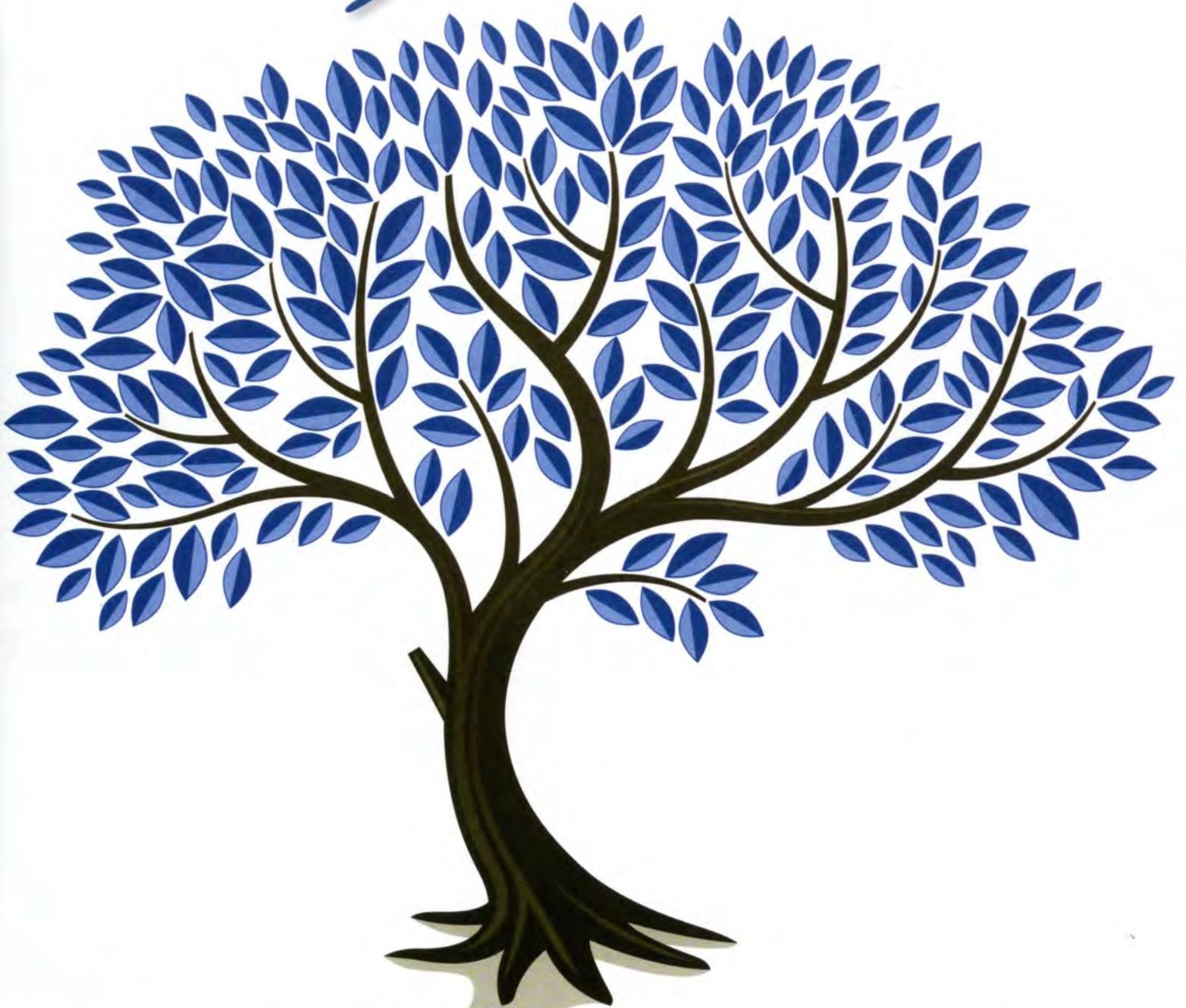


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Polly Roberts Woodbridge '42, P'64, P'65 and P'78



“I couldn’t be more pleased.”

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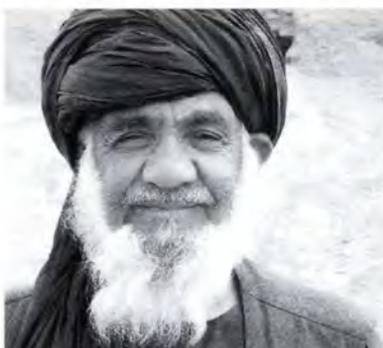
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Letter from Paul J. Stellato, Head of School

While the school year demands that we travel many, many more miles before our summer's rest, the spring term beckons us to make all of it we can. Among the many uses to which we will turn its bright, warm days, spring in schools is a time of summing-up: for prospective students and their families, who are trying to imagine their new lives on this marvelous campus; and for those within the community, who begin to search for adjectives that will, for years to come, describe and distinguish this year of years from others so much like it.

I have to admit that, at this time of the year, conversations with friends of the school often begin with: "So tell me, what kind of year it has been." Eager always to answer that question but halting, occasionally, as I try to tie my answer to something other than my mood of the moment, I think I have found a response in that place where all questions about the school are asked and resolved: the lives of our students. In particular, three spring traditions – the lower school operetta, the eighth grade musical, and the twelfth grade 100-day celebration – are as much glimpses into the culture as they are gauges of the success and certainty of the school year.

For those of you who may know little about these magnificent celebrations, let me give you a bit of background. The operetta is just that: a lavish, all-inclusive musical story, written and produced by members of the lower school faculty; sung entirely by each and every fourth grader, and replete with cameos by their teachers and the head of school. (Ask a college senior what role she played in the operetta, and she will name it more quickly than her current major.) The eighth grade musical carries on the tradition begun with the operetta: every eighth grader plays a role in this blockbuster which, like its lower-school counterpart, is conceived of and produced by the members of the middle school faculty. Finally, as much as senior projects or fat letters from colleges and universities, the end of the beginning of the senior year occurs in late February: 100 days, a senior gathering at which, in addition to nachos and burgers, seniors feast on letters from their parents, who do their best to sum up their lives with and through their senior sons and daughters.

I have now experienced two of these events – the operetta and 100 days – twice. Later this spring, I will sit in the audience and soak up a second performance by the eighth grade. I have spoken to the seniors at the 100-day celebration, only to witness stoic, heroic senior boys and girls utterly undone by the heart-felt musings of their mothers. Too timid to do more than utter a line or two in last year's operetta, this year I actually sang and danced a little (and got some good advice, from a practiced fourth-grade thespian, on dealing with stage

fright). And shortly, students in my eighth grade English class will begin to dismiss themselves from class ("I can't take that quiz right now, Mr. Stellato. I'm off to the theater!"), as they piece together time to rehearse their songs and steps.

But their participation in these traditions is the stuff of magic. It begins with the disarming inattentiveness and casual boredom (along with the attendant revelation) that accompany all of these rituals: though third, seventh, and eleventh graders have witnessed and heard of these events year after year, they seem genuinely surprised (and, on occasion, somewhat terrified) when it is their turn to participate. They moan and complain. They roll their eyes, pout, stamp their feet, and strike poses that can only emphasize their informed and enlightened distance from these events. Yet, once they have trod the stage and remembered their lines, opened and read their parents' letters, or belted out a show-stopper at a middle-school matinee, they become true believers: weeping and laughing, hugging and cackling, they are at once swept away by something completely within themselves and then carried upon that very same tide that has washed every Princeton Day School student who has shared what they now share.

So the second time around I knew what to look for, and my impression is much stronger than that of the first: pure awe at the number of hours spent by faculty and kids alike in each of these endeavors; unalloyed joy at the spectacle of the whole: the entire fourth grade on stage, every senior – all at the same time – quietly reading letters from their parents, our soon-to-be high school freshmen reveling in the bright lights of the McAneny Theater and one another's company; and, of greatest importance, the singular experience of each child – fourth, eighth, twelfth grader – confronting for him or herself the richness of shared experience and the resounding pleasure of individual accomplishment. With my faculty colleagues, I have come to appreciate and understand these tender threads of youth that weave themselves into the sturdy bonds of adulthood, tethering each student to a campus he or she will always call home. You see, as elusive as it may appear, history has caught up with all of them: the personal history of each is now part of the shared history of Princeton Day School.

What kind of year has it been? I will invoke a head of school's prerogative and encourage you to ask any fourth, eighth, or twelfth grader.

That is, if you can get the question out before the answer comes thundering back.




Paul J. Stellato
Head of School

News & Events

Corporate Green Enhances Organic Garden

Princeton Day School students cheered when Princeton-based Church & Dwight Co. presented a \$6,000 check to support classroom activities related to the campus organic garden during a Lower School assembly.

"At Church & Dwight, we want to help out the community," said Church & Dwight representative Kirsten O'Donnell. "We thought this was the coolest project!"

The funding will enable PDS to truly make the garden an outdoor classroom and embed garden learning into the curriculum,

particularly in the Lower School. Students will work closely with Master Gardener Pam

Flori, learning about our relationship to the earth through planting, composting and harvesting.

The PDS garden was "raised" in April 2008 when more than 200 students, parents, faculty and alumni gathered for a one-day event creating raised beds for vegetables and raspberry bushes, an herb garden, a butterfly garden and (of course!) the all important composting area.



Sharing Cultures, Embracing Differences

A dancing dragon. A drumming circle. A salsa contest. A day of silence. A day of remembrance. These are some of the many ways PDS celebrates individual members of our community.

Princeton Day School strives to ensure that differences – in race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, socio-economic status, learning styles and points of view – are understood to be enhancing, not threatening.

"If education is a conversation, then the more voices participating in the conversation, the more each participant will be enriched," says PDS Diversity Coordinator Sharanya Naik.



PDS Seniors Named Bloustein Distinguished Scholars

Class of 2010 members, pictured from left, Rebecca Golden, Ellis Ratner, Lizzy Yellin, Chris Gibson, Victoria Maloney, Kelsey Burns, Dina Sharon and (not pictured) Sophia Weissmann were named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars based on their extraordinary academic achievements by the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

"These students are not only exceptional scholars but also leaders in our PDS community," said Upper School Head Carlton Tucker. "We are proud to see their accomplishments recognized in this way."

a Friend
is someone who
UNDERSTANDS
your PAST
believes
& in your FUTURE
accepts
you Just the
Way YOU ARE.

versatile (vûr'sə-təl -tîl) adj.
1. Capable of doing many things competently.



Robotics Team Builds Teamwork

The PDS Panthers Robotics Team (*above*) won a Second Place trophy for research at the First State FLL Championship in Delaware, competing with 47 LEGO robotics teams from schools throughout the region.

PDS students were recognized for their research presentation proposing an innovative subway train powered by fans, which also re-circulated the wind's energy to a turbine to continue to power the train!

Congratulations to Roshan Benefo '16, Yahya Ladiwala '15, Daniel Ruggiero '16, and Rohit Unnam '15.

Bon Temps at PDS

Princeton Day School kindergartners let *les bon temps roulent* during their annual *Mardi Gras* celebration. Each year, PDS students celebrate the holiday with elaborate, glittered shoebox floats reflecting a range of interests,



from sports to pirates to space travel. With zydeco music setting the mood and costumed faculty leading the way, kindergartners in feathered masks parade through Lower School to the delight of parents and classmates -- and then celebrate with King Cake.

The annual extravaganza was brought to PDS in 2006 by teacher and alum **Jim Laughlin '80**, whose wife grew up in New Orleans and served as a Queen of Hermes with one of the oldest Mardi Gras clubs. Each year, he shares authentic costumes, beads and culture with the entire Lower School.

Same Address, New Website

Thanks to the generosity of a Princeton Day School family, we recently unveiled a new, dynamic website reflecting the richness of our curriculum and our community.

When you visit www.pds.org, you now are greeted by beautiful photographs of children enjoying the adventure of learning as it unfolds across our three divisions, in athletics, academics and the arts.

Our partner in this project was WhippleHill Communications, selected based on the company's experience and stellar reputation, as well as its website features. WhippleHill worked closely with our team of faculty and staff to design a new site that showcases our students and programs, encourages alumni to keep in touch and enhances communication with our current families.

Alumni and parents who already have logged in will have no trouble accessing important information for our community. Just click on Alumni or Parents in the upper right corner of the homepage and type in your username and password.

If you haven't logged in, please contact Director of Communication Michelle Ruess at mruess@pds.org or 609 924-6700 for news you won't want to miss! ■



curious (kyoor' ē-əs) *adj.*
1. Eager to know and learn.



Adventures in Science

Chemistry students combined sucrose, starch, potassium hydrogen tartrate and *menthe peperita* extract – to make candy canes – as their final lab before winter break. In January, physics students competed to see who could make the most efficient bridge using only 10 pieces of thin balsa wood and glue.

Science Club members hosted a demo for third graders featuring fascinating special effects, including the “Genie in the Bottle” and Lower School students enjoyed showing off their expertise at the Science Fair.



Science kudos to:

Science Olympiad Team for earning Fourth Place at the regional tournament, with students earning medals or ribbons in nearly a dozen events.

Seniors **Dina Sharon** and **Bobby Wei** for their success in the 2009-2010 Delaware Valley Science Council Awards Program. Dina was named a Finalist based on her scores on chemistry and mathematics exams taken in October by seniors from 400 schools in the tri-state area. Bobby received an Honorable Mention in biology.



Speaking of...

Free speech, Darfur, and President Lincoln are some of the topics outside speakers brought to Princeton Day School.

...Taking Sides

Seventh-grade students recently debated whether flag burning is a form of free speech with Chris Eisgruber, Provost of Princeton University and a scholar on the Constitution and the Supreme Court.

Using real-life examples and asking provocative questions, Dr. Eisgruber helped middle school students understand the complex issues facing the Court today.



...Personal Stories from Darfur

Abdelgabar Adam, a medical doctor born in the Darfur region of Sudan, and Darfur refugee Garelnabi Abusikin shared stories and images of life in the refugee camps with PDS Upper School students during the annual Susan Moll Community Service Assembly.

The assembly is held in memory of Susan Moll, parent of a Class of 2006 alum, to honor her legacy of service to the school and wider community.



Abdelgabar Adam (left) with Darfur refugee Garelnabi Abusikin.

Violence has overshadowed the lives of Darfur residents for more than 50 years, Dr. Adam said, but has escalated since 2005, prompting more than 600,000 residents to flee to Chad. Many refugees are children who arrive at camps after bombings and shootings have driven them from home. They lack adequate shelter, food and sanitation. Mothers strive to stretch

flour, water and, if they are lucky, salt and some powdered milk, among more than a dozen children under their care.

"That's not life, that's existence," Dr. Adam said. "That's just waiting for the time to die."

Mr. Abusikin, speaking in Arabic, told students how 65 members of his family have been lost in an attack on his village. "It is very difficult for me to tell you about my difficult life knowing your life is far better than the one I had," he said through Dr. Adam's translation. "With the help of people like you, I can be glad to go back and help."

...Looking Back to Look Forward

Eric Foner, the 2010 Anne Rothrock Lecture speaker, talked with Upper School students about his latest work on President Lincoln and slavery. Dr. Foner is one of the nation's most celebrated and widely honored historians – and author of *Give Me Liberty!*, this year's sophomore history text.

"The hallmark of Lincoln's greatness was his capacity for growth," Dr. Foner said. Comparing President Obama with Lincoln,

Dr. Foner noted that "both became major public figures by virtue of oratory."

Dr. Foner, the DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University, received his doctoral degree at Columbia under the supervision of Richard Hofstadter. He has appeared on Charlie Rose and "The Daily Show" with John Stewart and is only the second person to serve as president of the three major professional organizations: the Organization of American Historians, American Historical Association, and Society of American Historians.



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Helping Haiti

PDS students, faculty and families rallied to help our neighbors in Haiti following the recent devastating earthquake.

Lower School students collected "Pennies for Port-Au-Prince," garnering more than \$1,000 for Partners in Health, a nonprofit providing medical personnel and supplies to Haiti.

Middle School students hosted bake sales and sold Valentine candy to raise money for charities assisting earthquake victims. And in Upper School, the French Club, InterAct, Books of Hope and the

Community Service committees organized drives to collect first aid supplies, as well as clothing and tents. Students also raised more than \$1,000 selling doughnuts, cider and homemade waffles.



Haiti needs alot of help



Looking for something fun this summer...

PDS Summer Programs offers over 150 programs in Arts, Academics, Athletics & Adventure.

There is something for everyone in grades Pre-K – 12!
Check out the new easy online brochure & registration.

www.pds.org/summerprograms

2010 Annual Fund Advances

The Annual Fund is a mighty force for Princeton Day School, contributing income equivalent to roughly \$24 million in endowment each year. This year, our Annual Fund goal is \$1.2 million – funding needed to ensure Princeton Day School continues to be as great a school tomorrow as it is today.

We remain committed to providing the best education possible for our students. And we depend on support from **each member of this dynamic community** to maintain and enhance the educational experience of our students.

Special thanks to members of this community who have stepped forward to lead our Annual Fund campaign. We hope you can show your support for Princeton Day School by joining our effort this year. The Annual Fund closes June 30.

2009-10 Annual Fund Leadership

Sean Brennan, *Parent Chair*
Howie Powers '80, *Alumni Chair*
Todd Gudgel, *Faculty & Staff Chair*
Liza Morehouse, Jack Hall,
Parent of Alumni Co-Chairs
Nancy Miller '57, *MFS Chair*
Jim Kilgore '63, Jim Laughlin '43,
Harry Rulon-Miller '51, *PCD Co-Chairs*
Marilyn Grounds, *Former Trustee Chair*
Jacquie & Elwood Phares, *Grandparent Chairs*

We are the World

Students, faculty, parents and friends celebrated World Read Aloud Day on March 3 by sharing favorite stories throughout the day, throughout the school.

Spearheaded by Lower School teacher Bev Gallagher, the PDS celebration included dozens of guests who read stories in different languages and from different cultures to students from prekindergarten up.

Reading and sharing ideas are important parts of every school day at PDS, Ms. Gallagher said, and World Read Aloud Day provided an opportunity to share our love of books with readers around the globe.

The annual event helps raise awareness of the importance of literacy and encourages world leaders to recognize that "Words Change Worlds." For more information, visit the event website www.litworld.org



PDS Notable

Father Dan Skvir

Beloved teacher, mentor to explore new horizons

By Bill Stoltzfus

A recurrent theme in my PDS freshman Bible class is *hesed*, the Hebrew word for loyalty or steadfast love. The LORD maintains *hesed* for Joseph, after he refuses Mrs. Potiphar's advances and, framed, ends up in prison. Ruth, a Moabite, displays *hesed* for her mother-in-law, the Israelite Naomi, by refusing to desert her in a time of extraordinary personal sorrow. Jonathan, heir to the throne of Israel, shows *hesed* for David, defying his father King Saul to save his beloved friend from execution. It occurs to me now, thinking extra-Biblically, the person who has most exhibited *hesed* over my career at PDS is Father Dan Skvir.

Loyalty manifests itself in numerous ways. Few can compete with Father Dan's attendance records at his alma mater Princeton University's football and men's basketball games. And steadfastness is surely the happiest way to characterize his devotion to his benighted New York Mets. Happiness is kin to joy, and Father Dan has labored joyfully in the PDS vineyard longer than the Israelites are said to have wandered the Sinai desert. Consider his inexhaustible ability to compile faculty meeting notes over the decades. Or his faithful administration of the Exchange Program, tirelessly facilitating Gnome Week prior to winter break and the Carnation Sale for Valen-



Photo by Margery Miller

tine's Day. Who else could have summoned the energy after so many years of teaching Bible and Russian to segue into the college guidance office and write more college recommendations than descendants promised to Abraham?

My own career at PDS has been a blessing and no small amount of my good fortune is due to Father Dan. Early in 1985, four

years after I began teaching middle school here and shortly before I married my blushing bride Alison, Father Dan approached me, inexplicably, to assist him in the admissions office for two years, interviewing prospective students, calculating financial aid awards, and reaching out to area public middle schools. In the fall of 1989, I made the transition from middle to upper school, entering the religion department with Father Dan, my sainted mother, and Carl Reimers shepherding the fold. Thank God for Father

At the close of this school year, Father Dan Skvir will retire after 41 years as a teacher, administrator and friend. Come celebrate and honor his work during the **Alumni Weekend Picnic at 1 p.m. Saturday May 15 on the Colross Lawn.**

Photo from The Look 1973



Photo from The Look 1973



Dan who mentored me *ex nihilo*, bequeathing to me his syllabus which provided me a foundation not only for Bible class, but the structure for all of the courses I have gone on to teach in the past 20 years.

The idea that a middle school history and math teacher had any business entering the Promised Land is ludicrous, but *hesed* works in mysterious ways: not only did Father Dan provide me with Hebrew and Christian Scriptures curricula, but he displayed an extraordinary level of tolerance toward my early pedagogical stumblings. The gate was indeed less narrow than I had been led to believe.

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Arts Notes

aLiCe Wows

This year's middle school fall play, "aLiCe in WonDERlaNd," marked the world premiere of an original script by Middle School Drama Teacher Deb Sugarman based on the Lewis Carroll classic story of a rabbit running late, croquet games, tea parties and an infamous grinning cat.

The production involved about 70 Middle School students, including actors and tech crew -- all students willing to commit to the rigorous schedule of rehearsals, requiring two-hour practices four days a week for about eight weeks.

"The kids are always coming up with great bits and we always leave room for that," she said. "It says something special about our Middle School that we get so many students participating, even though they are juggling so many sports and other activities."



Visiting Composer

In February, Middle School singers enjoyed a visit from composer Jim Papoulis (above), who wrote one of their favorite songs, "Give Us Hope." Mr. Papoulis came to PDS at the invitation of MS music teacher Kellyann Westgate to discuss putting ideas to music.

(below) Veteran Broadway actor Jeffrey Schechter (front row center) came to PDS to work with "A Chorus Line" cast members. Mr. Schechter performed as Mike on Broadway and in high school with PDS Technical Director Jeff Van Velsor.



...and now life really begins

Upper School actors earned standing ovations for "A Chorus Line," the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning story of 17 dancers reaching for their own Broadway spotlight.

Conceived and originally directed and choreographed by Michael Bennett, the show featured iconic song-and-dance numbers with contemporary characters and a stark set design.

Director and Theater Artist-in-Residence Stan



Cahill praised how actors handled the themes of the show, as well as the demanding choreography and ensemble work. Without an elaborate set or costumes, he said, "this show depends on the energy and talent of the performers; what they bring to the stage rather than what they find there."

The show was choreographed by PDS Artist-in-Residence Ann Robideaux, with set design by Jeffrey Van Velsor, PDS Technical Director.

Anne Reid '72 Gallery Exhibits Widen Horizons



Just Like Us

Kids Earth Fund founder Harumi Torii visited the PDS exhibit of art created *by* children, *for* children and talked with students about the way children live in other parts of the world.

PDS teamed up with Kids Earth Fund Americas to make original artwork by PDS students and children around the world available for purchase to benefit children suffering from poverty, war, and environ-

mental disasters. Since 1988, Kids Earth Fund has provided worldwide donations of food, clothing, shelter, medicine, and educational and art materials and built homes for children who need care.

"The children loved these projects, learned many valuable painting lessons in the process and expressed enthusiasm and a sense of pride that they could make a difference in the lives of other children," said LS Art Teacher Tina Dadian, the US representative of Kids Earth Fund Americas.



Distant Lives

An exhibition of work by award-winning photographer and PDS faculty member Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick included images captured while Ms. Hohmuth-Lemonick traveled in Africa chronicling the nursing shortage in Malawi. The story was published in the *American*

Journal of Nursing and featured on the CNN Headline News website.

The exhibit also included images from Ms. Hohmuth-Lemonick's trip to the Republic of Georgia, where she photographed new mothers and their babies in maternity hospitals in Kutasi and Tbilisi.

"I've long been focusing on people who live in developing countries, and who face challenges many in the developed world can't easily imagine," Ms. Hohmuth-Lemonick said, and these photographs provide "a kind of window" into how healthcare systems function in poor areas of the world.



