full swing on the wedding planning and are hoping to book a date in November.

As for other classmates checking in, **Matt Dickson** writes: "Life is great here in Atlanta. My wife Jessica and I had our second child, our daughter Dylan Arielle, and my son Spencer is starting kindergarten this coming fall. I recently left IBM to join Levi, Ray & Shoup, an IBM Premier Partner, and am loving it."

Meanwhile, **Ali Kemeny Hayes** has written that she has a 2-year-old daughter, Charlotte. She lives with her husband and daughter outside of King of Prussia, PA. "I am a stay-at-home mom for the most part but still do some consulting for the advertising agency where I worked before having my daughter."

Dan Sinaiko also checked in and is currently living in Los Angeles and practicing law with Chadbourne & Parke LLP. His practice focuses on financing renewable energy projects with an emphasis on solar energy.

Finally, Ali tells us that **Alison Lieberman Vachris** was married this summer in Doylestown, PA to Keith Vachris. The happy couple recently moved from NYC to Bryn Mawr, PA.

1994

15th Reunion

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Jessica Seid Dickler and **Dane Dickler** are the delighted parents of Phoebe Frances Dickler who was one year old on November 18, 2008.

Douglas Berkman writes: My wife Rachel and I welcomed daughter, Talia Jesse Berkman, December 12, 2008. My wife works as a buyer at Bloomingdales. I will finish my residency in urologic surgery at Columbia in June and begin a fellowship in urologic oncology at NYU in July.

1995

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Adashala (Hendrix) Gonzalez writes: I have taken the extended route to my master's since high school, taking a detour into marriage and child rearing before going back to school. It's been a ride.

Philip Glassner writes: Things are good; I'm married and we have a 20-month-old son named Evan. I'm in my last year of orthopaedic surgery residency at NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases. In a few months, I will be heading to Boston for a year-long fellowship in Adult Reconstruction at Massachusetts General Hospital. Good chance I will end up back in New Jersey after that.

Gerry Cadava writes: After finishing my Ph.D. in history at Yale, I am now an Assistant Professor of History at Northwestern, focusing on Mexican-American history and the U.S.-Mexico border region. Things are going well, although I truly do miss New Jersey and New York.



Photo taken at the May wedding of **Sarah Green '96** and **Zach David '96** shared by **Chandler Dektas '96** and featuring PDS pals (back row) **Justin Krebs '96**, **Reed Black '97**, **Nisha Kunte '97**, **Nick Pinto '96**, **Matt Zablocki '96**, groom **Zach David**, **Aaron Green '01**, **Sara Zoe Hart '96** and (front row) Class of '96 classmates **Chandler Plohn Dektas**, **Dana Vetrecin Hurley**, **Morgan Altman**, with bride **Sarah Green**.



Molly Ober '96 wed **Ethan Fechter-Leggett** in June, with PDS attendants **Mian Dadian Baker '98** as maid of honor and sister **Julie Ober Allen '94** as bridesmaid.

2000

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Ben Brickner was featured in a front page article in the *Trenton Times* for his work on government reform in New Jersey, specifically how his thesis on public financing of election campaigns has informed the debate and resulting policy in New Jersey. Ben is now a law student at Columbia University.

Page F. Schumaker is thrilled to announce her engagement to B. Mackenzie Small, Lawrenceville '00. They have yet to set a date but are busy celebrating at their home in Doylestown, PA.

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Alexandra C. H. Nowakowski writes: I am about to begin my final semester of MPH coursework at UMDNJ, and am planning an exploratory study of pain management in NJ hospitals for my fieldwork in summer 2009.

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Jennifer Walsh has announced her engagement to Matthew Thurlow with a June wedding planned in Princeton.

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Connie Hwang appears in the January 2009 issue of *Glamour Magazine*, p.138. Yep, she wanted to stay below the extended family radar, however, a cousin of mine spotted Connie in the magazine and e-mailed me, etc.

Danielle Stramandi writes: I am now a medical doctor working in sports medicine at Princeton Muskuloskeletal Institute with Dr. Richard Levandowski. Currently applying for residency. In my spare time, I coach gymnastics; coach diving, helping with the Princeton University team; volunteer at the ER at the University Health Center at Princeton; and dance.

Ford Scudder is working for Art Laffer/Laffer Associates in Nashville, TN.