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Upper School visual arts teacher Jerry Hirniak in March exhibited a series of drawings as an installation in the gallery.

Mr. Hirniak described the exhibit as a meditation on time, death and transformation. The basis for the drawings was a group of cicada shells found in his backyard. The resin that encases each shell both preserves

it in time and simultaneously, through its forceful energy, desecrates it.

"I am interested in how spaces, objects and images carry and communicate complex memory, and as a result, the installed works function as a complex and shifting reminder of events, feelings and memories blurred by time," Mr. Hirniak said.



Music Students Share Talents



Music is a tradition at Princeton Day School and winter concerts are an opportunity to appreciate musicians from prekindergarten through grade 12, from angelic singing to jazz improvisations.



**Upcoming Art
Gallery Shows:**

PDS Student Show ✦ April 26 – May 14
PDS Senior Thesis ✦ May 24 – June 11





Surprises Around the World

The Class of 2018 operetta was a smash hit! "Around the World in an Hour-and-a-Half" showcased the talents of the entire fourth grade, with a little help from celebrity singers including Head of School Paul J. Stellato (right).



Furniture Design

What do you get when you deconstruct an Ikea chair? Woodworking teacher Chris Maher was pleased by the creativity of students who worked with computer models and then turned their ideas into real-life furniture.



Applause!

Princeton Day School celebrates achievements in the Arts. If you know anyone who should be listed in our next issue, please contact Director of Communication Michelle Ruess at mruess@pds.org or 609 924-6700 x1280

Photography Awards

PDS students won two grand prizes in the Photo Imaging Education Association (PIEA) national photography competition. Winners receive significant photographic equipment for their use and their school. "This is an all-time first!" exclaimed Photography Teacher Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick.

Priyanka Trivedi '10 won Grand Prize for a single image among students in grades 10, 11 or 12. Grand Prize for grades 9 and under for a single image was awarded to **Adriana van Manen '12** for "Fleeing," with **Robbie Klein '12** receiving an Honorable Mention.

Svitlana Lymar '11 was named a Third Place Winner in the 11th and 12th grade Visual Arts contest sponsored by Princeton University's Martin Luther King Day Committee.

"I thought it was a good idea to capture my diverse group of friends," she said. "It was really fun and interesting to take a step back and see how Dr. King's work has changed the America I live in today."



Young Musicians

Fifth-grader **Chris Suarez** is representing the US as the headlining act at the Young World Composers Winners Recital during the Golden Key of Vienna music festival this summer in Vienna, Austria.

Fourth-grader **Gautam Ramesh** won second place at the International Golden Key Music Composition Competition and his composition, "Tarentella in D Locrian scale" will be performed at the World Young Composers' recital in Vienna.



Published Author

Alexus Davis '11 published a novel, "Juke Joint," distributed by amazon.com.

Lexie was encouraged to write the book after meeting with popular author Jamie Adoff, a visiting artist who participated in the Imagine the Possibilities program at Princeton Day School. Lexie corresponded with Mr. Adoff, who read her manuscript and recommended ways to publish her work.

She describes the book "a cautionary tale about how substance abuse affects relationships."



National Finalist

Christopher J. Beard '10 is one of seven National Finalists competing in the 2010 Music Teachers National Association Senior Voice Competition in Albuquerque, NM.

Chris earned this opportunity by winning the 13-state Eastern Division of the MTNA Senior Voice Competition. He is a private vocal student of Dauri Shippey, and a veteran of the Performing Arts Program at PDS.

In addition to the MTNA recognition, Chris recently was named a 2010 National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts youngArts Award Winner for Voice/Tenor, ranking among the top ten male classical vocalists aged 17-18 in the U.S. The youngArts program is considered the most prestigious competition offered in support of emerging artists.

Chris also is a Regional Finalist in the Classical Singer Magazine High School Competition and is scheduled to sing at the National Finals in May. In December, Chris made his Carnegie Hall solo debut as a First Place winner in the TYMA Young Artist Russian Music Festival Competition.

SportsNotes

From the desk of Director of Athletics John Levandowski:

Well it certainly was a winter for the ages! The weather earned headlines with record snowfalls but our athletes stole the spotlight. Highlights include:

- Boys' ice hockey winning the Mercer County Championship
- A Prep State Title for our Boys fencing sabre team
- Girls varsity basketball earning the most wins since 1995 — and finishing second in the Prep states.
- A Mercer County semi-final appearance for boys varsity basketball

Our recent winter athletic awards ceremony celebrated these achievements and many others. But we also reminded student-athletes of the deeper meaning and value of athletic participation, looking to the Winter Olympic Games for examples.

Perhaps because I grew up in New England, I learned to make the best of the winter months. My friends and I would spend our free time sneaking into the town gym to play pick-up basketball, shoveling the local pond for ice hockey or ice fishing, which is truly an exercise of patience and, in retrospect, not the most exciting activity.

At any rate, for someone excited about ice fishing, you can imagine how we felt when the winter Olympics rolled around showcasing the luge, bobsled, ski-jump, and the downhill, among others.

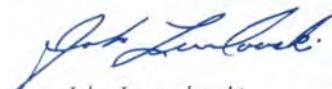
Today, I view the Olympic Games in a much different light. Now what I find particularly exciting is not a specific event, but the "attitude" embraced by these elite athletes.

In interviews and feature stories, each Olympian shared a similar outlook...they love the opportunity...they love representing their country...they love the camaraderie...they love their sport and the sense of purpose it provides and, above all they love the competition.

And, without exception, they said competition is not just about winning — it is about doing your very best and enjoying the ride!

Their message is important for all of us. I hope when our student-athletes reflect on this winter season they will share a bond with these Olympic athletes. They, too, enjoyed the competition, the friendships, the sense of purpose. They also loved playing their sports and most important, they committed themselves 100 percent!

And like the Olympic athletes we cheered, our student-athletes should take pride in all their accomplishments. I congratulate them on their success and for representing PDS with spirit and class. Go Panthers!


John Levandowski
Director of Athletics



We are the Champions

Congratulations to the Princeton Day School Varsity Boys Hockey Team and Coach Scott Bertoli on their exciting 3-0 victory over Princeton High School to win the Mercer County Championship.

The Panthers played before a standing-room only crowd at Mercer County Park rink and PDS freshman **Alex Nespor** was named MVP!

PDS Fencers Win First Place



Princeton Day School Fencing Team Co-Captain **Katie Elbert '10** won First Place in Girls Individual Foil and the Boys Sabre Team, including Team Co-Captain **Spencer Pretectrum '10**, **Charlie Behling '10** and **Andrew Schroeder '11** finished on top during the Prep State Championship hosted by PDS.

PDS also won Third Place in Girls Epee, Girls Foil and Girls Sabre to capture Third Place Overall honors and **Sophia Weissmann '10** earned Second Place in Girls Epee.



Mercer County Semi-finals

The Panthers fought back from a fourth quarter deficit to defeat Hopewell Valley and earn a spot in the semi-final game of the Mercer County Tournament, prompting local sports writers to praise the 12th-seeded team's "grit, stifling defense and clutch shooting."

Panthers In the News

- The *Trenton Times* named its list of All-Decade Athletes, including **Jon Scott '10** in baseball and **Samantha Lieb '11** in tennis.

Field Hockey

- *Central Jersey Field Hockey Association*
First Team: **Sydney Jenkins '11**
Honorable Mention: **Courtney Klein '11**, **Carly Ozarowski '12**, and **Andrea Jenkins '13**
- *State Prep B All Stars - Sydney Jenkins '11* and **Andrea Jenkins '13**

Basketball

- **Kenny Holzhammer '10** hit 1,000 points and helped the Panthers get to the semifinals of the Mercer County Tournament.

Football

- *12th Man Touchdown Club*
Jamier Gee '11, **Dylan Kelly '10** and **Aidan Epply-Schmidt '10**
- *2009 All-Prep Teams*
First Team Defense: **Dylan Kelly '10** and **Aidan Epply-Schmidt '10**
Second Team Defense: **Davon Reed '13** and **Stephen Dillon '10**
Second Team Offense: **Jamier Gee '11**, **Joshua Meekins '10** and **Evan Quinn '10**
- *Tri-State Prep League Teams*
First Team Offense: **Aidan Epply-Schmidt '10** and **Dylan Kelly '10**
First Team Defense: **Jamier Gee '11** and **Aidan Epply-Schmidt '10**
Honorable Mention: **Davon Reed '13** and **Stephen Dillon '10**.

Crossing the Finish Line

Kudos to **Adam Fisch '11** who brought home a Prep B Track Championship for PDS. Adam earned Second Place in the mile, with a time of 4:30.60 and Fifth Place in the two-mile at 10:15 to earn 10 points and make PDS the top in overall standings.

Adam, along with PDS Cross Country teammates also earned First Place in the Patriot Conference championship and Second Place in the Prep B running cross country this fall.



Adam Fisch '11 led a 1, 2, 3, 4 finish – followed by **Charlie Behling '10**, **Meade Atkeson '11** and **Nick Rehmus '11**, as the Panthers earned a second boys Patriot Conference Cross-Country Championship.

- *Mercer County Sunshine Classic*
Aiden Epply-Schmidt '10 and **Dylan Kelly '10**

Soccer

- *Mercer 33 - Courtland Lackey '10* and **Jess Frieder '10**
- *Mercer County Girls All Stars*
Courtland Lackey '10, **Caitlin Shannon '10** and **Tara Glancey '10**
- *2009 Prep 'B' Girls Soccer All-Tournament Team*
First Team: **Courtland Lackey '10** and **Janie Smukler '12**
- *Mercer County Boys All Stars*
Owen Haney '10
- *2009 NJISAA Boys Soccer All Star Team*
First Team: **Owen Haney '10**
Second Team: **Justin Ward '11** and **Robby Smukler '11**
Honorable Mention: **Maxime Hoppenot '11** and **Kevin Francfort '11**

Tennis

- Undefeated Seasons: **Samantha Lieb '11** and **Samantha Asch '13**
- *Mercer County and Prep A Champions*
Samantha Lieb '11 and **Samantha Asch '13** (singles)
- *Undefeated Regular Season - Prep A Champions*
Nicole Keim '12 and **Samantha Schaeffer '11** (doubles)



Beyond PDS

Sportsmanship Celebrated

Neil Karandikar '10 was selected as one of only four recipients nationwide of the 2009 Bill Talbert Junior Sportsmanship Award.

The selection process involves all of the United States Tennis Association's 17 sections, according to the USTA, and "is a highly prestigious honor that recognizes the outstanding sportsmanship you have displayed in your tournament play."

Neil and a guest are invited to an award ceremony at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI in July when some of the world's greatest tennis legends will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Neil also received the Middle States Tennis Sportsmanship Award for 2009 in the 18-and-under division. He is ranked No. 3 in the MSTTA 18-and-under division.

In addition, **Samantha Asch '13** received this year's Middle States Tennis Sportsmanship Award for the 16-and-under division. Samantha competes in both the 16-and-under and 18-and-under divisions and is currently ranked third and ninth, respectively.

More Honors Celebrated...

- **Clint O'Brien '06** was named to Trenton Times All-Decade All-Prep Team.
- **David Holland '08** was named as one of the Trenton Times All-Decade Tennis Players.
- **Drew Godwin '06** was named as the Trenton Times All-Decade Basketball All-Prep Second Team.

Senior Drew Godwin (15) scored his first collegiate varsity points on a jumper with 10 seconds remaining in the Quakers' January 25 game against Saint Joseph's. Godwin spent his first three-plus years at Penn on the JV team before being called up.

- **Asante Brooks '06** was named Second-Team All NESCAC in Men's Soccer at Wesleyan. Asante, a senior at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, and a resident of Princeton NJ, was a second-team choice in men's soccer by the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), an 11-member conference to which Wesleyan belongs, following an outstanding 2009 campaign by the Cardinals.

- Colby LAX player **Patrick Briody '06** scored the winning goal against Trinity in a recent game.

Faculty Notes

Grants Reflect Respect for Teachers

Head of School Paul J. Stellato recently announced that a \$1.75 million gift has been devoted to dramatically expanding professional development opportunities for teachers at Princeton Day School.

"This magnitude of generosity and support is remarkable," Mr. Stellato noted, "and a gift of this scope demonstrates a profound understanding of the importance of great teachers and teaching. It shows, as well, the deep, genuine affection and respect that our families – and one, in particular – feel for their children's teachers."

The gift, received as part of the school's recent \$53 million capital campaign, was made by a family wishing to remain anonymous. The Minerva Fund for Professional Development will provide opportunities for faculty through both an annual grant program and endowment for faculty sabbaticals.

"It is fitting that this program is named for the Roman goddess of wisdom," Mr. Stellato said, "as this most generous gift reflects the wisdom, long-held and practiced at Princeton Day School, that through and with great teachers, all things are possible for our students. It allows Princeton Day School to renew and reaffirm its commitment to the professional growth of its faculty."

Environmental Leadership

Upper School English teacher **Liz Cutler** was honored by the Princeton Environmental Commission with a 2009 Sustainable Princeton Leadership Award.

Ms. Cutler, who also serves as Princeton Day School Sustainability Coordinator, is a longtime advocate for protecting the environment whose passion has inspired countless students and parents.

Under her guidance, PDS has launched an initiative including a curriculum that integrates sustainability issues, a campus organic garden and energy conservation measures, resulting in numerous awards including First Place among independent schools in the 2009 National Green Cup Challenge.

In addition, Ms. Cutler in 2007 founded OASIS, Organizing Action on Sustainability in Schools, a consortium of area schools dedicated to learning about and promoting sustainability on campus.



The Next Best Seller

Fans of PDS Poet-in-Residence **Judy Michaels** gathered in February to celebrate publication of her second book of poems; *Reviewing the Skull*.

The collection, published by WordTech, includes poems inspired by her battle against cancer and her experiences in PDS classrooms. In his review, Richard McCann, author of *Mother of Sorrows*, wrote: "...Michaels' poems are as brave as they are beautiful, poised so delicately, as they are, between the said and the unsaid."

Books can be ordered online from Amazon or Barnes & Noble.



On the Road

Upper School English teacher **Susan Stein** has been traveling around the world and the country performing her original play "Etty" based on the diaries of Holocaust victim Etty Hillesum.

Ms. Stein spent a yearlong sabbatical adapting the diaries of Etty Hillesum into a one-actor play directed by Austin Pendleton, an actor and playwright who has directed three Tony-nominated Broadway productions and teaches acting at the HB Studio in New York.

Ms. Stein already has performed "Etty" at the Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill, NY and the HB Playwrights Foundation & Theatre in New York City. She then brought the play to Europe, where she performed the play in Belgium and Holland and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

"Etty's words, insights and beliefs reach out from the Holocaust and allow us to see the power of hope and individual thought in the most extreme circumstances..." Ms. Stein said. "In her gentle yet forthright way, Etty asks us not to leave her at Auschwitz but to let her have a bit of say in what she hopes will be a new world."

Celebrity Chef

After-School teacher **Devon Delaney** is a finalist in the national Pillsbury Bake-Off to be held in late spring.

"The Pillsbury Bake-Off is the Super Bowl of recipe contests and certainly has the biggest prize out there, but I was willing to give it a try," she said. "Imagine my surprise when they called me to tell me I was a finalist for the first time."

Contestants must be amateur cooks and the ingredients have to be accessible, she said – but sometimes you can score points for using interesting ingredients, such as Ancho Chili Powder or the pickled jalapenos that she uses in her recipe for "Snappy Joes on Texas Toast."

Getting to Know You

Faculty Award Fosters Community

Visitors to Lower School this year have been greeted by a colorful display spotlighting members of the Princeton Day School community, a project helping students build relationships with familiar faces they see on campus.

Lower School students interviewed community members including the Lower School librarian, science, music and art teachers, food service workers, administrators – even Head of School Paul J. Stellato – and buildings and grounds staff before creating posters about each person.



“Students might see someone but they don’t usually have a chance to sit and chat,” said Third Grade Teacher Betsy Rizza. “This gave everyone a chance to share a little about their lives (and) what they like about their jobs....It allows for a different kind of connection and more of a community feeling.”

For example, once children talked with and learned about Yong Kim, who helps clean the Lower School, they became more mindful of cleaning up their work areas and not leaving a mess, Ms. Rizza said. “It’s much easier to show genuine appreciation when you know them, when you can say hello to



First graders interviewed Head of School Paul J. Stellato.

people by name.”

This project grew out of the work of Lower School teachers Susan Ferguson, Heather Maione and Middle School dean Donna Zarzecki, who received a David C. Bogle Award in 2008 to develop a character education/community building initiative. Their efforts

reflect the commitment at PDS to educate the whole child – academically, socially, emotionally and globally.

In Middle School, Ms. Zarzecki helped organize skits during the weekly Focus assembly promoting values such as kindness and honesty. Such topics also are discussed during

weekly Reflections And Perspectives (RAP) sessions, with students, teachers and counselors tackling topics such as bullying and peer pressure. Middle School students also learn role modeling while reading and working with our youngest students.

“We never have to leave our building to find so many opportunities to build community,” Ms. Zarzecki said.

Likewise, in Lower School, the poster project has nurtured friendships among students and others throughout the PDS community, Ms. Ferguson said, and encouraged students to behave kindly and responsibly.

“We’re the ones who have to model respect and a sense of community,” Ms. Ferguson said. “It starts when you’re young – you know you’re part of a bigger picture at PDS.”

PDS staff featured on the “Getting to Know You” wall know their efforts are appreciated.

Chris Devlin, of buildings and grounds, was interviewed by Jim Laughlin’s kindergarten class. They asked him about his job at PDS and his family, created a poster based on his responses and introduced him to the entire Lower School during a weekly assembly.

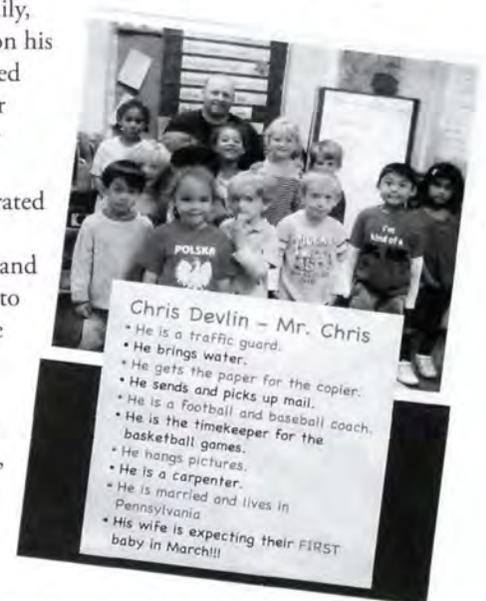
The event demonstrated the community’s appreciation for him – and the memory continues to bring a smile to his face no matter what else is happening that day.

“When I walk past Jim’s kindergarten class, all I hear is ‘Mr. Chris! Mr. Chris!’ and I get about 15 hugs,” Mr. Devlin said.

Although he was a familiar face to students before the project, they now greet him by name. And when Mr. Devlin is directing traffic, students often roll down the window to wave as they go past. “It brings a relationship to the face,” he said. “I feel like I’m everybody’s uncle.” ■



Lower Schoolers hug teacher Sonia Flores-Khan.





CURTIS WEBSTER '75

Alumni Service Award

A Commitment That Circles the Globe

By Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

One might wonder what Amelia Earhart, Olympic figure skaters, albinos in Tanzania, Miss Scotland, rap music, Romanian children with AIDS, free concerts in Princeton, children of Taiwanese prisoners and vampire bats have in common. The answer is **Curtis McGraw Webster**. The list represents just a few of the people and projects that have benefitted from his involvement and support.

"At any given time there are about 20 different things I'm working on," he says laughing. "If I thought about it all at once, I'd be overwhelmed. So whatever is in front of me at the moment is what I focus on."

Eclectic and far-reaching, his volunteer efforts have had a global impact for which he will be recognized with the 2010 Princeton Day School Alumni Service Award on May 15.

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Mr. Webster has been able to blend his artistic and technological talents. More than 30 years ago he married his extensive computer knowledge to his love of the media arts and founded The Vertical Corporation, a music production facility in Manhattan. He has written original music for the theater and produced everything from rap music to advertising jingles. Some years ago one of the bands he worked with had a Top 20 hit in England and Europe. He has worked on sound design and original music for New York theater productions and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. Last fall he wrote music for the New Yorkers for Parks annual film gala and worked on the music for Miss Scotland's talent piece in the Miss World competition. In addition, he collects vintage musical equipment, including many antique analog synthesizers.

His work could be all-consuming, but Mr. Webster has chosen to volunteer a great amount of his time to improving the lives of others through non-profit organizations. One of these is Assisting Children in Need (ACN), an international charity that grew out of a student community service project. In



2001 The American School in Switzerland (TASIS), from which Mr. Webster graduated, sponsored a trip to Romania to help abandoned children living with AIDS.

Their plight was so compelling that, after returning to Switzerland, the school's development director, Frank Klein, worked with TASIS students and the Romanian government to set up foster care centers

for the children. Mr. Webster, a friend of Dr. Klein's and a TASIS board member, asked to join his efforts.

"He was immediately very interested in the work we were doing," Dr. Klein says. "Curtis is a very open-minded and positive person. He's a very warm fellow, someone who's totally supportive, very empathetic and who will bend over backwards to help you."

Mr. Webster visits Romania regularly and has helped set up vocational training and educational opportunities for older children there. He serves as ACN's senior vice president and chief financial officer, handling most of its legal, budgetary and tax work.

"He's the behind-the-scenes person you absolutely have to have in order to become a success," says Dr. Klein, now the full-time president of ACN.

Since its founding, ACN (www.assistingchildreninneed.com) has expanded to support projects in other countries. In Tanzania, it offers safe havens for albino children who are attacked. In Moldova, it funds shelters and vocational training for teenagers at risk of being sold as sex slaves or forced labor. It repaired a Guatemalan orphanage to end nightly attacks by vampire bats and has built shelters for the abandoned children of incarcerated parents in Taiwan.

Mr. Webster also serves as president of the Patriot Theater Foundation which funds educational performing arts programming in Trenton. It was founded in 2004 when **Molly Sword McDonough '75**, then director of Patriot's Theater at The War Memorial, sought to offset state budget cuts to programming with private funding. The foundation has provided tens of thousands of free performing arts experiences for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

"Curtis was the driving force behind creating the foundation in

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REGAN HOFMANN '85

Alumni Achievement Award

On the Frontlines of the HIV/AIDS Battle

By Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

For 10 years, **Regan Hofmann** struggled with a terrifying secret. At a time when most young women begin to realize their plans for the future – she was told she had a year, maybe two, to live because she was HIV positive.

Ms. Hofmann was shocked; she looked and felt perfectly healthy. Days after her diagnosis, overwhelmed with fear, anger, disbelief and frustration, she stared at her reflection in the bathroom mirror and became so enraged, she smashed it to pieces.

It was then, surrounded by shattered glass and shattered dreams, she vowed to pick up the pieces and fight for her life.

Fourteen years later, Ms. Hofmann has turned a life-threatening illness into a chance to fulfill her dream of becoming an author and a journalist whose words are helping to change the world for the better. Her efforts to educate people about the pandemic and slow its spread are recognized with the 2010 Princeton Day School Alumni Achievement Award.

"I'm so grateful for this prestigious award," she says. "When I was diagnosed, I thought, 'I'll never have a baby, I'll never see my sister grow up, I'll never go back for my high school reunion.' ... To have survived and be able to come back to PDS to be acknowledged for my work is just so wonderful."

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) kills the body's white blood cells that help fight infection. Over time, it can destroy the immune system and lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). With proper treatment, the progression to AIDS can be halted and people can live normal lives. *For more information, visit the POZ website, www.poz.com*

Ms. Hofmann wrestled with sharing her diagnosis. Although she readily accepted responsibility for informing those who might be at risk, telling others presented a dilemma.

"The first thing you want to do when someone tells you you're dying is turn to the people you love," she says. "But I worried that because of the nature of HIV, asking for that help would be devastating to them. I was also afraid of being judged by them and asking them to carry the burden of keeping my secret.