Willie Wade was so beloved after more than 40 years as a PDS Buildings and Grounds employee, he was made an honorary member of the Class of 1997. Mr. Wade

passed away recently, prompting classmates and other friends in the PDS community to plan to remember him in a special way during Alumni Weekend. A ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday May 15 on campus to plant and dedicate a tree in Mr. Wade's memory. Mr. Wade, the brother of food service staffer Betty Snead, joined the PDS community in 1964 as the school was being built. He handled many duties, including mail, traffic, event organization and even bartending for special events. He also was a top golfer.

1998

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Giovanna Gray Torchio writes: It's been almost a year, but the fond memories of our ten-year reunion are still with us. It was so wonderful to see everyone who could make it. A huge thank you to **Mike Bracken** for hosting us. Since then, **Jessica Collins Anderson** gave birth to a lovely little girl, **Carolina**. **Liz Gordon Hall** had an adorable baby boy, **Charlie**.

Andrew Southern also welcomed a son, **Elia**. Anyone else have babies we don't know about? Send me an email and they'll be included in the next Class Notes.

Jake Dickson, started his own business in New York last summer called **Dickson's Farmstand Meats** (www.dicksonsfarmstand.com). Jake connects you to the small-scale, family farms in New York State that feel just out of reach here in New York City with a goal of introducing you to each farmer

he works with by sharing their stories, their farms and their growing methods.

With **Dickson's**, you can make conscientious choices about what you're eating by knowing more about your food. From the farm, through the distribution channels, to the farmer's markets, Jake makes it a priority to provide as much information as he can to help you make the best choice.

If you are interested, you can order online for pickup at designated spots in Manhattan and Brooklyn. In the spring, Jake will also sell his meats at some of the farmers markets in the New York City area. Up next: opening an old fashioned butcher shop in the West Village, hopefully in time for grilling season.

1999

10th Reunion

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Michael Bodel is a multimedia performance artist in NYC who has a four-year Artist in Residency at HERE Arts Center in the Village. He just won a grant for his puppetry and theater work, presented through HERE and St Ann's Warehouse in Brooklyn, from the Jim Henson Foundation.

Michael has taught at PDS in various disciplines: astronomy and a puppet workshop in the PDS Summer Programs; a dance class to dance students in Ann Robideaux's studio this past November; and he was a guest comedian at the Upper School assembly in the fall of 2007.



AlumniChamps photo: Members of the PDS Basketball Championship team shared the court once more during the 2008 Thanksgiving Games. Pictured, from left, **Paris McLean '00**, Coach Alan Tybak, **Brendan Hart '00**, **Pierre Downing '00**, **Joey Gallo '99**, **Wilson Weed '01** and **Rob Farina '00**.

Erica L. Lanni is a third-year PhD candidate in organic chemistry at the University of Michigan performing research on nickel catalyzed methods for the synthesis of conjugated polymers in the laboratory of Professor Anne McNeil (www.umich.edu/~ajmlab/index.html). Last year, she was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (www.nsfgrfp.org/). She lives in Ann Arbor and can be contacted by email at elanni@umich.edu.

2003

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Nick Perold writes: **Anita Desphande** reports that after graduation, she got a job at Massachusetts General Hospital working as a research assistant. Anita says she has gained a lot of valuable clinical experience and has met some really amazing people while there.

Michael Reed is working in the US Senate for Robert Menendez (D-NJ). Michael's issue portfolio includes Banking, Education, Labor, Small Business, Homeland Security and Government Affairs for the Senator. Michael says, "As you can imagine, things have been pretty hectic around here in the past year, between the elections, the bank bailout, and now the new recovery package. Interestingly, I got a chance to speak to the current PDS 8th grade class in November when they were in Washington for a class trip. I can honestly say that of all of the famous names I've encountered while wandering halls of Congress, (including literally running into then-Senator Obama), struggling to speak French with Yves Marcuard was

probably my highlight of 2008."

Joe Joiner is focusing on finishing his grad school applications.

Priya Radhakrishnan says, "Hey Class of '03! I'm writing to announce my arrival into the world of responsibility. I've delayed it as long as I could but now I must face reality. I will be graduating this May from Rutgers University with a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm D). I hope everyone is doing well and hope to see you around."