Eventually, I realized I was being selfish. If my child or friend was sick or dying, I would want a chance to help and to say goodbye."

So three torturous months after her diagnosis, she told her father, her mother and her sister. They responded with unwavering emotional support as well as practical help, finding a specialist who prescribed medication that slowed the advance of the virus.

For the next decade, Ms. Hofmann told only a few others. But sharing the truth finally freed her from the shadows and launched the work that has changed her life and lives of people around the world.

Ms. Hofmann had received a B.A. in creative writing from Trinity College in Hartford, CT. She worked as a research assistant at CBS News' "60 Minutes" and at several top New York advertising agencies. In 1995, she founded an arts and entertainment magazine, *Poets, Artists and Madmen*. After she was diagnosed in 1996, she freelanced for national magazines, then returned to New Jersey and in 1998 helped launch *New Jersey Life* magazine, eventually becoming its editor-in-chief.

In addition, she wrote anonymously for *POZ*, a magazine for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. In January 2006 she was appointed editor-in-chief for *POZ* and appeared on its April cover declaring: "I am no longer afraid to say I have HIV."

"Her public disclosure was such a good decision for her," says her sister **Tracy Hofmann '87**. "People are drawn to her and she's a role model for them about this unbelievably scary disease. Her energy and her passion are extraordinary."

Today Ms. Hofmann is also editorial director for *POZ's* parent company, Smart + Strong, overseeing a variety of magazines and websites about other critical health concerns. She frequently works on Capitol Hill and with the Office of National AIDS Policy at the White House. Secretary of Health Kathleen Sebelius recently appointed her to the

*Sharing the truth...
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Hear Regan Hofmann '85 discuss her experience and the fight against HIV/AIDS during Alumni Weekend.
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McAneny Theater

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TAJ FORER '00

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Looking at the World through a Wide Lens

By Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

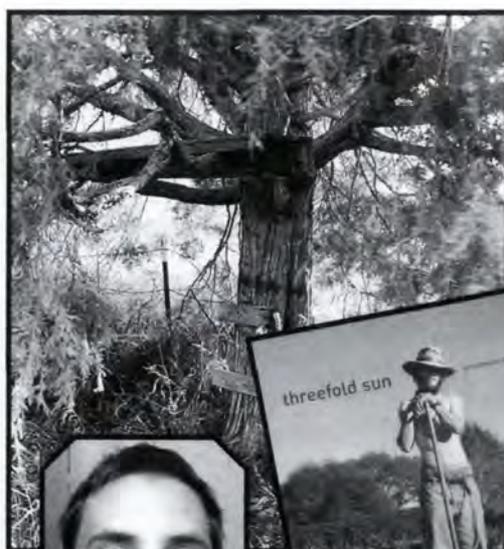
Taj Forer was 13 when he discovered his father's dusty old camera in the basement and began taking pictures. He has not stopped since.

"I just fell in love with the medium," he says. "It resonated with me instantly."

Today, just 10 years since graduating from Princeton Day School, he provides a global platform for others to express their views through photography. He is the co-founder and publisher of *Daylight* magazine, an award-winning publication featuring photographic essays on current issues of concern by photographers from around the world.

He also administers the Daylight Community Arts Foundation, a non-profit organization that seeks to affect social change through photography. It donates photographic equipment so communities can visually share their stories and point of view. In recognition of his deep commitment to promoting international understanding, Mr. Forer will be honored with the 2010 PDS Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Mr. Forer attended the local Waldorf School until he entered PDS in eighth grade and believes the early emphasis on nature,



"The seeds that were planted at Waldorf, grew and were nourished at PDS." Taj agrees, saying he took his first photography class as a freshman and was hooked. "I took as many (photography classes) as I was allowed to take," he says.

"Taj was very creative right from the start," remembers PDS photography teacher Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick to whom Mr. Forer dedicated his 2007 book, *Threefold Sun*. "And he was always incredibly decent. He had really good values. He stood out in terms of his integrity."

"Mrs. H. challenged me," Mr.

Forer says. "She pushed me and helped me acknowledge the significance of what I was doing."

He went to Sarah Lawrence College where he completed his B.A. with a concentration in photography and philosophy. That was where he met Michael Itkoff who later became his business partner.

"We had similar ideas about photography and the power of the photographic medium to transcend the gallery wall and potentially affect positive social, political and environmental change in the world," Mr. Forer says.

They conceived *Daylight* magazine to showcase their own work but soon realized there were so many perspectives that deserved to be seen, they put their energies into presenting other photographers.

"We put our own work on the back burner to promote the careers of really important emerging photographers," Mr. Forer says. "We work really hard to find photographers from all over the world, from different socioeconomic backgrounds, and to bring their work together in a cohesive format that ultimately

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with the medium.*

the environment and a concern for humanity had a great impact. His parents felt television and electronics could "short circuit" their sons' imaginations. "We chose an 'unplugged' childhood and that made all the difference," Nancy Forer says of Taj and Leif '98. "When Taj came to PDS as an adolescent, being unjaded by technology, he had a very respectful curiosity for the next step and a really wide-eyed eagerness and readiness to take on the new challenges and opportunities. Then, of course, there was that state-of-the-art photography room! He was so hungry to learn. It was a whole new world."

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TAJ FORER '00

Young Alumni Award continued...

results in a different look at our theme or subject matter...

"We let our hand be seen through the editorial process, the selection of themes. Our work is much more curatorial than it is editorial."

Daylight appears twice a year, online at daylightmagazine.org, on news stands and in museum, college and commercial bookstores.

The Daylight Community Arts Foundation (DCAF) seeks to connect people from underprivileged communities to the rest of the world through photography. It has donated cameras, set up darkrooms and digital imaging facilities, offered workshops in photography and put on local and traveling exhibitions.

One of the foundation's most successful projects occurred in Iraq in 2004. At that time, the war was at its height and, although reporters from around the world were covering the action, Iraqi civilians had few opportunities to tell their story.

"Through our contacts, we gave 10 single-use cameras to 10 people in Baghdad and Fallujah," Mr. Forer says. "We told them it was an opportunity to share their perspective with the American people. We got all 10 rolls of film back, then partnered with Pixel Press to create a traveling exhibition of the photographs."

In order to sustain DCAF, Mr. Forer has had to learn the intricacies of fund raising. "On top of learning how to be a photographer," he says, "I've had to learn how to be a publisher, editor, teacher, manage a non-profit organization, put on fund raisers and solicit donations from individuals and corporations." But he would not have it any other way and, fortunately, he still finds time to shoot his own photographs.

"I'm working on a visual archive of objects that represent the skills and knowledge that have sustained human existence for most of its life span but seem to be vanishing today," he says.

Mr. Forer exhibits in New York at Yossi Milo, one of the most important galleries in Chelsea, and SENDA Gallery in Spain. He is also a lecturer at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill where he lives with his wife Kate. ■

CURTIS WEBSTER '75

Alumni Service Award continued...

terms of his support and his enthusiasm," she says. "His recruitment of other people and his vision of how we could help in the city of Trenton were invaluable."

Mr. Webster also co-founded Blue Curtain, a non-profit organization that stages free summer concerts in the outdoor amphitheater in Princeton's Pettoranello Park. Audiences are treated to a wide range of musical offerings as well as free refreshments. Mr. Webster and his partners book the musicians and do the sound for the concerts.

"He is very wise and thoughtful about giving to the right places," Ms. McDonough says, "and he brings that wisdom to the table in everything in which he's involved."

Mr. Webster volunteers with family as well as friends. His wife, Jennifer Ortega, is a theater artist and board chair of the El Puente School in Brooklyn. Theo, his daughter by a previous marriage, is working toward her master's degree in Latin at Columbia University. She has an interest in archeology and plans to join her father on an expedition to the South Pacific.

"In June my daughter and I are going

to go try to find Amelia Earhart!" Mr. Webster says proudly.

They will be working under the auspices of The International Group for the Recovery of Historic Aircraft (Tighar - www.tighar.org) with filmmaker and Tighar board member **Russell Matthews '86** in an attempt to prove the theory that Ms. Earhart disappeared after landing on a small South Pacific island.

Mr. Webster and his daughter also work together at the Curtis W. McGraw Foundation where he serves as president and she is a vice president. In addition, he runs the Lisa McGraw Figure Skating Foundation, founded with his mother, **Lisa McGraw Webster '44**, supporting figure skaters such as 2010 US Champion and Olympic contender Jeremy Abbott and Olympic medalists Nancy Kerrigan and Paul Wylie. In February Mr. Webster and his mother traveled to Vancouver to cheer on their skaters at the Olympics.

"He revels in the accomplishments and artistry and skill of the people that they help support," Ms. McDonough says. "He uses the resources available to him to provide extraordinary experiences for other people, whether it's in Trenton or Princeton or Romania." ■

Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Reception & Ceremony 5:30 p.m. Saturday May 15 on the Colross Lawn

From Wall Street to The Great Road



Meet Katherine Fay, who recently joined Princeton Day School as Associate Director of the Annual Fund.

Katie, a graduate of Duke University and Deerfield Academy, is focused on alumni giving at PDS. She appreciates the strong connection members of our community share with classmates and former faculty. After launching a Facebook page for alumni, she saw the number of "friends" grow from nine at the end of the day to 1,000 at the end of the week to more than 2,500. Katie also has enjoyed meeting with alumni from the Class of 1951 to the Class of 2009.

"I've always been impressed by the positive feelings people have for PDS," she said. "Hundreds of PDS, PCD and Miss Fine's alums give back, which says a lot about their pride in the school."

Before joining the PDS community, Katie spent four years at Lehman Brothers in both New York and London prior to taking her most recent post at a New York-based hedge fund. At PDS, she not only works with alumni but also coaches JV soccer and lacrosse. And the change suits her.

"I had an incredible experience at Deerfield and always knew I wanted to be back in an independent school environment," Katie said. "I had given Wall Street five years and was ready to do something I really loved. I'm still in the asset-raising business - but now the 'product' is something I truly believe in." ■



Bash Family & Ferrante Family
2010 Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees

All in the Family: Bash and Ferrante Athletes Epitomize School Tradition

By Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

This year's Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are nine scholar athletes from two remarkable sports families who epitomize all the qualities Princeton Day School seeks to instill in its students. The three Bash brothers — **Steven '72, Evan '74 and Gregory '75** — and the six Ferrantes — **Giovanni '72, Cameron '74, Grayson '75, Catherine '78, Virginia '80 and Philip '81** — represent the best in intellectual curiosity, sportsmanship, athletic skill and generosity of spirit. They also demonstrate how lessons learned from parents, teachers, coaches and especially siblings, can have a profound and lasting effect.

Among them, the Bash and Ferrante siblings participated in almost every sport PDS offered: girls soccer, boys soccer, field hockey, girls ice hockey, girls basketball, boys basketball, squash, gymnastics, wrestling, ski club, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, boys tennis and golf. The teams on which they played won 14 championship titles and, individually, four were awarded the Gold P for athletic skill and sportsmanship.

"The Bash and Ferrante families are very deserving of this honor," says former Upper School Head Sandy Bing. "In many ways, they were the foundations of the teams on which they participated. They were really terrific kids and PDS was a better place not only because of the major contributions they made in athletics, but also because of their involvement and impact on the life of the school."

Both families had a tradition of sports — Dr. Bash is an avid golfer and the late Mr. Ferrante was an All American soccer player — which the parents passed on to their children along with a respect for learning and strong moral values.

"My parents were responsible for our inspiration, drive and competitive spirit," Greg Bash says. "I learned from a young

age what it felt like to lose because I was always around older boys and I lost a lot. But it worked to my advantage because when I played against guys my own age, I had much success."

Evan Bash agrees. "Sports were just something we did as three active, healthy boys growing up together," he says. "We loved sports, whether we were stringing up a rope in the driveway for a tennis net, shoveling snow to get to the basketball hoop hanging off the garage, or arguing about a fair or foul ball while playing wiffle ball in our yard."

Steve Bash recalls defending his title in the Mercer County tennis finals as a senior. He lost the first set and was down 1-4 in the second when the tournament director picked up the trophy and went to stand outside the court — near Mrs. Bash.

"She asked why he had it in his hand," Steve says. "He told her the match was just about over so he wanted to be ready to bring it on the court for the winner. My mother turned to him with a glare only a mother can glare and said, 'Put that away. This match is not over yet!'..."

"I heard that exchange and I went on to win the match. I've never forgotten that moment and to this day, when I find

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The Ferrante family, left to right front row: Virginia '80, mom Georgette, Francesca, Catherine '78. Back row: Philip '81, Cam '74, Giaff '72, Gray '75.



Ferrante

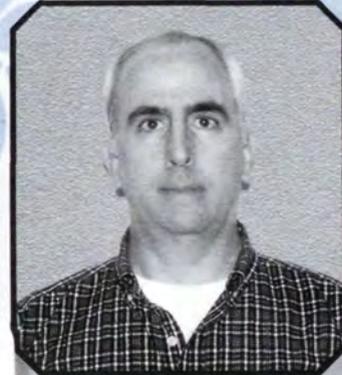
Steven Bash '72



Evan Bash '74 and his wife Emily.



Gregory Bash '75



Bash

“On and off the field, there wasn’t any doubt that these were two very special families.”

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myself in a difficult situation or facing a tough challenge, I remind myself of what my mother did. Our parents believed in us and always supported us and I learned to always believe in myself.”

In 1971 Peter Buttenheim arrived at PDS to teach English and coach boys varsity soccer. That season, six of his 11 starters came from either the Bash or Ferrante families; seniors Giaff and Steve (who served as tri-captains with **John Gordon '72**), sophomores Cam and Evan, and freshmen Gray and Greg. Mr. Buttenheim was impressed that while the siblings could have dominated the game, they were totally selfless team players.

“On and off the field, there wasn’t any doubt that these were two very special families,” Mr. Buttenheim says.

“Those six magnificent players and their outstanding teammates finished the season at 12-1-1,” he says. “In every game, a different group of players would excel. They exemplified team play and were almost unbeatable. I don’t think I ever had a more joyous time coaching. I was a very lucky guy to have had that team and I don’t think the magic would have happened without the wonderful chemistry of those six (Bash and Ferrante) kids.”

Aubrey Huston '64 was Mr. Buttenheim’s assistant. He was fresh out

of college, closer in age to the players than the faculty, but he was also impressed by the brothers.

“Both sets of kids were unusual in that they had a combination of maturity and confidence about them,” Mr. Huston says. “It may have come from being athletic and intelligent but, unlike many their age, they seemed comfortable with themselves. They seemed to know they were headed places.”

Being on the field at the same time “was like one big family playing together,” says Cam Ferrante. “It was a very supportive environment, being surrounded by friends and family and having coaches who really cared about you and were passionate about what they were doing.”

Family experience translated to teamwork, Mr. Huston says. “The older boys were used to rallying their brothers and the younger ones grew into that role because as the older ones moved on, they had those role models to look back to.”

Evan recalls the camaraderie of being in school with his brothers. “I had a lot to live up to,” he says. “Of course, there was also the practical advantage of having an older brother being able to drive me to school rather than take the bus! I remember that special feeling of driving to school with my brothers on a Friday with a big game that afternoon – heaven to an underclassman.”

Family ties also could provide a

competitive edge, Steve says. “I felt playing together gave us an advantage over our competition because we knew each other’s moves, thinking and capabilities so well -- and we were totally supportive of each other...”

“Of course, we had our moments of disagreement at home and would usually settle it with a wrestling brawl but, after being peeled apart by our mother or father, we’d immediately go back to playing together.”

The Ferrante children also grew up loving sports and each other. “The large family was a huge advantage in many ways,” Cam says. “We could play and practice together on our own and there was a real bond when we were playing together at school.”

Virginia Ferrante remembers making the most of the family’s big farm. “We played soccer, ultimate Frisbee and did gymnastics together. We also rode unicycles and climbed lots of trees. Having two sisters and three brothers older than me who excelled in sports pushed me harder to do well. My younger brother Philip was also excellent in sports. I was a very happy athletic sandwich.”

Laura Farina '79, a 1999 Hall of Fame inductee, speaks of “the joy” of having had Catherine and Virginia as teammates in three sports. “We wanted to win but we also had a lot of fun and put great emphasis on developing as a team,” she says. “Catherine was a swift and sure-

footed gazelle in soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Virginia, determined, strong and gifted, was yet another Ferrante soccer star, and could play any sport.”

On Alumni Weekend, the Princeton Day School family will gather to celebrate friendships, shared experiences and a rich heritage that stretches back to 1899. The founders of both predecessor schools, Miss Fine’s and Princeton Country Day, believed athletics is an integral part of a good education and these families prove that legacy continues. ■



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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Health Resources and Service Administration's national advisory committee.

She has represented the United States on a delegation to the United Nation's High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS, has spoken internationally on behalf of the US State Department and serves as a celebrity ambassador for the Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric AIDS Foundation. She is on the board of amfAR (the Foundation for AIDS Research) and the NAMES Project, which is in charge of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. She is co-chair of the Leadership Council of God's Love We Deliver in New York City and is on the advisory committee for the Global Business Coalition to Fight TB, Malaria and AIDS. In 2009 her memoir, *I Have Something To Tell You*, was published by Simon and Schuster.

Whitney Ross '84 recently invited Ms. Hofmann to speak to teen peer leaders. "There were 500 high school seniors at the Peer Leadership for Life Panel and the kids were just mesmerized," Dr. Ross says. "She opens a dialogue, which is a talent that's very rare."

Ms. Hofmann enjoys her high profile, deadline-driven job yet she can still encounter discrimination because of her HIV status.

"I really understand what it feels like to have people hate you, to have people fear you...to make people uncomfortable because of what you are," she says. "But I tell myself it's really the virus that repulses them, not me."

As a little girl, Ms. Hofmann dreamed of becoming a war correspondent and in a way, she has. There are no guns or tanks on the battlefields from which she reports today, but the fight into which she has been drafted is of global consequence.

"One of the key things," she says, "is to tell the stories of people with HIV so others can see they're just good, regular people." ■

Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Reception and Ceremony
5:30 p.m. Saturday May 15
on the Colross Lawn

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Tolerance is a close cousin to *hesedic* flexibility. Flash forward to April 1995, eight months into my sabbatical. Father Dan now called upon me to help him guide a group of visiting Russian students and their teacher Olga on various cultural outings. That morning the plan was to drive to New York City, but when I pulled up in the Colross parking lot with the PDS van, Father Dan announced that the weather forecast was too iffy for the hoped for views from the top of the World Trade Center so we were headed to Philadelphia instead. Our initial destination was the Art Museum, but unsure when it would open, he directed us instead to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall (where we joined, incongruously, a bi-lingual tour for visiting



Janet Stoltzfus with Dan Skvir, 1986.

French students), and from there Franklin's Court. Hoping to visit the Mint next, we discovered it closed so Father Dan provided us with manna and quails from the Redding Market. Following lunch, the girls still wondered about the Art Museum, but the boys balked. Off the top of my head, I asked Father Dan, "what about the Zoo?" He broke into a huge smile and said, "Let's go!" The kids were euphoric at the thought and we spent the next couple of hours blissfully staring at naked mole rats in the small mammal house and the king cobra in residence at the reptile house, before returning to Princeton via the Franklin Mills Mall.

Of course there is a tough love side to *hesed* that needs to be mentioned. One of Father Dan's annual rituals is to orchestrate his NCAA mens' basketball March Madness pool, in which for two dollars one has the privilege of drawing randomly one of 64 entries. I now know that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a Stoltzfus to draw anything close to a competitive



(above) Father Dan Skvir in 2007, with his grandchild, Sadie Elena, and daughter Kyra Skvir Frankel '94. (left) Father Dan in 1973.



Photo from The Link 1973

seed in a Father Dan pool. This surely bodes

ill for my future in the End Time.

On the other hand, Father Dan's imminent retirement is proof that there *is* life after Princeton Day School. Tassie, Nika, and Kyra having departed previously, the patriarch of the family now leaves our world, Elijah-like. Indeed, blessed are Katharine, Madeline, and Sadie...for they get to do what we have so enjoyed these many years -- hang out with their Grandfather Dan! ■

Bill Stoltzfus is another beloved teacher in Upper School.

Making the Most of Inside PDS

Over the summer, Princeton Day School added new website features making it easier to get the information you need about school, alumni and athletics. Just follow these steps and log-in to Inside PDS for news, events, photos – even alumni class notes!



Go to www.pds.org and click on Inside PDS

This brings you to a webpage displaying:

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Greetings from the Alumni Board!

Calling all MFS, PCD and PDS alums! With the spring thaw nearly upon us, we invite you to spend time on campus with fellow alums during Alumni Weekend, May 14 and 15 — especially those of you in class years ending in 0s and 5s, as you are celebrating milestone reunions!

We hope you were able to join us April 7 at our NYC party at the Explorer's Club and later that month at our Washington, D.C. party at the home of **Jenny Chandler '78**. We also had a wonderful reception in March for local alumni of Miss Fine's School and Princeton Country Day School at The Tap Room of The Nassau Inn.

The annual Princeton "Spring Fling" will be in June at the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, 102 Witherspoon Street, with tasty delights provided by the Red Onion of Princeton. Check our website for details and please feel free to RSVP to Tracey Gates at tgates@pds.org or by calling 609-924-6700, ext. 1265.

We also hope to see lots of you on campus for Alumni Weekend as we celebrate and congratulate three outstanding alumni receiving awards for achievement, service and outstanding young alumni accomplishment during the Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Reception and Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Saturday May 15 on the Colross Lawn. Read their stories on pages 20-22.

But 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 post your class notes. And check out our Facebook page; just look for Princeton Day School Alumni Group.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board member, **Stephen Pollard '90** and thank departing board member, **Sara Cooper '80**, for her four years of service. A big thank you to **Tony Dell '80** for his two-year tenure as Vice President of Alumni Activities, and we welcome **Giovanna Torchio '98** to this post.

The Alumni Board consists of a dedicated, hard-working group of alumni who volunteer their time. While we often have many opportunities to share joy, we suffered a tremendous loss when former Alumni Board member **Mark Zaininger '81** lost his battle to brain cancer in January. Mark's zest for life, wit and devotion to PDS will continue to inspire each of us who had the pleasure and honor of working with him. Our thoughts are with Mark's wife, Leslie Campbell, and his two children, Charlotte and Luke '18.

Stay in touch and come join the fun,

Galete J. Levin, '96, *President*

Spotlight on Young Alumni

A New Type of Warfare

By Andrew Golda '96

My real love for development work started when I was working with conflict-affected communities as a Peace Corps volunteer in Armenia. There was something inspiring about the determination of the people, forced to make a living in half-destroyed villages with fields that were heavily mined and in homes that were often not their own. While the conflict in Armenia had long since cooled when I lived there, in the intervening years I have worked in increasingly unstable places until I now find myself at the coalface where a new type of warfare and development assistance meet: Southern Afghanistan.

As a US Agency for International Development (USAID) Field Program Officer embedded with the Canadian military in Kandahar Province, my job is to work with the Afghan government to draw people away from supporting the insurgency. I do this by identifying development projects such as opening schools, installing gutters and supplying medicines for hospitals and clinics and then working with the Afghan government to meet the needs of their constituents. This work is integral to President Obama's strategy for Afghanistan which focuses on providing security for the population while providing basic services to the Afghan people.

This was never the type of job I had envisioned for myself and in considering the offer a number of thoughts went through my mind: Does this role blur the line between military operations and humanitarian interventions? Are the Taliban



Afghan girls peek from their home at a passing ISAF patrol, Kandahar Province, January 2010

really a threat to America? Do the Afghan people want us in their country? Is our strategy simply to impose a western-style government in a place that has never had a strong government? And can we even win?

Having been here for more than a month, I haven't even started to figure out an answer to any of these questions, but I know that this is where I should be and this is what we should be doing.

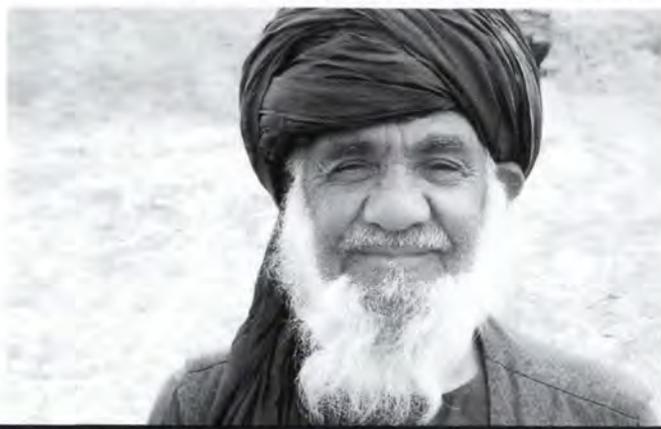
My experience in Afghanistan so far has been oddly comforting in the similarities I see with other places and other countries I've worked in, but at the same time is so fundamentally different.

The problems that the communities face are not very different from ones that I saw in Ethiopia, Georgia, Armenia and Pakistan. People are held back by traditional elites that fight to maintain a status quo at all costs; children are sickened

Andy Golda '96 in Kandahar Province,
January 2010.



Baloch community elder in rural Kandahar Province, January 2010



and die from treatable diseases such as diarrhea and communities are stifled by a lack of education and employment opportunities. Conversations I have with the District Governor while sitting on cushions on the floor remind me of the time I spent in Turkmenistan and Tajikistan.

But the fact I am in the middle of a warzone is never far. In neither of those places did the governor have an AK-47 resting against the window sill in back of him.

Right now, for example, the schools in my district are under attack. Last week saw the last remaining public school in the entire district close under threats by the Taliban. The only educational opportunities for children in the community are to be taught at mosques which usually only offer basic teaching of the Koran and are generally not free.



Andy Golda '96, (on the right) meets with the District Leader and another community elder in Kandahar Province, January 2010

the ability of any security force to keep these people free from harm would be taxed. The answer in keeping the school open is with the community.

The overwhelming majority of people don't actively support the insurgency, but they don't support the government either. After years of graft, corruption, misappropriation of funds, allocation of resources based on tribal allegiances, kickbacks and selective contracting, the people of Afghanistan feel like they have been preyed upon by their government without seeing any tangible result.

If even some small results are shown by the Afghan government, even if a few good apples take a stand against corruption, then I believe that the people will follow. After 30 years of war, it is the least the Afghans deserve. ■

— Contact Andy at andrewgolda@yahoo.com

It would seem that a simple solution would be to beef up security in the neighborhood of at least some of the 30-plus schools that have been closed. But the school that was closed last week has a police checkpoint on the corner of its property and is overlooked by the largest ISAF military base in the district.

Those hard security assets, however, are not keeping the school open. Nightletters -- threats left after dark by the Taliban -- have been dropped at the homes of teachers, students and prominent community members. Some of the teachers for the school travel as far as 10 kilometers every day to get to work and

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(above) Chuck Travers '55, Mea Aall Kaemmerlen '64, Huck Fairman '59 and John Baker '62.



Kaemmerlen '64 and Pamela Aall McPherson '68. Connie Ban '68.



(above) Karl Pettit '60 and J. Ward Kuser '61 singing the PCD school song.



Mosie Gates '42 and Bill Schluter '42.



Former faculty member Vicky Dean and Guy Dean '55.

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Connie Ban '68 and Julie Fulper Hardt '61.

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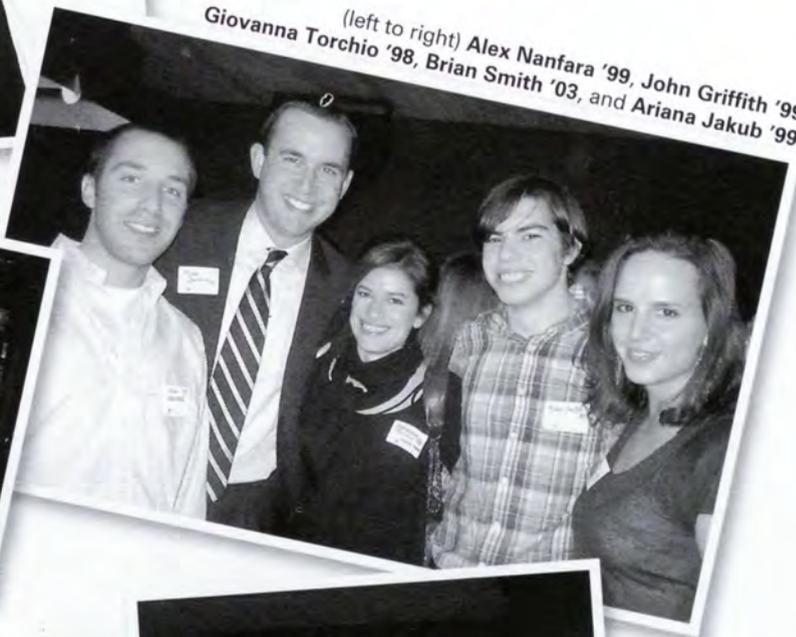


Several alumni, past parents and grandparents attended a recent gathering in Palm Beach at the home of former PDS trustee and Board Chair Edith Eglin. Attendees included: (from left to right) Eric Bylin '85, Wendy Bylin, Helga Frohling, Director of Advancement Andrew Hamlin, Sydney Hopkins, Deborah Bushell Gans '90, William Gans, Hostess Edith Eglin, Don Pickering, Ed Frohling '39, Bob Hopkins and Beverly Bevis Jones '69.



(left to right) Nick Sardar '01, Ashton Todd '01, Matt Levine '01, Mike Fishbein '01 and Jeremy Johnson '02.

Young alumni gathered at Pop Burger in New York City this past November.



(left to right) Alex Nanfara '99, John Griffith '99, Giovanna Torchio '98, Brian Smith '03, and Ariana Jakub '99.



Christina Koerte '02 (left) and Johanna Dickson '02.



Pierre Downing '00 and PDS Head of School Paul J. Stellato.

New York City



Dalya Levin '00 (left) and Galette Levin '96.



(left to right) Matt Zarzecki '96, Mike O'Neill '96, Peter Denby '96, and Mark Chatham '96.



(left to right) Marlee Sayen '02, Grant Schmucker '02, and Kristen France '01.



(left to right) Class of '09 members Jeff Kowalski, Sam Chertock, Brad Wilson, Dana Modzelewski, Lindsay White, Ryan Sheldon, Ali Berger, Caitlin Gribbin, Francesca Behling, and Ben Fisch '08.



Lexi Gelperin '01 (left) and Edith Petrovics '01.



(left to right) Shira Concool '06, Laurie Cartwright '06, and Francesca Behling '09.

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(left to right) Toby Fox '05, Aviva (Amy) Perlman '02, Nate Smith '02, Shira Concool '06 and Laurie Cartwright '06.



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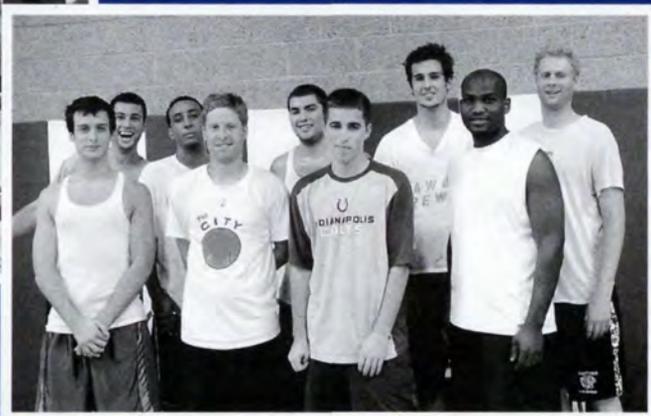


(left to right) Class of '06 pals Mary Peters, Jessica Cellars, Katie Cara, Mary Ellen Cook and Melissa Wong.



Alumni Games

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday • May 14

11:30 a.m. • Alumni Golf and Lunch with the Head of School, Paul Stellato, Beden's Brook Club

Come challenge your classmates in the Blue and White Cup. 11:30-12:30 check-in and lunch. Tee off at 12:30. *Register early as space is limited.*

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Alumni, Faculty, Former Faculty & Staff Reunion

Cocktail reception hosted by the Head of School, Paul Stellato and his wife Maureen at Behr House (Head of School's home across for the Lisa McGraw '44 Rink). Come visit with your favorite teachers, staff, coaches and fellow classmates during this festive evening of fun.

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Friday Night Lights

Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Moorestown Friends School. Come cheer on PDS' future alumni as they play under the lights on Bill Smoyer '60 Turf Field.



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To fulfill the Princeton Day School mission of becoming more "green", we are encouraging everyone to register online this year to save on paper and postage.

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Don't miss a minute with friends!

Note: For those traveling from out of town please refer to our list of hotels found at www.pds.org/alumniweekend

Saturday • May 15

9:00 a.m. • 5K Panther Fun Run-Walk, Lisa McGraw '44 Rink

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a run or walk around the beautiful PDS campus. Prizes will be awarded.

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. • Student led Campus Tours

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.

11:00 a.m. • "I Have Something to Tell You: How the Sharing of Secrets Stops Stigma" by Regan Hofmann '85, McAneny Theatre

2010 Alumni Achievement Award recipient, Regan Hoffman '85, editor-in-chief of POZ Magazine, the nation's leading publication about HIV/AIDS, and author of *I Have Something to Tell You*, will share her personal journey with us and her efforts to raise awareness and educate people about HIV/AIDS.

12:00 p.m. • Moment of Remembrance, Rothrock Garden

Please join us for a brief ceremony honoring alumni, faculty and friends who have passed away during the past year.

12:30 p.m. • Alumni Picnic, Reunion Tent on the Colross Lawn

This is the place to be...Bring the whole family to enjoy a delicious old-fashioned barbecue. Children's games and activities to entertain the younger guests. **1:00 program** to include remarks by the Head of School, Paul J. Stellato and the Alumni Board President, Galette Levin '96. **Celebrate with us as we honor Father Dan Skvir h'73 upon his retirement after 41 years.**

2:00 p.m. • Coed Alumni Soccer game, Bill Smoyer '60 Turf Field

3:00 p.m. • Alumni Games

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

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

5:30 p.m. • Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Reception and Ceremony, Reunion Tent on the Colross Lawn

Alumni Achievement Award: Regan Hofmann '85
Alumni Service Award: Curtis McGraw Webster '75
Outstanding Young Alumni Award: Taj Forer '00
Hall of Fame Inductees:

- The Bash Family (Steven '72, Evan '74, Gregory '75)
- The Ferrante Family (Giaff '72, Cameron '74, Grayson '75, Catherine '78, Virginia '80, Philip '81)

Babysitting available upon request

7:30 p.m. • Alumni Reunion Class Parties

Various locations around campus and in the community. Please check online registration at www.pds.org/alumniweekend for details.

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35th Reunion • 1975

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40th Reunion • 1970

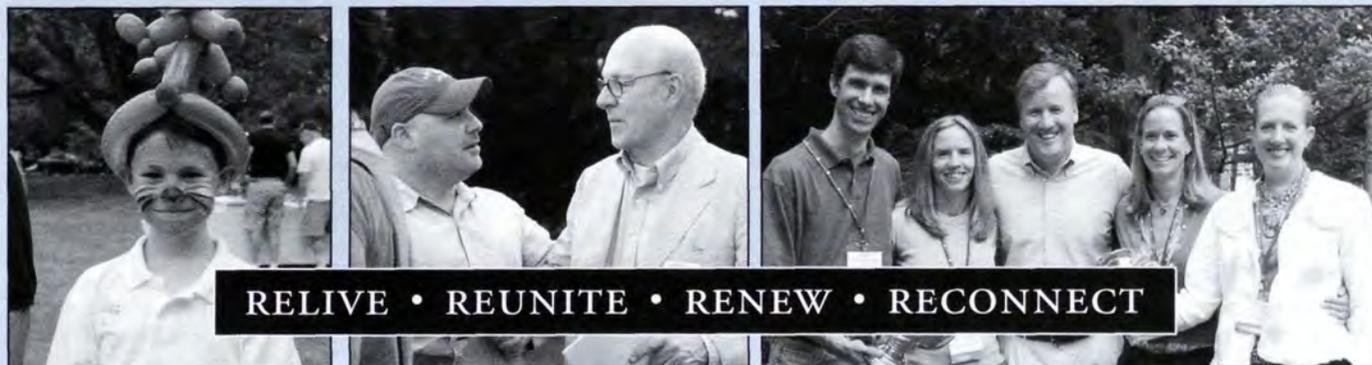
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ClassNotes

Miss Fine's School

1925-29

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1930

80th Reunion

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1931-1934

PDS Communications Office

1935

75th Reunion

PDS Communications Office

1936-1937

PDS Communications Office

1938

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Roberta Harper Lawrence

writes: My eleventh great-grandchild was born on Halloween morning. Her name is Alexis Paige Smith, born to my granddaughter, Taylor Ashley Lawrence. My son, James. B. Lawrence, is the proud grandfather.

I am sorry to say that the only other news I have is sad news: Leonard Fenninger, Princeton University Class of 1938, passed away on September 10, 2009. He was the husband of my Miss Fine's School classmate **Jane Thomas**.

My daughter Linda and I are headed down to Miramar Lakes, FL to spend two months at a condo I purchased there last year. We are looking forward to escaping from the cold weather here in Michigan.

1939

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1940

70th Reunion

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1941

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1942

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Sally Kuser Lane writes: In December 2009, 36 members of the Lane family went to Key West, Florida to celebrate Sally's 85th.

1943

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1944

Correspondent needed

1945

65th Reunion

Correspondent needed

1946

Correspondent needed

1947

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1948-49

Correspondent needed

1950

60th Reunion

Correspondent needed

1951

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Gordon McAllen Baker

writes: Had a wonderful trip to Egypt and Jordan (Petra & Jaresh) last spring. Re-connected with Jeannie Milholland Shriver MFS '50 which was fun.

1952

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1953

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Elaine Polhemus Frost

writes: Over Labor Day weekend, I joined John and **Caroline Savage Langan** in a trip to Kennebunk, Maine, to stay overnight with John and **Wendy Hall Alden**, and help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. We all had a marvelous time, and it was lovely to see Parson's Beach again.

Caroline and I were bridesmaids for Wendy 50 years ago.

At Christmastime, I heard from several of you. **Mary Roberts Craighill**, in the Kendal Retirement Community in Lexington, VA, mentioned a lot of snow there before Christmas! I wonder how they fared in the February storms! Here in Crosslands, we had two feet of that lovely white stuff on Feb. 5, and almost twenty inches more on the 10th!

Jane Gihon Shillaber wrote that she and her sisters, Judy and Jill, inherited a condo in Florida from their father, and are now having some fun painting and redecorating it. The Shillabers are going down there in February.

Hope Thompson Kerr and **Hilary Thompson Kenyon** took an Overseas Adventure Travel trip in a motorized catamaran through the Panama Canal last year, with a side trip to Cartagena, Colombia. They found the Canal with all its locks, and traffic of tankers, container ships and cruise liners most interesting, but the highlight of the trip seems to have been a dip in a warm volcanic mudbath in Colombia!

I talked with **Caroline Rosenblum Moseley** recently. She told me that she now has two grandchildren attending PDS.



MFS '53 classmates **Wendy Hall Alden**, **Caroline Savage Langan** and **Elaine Polhemus Frost** gathered in Kennebunk, ME over Labor Day weekend.

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Grandson Ross Moseley is in sixth grade, and granddaughter Parker Moseley is in second grade. They are the children of Whitney Ross '84, and Stephen Moseley.

I also heard from **Mary Butler Nickerson** in Brookline, MA. She is enjoying a lot of reading, but her big commitment these days is tutoring lagging first grade readers in one of the Boston Public Schools. She really loves working with the individual children, and devising special ways to help each one.

As I write this I am looking out at the three-plus feet of snow which fell in two recent blizzards here in southeastern PA. The other day I thought I would check on someone else's blizzard experience, and I called **Anne Carples Denny** in Richmond, VA. It turned out to be quite an experience! Her daughter, Katherine, with husband and four little boys, ages 8-13, came down to spend the weekend with Anne and Collins. The boys were participating in an important squash tournament which ran all weekend, despite the accumulation of a foot of snow in Richmond. Two of the boys were finalists in their age divisions, and the other two were the winners of their divisions! These boys are super athletes, and talented youngsters, all of them playing squash, tennis, lacrosse, soccer, and -- the piano! Anne admits her blizzard weekend was filled with meal preparation and running the dishwasher, but the tournament results were really exciting for the proud grandparents!

1954

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Our class extends sympathies to **Aggie Fulper** whose sister, Rada Fulper Shows, died in March 2009. Aggie has been returning from Albuquerque each year to spend Christmas with family, and I was able to visit with her over lunch at a restaurant in Princeton.

Anna Rosenblad continues to send a Christmas card that colorfully describes her adventures/ escapades. The card often features elves whimsically painted by her own hand, really delightful.

Letitia Wheeler Ufford writes: Was presented with an honorary Phi Beta Kappa membership at Harvard last year.

1955

55th Reunion

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Chloe King writes: **Ellen Jamieson Franck** sent news that she and her husband spend a few months in Venice, FL in the winter. They get involved with some community affairs so their brains don't turn into mush. "On the whole, it is a pretty relaxed, self-indulgent, guilt-inducing existence." At home in Sea Cliff, NY, they have moved from a large to a small house all of 6 blocks away. It's great to have grandchildren nearby. Ellen and her husband go to elementary school events the second time around.

Mary Tyson (Ty) Goodridge Lund sent news of **Nicky Knox Watts**. The two old friends talked recently via phone. Ty wrote, "We continue to celebrate our 70-year friendship. We met at Nicky's 3rd birthday party in Princeton, and have been friends ever since. Nick has a memory that would put an elephant to shame." Ty continues to live in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She said violence has increased and is becoming a concern to not only Americans/Europeans, but to Mexicans as well.

Lucy Busselle Myers is very happy to be retired and free to spend time with her partner, her grandchildren, and her dog. For several years Lucy has facilitated writing workshops. Right now she is leading groups at a minimum security women's prison and the Ipswich (MA) Council on Aging. Lucy is an author!!! Last spring her book, *Memories of Ipswich*, was published in celebration of the 375th anniversary of the town's founding. Congratulations from us all, Lucy! She continues her active lifestyle -- cross country skiing and kayaking -- and she sings in her church choir and drives the elderly to medical appointments. Lucy added, "It's a wonderful life."

Alice Marie Nelson wrote her "big news in 2009 was a recital she gave in April in NYC which she had recorded for posterity." She is loving retirement, although she misses the contact with many of the wonderful colleagues she had at Tiffany & Co. Alice Marie has just signed on with AARP as a volunteer on their Tax Aide

program which offers free income tax preparation to people of middle and low incomes. She is looking forward to making new friends there. She continues water aerobics and Pilates. Alice Marie is looking forward to spring and warm weather so she and her partner can get to their cabin in Lake Swartswood, NJ, near the Delaware Water Gap.

Barbara Kohlsaas Von Oehsen has moved again! She is living in an apartment in Skillman, NJ to be near her sons and grandchildren. She has a new Chocolate Labrador puppy whom she loves...of course. Barb is working hard to improve her health as she suffers from fibromyalgia. Just across the street from her apartment is a small health/fitness club, which Barb is enjoying. Yoga, Pilates and Reiki are keeping her busy and increasing her strength and flexibility. Right on, Barb!

Chloe King is looking forward to more travels. At the end of Feb. we are going to Florida for a change of scenery and to visit friends. It's not much warmer there now, but at least there will not be snow on the ground! In March we will be in South Carolina for a golf fling, so we don't lose our touch with the clubs. Our May trip is the big one: a river cruise in Russia going from Moscow to St. Petersburg! That will be exciting as we've not been in that part of the world. I continue to enjoy studying flute, singing in the Wellesley Choral Society, working-out at least three days weekly, and our NH cottage in warmer weather. Life is great!!

1956

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"No news (at our age) is GOOD news," wrote **Margaret Pacsu Campbell** in reply to my plea. She has a point, but fortunately a few of us took a more upbeat approach.

Lockie Stafford Proctor reports that her family is "all luckily healthy and still employed," and sent a photo of "the whole tribe after a fierce badminton tournament at our favorite Basin Harbor Club, Vergennes, VT in August... Even little Ella is intrigued by a racquet!"

Marina Turkevich Naumann and Bob topped off 2009 with a "50-day voyage around our blue marble," returning in time for Thanksgiving. Highlights included a glorious cruise among South Pacific islands and H1N1 inoculations in Sydney, Australia.

"Only Bob's computer caught a bad virus," she reports. "Nevertheless, we were able to retrieve the attached from a camera chip. It is a photo of us at our intimate and tasty Christmas Dinner with little **Kristin Naumann** (PDS '82) in the Hanover Inn's Daniel Webster Room." By the time this goes to press our peripatetic pair will have returned from their annual escape from Vermont's gloomy wintry finale to sunny Maui and will be anticipating a fall trip to Barcelona.

Molly Wade McGrath sent welcome news. Her husband Nor-



Lockie Stafford Proctor '56 and her children and grandchildren after a rousing badminton match.



Marina Naumann '56, Kristin '82 and Bob celebrated an earlier Christmas in Hanover.



Larry and Anne Gildar Kaufman '57 family at daughter Julie's wedding in 2007 to Alex Betancur. Back Row, from left, **their son** Gregg, his wife Jill, Larry, Anne, Julie, Alex, grandson Owen, **their son** Brian on the end with his wife Mary Ann; Front Row, from left, Gregg's three children - Harrison, Aidan and Griffin; three of Brian's four, Tyler, Eric and Andrew.

man McGrath's book called *Architectural Photography* was published last summer by AmPhoto, a division of Random House.

Molly is teaching only one course at Hunter College now, and offering private teaching in English as a Second Language in their West Side NYC apartment. "We are grandparents belatedly to little June Clara Scott McGrath, who delights us like crazy and does break dancing at age 20 months," she adds, and, "Mirabile dictu, our daughter Helen will be married in June at age 39 to a lovely guy whom she has known for 10 years. They will live in Boulder, CO."

Kathleen Dunn Lyman will surely have completed her move to Maine by the time we read this. She reports that, during her sorting and packing, she found "the French Notebook that Mrs. Wade made us keep and a book of French verbs with Margaret Pasco's name in it."

That reminds me (**Cicely Tomlinson Richardson**) that, alas, all our schoolbooks stayed behind in Princeton when my parents moved to the Cape. I still bemoan the loss of "Tiki et Taki," Mme. Holenkoff's delightful monkey tales — we may have tormented her, but we loved those gems.

Winter of 2010 will be a distant memory but, as **Pamela Thompson Sinkler-Todd** sent in her news, it was all too present. "All is snowed under here as we near 60 inches for the winter which would break all Philly snow records for all recorded time! That is almost as exciting as 'walking' to the shops or doctor appointments!" Meanwhile, Pam is thinking fall, finding too many high-lights for our October gathering — hope most of you can make it.

1957

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Susie Smith Baldwin writes: Enjoy **Betsy Baker Carter's** Triumphant Moment (see photo below).

Congratulations to **Bill and Alissa Kramer Sutphin** on their upcoming 52nd wedding anniversary in June. That's our class record!

Alissa writes: On January 23 Bill and I went to a beautiful memorial service for Nancy McMorris (MFS '59) at Trinity Church. I was glad to see, and sit with, a dear friend of Nancy's, Camilla Turnbull (MFS '59), as well as **Kinsa Turnbull and Mary Strunsky Wisnovsky**. The service was conducted by The Reverend Louise Kingston '59.

Our personal news is that our son, Andrew, is engaged to be married to Helen Keane of New York City and London. Andrew



Betsy Baker Carter '57 (1939-2009) is triumphant upon completion of the manuscript of her father, Carlos Baker, in 1995. She arranged for its posthumous publication as *Emerson Among the Eccentrics: A Group Portrait*.

lives in NYC. Our daughter, Ann, lives in Seattle and works as a city planner for the City of Seattle.

They enjoy raising their 3-year-old daughter there. **Sue Barclay Walcott** came for lunch while Ann and our granddaughter Lyla were visiting. Sue looked very well.