Jessica Grossi writes: After graduating from Connecticut College in 2007 with three degrees in Architectural Studies, Art History, and Italian, she took a year off, working at a design research firm in Lawrenceville. Currently, she is pursuing her master's in Architecture at Syracuse University, braving both the snow and studio all-nighters. Write her at 923 James Street, Apt 33, Syracuse, NY 13203

Rob Jellinek is in Moscow, Russia for the year on a Fulbright fellowship. Rob is taking courses at a university there, MGIMO (Moscow State Institute of International Relations), doing research on Russia's response to the financial crisis, and interning at the Moscow Carnegie Center, a



Michael Reed '03 works on Capitol Hill for US Sen. Bob Menendez but keeps up with PDS by visiting with eighth graders on the annual trip to Washington DC. He is shown here with MS teachers, Susan Daly-Rouse (left) and Donna Zarzecki.

Western-based think tank on Russian affairs. Earlier in the year Rob gave talks on Obama's presidential campaign and on Russian-US relations at a number of universities around Moscow, which he says was an awesome experience. And for those who are curious (he's gotten the question a few times), he says "it's actually generally been warmer here in Moscow than it has back in Jersey!"

Jon Sullivan just finished writing for a GOP blog where he did opposition research during the presidential election.

Blair Lamb is living in Princeton working as an educational therapist, and absolutely loving it. She has also applied to grad schools all over the U.S. to study criminology. She says she hasn't decided where to go yet, but is very excited at the prospect of continuing her education.

Chris White is pursuing a Master's Degree in Applied Mathematics at Johns Hopkins University and working full-time as a consultant for "a certain branch of the Federal Government" on secure information systems engineering.

Fred Kemper will be attending law school in Fall 2009, but has not yet decided where.

Liz Kazmierczak writes: "Currently I am living in Denver, CO finishing a degree in writing and applying to graduate schools for midwifery. Right now, the main focus of my life has been supporting and educating families in preparation for their birth processes (be it natural or medical) as a certified labor doula for the Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association. It's extremely exhausting and extremely gratifying work to be a part of and I am loving every minute of it! After a few births I have coming up, I plan on taking my summer months to travel and visit friends on the West Coast in preparation for my next big move and then down into Mexico for vacation. All in all life has been quite wondrous and I am enjoying the amazing community of people I have met and the pace of life and priorities out west."

John Schorling is currently living in Breckenridge, CO working, skiing, taking classes and completing his observation hours for vet school.



Liz Kazmierczak '03

Chris Campbell married Melissa Moyer in a ceremony held at Princeton University in August 2008. Chris says they have been having a fantastic time living in England while he finishes up a graduate degree in engineering at the University of Cambridge. In early October Chris and Melissa will move to Sheppard AFB, TX where Chris will begin Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training. This 52-week training program involves instruction in T-6 and T-38 aircraft. Upon completion, Chris will be assigned to a fighter or bomber aircraft.

Julia Kay moved out of New York City and is living in Vermont with Josh Thompson '04. Julia is applying to school and is thinking of pursuing a degree in elementary school education.

Erich Matthes is now in his second year as a PhD student in philosophy at Berkeley. He is currently teaching Modern Philosophy and is on the Cal Club Fencing Team. He has a poem in the most recent edition of *The Southeast Review*.

Nick Perold has moved back to the East Coast from San Diego and is currently interning at BlessingWhite—a global human-capital consulting firm based in Princeton. Nick plans to move into New York City shortly after completing his internship.

Michael Highland writes, "I'm living in sunny Philadelphia, working on a healthy mix of web development, video, and game design work. I was lucky enough to attend the TED conference this past February, and walked away convinced we're heading for a future filled with wonderment and plenty. Even if we do wind up being ruled by a sentient race of genetically engineered nanobots. Check out my work at www.michaelhighland.com/

Morgan Weed was featured in "The Bowery Boys," which ran December 10, 2008 - February 15, 2009 in Lincolnshire, IL. The musical, with book and lyrics by David Bell and music by Jeremy Cohen, was inspired by Horatio Alger Jr. characters and songs by George M. Cohan.

Shelby Scudder is working in NYC fashion design industry.

Rich Dreher recently performed in "Twelfth Night" at McCarter Theatre in Princeton.