Anne Gildar Kaufman writes: The Kaufman family is certainly looking forward to June. Our grandson Owen turns 18, graduates from high school, and will be awarded the Eagle Scout designation in the Boy Scouts. His brother, Eric, will perform his Bar Mitzvah in June as well. On June 19 Larry and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary! I caught **Alissa's** wedding bouquet two years before—on the same June weekend. Where did the time go?

Ros Webster Perry writes: Santa Barbara suffered 3 horrible wildfires between July 2008 and May 2009. Our daughter and her family were evacuated during the first fire. Dick & I, as well as our daughter's family once again, were evacuated during the May fire. Truly 5 days of hell, with high winds, smoke and flames raging; we didn't know whether our homes had survived. Luckily, neither home was damaged. The fire burned down the canyon that borders our street and many homes were lost. In September, we had small planes flying overhead all day long, spreading mulch on the burned mountainside, hoping to prevent mudslides during the winter rainy season. Although the rains did arrive in force, so far there have been no mudslides in our area. On a happier note, we spent 2 glorious weeks in Tuscany in September, our first visit there in over 20 years!

Mary Strunsky Wisnovsky's husband, **Joe Wisnovsky** writes: Here's a nice shot of Mary with

our younger son Peter, made a while ago on a trip to California. Peter works as a software engineer in San Francisco. The second photo, our son Rob and his family, was taken on the occasion of our grandson's high school graduation in Montreal. Simon's now an undergrad at McGill (majoring in biochemistry). Rob and his wife Laila are both professors there, at the university's Institute for Islamic Studies. Our granddaughter Jasmine, now 10, is one of the top 10 chess players in Canada for her age group.

Sandy Strachan Froehlich writes: I got your singing birthday message, Susie! Did I really rub your nose in my being super



Mary Strunsky Wisnovsky '57 with her younger son Peter, in San Francisco.



Rob Wisnovsky, The son of **Mary Strunsky Wisnovsky '57**, and his family on the occasion of Mary's grandson's high school graduation in Montreal.



Nancy Miller '57 celebrates her 70th Birthday in London, (June, 2009), with her niece, Ann Miller Paiva '86, far right; Ann's husband, Manuel; Alex (6); Sophie (10 months); Sara Bristol Ritchie '75, center, (born on Nancy's 17th birthday); and Goring Hotel doorman.

13 in 1952 while you were still 11 for another week? Many Happy Returns, Young Lady of 69... still to be 70. I did enjoy singing in the madrigal group at school. Probably has something to do with my hearing loss, but Warren always told me to keep my day job. I did! I've finally retired after 51 years in the work force. I have been employed as a circulation manager of an aviation magazine, secretary to 3 stockbroker partners, purchasing agent for a Princeton firm, owner of a hunting lodge, owner of a small grocery store, owner and general manager of a fine dining restaurant, manager of the 2nd largest limousine company in the country, and finally, last but not least, a certified dietary manager and food service supervisor. My jobs have all been diversified and challenging, but staying at home alone is by far the most difficult. I miss Warren terribly.

Susie adds: It's very meaningful for me to hear from so many of you and to talk with you in person about the joys and challenges of life. Enjoy **Nancy Miller's** 70th Birthday (see photo). Check out our other photos online, **Betsy** welcoming Nelson Mandela to NYC, and family photos from **Ros** and me.

Email your current email address tgates@pds.org; wait some days, then Google "How to Use the new www.pds.org"



Sarah Adam Model '58 shared this photo of her granddaughter, Amanda.

1958

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Nancy Keuffel writes: On a golf trip to Florida in January I was fortunate enough to get together with **Susie Frank Hilton**. Our last meeting had been 40 years ago! We had a wonderful time catching up. She has two sons, Eric who is in Hollywood and involved in film production and Jonathon who is a lawyer in Washington and is a lobbyist for a national association that is concerned with urban housing. Susie is as animated as ever, and is busy here with her church choir as well as a number of arts activities. She is passionate about opera and goes to all the HD performances of the Metropolitan Opera in Naples. And she is looking forward to our next class reunion.

I also chatted with **Ann (Rooney) Eichelberger Hall** who winters in Fort Myers Beach. As you might guess she is participating in sports, playing in two tennis leagues that compete with various clubs all over southwestern Florida and getting in some golf as well. Her eldest son, Morgan, an officer in the Marines, has served several times as a helicopter pilot in the various hot spots of our world.

Do let me hear from you all – email, phone, snail mail or carrier pigeon!



Sissy Dean Hall '59 shared this MFS photo including **Nancy McMorris** and **Louise Lauck Kingston**.

1959

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Ann Clapp writes: I am sad to report that **Nancy McMorris** lost her long and valiant battle to ovarian cancer in December. Until the end, Nancy was optimistic, witty, and chatty. Undaunted by the severity of her illness, Nancy began ballet and Spanish lessons 18 months ago! At our 50th reunion she thanked me for giving her the best room and said she did not want to waste time SLEEPING in it! After the January memorial service, several classmates enjoyed the photos reminding us of Nancy's magnificent glossy hair, alabaster skin, and blithe spirit. We will all miss Nancy.

Several classmates gathered with friends and family at the memorial service for Nancy on January 23, including **Camilla Turnbull, Wendy Yeaton Smith, Jean Schettino Conlon, Lucy James, Sasha Robbins Cavander, Susan Stevenson Badder, Allison Wheeler Lahnston, Ann Kinczel Clapp, Cecilia Aall Mathews** and **Louise Lauck Kingston**.

All of us were pleased that we had reconnected, especially with Nancy, at the 50th reunion, but regretted not having really known her and her glamorous life until then. **Camilla Turnbull** wrote, "the reunion – that she got there and drew such support from it – seemed to give her delight and strength. Delight. That's our Nancy.

She loved tea. She loved beauty. She said she was in love with the human voice. She loved Covent Garden. She loved Mac, her "baby brother." She loved so much mu-



MFS '59 classmates will miss their good friend **Nancy McMorris** who lost her long and valiant battle against cancer in December.

sic it's hard to pick and choose. Verdi, certainly. She really was loving Princeton before she became ill. She had many friends far and wide. She loved language, etymology, and talk. Mrs. Raubitchek was her favorite of our teachers. Mrs. Wade spotted her language gift. All the loving kindnesses of the MFS '59 classmates meant a very great deal to her these past

years. Nancy sparkled, didn't she? She was fascinating, fascinated, delighting, delightful. If cancer was tough on her, she was tough on cancer, NEVER accepting that it might hold sway.

We could all use some of her signal love of life, exuberance and fighting spirit. She was beautiful, too! I miss the pealing laughter that came off her like a bubbling fountain. Though her life was international in character, she had poignant memories of MFS and abiding affection for the members of our class."

And from Sasha: "I was shocked to learn she had done so many extraordinary things, ballet and Spanish in her 60s!"

1960

50th Reunion

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Fiona Morgan Fein shares these notes.

Nancy Smoyer writes: I spent most of the month of January traveling in Morocco with Overseas Adventure Travel. A good, fast-paced trip full of contrasts in the landscape, people and way of life. I always try to talk to as many people as possible, and in this case, some of my most interesting conversations were with women

on the subject of the wearing of headscarves and veils. I'm afraid it's still puzzling to me. I'm no longer working as a therapist at the Vet Center so now have more time for travel and various volunteer activities, such as the animal shelter, Hospice, Bible teaching, theatre group and whatever else I find. When's our next reunion???

Sheila Long: I am happily settled in at Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor, New York, glad to be back in the US after 25 years away, despite the American health care system and lack of gun control. For the past couple of months, I've been working really hard to put together a Gregorian chant liturgy, using some fonts that write neumes (Gregorian chant notation). Now that Monk, our yellow lab puppy, has passed his canine good citizenship test and is contained by an invisible electric fence, he's much less time-consuming, and I've been able to go back to sewing, in a lovely, freshly-painted sewing room with a beautiful view of the woods. Today I ground up wheat berries to bake what I hope will be only the first of many loaves of bread. The atmosphere here is much more relaxed and easy-going than in my French community. For example, two weeks ago I flew to North Carolina to visit a childhood friend, and when guests come, the freedom to visit even extends to going out for a meal, if anyone is so inclined.

Lucia Norton Woodruff reports two recent wonderfully satisfying events. First the visit of the whole extended family the last week of December. I managed to make what had become basically a storeroom into a "grandchildren's room" and we nine fit into the house. Fun to see tiny cousins start their lifetime relationships and admire our own grown children as well as bask in the hum of visits from friends, young and old. Heaven. Then I played an all Samuel Barber program in the Austin Symphony, some difficult new-to-us pieces as well as the well-known Adagio for Strings, like a meditation with the whole hall so quiet in the middle pause and at the end. You could have cut the silence, it was so thick. Both performances.

Cynthia Weinrich writes: Not a great deal has been happening, which at our age is perhaps good news (!) I'm still employed, still healthy overall, still enjoy life, and if anything am even more amazed

at the wonder and mystery of existence, but hope to enjoy as much of it as possible. I have made an appointment to have cataract surgery this month, which is quite a bit overdue, but... better late than never. I cannot quite imagine what having a non-focusing lens in one's eye would be like, but everyone who has had it done assures me they can see quite happily at different distances, and everyone also says it's a big improvement. I'm sure it's good that life is driving me out of procrastination. Have had some nice occasions with Fiona and with Tibby, and hope to get up to see Sheila this spring. Would love to see anyone passing through or visiting NY, and enjoy reading updates on people's lives. Who would have thunk it all, back in 1961, for better or for worse?

Trika Smith-Burke writes: Just call me a risk-taker (and trying to avoid surgery!) I am very excited about trying a new technique called PRP (Platelet Rich Plasma) to "heal" my torn meniscus in my right knee. The concept is to use one's own blood that is treated and re-injected back into the knee to stimulate one's own body to heal the tear. If this works, it means that I will not have to undergo surgery! Tune in for my next report and wish me luck!

Julia Cornforth Holofcener: We're getting settled in Mount Dora very slowly. Holofcener Studio & Gallery has received a lot of attention, including a splendid article in the Orlando Sentinel. Larry is having the best time painting, sculpting and inspiring visitors to take up art in any form. Jo (MFS '55) visited for 3 days and froze to death. The weather has been cold and rainy. However, we can't really complain considering what the rest of the US is enduring.

Fiona Morgan Fein writes: My routine remains pretty much the same with learning to play classical guitar at the top of my to do list. I'm happy to report that it is actually possible to acquire new skills at our age if you're willing to work hard enough—very satisfying. We hope to take a trip to New Zealand in the fall to celebrate Harvey's 70th birthday. All suggestions welcome. In answer to Nancy's query, I think our next reunion is in the spring of 2011 when we will be forced to admit that we graduated from MFS 50 years ago. I suggest we all get together and have a good laugh!

Mahala "Polly" Busselle Bishop writes that she has published a book about the inside of bi-polar disease titled *Sunshine and Shadow*. "The book is an informative memoir depicting the inside of mania and depression — based on notes I made during hospitalizations, interviews with friends and family with their feelings and memories of my out-of-control behavior, poems by my husband describing his confusion and despair in trying to deal with a person he no longer knew nor understood. The object of the book is education, to dispel the widespread ignorance of this disease which has more than 5 million victims — an illness due to chemical imbalance. I have tried to inform people in a readable, fast-paced way. My website is www.mahalabishop.com."

1962

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Susan Mathews Heard is hosting **Susie Shea McPherson** for our mini-reunion in Rancho Mirage, CA, in March. We wish others were able to join us, but we'll have fun nevertheless. I will ask Susie to help me celebrate my retirement (March 31) after 44 years on the job. I will transfer my time and talents to support three nonprofit organizations: the Los Angeles Opera League, the Episcopal Home Communities, and the Huntington Hospital Breast Cancer Center. Of course, Bruce and I will continue our travels, starting with a cruise through the Panama Canal for our 30th anniversary in May, and a trip to Omaha for niece Megan Mathews' wedding July 3. So we have lots to celebrate!

Susan Shea McPherson writes: I hosted a small class reunion in September. I thought I should write you about it for the *Journal* so here goes:

Mid-September **Gail Cotton** arrived at our home in Hyannis Port, Mass. for our mini class reunion; fortunately she was able to stay for 5 days so we had lots of time to catch up and explore the Cape. **Sonia Bill Robertson**, **Wendy** and **Cindy Brown** came for a couple of days and we had great fun talking, walking, eating, watching baseball and tennis. I am heading to Florida soon and

will be able to visit with **Cindy** in Sarasota and **Pat Phillips** in Delray Beach which I greatly look forward to. Then come March I'm going out to California to see our son in San Francisco, take our younger daughter to see a tennis tournament at Indian Wells Tennis Garden and then spend a few days with **Susan Heard** in Rancho Mirage. But winter here on the Cape is beautiful whether it's clear, cold and sparkling water or snowing. That's about all I think that needs to be said!

1963

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Alice Jacobson writes: It's a gray and rainy Oregon February as I write this edition of news of our classmates; the winter Olympics are about to start, Valentine's Day is Sunday, and we turn 65 this year. Who'd a thunk it?

Ginny Elmer Stafford wrote that she is the first to get a Medicare card. Thanks for leading the way. As the last to be eligible, I am hoping it will be available next January! Ginny said it was a "sur-real experience" for her. She said she told her grandsons that she was officially an "old lady," and they looked at her as though they did not understand what she was saying. Ginny's note ended that it was hard to believe she had gone from "high school senior to senior in such a short time." To the rest of you: please share your thoughts on becoming "honored citizens" (love those euphemisms) as you approach or become 65. And please, do not tell us that "65 is the new 55"!

I received a brief note from **Sally Campbell Haas** who had just returned from two weeks in Hawaii. She wrote from California where she was visiting both San Francisco and LA.

Laurie Rogers, Pam Sidford Schaeffer, and I got together in early November at Pam's home on the Cape. Sally had just left, and we missed her at our mini-reunion, sorry to say.

We three and (Pam's husband Leonard and my partner, AJ) had a wonderful time. We feel blessed to see each other once a year. AJ and I had a week in New York City, took the train to Connecticut where Laurie picked us



MFS '63 pals **Alice Jacobson, Laurie Rogers and Pam Sidford Schaeffer** at Pam's home on the Cape.

up, and then went to Brewster to meet Pam and Leonard for the weekend. I am sending along a picture of the 3 of us; they look just the same as they did in 1963!

Pam and Leonard are remodeling a fabulous house in Dennis, and this takes them to the Cape about once a month to oversee what they hope is the progress. Just heard from Pam that she is snowed in there this February. They are awaiting the birth of their second grandchild, this time a boy. Samantha is now 2 and flourishing. Pam also writes that she is now celebrating the 5th year of being cancer free. We are so pleased by this, Pam! When we were together, the Schaeffers screened their daughter Jaq's feature film, "Timer." It is outstanding, and it was the hit of several independent film festivals in 2009.

Laurie is busy at work. She says "hi" to all, and asked our indulgence this time around. They are putting in a new computer system, and it has taken up all her time. Both she and Pam have been excited for AJ and me. We take off in a week and a half for a safari in Tanzania and a little R&R in Zanzibar. Both say the safari was one of the highlights of their travels. We'll report back in the next news notes.

Kathy Sittig Dunlop sent a note that she spoke with **Kathryn Kilgore** who has relocated to Utah. Kathy Sittig's holiday letter was filled with news of her and her family. In November, Kathy broke her jaw in a fall over her daughter's puppy. Fortunately, nothing else was broken, and Kathy was mended by Thanksgiv-

ing. Other highlights of the Dunlops' year were a three-week trip to China, a week in Jamaica, and some travels around the US seeing family, doing church-related activities, and visiting friends.

Hope that all of you are doing well. Please do send your news.

Valerie Wicks Miller writes: Still living in gorgeous Vermont, teaching music and conducting my Chamber singers. Two grandchildren and a third on the way. 20th wedding anniversary with husband, Doug. Life is good, despite everything else!

1964

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Barbara Rose writes: Our class had two opportunities in 2009 to gather in celebration of our 45th year as the Class of 1964. Most of us, sadly, missed both. Thank you to those who put time and effort into organizing those events.

Last May **Mea Kaemmerlen** (Liz Aall), loyal classmate and PDS board representative for the past year, met with **Wendy Fruland Hopper** and **Beirne Donaldson** during last Reunion Weekend at PDS. Mea sent a photo as proof, along with a note about her own activities. "I still write my weekly column, Serendipity, for the *Trenton Times* and am a writing coach at Trenton Central High School. I'm also involved with FCAP (Funeral Consumers Alliance of Princeton), the



(l to r) **Beirne Donaldson, Wendy Fruland Hopper, Mea Kaemmerlen** at PDS Reunion Weekend '09

Delaware & Raritan Canal Watch and the PDS Alumni Association as a board member of each. A Scotland wedding this summer and Washington, DC, wedding in October takes care of my sister Pamela's two children. I highly recommend a Scotland wedding with wandering sheep, country dancing and even haggis (pretty good!) Happy 46th to the MFS class of '64!"



(l to r) **Dora Lange, Cary Hart, Barbara Kneubuhl, Susan Jamieson, Fran Wolff** in Palm Springs '09

Newly retired **Dora Lange Gilstrap**, filled her new-found free time by organizing a lovely reunion weekend in Palm Springs, CA, last October. **Fran Wolff, Susan Jamieson, Barbara Kneubuhl, and Cary Smith Hart** were all there. Yes, you read correctly, **Barbara Kneubuhl!**

Fran gave me a brief description of the weekend's events in her e-mail:

"I'm happy to report we had a wonderful 45th class reunion in Palm Springs, CA, even if only five of us were there — **Dora Lange, Cary Smith Hart, Barbara Kneubuhl, Sue Jamieson** and me. Dora and Barbara had not attended any of our previous reunions, so it was particularly good to see them again. The five of us had a great time getting reacquainted. The warmth everyone felt for each other despite the long absence was really gratifying.

Dora, who lives near Palm Springs, did a fabulous job organizing our accommodations and entertainment. We even visited her home and got to see her husband's polo horses. Living with so many horses was, of course, **Sue Jamieson's** idea of heaven. We saw beautiful desert, ate great Mexican food, and delighted in being in the midst of a Palm Springs Halloween—which was unlike any

I've ever experienced before. Everyone in town was costumed and the children were trick or treating up and down restaurant row where the restaurateurs doled out candy!

We missed all of you who didn't make it and decided we don't want to wait another five years before getting together again. We're taking ideas for a reunion city -- Washington DC? Atlanta? Let us know!!" I'm on-board, Fran. Let's set a date!

Prior to the fall reunion in Palm Springs, **Fran** went on safari in Africa. She shared her thoughts on that experience in another email and spoke a bit about her plans for the future and Stress Management, her company in Atlanta.

"Africa was a fabulous trip. I loved seeing all the wild animals (giraffes, zebra, elephants, lions, cheetah, leopards, etc.) in their natural

environment. The tented camps were divine--small, quite comfortable, lots of attention and food (5 meals a day--just what we needed!). It was also fascinating to visit Zimbabwe to learn firsthand of their political situation and their daily lives. It was actually quite discouraging. I also found South Africa interesting in learning more about how apartheid was practiced. I did go with Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT), which is the group I frequently travel with. I do want to continue my travels but haven't decided on my next location.

I am easing toward retirement. I'd say I'm now semi-retired, having given up all yoga classes and my relationship with Kaiser to teach there. I continue to do regular HypnoBirthing classes, stress management workshops in companies (when called--which is rarely) and for individually referred clients from MDs I know. This freed up considerable time, so I took up bridge, and now play at duplicate clubs at least twice a week. It becomes addictive. I'm still on the board of Planned Parenthood of Georgia, although I must say it's discouraging seeing the way the country (see the health care billed passed in the House Saturday which includes a ban on private abortion coverage

for millions of women and would prohibit it in the new “public option”) and, of course, the way Georgia is going....”

I was sorry to miss our class reunion in Palm Springs, but just returned from Vermont in October where I attended school in order to earn a certification in Permaculture Design. This is the practice of designing human environments through the creation of systems that are ecologically sound, economically viable, self-sufficient, do not exploit or pollute and are sustainable, long term. An organic grower since the 1970's, I've started a consultancy called “Grow Edible Gardens.”

What better place to do this than in the “Garden State!” Last month I moved to a beautiful farm in the Sourland Mountains in Ringoes, NJ, about 20 minutes from downtown Princeton. I love being in the country and having family and friends nearby. Daughter Katherine Hare lives and works in NYC, while Elizabeth Hare '88 along with husband, Todd Drake, and son, Jasper, live 2 hours north in the beautiful Hudson River Valley. Hobie Hare '93, is currently attending grad school and working as Assistant Coach for Division I Soccer program at DePaul University in Chicago.

If any of you find yourselves in the New York area, please let me know. I have a spare bedroom and would love to see you. Meanwhile, safe travels in 2010.

Mea Kaemmerlen writes: In December, I was on a fantastic, insightful 10-day tour of Israel—Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, Dead Sea, Haifa, Golan Heights. John Sheehan, PCD '61, organized the tour and was a laugh a minute. Father John, as he is known by his flock, is head of the Xavier Society for the Blind in New York City and alternated between holding mass in the Church of the Nativity and riding a camel at a roadside gas station. He's planning another tour to Greece next October.



Elise Rosenhaupt Noble shared this photo of her daughter Kate and her husband Bryce Tappan.

1965

45th Reunion

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Sally Stewart Gilbert was generous with her thoughts and news. She wrote: “I’m feeling lots of solidarity with those of you who have/are dealing with aging parents. It’s an education I’m not sure that I want. But...I am clearer about my instructions for my children and friends about how to deal with me. That may be a plus.” She went on,

“I’ve been singing a lot! Jeweltunes, small women’s a capella group; Men and Women of the Gospel, LARGE wonderful gospel chorus Kennedy Center concert in January; East Avenue Ensemble SATB more classical (read square) group; and I’ve been singing jazz with a wonderful pianist named Ron Worthy. I’ve wanted to sing jazz since I went to school with you! He’s invited me to come to an ongoing jam session of some old guys who have been around and who play around still. I recorded an imperfect rehearsal CD with Ron and a drummer, Mike Richards, and if you want a copy, let me know.

“I am the proud recipient of a left shoulder hemi-resurfacing and some screws and plates in my broken left ankle. Are these harbingers of the breakdown of the

left in general? I’m still working hard to understand what’s going on, especially the lack of civility, curiosity and compassion. I keep believing we can do better...and BTW my ankle and shoulder are okay, but no field hockey for me, praise the Lord! Finally a really good excuse.”

As for whether the left is breaking down, I, your procrastinating class scribe **Elise Rosenhaupt Noble**, am happy to report that yesterday, March 2, Santa Fe’s progressive mayor won re-election. Mayor David Coss (some call him “Comrade Coss”) is a married Roman Catholic who supports gay marriage, works to develop a green economy, likes progressive taxation, and helped sponsor the highest living wage in

the country – you name it. Watch for more stories about Santa Fe in the *New York Times*. Yeah, Tom and I helped the campaign, and our son Patrick was the DJ for the celebration last night. Our daughter Kate and her husband Bryce Tappan supported the Mayor too. I’m hoping that Michelle Ruess, the *PDS Journal’s* editor who is kindly forgiving this column’s lateness, can fit their wedding photo into these pages – it was taken in the dark, “illuminated by black powder/magnesium flash,” reflecting Bryce’s enthusiasm for his work in “energetic materials” as well as his sense of humor.

Peggy Dennis Woodbridge writes: Having a ball serving as President of the Montgomery County Civic Federation.

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Reception and Ceremony**
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80th Reunion

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1935

75th Reunion

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1936-1938

PDS Communications Office

1939

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Harold Erdman writes: **Ed Frohling** left PCD a year before we graduated in 1939 to start at Lawrenceville, Class of '42. He received his engineering degree from M.I.T. and after working in New York for several years decided to start his own firm, Mountain States Engineering in Tucson, AZ. This was a most successful company employing over 100, and designed many gold mining operations mainly in the West. He is now retired, spending the winters in Boca Raton, FL with his wife, Olga, and the summers in Easthampton, NY. He is now a very active President of our Class of 1942 at Lawrenceville.

1940

70th Reunion

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1945

65th Reunion

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Colin McAneny writes: **Mal Cleland** enjoys his life near Denver. He and wife Martie share the love of six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. For relaxation Mal plays, or as Mal puts it plays AT, golf.

In honor of the 75th anniversary of the Gallup Poll, **George Gallup** is gathering personal papers and working on a biography of his dad, the late George Gallup Sr. This effort will lead, hopefully, to a documentary about the senior Gallup's life.

Colin McAneny continues working with Habitat For Humanity, and occasionally appears on stage playing minor parts with the Vicksburg (MS) Little Theatre Guild.

Best wishes!

1946

Correspondent needed

1947

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David CD Rogers writes: Never thought we'd be snowbirds and migrate to Florida for a month to escape the snow and cold of Hingham, MA. This is the second year we've rented the top half of a beach shack – all of 500 square feet – on the deserted beach of Casey Key about 20 miles below Sarasota.

First week had two days of great sun (70s), wonderful grilled fish and a relaxing time – especially since I filed a major consulting report on Monday just as we arrived. Next week, theater in Sarasota and the opera. Financial competitive intelligence for Fortune 200 firms keeps my mind active – as does having bosses the age (or younger) of my "kids."

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1950

60th Reunion

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Ed Metcalf writes: **Bill Dorman** was last seen by most PCD classmates hosting our 40th reunion

(1991) Class dinner at his Princeton house. He and his wife have been living for the last 16 years at "The Courtyard, Beech Park House," a complex of five buildings, including a grand stable, about nine miles outside Dublin, Ireland. Bill reminisces after reading an issue of the *Journal* (with some editing and class historian Bob Kales' help) as follows:

"Almost all classmates were on the hockey team, and if I remember correctly we had one, and possibly two, undefeated seasons. The greatness we had was very much thanks to Princeton's varsity coach Dick Vaughn. It is thanks to him that a great number of PCD players went on to play in boarding school, college and then pick-up teams for further decades. For me, the most memorable game was tied with around 5 minutes to go when I personally made an absolutely brilliant save only to sweep the puck into the goal. I cried. Thanks to the first string line we got one more goal, and in overtime the ever so important winner.

"I also remember convincing my parents that the school's schedule had changed from half days on Wednesday to a full day. I am sure that very few of you had the number of demerits that I managed to continually accumulate and consequently are still unable to dust bookshelves with distinction. This reprieve lasted for a couple of weeks, but dusting books/weeding for a good number of following Wednesdays were done at home. "Everyone that started in the first few forms will remember Mr. Murch. He had a number of distinctions: height, glasses, nose and the very distinctive sound of his walk. His footsteps reverberated a warning to all that you best be doing what you were supposed to be doing for students and teachers alike.

"Although I can remember something about almost all the teachers, I will just highlight a

few. Mr. Robeson in shop quietly reminded me that when you build a stool all four legs are supposed to touch the floor. Mr. Tibbals showed us how he could write the same sentence with both hands at once, and my inappropriate comment that you could not read either of them. (That cost me a good number of Wednesdays dusting books). I remember Mr. McAneny as a gentle and good man. I must add Mr. Whitehead (considering the color of his hair, it was a most appropriate name). Mr. Smyth, French; Mr. Clarke, Latin; Mrs. Clarke, something to do with singing; Mrs. Ashley, general secretary; and Mr. Ross with saddle shoes while we all wore white bucks.

"I also remember that our Class and most of the classes one above and below were contemporaries while all the rest were too young to speak to or too old to listen to. That's sure changed, or at least it has in Ireland. When I last met Messieurs Robeson and Tibbals some years ago I opted for Mister. Just couldn't say Stu and Bud. Murch and Ross might take umbrage.

"1991 was the last time, actually the first since 1951, I met with any number of the class, and the only person that I have seen since on a regular basis is **Jimmy Kerney** and his wife Emmy. What a lovely family they have raised. The Rulon-Miller's family dog was called Mergatroid. **George Hess** always finished his tests last, but (Editing note: so he would reduce the embarrassment of his perfect papers) **Tom Dorf's** parents bought FORD cars and had the letters rearranged to spell DORF. **Bob Kales** was the second child in a fun and large family of eight children.

Peter Alsop rode a Vespa motor scooter when teaching in Hawaii, crossing the country, and in New York City. (Why did so many go into teaching? Other than Alsop were Hess, Miller, Rulon-Miller, and Wright). "Palmer Stadium used to be filled for every football game, and many of us lined our pockets selling programs. Einstein was just somebody famous for something. Skating was also on Carnegie Lake. Renwicks and the Good Humor Man were for ice cream. My unforgettable line in the annual School play was "Good evening inspector." The atomic bomb, Harry S. Truman at

Princeton University's 200th anniversary, and Miss Fine's School!

"Perhaps a full reunion in Ireland. You are all invited."

Bill also asks about **Conway Hyden** and **Jonathon Cabot**. Anyone know their whereabouts?

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55th Reunion

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Roger Budny writes: **Nick Hare** reports that his son Amo was recruited by and accepted the offer to play lacrosse at Union College. Union is where **Rob Carrick** played hockey and **Steve Cook's** son was captain of the team last year.

Walter Smith writes: Greetings from southwest Colorado! For many years I had lost touch with friends from PCD. Work

and family responsibilities left little time to think about old friends. Anyway, in January 2009, my 35-year-old daughter realized that her parents were not getting any younger and she wanted to know more about their past. Her search led her to contact the PDS Alumni Office, reconnecting me with PCD's Class of 1959 and opening doors to reconnect with friends from half a century ago. Unfortunately, time and distance did not allow me to attend our 50th Reunion, but it did provide me with an up-to-date class list.

Since retiring at the end of 2005, my wife Libby and I have been spending summers in Silverton, CO, which had been a favorite stop for a couple of days during summer vacation. Silverton is a lovely old mining town of about 450 people that swells to some 2,500 during the summer camp-

ing, hiking, four wheeling, cool fun place to be season, located some 50 miles north of Durango, CO and the northernmost stop of the restored historic Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

Anyway, sometime last summer I received the latest edition of the Class of 1959 roster and learned that **Rob Carrick** lived in Ouray, CO which is located 23 miles north of Silverton in some of the most spectacular scenic mountain country in the nation. So, the question in my mind was, "What do I do with this revelation?"

Toward the end of August I was driving through Ouray on my way north to do some shopping in the big city of Montrose, CO and decided on my way home to try and find Rob. This was not difficult at all and I soon found myself sitting in my car alongside his home.

I ponder, "Okay, now what do

Alumni Director Tracey Gates and Harry Rulon-Miller '51, holding the original PCD sign, which mysteriously appeared at PDS. Just before going to press, we received this poem from John Mueller '65. Can any of the Fighting He-Men be a true he-man with more of the story?



Mystery Morsels

Mr. Mac might have prescribed "A writing assignment — yes, restitution; What shame to abscond with that icon of our beloved institution." May the story be told in somewhat of a sonnet, Yet woe, poetic was never a forte, doggone it. Oh remorseful, repentant! I'm obliged, I must comply — So here's now my confession, the how and the why.

'Twas a breezy and warm summer night, I recall,
A lone streetlight flickering outside the hallowed, empty hall.
Two teenage boys with great mischief in mind,
And honor, how delusional, we thought we would find
By freeing from its hanger, the revered label, that gilded craft . . .
On bikes to the darkness . . . a vacancy now there looking aft.

New adventure was awaiting this writer at Kent;
It was there the prized icon and I went.
But too great in size and of dubious import I found,
On the dorm room wall then it should not be bound.
So to the dorm attic, amidst other relics and booty
It stayed 'til who knows when, forgotten, no duty.

Its next of adventures to this source they're unknown.
Can the He-Men reveal more that was sown?
That the sign was found to indeed recrudescence,
Let this give some hope for more telling, more press.
The rest of the story pray soon will come to light,
From others forthcoming to share their insight.

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Class of '59 members **Walt Smith** and **Rob Carrick** posed for an "Olde Tyme" photograph when they reunited in Colorado last summer.

I do?" I ask myself, "Is this really a good idea? How might I be received? Living in a isolated community, does Rob want to have contact with anyone from so long ago?" I'm not sure that I ever answered my questions, but decided that rejection would be much easier to handle than living with the knowledge that I did not follow through and finish the journey. So I exited the car, walked to the front door and knocked.

Rob came to the door and I introduced myself, I'm not sure that either one of us knew what to do or say at that point, but, being a gracious host, he invited me in while asking, "Do I owe you money?" (Like I'd remember?) Anyway, after assuring him that I was not looking to collect on an old debt, but rather wanted to reconnect with a friend from years ago, we sat down and had a wonderful time catching up on the last 50 years. I enjoyed very much listening to the story of his journey and shared much of mine. I lost track of time sitting there talking, sharing what we know about some of our classmates and watching deer wandering through the neighborhood, when my wife called my cell wondering where the hell I was and what was taking me so long. As I got ready to leave, Rob suggested that we get together for dinner in Silverton so that he could meet my wife. I guess he wanted to find out who could put up with the likes of me for almost four decades.

The next week he and a friend met us for lunch at one of Silverton's finest restaurants and we enjoyed another hour or so together. Rob was kind enough to bring a copy of some pages from the *Journal* covering the 45th class reunion, which **Roger Budny** put together. I read and re-read the

pages with interest, pausing to ask a prayer for those class members who are no longer with us. All in all it seems that most of us did quite well.

After lunch, I suggested that we go over to the Olde Tyme Portrait Parlour, where I've worked for the past four summers and have an Olde

Tyme Photo taken. Well, we did and now have a wonderful remembrance of the Summer of 2009 in the old west. We hope you'll recognize the two shady characters playing poker in some dark and dusty old west saloon of the 1880's shown in the accompanying photo. We hope you get a laugh out of it because we had a blast doing it!

It was hard to say "good-bye." Rob and I had been in kindergarten together and often played "in each other's sandbox" when growing up. Even if only for a couple of hours, it was wonderful to once again play in that mythical "sandbox" high in the San Juan Mountains.

Anyway, if any of you should find yourselves blessed with some time in the magnificent mountains of Southwest Colorado, please make it a point to track us down and spend an hour or so. We would love to see you.

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1960

50th Reunion

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1961

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Tom Chubet writes: During 2009, my son Charlie married his girlfriend Kelly who is part of a sales team with the Global Stock Plan Services department of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

in Purchase, NY. They met at the University of Vermont and live in Larchmont, NY. Charlie continues his work in Internet advertising as a Media Supervisor at Mediaedge, a division of the WPP Group.

John met Mehvish on a plane trip to London two summers ago. Mev is a senior at Berkeley College where she has been president of numerous groups and maintains an A average. Her major is Finance, and she is currently interning with me here at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. John continues as a real estate broker with Imagine Living in lower Manhattan. His interior design company, Mercury Interiors, specializes in optimizing space using room dividers and other improvements. They have worked with over 50 clients in their building where they live on Fulton Street in lower Manhattan.



Tom Chubet '61 at his son Charlie's wedding. Pictured are (l-r) Tom, Kelly, Charlie, Carolyn, Tom's other son John and his wife Mehvish.

two grandchildren who keep him busy. He and his wife, Laila, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

John Gaston is Chief Operating Officer for the Jordan Institute, a non-profit specializing in energy efficiency projects for large commercial buildings. A Bermuda resident for four years, John now lives in Cambridge, MA with his wife, Linda. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

Rod Myers and his wife, Pat, live in the Dupont Circle area of Washington, DC. Rod retired last year after many years with Prudential and now works part-time with Phillips Realty Capital, a commercial mortgage banking firm. His interests include golf, travel and catching up with old friends.

We have a 50th reunion in



Tom Chubet '61 son John and his wife Mehvish on their wedding day.

Carolyn continues as a Kaplan Premier tutor, preparing high school students to take the SAT and ACT. She also trains new tutors for Kaplan.

1962

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Congratulations to **Woody Johnson** for bringing his New York Jets to the finals of the American Football Conference Championship. Owner of the team since 2000, Woody moves his club into the new Meadowlands Stadium this year. On a sadder note, all of us are thinking of Woody and his family on the loss of their daughter, Casey.

Rick Eckels is living in Memphis where he is a Managing Director for the investment firm, Morgan Keegan. Rick has

2012. In the meantime, we are in need of class notes. Please share some news. Mail to: jack@mccarthyllc.com

1963

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1965

45th Reunion

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ClassNotes

Princeton Day School

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Debbie Hobler writes: In order to gather information for these class notes, I had to promise everyone in the class that I would send each of you flowers and chocolates on Valentine's Day. Foolishly, you believed me. In truth, I wrote a humorous letter begging you all to provide me with your updates, because if you didn't the Alumni Association would take back my diploma. Thankfully, your responses saved me, and I remain a PDS graduate.

I was happy to hear from **Enid Sackin Reddick** who reported that last summer she and John took a leisurely vacation along the coast of New Brunswick, and then over to Nova Scotia. In addition to enjoying the beautiful coastlines of these areas, they witnessed Northern Right Whales (that's right) performing reproductive rituals in the ocean. (Forgive me Enid, this is a family magazine, I had to change the words.) This endangered large whale species, which were named "right" because the whalers thought they were the "right" ones to hunt, can weigh up to 100 tons and be 60 feet long. Now that's a lot of loving.

Having gone through a divorce this past year and a move to a new home, **Sally Behr Ogden** began a different set of holiday rituals: celebrating Christmas day with her kids, and then Christmas night with her sister in the Boston area. Like all of us who have gone through this sad process, Sally says that it's a time of transitioning into a new life. "I'm getting a degree in hypnotherapy, living in a rented house in Millbrook, NY in a cow field, and happy about it!" Sally says she feels that her placement in the cow field seems to reflect what she's been through. Her oldest daughter Oakley is 29, living in Crestone, CO; her son Nick, 26, is living in Nashville; and the youngest, Lacey, is at Boston College.

Having finally sold Fred's family property on Cape Cod, **Hope Rose Angier** and Fred are now looking forward to breaking ground for their new home on 10 acres in the Camden Hills of Hope, Maine. Yup, Hope is going to live in Hope. "We are now spending the winter designing and acting as general contractors for our house. After years of living on a sailboat without a dog, we adopted Kizuri, a Rhodesian Ridgeback puppy. My mural commissions continue to be in the mix. With challenges on all fronts, life is interesting and the mind and the body keep working and moving at 62."



Mettie Whipple and Nipper Harding at their 2009 summer wedding

And who got married last summer? Yes, it's **Mettie Whipple!** Congratulations from all of us in the Class of '66. Mettie wrote, "This past July, I married Donald Moffat (Nipper) Harding, and we now live in Yarmouth, Maine (Nipper has relatives living in the Princeton area, Abbot Low Moffat

first ice show since 1965! You go girl! In addition to the time she loves spending with her grandson Sebastian, she's writing her astrology blog, and maintaining her astrology website.

In January, Argentina and Chile was the vacation spot chosen by the **Patty Morgan-Irigoyen** family. Patty and Mario (and Morgan with his parents for one week of the trip) spent three weeks in South America and had a wonderful time, "...visiting family in Mendoza, with the beautiful Andes mountains always a backdrop, a thermal spa complete with a mud bath in Cacheuta, the Park at the foot of the Aconagua, the Laguna del Diamante under Tupungato's shadow, the casino in Vina del Mar, and one of Pablo Neruda's houses in Valparaiso. Not only was it fun, but it was summer to boot! Morgan is applying to schools in NYC and we can't wait to have him back in the area. He's a jazz studies major and would like to teach and perform (percussion) after graduate school. I had a wonderful visit with Susie and Gil, Andrea and Hermine in the fall. Susie is an amazing book artist and taught us how to make a luminaire and showed us her beautiful work. It was so good to be together. When's our next reunion?"

In March, **Sally Harries**

was a cousin). We held the ceremony at my home on the banks of the Eel River in Plymouth, MA. Peter Gomes, (Harvard's Plummer Professor of Christian Morals) performed the ceremony. My two kids — Stephanie Schiro, 29, who teaches middle school in Toronto, and Arthur Schiro, 26, who just finished his engineering degree at UC Santa Cruz, and Nipper's two sons, Ben and Evan, also 29 and 26, were there as well and a good time was had by all. If any MFSers are in Maine, it would be great to see you. Yarmouth is right outside of Portland, and just 15 minutes from L.L. Bean."

New Career? **Dale Marzoni Kellogg** is a bona fide board member of the Santa Fe Skating Club, co-chair of the Club's Show, and is skating in her



Patty Morgan-Irigoyen, her husband Mario, and son Morgan.

Gauldie and Jack are going to the UK for four weeks, taking Dave, Sandra and grandson Jack with them, including a week-long visit to Mallorca. Steve, Sam and granddaughter Madeleine will join them as well from Edinburgh. Sally will be celebrating her April birthday with the whole family in Scotland, and says her best present is being with both grandchildren together, a first for she and Jack. At the end of June, Sally heads to Boston to be on hand to help Steve and Sam as they welcome their second child. July brings the Scottish-based family members to visit Sally at home in Canada, and then in September Jack and Sally celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. An incredible partnership accomplishment in this day and age, Sally, congratulations!

Hilary Drorbaugh Propst writes, "Michael and I continue to travel, sail, kayak and fish, and bird watch. We are members of the Bird Club, and in December we were out in the pouring rain with 30-40 miles per hour winds counting birds for the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. You have to PAY to do this. Sometimes I wonder about our sanity!" Hilary also volunteers for the Animal Aid Society. "The dogs are great. I learned not to ask for their stories because it is far too depressing. It still amazes and enrages me what people do to their pets." In the past few months, Hilary spoke with both **Polly Dickey Cockburn** and **Linda Staniar Bergh**, and looks forward to seeing Linda on her way to Vermont in March.

I want to know what powerhouse nutritional supplements **Barbara Sullivan** takes each day, because she is more active and energetic than ever. Barb is now in the second year of a three-year MFA program in creative writing at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington, which she loves. "I also work part time for a non-profit that teaches woodworking to at-risk teenagers. (I know nothing about woodworking.) What I do is behind the scenes stuff. It's a wonderful program and a great group of people to work with. Our daughter Rachel just started graduate school at the School of International Public Administration at Columbia University. Our son, Charles, is wandering around South America right now, and will start grad school at

Yale in the fall in immunology/infectious diseases."

Your diploma-challenged class secretary, **Debbie Hobler**, a registered filmaholic, has just completed her 15th year of attending the 11-day Santa Barbara International Film Festival, which attracted directors, producers, writers and actors, and us mortal filmgoers. I spent about 8 hours a day in the dark watching award-winning films while the sun shone outside. My mother calls this film abuse. I love it. The best event I attended was the Director's Panel where I heard James Cameron (*Avatar*), Kathryn Bigelow (*Hurt Locker*), Lee Daniels (*Precious*), Quentin Tarantino (*Inglorious Basterds*), Todd Phillips (*The Hangover*) and Pete Docter (*Up*) discuss their movies and their craft.

Lynn Wiley Hoffman writes that her son, Christopher, has a webpage, www.christopherludwig-photography.com which beautifully displays and sells his photographs. Lynn says, "I know I can be a proud mommy, but I really find his work amazing. Chris has a marvelous eye and a real knack for capturing the world." Unfortunately, Lynn's been suffering from eye problems, and in early March, will undergo cataract surgery. Sorry, Lynn, I hope all goes smoothly. She continues to work for Walmart, and is working her way up the ladder there.

Sadly, I must report the passing of **Katherine Becker's** mother, Lucile Russell Stuart, 94, who died peacefully on January 30 at her Martha's Vineyard home. After leaving Princeton, Mrs. Stuart had lived full time at the Vineyard since 1991, was an avid gardener, and an active, energetic member of the West Tisbury's reading and sewing group. We extend our deepest condolences to Katherine, her brother John, (PCD '61) her step brother, Charles Stuart (PCD '59) and her entire extended family.

In early January before her mother passed away, **Katherine Becker** wrote: "I knew I got an erudite education in English literature while at MFS, but who knew those skills acquired while wreath-making during study hall on behalf of the Social Services Committee would be equally valuable? I retrieved that tactile learning and put it to good use during a holiday visit with family on Martha's Vineyard during

Christmas. Yes, cutting the live greens and working them into a wreath still smarts the fingers, but it brought back many funny and enjoyable memories of classmates working and gossiping together as we sat on the stairs under the MFS gym. I gave away my wreaths this Christmas, but have since discovered it is possible to donate future creations to the Martha's Vineyard Community Services, so maybe next year, I can continue the spirit of the original MFS Candlelight Service Tradition. DO you remember the dimmed lighting in the old gym, the white dresses, the pen light flashlights, the giant tree on the stage covered in tinsel and silver balls bathed in blue light (for the school colors)? This tradition represents some of the most magical moments of my MFS experience."

1967

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Susan Fritsch Hunter writes: I would like to build up the e-mail address list, so I can alert everyone about sending in class news. Please e-mail me with *your* e-mail address, so I can put you on the list.

I had the honor of attending the annual Freedom Fund Banquet hosted by the Ansonia (CT) branch of the NAACP in October. It was the 100th anniversary of the NAACP, and it was exciting to be part of this history that evening. I received the NAACP's journalism award for "commitment to objective journalism" in the lower Naugatuck Valley. In the newspaper I edit, the *Valley Gazette*, I've written extensively about the plight of residents in Ansonia's Riverside Public Housing complex and about other racially charged issues. As part of the honor, I received citations from Gov. M. Jodi Rell, the state General Assembly, the state treasurer, attorney general and secretary of the state.

One of the big



Jo Schlossberg McConaghy '67 shared this photo of her husband Bill and exchange student **Francoise Foassier**.

events that happened this past fall was **Francoise Foassier's** trip to the U.S. to visit PDS friends and other acquaintances.

Francoise spent time in September in New York City with Beth Schlossberg '68, sister of **Jo Schlossberg McConaghy**, and with **Mary Young Bragado** and husband Max. She also visited **Fanny Gorman** and family in the Princeton area, the Hunters in Connecticut, and the McConaghy in Massachusetts.

Francoise is an intrepid and enthusiastic traveler whose trips have literally spanned the globe, and she brought her spirit of adventure and photography skills to the U.S. trip.

In Connecticut, we made sure she experienced a New England fall, with apple picking, gallery browsing, local dining and a tour of Yale University. Her time with us was too short, and we hope she returns soon.

Julia Lockwood writes: I just got back from Princeton visiting my mother. She is 99+, still living at 74 Jefferson Road with helpers that come in three times a day and my brother down the street.



Mary Young Bragado '67 and her husband Max Bragado-Darman hosted classmates **Susan Fritsch Hunter** and **Francoise Foassier** in New York City in September.

She is still enjoying reading poetry and looking at books about cats and pigs. Our life is good here. Rachel is still in Portland, playing in her band, taking courses at the University of Southern Maine and enrolling next year there full time for a master's degree in American studies. Shradha has applied to colleges (in Maine) and she has gotten into a couple, so the pressure is off. Priyanka is a fifth grader. I'm practicing pediatrics, walking the dog, singing and playing the piano. I have enjoyed my first ever drawing class this fall and I'm trying to learn Hindi – a challenge! I periodically see **Jenny Bergerhoff** in Princeton, which is great.

Marta Nussbaum Steele writes: I came down with Bell's palsy in April 2008, went into physical therapy in August looking like God's wrath. My speech was also slurred. But because of wonderful therapy, I'm promised complete normalcy. I haven't missed one day of work or one day of therapy. I can pass for normal now, but need more work. No one knows how to cure this condition pharmaceutically. It's not life threatening. My daughter Liza passed her general exams at Princeton and is now thesis-bound, bonded to a wonderful Swiss post-doc. I became a great



Marta Nussbaum Steele '67 was fortunate enough to share a wonderful Christmas dinner with classmate **Laura Peterson**.

aunt in December 2008. William Owen, named after my father, was born on his birthday. Lots of jobs for oldsters like me, and lots of guys here in Washington, DC. So glad I moved here just in time for Obama's victory. My career goes well every time a Democrat presides. At other times it flops – that's a fact, though my work is at most tangential to the government, at times. I continue to blog for truth and justice, the Ameri-

can Way, at Wordsunltd.com and have been published all over the Internet and even in the New York Times. Their Sunday op eds get me so visceral that I worry at this age about getting a stroke if I read them too regularly.