2004

5th Reunion

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Erin McCormick writes: **Nick Benacerraf** founded and runs The Assembly Theater Company, an interdisciplinary ensemble of artists who create original and timely work on the American experience. Their new piece, *Clementine* and the *Cyber Ducks*, a provocative and whimsical examination of American progress, will make its New York premiere at the Ontological-Hysteric Theater in May, and will then travel to Philadelphia in September. For the last several months Nick has been working with Philadelphia's world-renowned theater group, *Pig Iron*, and is currently applying to graduate programs in Performance Studies and Sociology.

Beth Breslin is currently pursuing a master's of music degree at the Cleveland Institute of Music, studying with the Principal Violist of the Cleveland Orchestra. She has no permanent job yet, but has been playing in orchestras and teaching private lessons in the area. Beth says she's looking forward to seeing PDSers at Reunion!

Helena Fishbein is student teaching eighth grade English at a middle school near Colgate University. She will have her master's degree this spring, and then be an official teacher.

Erin McCormick is currently employed by Middlebury College, where she works as a stewardship writer in the donor relations department of College Advancement.

Lily Mitchell wrote in, "I'm living in Palo Alto and doing research about international popu-

lation aging and demographics at the Stanford Center on Longevity. I love the work and the fact that I'm still connected to what's happening on campus, without having to live in a dorm anymore. I had a great time over Thanksgiving getting to see **Brett [Downey]**, **Carly [Berger]**, **Allie [Rubin]**, and **Susannah [Blair]** at home! If anyone has recently moved to the Bay Area, I'd love to get in touch."

Alex Sugiura is in Spain working until the end of May and then will be heading to parts unknown for the better part of the rest of his life.

Rachel Scarpato graduated from Lafayette College and joined Teach for America Corporation. She is teaching fourth grade in an impoverished area of Jacksonville, FL.

Phoebe Stockman writes: Spent five eye-opening weeks working at the Hopital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti last summer in the malnutrition ward. She can be reached at pstockman@wellesley.edu

Mallory Sosinski writes: I have some exciting news to report! I recently bought my first home in June. It is exciting and surreal and amazing all at the same time to own property. I will graduate next year with a master's in Special Education from the University of Miami.

I am continuing my work as an Intensive Reading teacher for ESE students at Miami Southridge Senior High School in Miami, FL. I absolutely love my job and was very proud of the growth that my students showed in their reading scores last year. Knowing that I really did make a difference is an incredible feeling.

2005

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Christopher Haldane writes: I am going to Penn State University full time in NE Pennsylvania and working full time.

Chelsea McCue, a senior at Lafayette College majoring in government and law, recently spent a day job-shadowing at

ABC's 20/20 in New York City.

The crash-landing of U.S. Airways flight 1549 in the Hudson River occurred the day before McCue's job-shadowing experience. As a result, she was given the opportunity to watch reporter Jim Avila interview a survivor of the crash-landing.

Chelsea also watched news anchor Elizabeth Vargas do podcasts for the ABC News website, went on a studio tour, and received some helpful advice.

2006

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Mendy Fisch writes: This coming June will mark an interesting milestone in our post-PDS lives: the graduation of the students who were freshmen when we were seniors. Even though few students at PDS may remember us, we will at least be able to find out about each other through class notes.

Neil Sharma says that he has continued to major in finance, despite the hits that the financial sector has taken, although the sad state of the economy have made him more bleak about his job prospects. Sharma writes: "I'm not getting a job once I graduate, so I'm going to pursue a career in performance; specifically, attempting to become a contestant on the hit online video series 'Corny Dance Move Contest' hosted by Rajiv Mallipudi."

Sharma was referring to a popular series of videos posted by Mallipudi '05 on his Facebook profile featuring him facing off against friends in dance contests.

Sharma said he is getting practice for his career as co-captain of the Lehigh University Bhangra group. Sharma explained that Bhangra is a "form of North

Indian dance." Sharma is also captain of the University's intramural soccer team, "who sit six games out of the playoff race."

Leslie Shapiro, meanwhile, spent the fall studying abroad in Alicante, Spain. Though she was studying in Spain, Shapiro managed to travel all over Europe. She writes: "I was able to visit Paris, Italy, Scotland (where I stayed with **Laurie Cartwright**), and many different cities and towns in Spain."

Though studying and traveling was interesting, Shapiro said her "favorite part of the culture was probably the afternoon siestas."

While Shapiro was in Spain, **Arvind Thambidurai** was also away from college this.