1968

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Mary Hobler Hyson writes: By the time you are reading this spring issue of the *Journal*, the snow shovel will be retired and the presence of green grass and blooming flowers will be in abundance! Now for a bit of news:

Beth Schlossberg wrote in last October: Life is good. My private practice is growing, which pleases me. I'm working full-time at the clinic and spending good time with family and friends. Last month I was thrilled to have Francoise Foassier (AFS '67 student) spend a week of her month-long US trip here with me in NYC. Looking forward to fall walks through the park with my dog and to winning the lottery.

In December 2009, **Andy Fishmann** sent me an e-mail: Life was moving along just fine until Labor Day of 2009 when I ruptured a lumbar disc and had to have emergency surgery. After several weeks of recovery, I returned to work part-time and eventually to full-time with only a slight limp. With or without the Vicodin, I can do a pretty good "House" impersonation – difficult personality and all! I continue to do Pulmonary and Critical Care hospitalist work. My company, Cogenthealthcare, has now expanded to 18 states and four university medical centers. I finished my second term on the National Advisory Council to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and am glad for not having to commute back to DC three times a year. I am grateful for having served with the present Surgeon General, Regina Benjamin, and the president of the AMA, James Rohack. This January, my wife, Kim, and I will return to Vietnam as the Hospitalists for

the Operation Walk team. The surgeons will be performing total joint replacements on 60 cases.

On a family note, my oldest daughter, Megan, is engaged to be married this summer and will be completing her master's in creative writing at the U of Virginia. My youngest daughter, Addie, will be finishing high school and going to college. My oldest stepson, Jason, is a freshman at Temple U Med School and the youngest, Justin, is an eighth-grader.

My parents continue to enjoy retired living in Florida. My dad just celebrated his 93rd birthday and my mom breezed through her 86th. My sister, Mona, retired to Florida after teaching 30 years in Philadelphia.

In January I spoke with **Susan Koch LaTulippe** and **Leigh Keyser Phillips**. The three of us plan to have a mini-reunion/60th birthday year celebration this spring in Vermont. Susan sold her day care recently. She had designed, developed and created a top-notch educational center which served the community for more than 20 years. Although it was a tough decision to step aside, she is pleased that the new owner is someone who has worked closely with her at the day care for years. Susan's youngest daughter, Bissie, was married to Michael Cutter this past year. Congrats!

Do you recognize these candy cane dancers from 1955? (See photo) They would both drop the dancing lessons (at Peggy Bayer's Studio) soon after this recital, but would continue their interests in sports in high school and throughout their adult lives. If you guess that **Faron Daub Fahy** was on the left and **Mary Hobler**



Do you recognize these Class of '68 candy cane dancers? See **Mary Hobler Hyson's** class notes.

Hyson on the right, then you guessed correctly!

My daughter, Katie, will be married this July to Jon Nierenburg at our cottage, which is situated on a lake in northern Connecticut. The Hobler family will partake in the festivities.

May you all celebrate your 60th birthdays with style.

John Claghorn III in October celebrated the marriage of his son, John Winthrop Claghorn IV, to Sara Prather Smith.

Pamela Aall McPherson celebrated her daughter Ella's marriage to George Raymond Iestyn Llewellyn-Smith at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC.

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40th Reunion

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Glenna R. Weisberg Andersen writes: Still living in McLean, VA and crazy busy in my Ob/Gyn practice – the baby business is still booming! Kids are doing great – graduating from high school and college. Then it will just be my husband and me – the empty nest actually doesn't sound too bad!

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35th Reunion

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John Brinster writes that he and Lucy Brinster '78 have been busy with their cruise travel business. Son Kyle '07 (Lehigh '11) is attending a semester abroad in Berlin, Germany studying European Art History. Son Jeremy '09 (University of Pennsylvania '13) is busy with linguistics and various other in-depth courses.

1976

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From the web: September 2009
Gary Kraut writes: Still living in France, recently created the online magazine *FRANCE REVISITED*, www.FranceRevisited.com, for savvy readers and experienced travelers... and PDS alums.

1977

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Alice Looney writes: The other day, I varied my usual morning routine because I needed to run an errand before going to work. I'm not sure if I have always been a punctual person, but at this point in my life I like to be on time, or, better yet, I like to be ahead of schedule. So, not surprisingly, I completed my errand ahead of time, and found myself with an extra 15 minutes of free time at 8:30am and decided to go to the beach before going to work. Last month, we had about two feet of snow on the ground but today the sun was shining, the ocean was calm,

and it felt warmer than the 30 degrees illuminated on my dashboard. So there I stood, content in the moment, wondering if maybe a poignant metaphor for life was going to drift into my mind. No metaphor came, but I enjoyed the stillness of the scene, the quiet and the calm. As I think about our class, I hope that everyone is well and taking time to enjoy the quiet, simple pleasures of life. Please take a few minutes, send an update for the next *Journal*, and let all of your classmates know how you are doing!

Graham Brush writes: I recently spent two days skiing with **Phil Glouchevitch** here in Breckenridge and in Vail. Come May, we plan to meet up again in New Hampshire (Phil lives in Hanover) to climb and ski Tuckerman Ravine. Pray to Ullr for deep spring snow.

1978

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Douglas Fitton is the founder and president of DDF Consulting, a commercial real estate investment banking firm on the web at www.real-estate-capital-consulting-ddf.com

Gwendolyn Scott-Hodges has been appointed to the board of Family Services Association of Bucks County.

From the web: November 2009

Leland Ross writes: I'll kiss anyone who tells me where Rob "Proc" Proctor is – better yet, have him call me.



Nora Lazzaretto '78 shared this photo of her father and beloved PDS Spanish teacher, Marcelino Cuesta, surrounded by his loving family, including his wife, Alicia, Nora's sister Carolyn, Nora's son Jovan (10), and Nora. Dr. Cuesta passed away in February.

1979

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1980

30th Reunion

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James Burke screened a film he produced called *ILLUSION* that stars Kirk Douglas in his last film role to date at the Robeson Center for the Arts in Princeton.

1981

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Rosalind Waskow Hansen

writes: In the fall of 2006, my husband, Mic, and I decided to make the move from Sausalito, CA to Princeton, NJ. We began the task of looking for a new house and ran into all of the usual questions such as, "Can we blow out that wall?" "Can the kitchen be enlarged?" "Can we do 'this' or 'that'?" In order to keep our marriage intact, we decided it was time to call in a professional. So, we called **Mark Z.** to save us from ourselves. Of course, at the time of our call, we were standing in a house that we were considering. Within minutes, Mark was at the house. He peered around,

raised and lowered his gold-rimmed eyeglasses, scratched his chin and said, "Before you make an offer on this let me show you something else."

Together, the three of us, along with Mark's wife and business partner, Leslie, found ourselves down the road peeking into the windows of the house. Like uninvited guests at a party, we tried to keep a low profile

as we stealthily made our way around the property. Mark's enthusiasm coupled with Leslie's vision, prompted us to make an offer. Within weeks, the plans were drawn. Mark and Leslie had some definite ideas, while Mic and I were a bit wishy-washy and much to Mark and Leslie's dismay, very indecisive. Whenever we hemmed and hawed, Mark was always there with his affable lilt, pushing back his trademark blond hair saying, "Don't worry, it will be great!" So we pushed forward with quite a bit of hand-holding. Little did we know that within a few short years, we would be holding Mark's hand.

After complaining about persistent and debilitating headaches in the spring of 2009, Mark was proactive about his health and told his doctor that he wanted an MRI. Sadly, the MRI revealed a brain tumor classified as a glioblastoma. Within days, surgery was complete, therapy was scheduled and Mark began the valiant fight. From May to January, Mark fought hard while maintaining a sense of humor and often trying to make those around him feel better. It is with great sadness that I tell you Mark passed away on January 16, 2010.

I fondly remember a walk that we took in May that led us from his house on Carter Road to his parents' house on Honey Lake in Elm Ridge Park. Along the way, he asked me if I would take him sailing on the Laser that rests in the Zainingers' backyard. I asked if his doctor would approve and he replied, "Probably not." So instead, we did the next best thing and got out the fishing rods. On Mark's son Luke's first cast, he had a fish on the line, although it was not in the conventional way. The hook was stuck in the side of the fish's head. We looked at one another and fell over laughing. What were the odds?

Over the summer, Mark and his incredibly strong and unflappable wife Leslie, accompanied by his loving parents and brother Alex, sister Lydia his constant advocate, children Charlotte and Luke, and friends, made trips back and forth from Princeton to New York in the hopes that modern medicine would kick in and kick out the tumor. Throughout it all, Mark remained upbeat. He managed to get quality vacation time with his family over the

summer and went on a “guys” trip to Bermuda in November. By the end of November, the headaches were back and Mark went for additional medical attention. He had another operation, leaving him with a scar in the shape of an M or a Z, depending upon how one looked at him. In a show of solidarity, several of his friends shaved their heads. Mark was home for Christmas with his family and friends.

In January, I went over to Mark’s house. He was weak and tired but still had a twinkle in his eye. Together he and I watched the Eagles lose as we held hands and reminisced about our 30-plus-year friendship. After all, Mark and I had shared family vacations as children, been classmates, played on the squash team and shared many good times. I well remember him being asked by my mother or perhaps Kirsten’s mother to sneak a birthday cake up to Blairstown for my and Kirsten’s respective birthdays. He did so faithfully and happily. That’s just the type of person he was and continued to be throughout his life.

I feel incredibly lucky to have had a friend as lovely as Mark. He grew from a somewhat shy blond, blue-eyed boy into a confident, caring, gracious, loving and creative man. He was a wonderful father; I feel fortunate that I will always see a part of him in Charlotte and Luke. He was also a loving husband who was happiest when he was with Leslie.

Mark was always the first person to make those around him comfortable whether it was by befriending a new classmate or asking a 40-something woman to dance when she attended a party solo. I will always be thankful to Mark for being my friend unconditionally, for making our house a home, for his unwavering good cheer, and for the happiness and joy he brought to so many.

There was a memorial service for Mark on January 22 at Trinity Church. The church was overflowing with all of the people who knew and loved him. Stories were shared, tears were shed and thanks to his lifelong best friend, Matthew Morgan, a funny childhood secret was divulged. Mark will be missed by many, but his spirit will stay with us always.

To say it’s been a sad year for the class of 1981 doesn’t begin

to cover our feelings of loss over the deaths from cancer of **Mark Zaininger** and **Kristy Anastasio Manning**.

Given that Kristy was social glue—and so faithfully transmitted our class news from these pages for many years—we hope it’s fitting that several of us have come together to pay tribute to her here:

Mark Goodman writes: When I think of Kristy as a friend I think... *Tolerant and non-judgmental*. She and I shared a taste for eclectic friends like “the nose” and “ax” and “belvin.” “Staz” – as we called her – welcomed a wide variety of characters into her social circle. Artsy people, jocks, stoners, and the hardworking, academic kids. Sometimes all those things in one person. We experimented with new things together; like George Thorogood and “one bourbon one scotch one beer” or the joy of pogo dancing to The Clash’s “green album” all night long.

I think of someone who was *Patient*. I experienced Kristy’s amazing patience when I was in the musical “Chicago,” which she directed when we were at Harvard. I was Mary Sunshine – and I was terrible. I could not follow the rhythm of the piano, and I was constantly going off key in a very high falsetto that I’m sure tested the patience of all within earshot. I could see the music director’s face contorting in pain while I sang in rehearsals, but Kristy was always there offering encouragement, laughter, perspective.

Supportive. After college I remember when Kristy helped her brother Trey organize concerts for Phish and help with the Phish newsletter. Phishstorsians have recorded her deeds with the band. But few know of her support for another band called My Dog Homer. “Homer” was my band in New York City – and we were not the greatest group, but Kristy provided guidance and support for us. I received endless ribbing from other friends about the lack of musicality of our group. But Kristy had a supportive way of saying “Oh don’t listen to those guys...but you could get a little better...” all in one counsel.

Advisor. Kristy provided advice on dealing with girlfriends through high school, college and post-college. She lived with my wife, Abby, all through college

and for a few years after college. Abby has her quirks. Abby and I started dating when we lived in different cities, and I thought of moving to Washington, DC from New York to live with Abby. I worried about living with Abby because of our different religious backgrounds. Kristy was the best person to speak to about living with Abby. She really knew about life with Abby. And she provided wise advice. She pointed out all the positive points to living with Abby. She provided assurance that we would get along well.

Sharing joy. Kristy was a friend who I could call and share stories about my children Lily and Sophie – without worrying that I might sound like one of those parents who brags about their kids’ achievements. She liked to hear Sophie and Lily stories. And Abby and I liked to hear Jason stories. We also loved to hear stories about Michael. Building their house. Building a boat. Making beef jerky. It’s been a joy to get to know Michael and Jason.

The Joy of Life. Kristy had a great joy for life, friends and the stories their lives weave. We both loved to keep in touch with people and whenever one of us would see an old friend from high school or college we would always call the other with a “Guess who I just saw...” She would go on to provide an update on someone’s life story in a way that expressed care and interest.

I wish Kristy could be here today. She would love to see the wide variety of friends who loved her all come together in one place. I wish I could call her to say; “Guess who I saw today...” Abby and I miss her very much.

Kevin Groome writes: When I think of Kristy, I see her onstage as Penelope Sycamore in “You Can’t Take It With You” our senior-year fall. Kristy brought to that role what she brought to us all every day: a gentle grace, a wicked wit, and a lilting laugh that could have been the first bars of a song.

For a tiny girl, Kristy always had big wings. She first befriended me when I was new to PDS, and it’s a testament to so much in her that I never thought to remark on just how remarkable that was. She was a haven for the heartbroken (me more than once) and a safe harbor in all those camel-hair-jacketed cotillion eve-

nings. Had I been smart enough then, I would have told Kristy she was more than hot. She was warm. At curtain call on the final night of that long-ago show, I got to stand next to Kristy, and felt the applause surge as she stepped forward for her bows: a big, roaring wave of love and admiration. She turned back to bring the rest of the cast up, beaming, her eyes completely alight, and as she squeezed my hand for the all-cast call, she giggled (Kristy gave the giggle its good name) and whispered one Anastasian word: “Fun.” And then, with Kristy in the lead, we all leaned forward into that wave, and we bowed.

Jane Gerb writes: I remember the day Kristy walked into PDS in 6th grade, taller than all of us at 5’0”, and I was assigned as her “buddy” to acquaint her with the school. Since then we had occasion to laugh, cry, dream, cogitate, and even perhaps ruminate a time or two. Ironically, we kept winding up in the same places — besides Princeton there was Boston as well as New York and North Carolina. And every time Kristy and I got together or talked on the phone, she never failed to make sure to find out how my family and I were doing. She wasn’t satisfied with a “fine.” No. She wanted to delve into the details. And she *really* genuinely cared. I kept finding it hard to believe that she was really interested in the mundane of my life but when I would offer these vague updates, she’d set about extracting the details anyway. My mother wasn’t even as good at that during my teenage “non-communication” years.

Some of my favorite mental pictures of Kristy are:
– Sitting on her front lawn in Chapel Hill, NC looking at her and Michael’s half-finished house as she’s lightheartedly describing how she was relegated to a porta-potty behind the house during the dead of winter for the last several months and the necessity for a flashlight for middle-of-the-night trips.

– I remember us trudging up to the ice rink at 5:30 in the morning for girls ice hockey team tryouts, of course she made the team, I didn’t.

– I remember basking in the sun at our summer shared beach house that she organized when we lived in NYC. Kristy was the Julie McCoy of the house, getting to

know everyone and making them each feel a part of the group. She had a way of breaking down others' reluctance to join in and had everyone involved in no time. — There was the time when I was bemoaning the fact that my parents wouldn't let me get my ears pierced in 8th grade and Kristy kicked into high gear deciding if everyone gave me earpiercing as a class gift, my parents surely couldn't deny me. So she set about asking everyone in our class if they would donate their lunch money change to the fund. (The first seeds of her natural ability at community fund-raising already taking root!)

For me, Kristy was friend, cheerleader, advisor, confidant, and inspiration. I will miss her bright smile, her heartfelt warmth and that infectious laughter that she so easily shared.

Mandy Katz writes: Kristy, let me set aside mourning to take the chance to thank you for maintaining, even in your final days, a vibrant interest in your friends and the life around you. Thank you for hosting Jane and me for hours and hours of leisurely conversation over a weekend in your family room, shortly before you left us, easily picking up and interweaving strands of friendship that may have loosened at times but never severed. Speaking of friendship, at PDS, thank you for loyalty that rose above gossip, for making the music department exciting, and keeping an open phone line on your shoulder while we did our math homework "together" in the 1970s version of instant messaging. Thanks for showing us all that smart could be cool. Thank you for teaching me lyrics to all those pop songs that you (and **Kim Hillier** and **Maggie Nunes**) seemed to have memorized before they hit the airwaves. Thank you for greeting me each morning from your perch on the lobby carpet, legs straight, back to the wall, as I dashed in late to school — and more than once wordlessly handing me your hairbrush when I arrived even more disheveled than usual. Thank you for having me over on Walnut Lane; I will never forget your revealing that sometimes you *forced* yourself to let your bedroom get messy during the week, so you could look forward to tidying it on Saturdays! Thank you for welcoming

me into Jane's and your circle in 7th grade, when I arrived at PDS eager like a puppy dog but oh-so-insecure and in need of friends. That you were, above all.

1982

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Lorraine Herr writes: I bumped into **Erica Crispin Weeder** at a Chicago Merchandise Mart Design lecture in the fall. Erica is an architect with Liederbach and Graham. I am still working in the field of drapery design and fabrication although I am looking to join a larger firm. Mike and the boys and I just returned from a week of skiing in Steamboat, CO.



Lorraine Herr '82 and son, Holden, skiing in Steamboat, CO.

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From **Rena Whitehouse**: Thanks to those of you who submitted alumni notes to me via email. Please keep me posted at renawhitehouse@hotmail.com. And, if you're interested, join our classmates on FaceBook — we have a new group there called Princeton Day School Class of 1983.

In January 2010, **Joe Pagano** (now officially The Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Pagano), rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Baltimore, was named the 2010 recipient of Virginia Theological



The Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Pagano '83 was named the 2010 recipient of Virginia Theological Seminary's John Hines Preaching Award.

that are deeply grounded in scripture and focused on the seen and unseen needs of the worshipping community, the nation and the world.

Pagano's sermon, "Babushkas and Other Prophets," tells the story of James Billington, a Librarian of Congress, who was in Moscow during the closing days of the Cold War. He witnesses an amazing act of bravery from the older women — "The Babushkas" — who kept the Orthodox Church alive in Russia during the Communist period. "Some of the Babushkas climbed onto the tanks and peered through the slits at the crew-cut men inside, and told them that there were new orders, these from God: Thou shall not kill."

Pagano was called in 2006 to be the rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Baltimore, MD. Prior to serving at Emmanuel, he served as the assistant rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Milwaukee, WI. He earned his PhD in Theology (Systematic Theology and Ethics) from Marquette University.

Steve Schluter and his wife, Cindy, spent some time on Martha's Vineyard last summer with **Jon Erdman** and his wife Nathalie, **Stewart von Oehsen** and his wife, Dawn, and **Mac McDougald** and his wife, Melissa. A great time was had by all. Please see the photo of the gang enjoying a great day out on the water.

Seminary's John Hines Preaching Award. The award is given annually to the outstanding preaching entry "where prophetic voice is central within the sermon."

Named in honor of the former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the award celebrates the ministry of preaching and its importance in the Episcopal Church by recognizing outstanding sermons

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William (Blechnan) Meyerhofer writes: I wanted to make you all aware of my new website, www.thepeopletherapist.com. I'm still running my private practice in New York City (www.aquietroom.com). This new site, The People's Therapist, is an outgrowth of that work, with articles for the general audience that deal with everything relating to psychotherapy. It's meant to be fun and interesting and relevant to all of our lives. I hope you'll check it out — and give me lots of comments!

Caroline Dougherty wed Marc Robert Parker in October at La Grenouille, the New York City restaurant.



On Martha's Vineyard, August 2009, from left to right: Dawn and **Stewart von Oehsen**; Missy and **Mac McDougald**; **Steve Schluter** and wife, Cindy; and **Jon Erdman** and his wife, Nathalie.

1985

25th Reunion

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Patrick Courtney, vice president of public relations for Major League Baseball, was recently named the 2009 recipient of the Robert O. Fishel Award for Public Relations Excellence. The award, named after the longtime baseball executive, goes to the "active, non-uniformed representative of Major League Baseball whose ethics, character, dedication, service, professionalism and humanitarianism best represent the



Lynne O'Donnell '85 with her three kids Tyler (11), Carly (7) and Cole (7) in front of the Gold-erent Pavilion in Kyoto, Japan where her husband works for Nike.

standards propounded by Robert O. Fishel." Pat, who joined the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball in 1992 after interning in the media relations department of the Yankees, serves as liaison to all Major League club public relations personnel and to other baseball organizations and principal contact for the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Lynne O'Donnell writes: My family and I are currently living in Tokyo, Japan! My husband Chris is the General Manager for Nike Running in Japan. My three kids attend the American School in Japan, which in many ways reminds me a lot of PDS except for the obvious fact that it is in the tremendous city of Tokyo as opposed to the quaint town of Princeton. I am still trying to run a lot and am planning to run a half marathon this spring. I have run in quite a few races in Japan; it is quite an experience to be one of about three non-Japanese runners in a race with 11,000 people! Through Facebook, I have been able to reconnect with quite a few classmates, which has been a lot of fun. I do not think anyone can make me laugh like **Jenny Taback**, **Brad Smith** and **Ted Power**. I am so hoping to make it to our 25th this May, but Tokyo to Princeton is a long way to travel. We shall see.

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20th Reunion

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Debby Gans writes: OK, so it has been a while since you last heard from me, but thanks to Facebook, it is much easier to adhere to my last minute tendencies and still manage to gather meaningful information!

Jen Myers Wells writes... I am living in Murfreesboro, TN with my two daughters (Emily-4 and Kate-2) and husband Jake. I work as a Primary Literacy Coordinator at a local elementary school. I work primarily with K-2 teachers and their students. I've been getting more involved in intervention work with struggling readers. I keep in somewhat regular contact with **Edie Baronian**, **Liz Cook**, and **Laura Perhach Kowal**. And with Facebook, I heard from a lot of others :-). Not sure what else you want to hear...My father passed away this past summer, my mom bought

a condo in Philly, we also have a new place in Aspen...I spend a lot of time with family in Beaufort, South Carolina....I pretend to exercise, work very hard at keeping the crow's feet at bay, and am constantly amazed at how we all survived as children without all the technological wonders and super safety gadgets available today. I rarely get back to Princeton simply because it is too far away and my mom does not live there anymore. Wish I could though!! I am excited about the reunion and hope that I am not voted the oldest looking person there. Hope this update finds you well! See you in May (?).

Chris Baker reports that he and Joanna have 2 kids (Katelyn, 8, and Ryan, 6) who are involved in dance and martial arts respectively. We're all doing well. I am in my fourth year as a physics and A+P teacher at Hatboro-Horsham High School near Willow Grove, PA. I also continue to work as a paramedic on the weekends and during the summer. I can't believe it has almost been 20 years...

Tameka Brooks writes...Wow here we are 20 years later. Literally -- especially for my students -- lifetimes ago. Update: my son Daniel Smith (dad is Andrew Smith '88) is a sophomore at Notre Dame High School. I am teaching in my hometown of Trenton, NJ (4th grade) and loving what I do. I did manage somewhere along the way to get my MA in Education and be a full-time parent. My job is challenging, rewarding and above all else, keeps me young and smiling. I still organize performances and love watching the students shine in the shows. Hope to see you all at the reunion!