Thambidurai spent two months volunteering in New Orleans. He says that the work there was meaningful, though one of the more memorable parts of the trip for him was getting jumped while outside of his volunteer compound early in the morning.

Thambidurai says that he had wandered out onto the street early in the morning while it was still dark, got attacked, and got cut from his hand to his wrist. He doesn't remember much of what followed, but he says that others on the program found him bleeding profusely on his bed at about seven in the morning. Luckily, he was transported to a hospital before losing too much blood. He is working on regaining motion in the injured hand.

Thambidurai writes that he is back at Rutgers, working part time at Amicus Therapeutics, "a small bio-pharmaceutical company," and will "return back to L'Oreal USA as an IT intern this summer."

Joining the trend of students traveling was **Adam Savitzky**, who spent the year at University College in London. Savitzky also started an internet blog called pimpmytrade.com, where he posts



PDS 2008 graduates took advantage of sunny skies to gather on campus Nov. 29 for an informal game of touch football. Players included **Mike Shimkin**, **Clint O'Brien**, **Sam Hamlin**, **Phil Stadulis**, **Remy Gunn**, **Isaac Geltzer**, **Kevin Shannon**, **James Cole** and **Jake Lipkin**, along with pals from the Class of 2009. And while no official score was reported, we are assured that a good time was had by all.

stock tips and lessons about securities trading. His webinars on trading have attracted an audience of students.

Aaron Sashihara returned to the United States this fall from a deployment with the Marine Corps in Ramadi, Iraq. After a brief trip home, Sashihara reported back to the Marines in January, and expects to get deployed to Afghanistan. Sashihara writes:

"In a couple weeks, we are headed off for some mountain warfare training for about a month. Where we're going hasn't been locked on 100 percent yet, but we're all hoping to pump out to Afghanistan (a reasonable expectation considering the mountain warfare training and how things are going over there).

"Afghanistan has been getting hotter and hotter over the last year, and it keeps getting hotter. If we get to go over there, it should be a completely different deployment than our last to Ramadi."

Finally, I am now part of the way through my sophomore semester at Princeton. I just declared a major in public policy at the Woodrow Wilson School, with a certificate (minor) in computer science. I am also running for a seat on the Borough Council, the municipal government in Princeton Borough, on the platform that students should have representation in the local government.

That's all for now, please keep writing updates about your lives to me. Stay tuned for the fall class notes edition.

2007

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2008

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Jarrett Dury-Agri is enjoying Middlebury and taking full advantage of everything the school and the area have to offer.

Where Are They?

"lost" alums so they can join the fun! If you can help find these classmates – or if you have a new address or email — please contact Director of Advancement Office Operations Ann Wiley '70 at 877-924-2586 (toll-free) or email awiley@pds.org.

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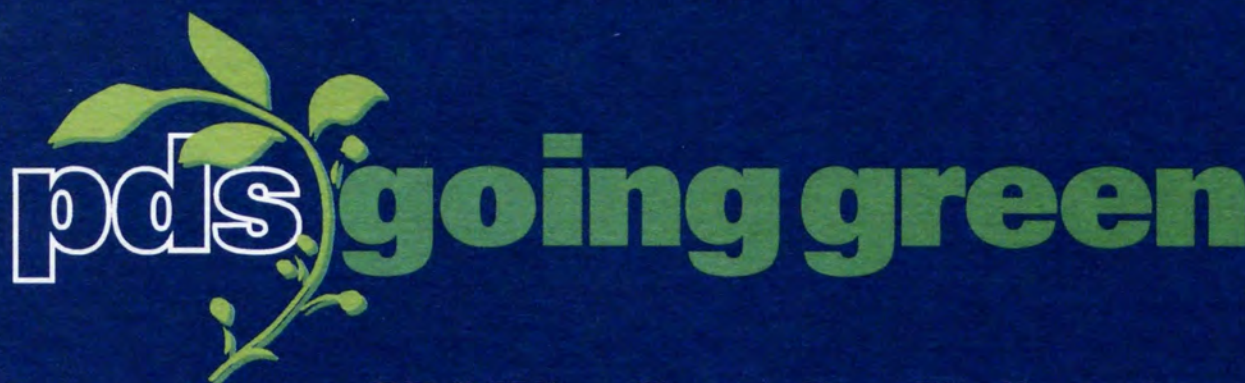
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