As for **Lien Price**, she says, "My days are incredibly busy keeping up with my three kids! In an attempt to be in-the-know with my 4th and 1st graders, I managed to get myself re-elected as PTA President at their school for a second year. I'm hoping to bridge the gap between full-time stay-at-home mom, and part-time employment, with the work of volunteering. It's rewarding and challenging, but it's also a lot of work. My youngest is 4, so my days of school involvement are far from over. I have enjoyed looking up PDS classmates on Facebook to see what everyone's up to. Hoping to see everyone in May at reunion!"

Lylah Alphonse recently became the Parenting Columnist for The Boston Globe; her new column, "In the Parenthood," launched in February, and she has been writing the "Child Caring" column online at <http://www.facebook.com/l/471df;Boston.com> for about a year now. She is also writing and editing online for a few other places -- details are on her blog, <http://www.facebook.com/l/471df;WriteEditRepeat.blogspot.com>. When she's not working, she's usually in the kitchen, solving a kid-related crisis, or asleep. Or, come to think of it, on Facebook.

Still in Westford, MA, living the blended-family life; our big kids are full-on teens and tweens at 16, 14, and nearly 12-years-old, which means we've officially entered a new parenting era and I call my mom and dad often to apologize for everything I did and/or said when I was in high school. Our little kids are 5 and 3, loving preschool and karate and being social butterflies on the birthday-party circuit.

As for me, my child photography business continues to flourish and I have recently expanded my work to include food & products. This year, my photos were published in *Healthy Living*, *Boca*, and *PBG Lifestyle* magazines. Although I experimented with a few careers before this one, I have to thank Mrs. H for starting me on the path to my calling! Be sure to reconnect on our Facebook page and register for the reunion party! Hope to see everyone in May!

Recently met **Edie Roberts Baronian** in ATL for a play date with our daughters.

1991

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Irene Kim Asbury writes: **Allyssa Denzer** currently lives in Washington, DC "(almost 10 years!) with my husband, and enjoying all the snow we've been getting this year. For the past 10 months, I've been working for the Office of the Vice President, as Chief of Staff for the Recovery Implementation Office, which



Aly Cohen '91 shared this photo of her sons Asher, 3, and Landon, 1.

is in charge of coordinating the implementation of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Challenging work, but definitely a great experience!"

Michael Yacht has been promoted to Vice President of Information Technology at Benefit Vision, Inc. Michael has been with Benefit Vision since 1995 and lives in Baltimore, MD.

Aly Cohen recently wrote: "My husband and I still love living in Cranbury, NJ and recently welcomed our second son to the mix, Landon Bennett Levi Lewis (I know it sounds like a law firm)...who joins his big brother Asher. As a declaration of my "physical independence" and a celebration of exorcising two little devils from my body, I trained and ran in the NYC marathon in November... and truly loved it! I also raised money for the Lupus Foundation, an autoimmune disease that unfortunately affects many of my patients... but is getting much more awareness, research funding and hopefully better medicines down the pike.

Fanya Stansbury and I get together all the time in Princeton...she recently got engaged to a great guy and I can't wait to celebrate her wedding with her this summer in NYC. **Julie Marcus Downs** lives outside of Las Vegas and comes to the East Coast a few times a year...she and her husband have a beautiful little girl, Miah, who is Asher's age... what's that? Do I hear the words "prom date"? Anywhoo, all is chilly here but well...looking forward to seeing everyone back next year for our 20th year reunion, crazy, huh?"

Carolyn Hendler (Clark) included this photo of her babes with the note: "I had another



Carolyn Clark '91 shared this photo of sons Aidan Philip, born March 2, 2009 and older brother, Connor Leo who is 3 years old. She writes: All is well and the boys are already having a great time together.

little boy, Aidan Philip on March 2, 2009. He joins his older brother, Connor Leo, 3, in our Arlington, VA home. All is well and the boys are already having a great time together."

As for me, I live in Jersey City with my husband, Jake, and two enormous dogs. While Jake commutes to New York City, I maintain a solo law practice at home. Last year I spiced things up a bit by running for the New Jersey State Assembly on the Republican ticket. I didn't win, but I'm now the New Jersey GOP Committeewoman for Hudson County! I remain on the board of directors for the Korean American League for Civic Action and various local committees, including the Hudson Advisory Vicinage Minority Concerns Committee, working to improve minority access to the New Jersey Courts. Last spring we took **Tony Mack** sailing out on New York Harbor aboard Windy, our 32-foot sloop. **Tony** and his wife Kim reside in Ewing with their three boys, the oldest - James - entered his second year at PDS!

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Darcey Spencer Leonard writes: **Scott Feldman** moved his family back to Princeton last June. His daughter, Máxine, is at the Littlebrook School in kindergarten and his son Jonny just started nursery school at the Princeton Jewish Center. He extends an open invite to anyone who finds themselves back in the hood.

Cyrus Alphonse wrote to share the news of the birth of his son, Sawyer Mistry Alphonse, born October 7 at 6am. He is a healthy troublemaker just like his father.

Julie Ann Morgan Reed reports she has been divorced for three years. Her sons, Gage will be 10 in March and Cole will be 7 in July, are going to be joined by a baby, Rachel Loren Reed, any day now!

Jesse Eaton Bilanin shared that she had a baby boy in March 2009 with her husband Jared. His name is Tyler Alan Bilanin. They also have a daughter, Maya, who is 4.

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Missy Woodruff McCormick writes: Hi everyone! As I'm writing these notes we have close to 3 feet of snow on the ground. The good thing is that by the time you all read this we'll be well into spring! It has been a busy year for



Class of '95 correspondent **Missy Woodruff McCormick** shared this photo of her children Jackson, left, and Connor.

me and for so many of the other members of our class. Last April I gave birth to our second son, Jackson Quinn McCormick. He joined big brother Connor, who just turned 4. I left my teaching job at Chapin to stay home with the kids and we moved to Newtown, PA. I still direct the middle school musical at Chapin, but I am really enjoying being home with the kids. In the fall I had the chance to catch up with **Blythe Quinlan** and her two adorable children, Cyrus and Ivy. Blythe is still living in Brooklyn, but is planning on moving back to Princeton sometime this summer. She has been very busy working on the set for a new HBO series called Boardwalk Empire. I was also lucky enough to catch up with **Andrea Morrison Eckert** while she was home over the holidays. Andrea and her family are living in Switzerland for the next few years; she said that they are finally feeling settled in their new home and love having the opportunity to travel throughout Europe. I must say, I'm definitely jealous!

Our class had a mini baby boom in 2009. **Taryn Esposito White** gave birth to Alexander, who joined big brother Payton. Taryn is still living in the Princeton area and I've run into her a couple of times. **Deb Pollard Wepman** gave birth to Ella, who joins big brother Toby. Deb still lives outside of DC, and we've had the chance to talk a few times while planning our upcoming reunion. (More on that later!) **Wes Steffens** and Jess Boyd Steffens welcomed baby Emily into their family, making Ben a big brother. **Ian Wijaya** and Anupa Shah

Wijaya also had a little girl, Lena, who made Evan a big brother. I also saw on Facebook that **Anna Mortberg** had a baby girl recently and **Kelly Babbitt** has a baby girl named Eko. Congratulations to everyone!

Some of you were nice enough to send me news and updates to share with the rest of our class.

Phil Glassner and his family are living in Boston while Phil finishes up his fellowship in hip and knee arthroplasty at Massachusetts General Hospital. They're planning on moving back to New Jersey this summer where Phil will be joining the Hunterdon Orthopedic Institute in Flemington. I also heard from **Drew Seltzer**. Drew is working as a producer on *Celebrity Apprentice* and adopted a dog named Beau.

Zaneta Shannon has reason to be celebrating—she is engaged and will be getting married at the University Chapel in October. She told me that she still keeps in touch with **Weston Willard**, **Adaishala Hendrix** Gonzalez, **Joel Melendez**, and **Kevin Maldonado**. She also keeps in touch with **Jenny Beale**, who got married last summer. In more wedding news, **Amanda Tate** is engaged and is getting married in August. Her sister, Shannon Tate Freehart '92, and **Heather Payne** will be two of her bridesmaids. Amanda lives in Princeton where she works for an Association Management Company as the Member Services Director/Meetings Manager for the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association and the Costume Society of America.

As you can see, our class is up to some pretty exciting things. It's hard to believe that this year marks 15 years since we graduated from PDS. We have been busy planning our reunion celebration; it will be so much fun to catch up with each other in person. We hope to see you there! -- missy

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Aaron Beim in February married Alexis Beth Offen at the National Museum of Women in the



Class of '98 member **Robin Ackerman** was married to Phil Cameron in Jackson Hole, WY in August 2009. Classmates **Giovanna Torchio**, **Leys Bostrom** and **Heather Hall** all attended.



From the web: January 2010: **Tanji Gilliam '98** and family wish you a **Happy New Year!** Pictured: Jaron, Tanji, Mekhi, Locke and Clarke

Arts in Washington, DC. Aaron is an associate in the finance department of the New York law firm Haynes and Boone.

From the web: September 2009

Richard McColl writes: I have opened and been successfully running my own hotel in the Colombian UNESCO heritage town of Mompos—La Casa Amarilla (www.lacasaamarillamompos.com) and I have also started a Colombia-based travel agency specialising in touring the routes of Gabriel Garcia Marquez - Aji Colombia (www.ajicolombia.com). I continue to work as a freelance journalist in Colombia and my published works can be found and seen altogether at www.rmccoll.co.uk.

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Giovanna Gray Torchio shared this news: **Tom Smith** writes: My company, SilverTree Media, is doing well. We've taken on a few additional projects for Disney and EA, and are making continued progress on our internal franchises. We've also just announced the opening of a SilverTree San Francisco office, and we're looking forward to releasing a number of games in the coming months. You can see some of the updates at www.silvertreemedia.com. Other than that, life in Pittsburgh

is going great and I'm looking forward to catching up with a number of people from PDS at the end of March!

Leif Forer: I have an awesome dog named Railroad, am still living in Chapel Hill, NC and working at Piedmont Biofuels. Look me up if you're ever in my neck of the woods and beers are on me.

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From **Marlee Sayen '02**: It's hard to believe that it is already 2010 and in just two years our class will be back to celebrate our 10th Reunion at PDS. Time flies! Thank you to everyone who sent updates for this issue...we have lots of news from the class of 2002! Here's what we have rounded up...

Michael Battaglia writes: "I have been working for a beer, wine and spirits start-up importer called Total Beverage Solution. I am the beer and spirits manager for NJ/NY/CT, where I manage distribution, sales, promotions, pricing and programming (I do everything short of making the beer!) We represent: Weihenstephan the Oldest Brewery in the World (Germany), Old Speckled Hen (England), Birra Moretti (Italy) and Affligem Abbey Brewery (Belgium). I am also in the process of getting a spirits master certification with a concentration (and passion) for Single Malt Scotch Whisky. I am currently living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn."

Carolyn Dorazio is living in Boston and got engaged to John English in 2009. She is currently working for RueLaLa. Congrats Carolyn!!!

Jennifer Urs writes: "I'm living in Miami, graduating from law school this spring, and looking to work for a collegiate athletic department with the hopes of becoming Director of Football Operations, and hopefully, one day, Athletic Director."

Alexandra Warren is living in Rockville, MD, teaching at Kennedy Krieger School and getting her MS in special education at Johns Hopkins University (which she will finish up this summer). She also spent New Year's in DC with **Brooke Popko** and **Jen Urs**.

Evan Joye writes: "After graduating from Boston College, I worked at Morgan Stanley for two years but quit that job (and finance in general) to go back to school to be a doctor. I am cur-

rently starting my second year of a two-year post baccalaureate premed program at Columbia University and living in the East Village with some college friends."

Parker Curtis is living in Philadelphia and teaching history at Moorestown Friends School in Moorestown, NJ. He also coaches the Boys JV baseball team and the Boys Middle School Basketball team.

Sarah Maloney writes: "I have a bit of news... This past August I got engaged! On the academic side of life, I'm currently working towards my MFA in Poetry, and I have a poem appearing in the Winter 2010 issue of the *Michigan Quarterly Review*."

Ari Paul is living in Philadelphia and working as a commodity trader at Susquehanna International Group.

Nathaniel Smith writes: "Hey guys! I'm launching a record label with Microsoft at the end of January. I am playing drums, violin, mandolin, guitar, bass and singing. Currently I work as a drummer for PM Dawn, the hip hop group from the '90s. Our label gives artists their publishing rights and a huge platform to distribute their music. We are set to be the largest competitor with iTunes -- we are giving music away legally. I'm looking to get in touch with anyone who is a musician or who is an entrepreneur. Drop me a line at: nathansmithdrums@gmail.com."

Shanique Streete writes: "This summer, I was a State Department intern in the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy in Ghana. I had a wonderful time and was so happy to be there for President Obama's first trip to sub-Saharan Africa. I didn't get to meet the president but had the opportunity to attend his speech." Shanique is currently completing the second year of a master's degree in African Studies at UCLA.

Michael Fragoso writes: "I moved from Washington, DC to South Bend, IN to attend Notre Dame Law School. Last May I married Ashley Morrow, whom I had met in Washington."

Johanna Dickson is living on the Lower East Side in New York City and working at Condé Nast Digital in syndication and digital distribution.

Scott Schaub writes, "I'm living in Lambertville on the Delaware River with Wilson Weed '01

and working for a construction company based out of Princeton. On weekends during the fall/winter, I run hockey clinics at the PDS ice rink for a local youth league. Also, **JG Denise** lives around the corner from us in Lambertville so we hang out when our schedules allow."

Timon Lorenzo is working in New York for his father's investment fund learning finance and is enjoying living in the city.

Andrea Swaney writes: "I took a 2-year detour following graduation in '06 to the East Coast (Virginia) before returning to California. I now live in downtown Palo Alto (across the street from Stanford) as of June 1. I run corporate development at a tech company in Silicon Valley called MokaFive, whose technology came from Stanford's computer science department. I'm still swimming at Stanford, only now in their master's program. Enjoying the Bay Area for its hiking, restaurants, surfing, sports teams, and college friends who have stayed in the area. Also noteworthy, my brother, Dwight ('99), married a cousin of **Morgan Kelly** (Jamie) on August 30!"

Gina Piscopo is engaged to Josh Angley and they plan to get married at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, TN on May 22, 2010. Gina and Josh currently live in Nashville while she earns her clinical doctorate in audiology. Gina is scheduled to graduate in May 2010.

Katherine Blatterfein Sorrentino lives in Somerset, NJ with her husband, Jeff, whom she married in December 2007. **Jessica Schilke** served as maid of honor and **Shanique Streete** was a bridesmaid. Katie recently completed her MBA in Marketing and currently works as a Marketing Manager.

Caroline Binder writes: "I graduated from Lehigh in 2006 and moved to Manhattan shortly after. I have been working at TheStreet.com since March 2008 and was recently promoted to Account Associate in the Consumer Sales Department. I am surrounded by a lot of fun and interesting people both inside and outside of work, and have been enjoying myself. Life is good."

Nathaniel Halpern and **Chris Palsho** are in the final stages of post-production and exploring online distribution

options for their web series: <http://www.lookingforgrace.com>. Reach out to Chris with questions: ChrisPalsho@gmail.com.

Cassie Kaufmann writes: "I finished a New York City teaching fellowship last year with a master's degree, have been teaching in public high school in Manhattan for the past three years, traveled around India last summer for two months before starting a PhD program in clinical psychology at Adelphi University. I'm healthy and happy!"

Kabeer Malholtra has been working as a publicist in the music industry for Girlie Action Media & Marketing for the past three years. He has also been playing music with **David Ostro** and they hope to record an album together this year. Kabeer currently resides in Bushwick, Brooklyn and has lived in New York since 2002.

Jacob Widlitz writes: "I've been back in the States for a little more than a year, after spending 27 months living in Tanzania, Africa serving as a biology and math teacher with the U.S. Peace Corps. Currently, I am working for a small start-up bio-pharmaceutical company in north Jersey and waiting to hear back from a few grad schools."

Jessica Schilke recently obtained her Master's of Science in Public Health from the University of South Florida in Tampa. She loves living in Tampa and has begun working as a Research Specialist at the Moffitt Cancer Center.

Rebecca Bramlett writes: "Hello Everyone! I'm plugging away at the master's thesis at University of Chicago and will graduate later this year. I study medieval religious and intellectual history (largely focusing on 12th century France and Germany), and while it might not be the most practical of subjects, I am happy to say that I use Mr. Gudeg's Latin in my everyday life! With the November 2008 presidential election, it's been a fun year to live in Chicago. Going to Grant Park to hear President Obama give his acceptance speech was nothing short of incredible (even if I could barely walk after standing up for so many hours). I'm looking forward to seeing where the next year takes me."

Ilana Goldfarb writes: "I've been working/living in New York

for the past few years. I still work for Bristol-Myers Squibb in the Cardiovascular/Metabolic sales division, but I recently switched over to a hospital position in Manhattan."

Aviva Perlman (formerly **Amy Perlman**) is currently in the second year of her Jewish Education master's program at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.

Jeremy Johnson writes: "My Teacher My Hero continues to go well -- we partnered with Donor's Choose to give \$75,000 to teachers across the country through the site, which we're pretty excited about. Also, we just announced our series B funding (literally today) -- <http://www.techcrunch.com/2010/02/05/2tor-20-million-online-education/>. We raised about \$20M in order to fund our next two graduate programs."

Alice Chow writes: After college, I started out working as a lab assistant at the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston. I moved to California two years ago and am now living in Venice Beach! This past summer, I spent a month traveling around Namibia and South Africa before starting nursing school at UCLA in the fall. I love what I'm learning and every now and then, I run into **Shanique Streete** walking around Westwood!

As for myself, after two years of working in the fashion industry, I've decided to change fields and pursue my passion to work in education. I am currently applying to schools for the fall. I am still living in New York City and love seeing PDS grads frequently who are in the area. I hope all is well with the rest of you and that everyone has a fantastic spring! As always, feel free to send your updates my way if you have any exciting news: margaretsayen@gmail.com.

From the web: December 2009

Erica Lanni writes: Hi! I am now a fourth 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 Prof. Anne McNeil (<http://www.umich.edu/~ajmlab/index.html>). My second year I was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and this year we published a significant paper in the

field (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2009, 131 16573-16579). In November I traveled to Japan for a conference and had an amazing time sightseeing. I still live in Ann Arbor and can be contacted by email at elanni@umich.edu or through Facebook. Hopefully I will graduate by the time of our next reunion!

2003

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Christopher Campbell has started pilot training at Sheppard AFB, TX in the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program. He is a Class Flight Lead in the 459th Flying Training Squadron (Dragons) and is currently flying the T-6A Texan II. He requested a flyby, but unfortunately the pattern was full.

Rosser Lomax is living in Brooklyn with cats that take the shape of men, and plays in your band.

Liz Kazmierczak writes: As of now, I am getting ready to leave Denver, and move to Taos, NM where I was accepted as an apprentice midwife at the Northern New Mexico Midwifery Center. I have greatly enjoyed being a part of the birth community in Colorado, and have learned an enormous amount from the women who I have been able to support in their labor processes. This past year has included a lot of adventures for me, and I have been fortunate to volunteer in the Dominican Republic with midwives-to-be, as well as spend over a month traveling and camping along the Pacific coast of Mexico. I am excited to see what 2010 will bring, and am currently planning a second volunteer trip to Madagascar for July. I hope that everyone is well, and enjoying their new years so far.

Emily Hamlin created and installed her first ceramics exhibition at Rivers School, where she teaches art. Consisting of roughly 2,000 pieces of bisque-fired porcelain that Hamlin threw on the potter's wheel over the last few months, the exhibit explores ideas of growth, change, and motion, according to the school website.

She spent several hours in the gallery installing the various components of the sculpture in

the space -- bubble-shaped pots plopped on pedestals, latched onto walls and even suspended in the air. Taken as a whole, the work appears to actually flow down the surfaces it adorns. "I tried to capture the essence of a state of transition through the implied motion and evolution of these sculptures," she said.

2004

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Don Kraft moved to London, where he is going to veterinary school. He says, "In just a few years, I'll be Doctor Don!"

Brett Downey is the gallery manager and art director of a gallery in Chelsea called Dorfman Projects. She wrote, "We deal with major works of contemporary art and do collaborative projects with living, working artists. I live in Brooklyn with my boyfriend, Nick Riggle, who's a doctoral candidate in philosophy at NYU."

Scott Rosenberg wrote, "Hey all! Life is good. I bought a place in Philadelphia, and I'm having a good 1L year at Temple Law. I'm going into the litigation program and working with some great people. It's quite a change from life in Colorado, but I'm loving it. I hope that everyone else is doing well!"

Andrew Sachs is living in Prescott, AZ, finishing up a degree in human ecology from Prescott College. He is also playing drums in a band called Hot Honey, playing ice hockey, and loving life.

Carly Berger wrote, "I've settled quite comfortably in Brooklyn, and I'm still working on my Master of Architecture at Parsons. The bleakness of a city winter has finally made me join a gym, which is a helpful counter to the effects of sitting in front of a computer for hours on end."

Michelle Bramlett is working as a focus teacher at Winston Preparatory School in Chelsea in New York City. She will be graduating in May from Teachers College with a master's as a Reading Specialist.

Lon Johnson graduated from Princeton in 2008 and is currently a graduate student at ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College

of Law in Phoenix, AZ. He'll be working for the Supreme Court of Arizona this coming summer.

Kate Chimacoff wrote, "I'm living in Corpus Christi, near the Naval Air Station with my soon-to-be fiancé. [She's still waiting on the official ring!] We are stationed here for another year. I've earned my teaching certificate and am subbing in the public school system this academic year, but teaching in my own classroom next year, hopefully 8th grade history. Thanks, Mr. Green!!! Look what you did! From here, we are headed back to Florida or to Mississippi or who knows... It's all an adventure with the Navy Pilots."

Erin McCormick will leave her job as the Assistant Director of Stewardship at Middlebury College on June 30, with hopes to pursue an MFA in graphic design. Her eventual goal is to start her own graphic design/marketing/advertising business for the hospitality industry in years to come. She is loving life in Vermont, and spends her free time managing a French bistro just outside of Middlebury.

Melissa Rosenberg wrote, "I got engaged last summer to Nick Cox, my boyfriend of four years. We are currently in the process of choosing a venue, deciding which reality TV shows to appear on, etc. I flirted briefly with the idea of going to law school, but rejected it soon after getting a day job at a law firm in Hoboken, NJ. Right now, I am living in Jersey City, writing and drawing when I am not at the office (and sometimes when I am), and trying to adjust to the fact that the 'real world' feels less real than school did."

Helena Fishbein is teaching high school English and reading in Immokalee, Florida. She finished writing her master's thesis on the use of graphic novels with low-level readers in high school English classes. She received her Master of Arts in Secondary English Education in December 2009.

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From the web: October 2009

Amanda King writes: Hello from 12 hours in the future! Right now I'm teaching English at a university in China for a year. Rather ridiculous that they let me do such a thing, but I'm having a great time. I watched the National Day celebrations on TV when they were held in Beijing -- it was a rather big affair lasting all day. I've climbed the Great Wall, and am living on the east coast of the country, right by the sea, which is nice.

Over October holiday, when National Day and the Mid-Autumn festival were happening, I was traveling down south, by Shanghai -- I was in Suzhou, Hangzhou and Nanjing. All beautiful and all very, very, crowded with Chinese tourists. I've been in China for nearly two months and I still cannot believe it.

From the web: August 2009

Rajiv Mallipudi writes: Rajiv just graduated with a major in biomedical engineering from Johns Hopkins University '09. Last summer he won the Vredenburg Scholarship, which allowed him to conduct cancer research in Australia where he studied the delivery of targeted drug loaded nanoparticles to colon cancer cells. This year, he stayed at the JHU Medical Campus and studied the reduction of non-specific heating in tumor mouse models using alternating magnetic fields. His work will be published in an academic journal in the next few months. He is beginning his master's in Reproductive and Cancer Biology at the JHU Bloomberg School of Public Health '10. Afterwards, he will start applying to medical school. Once that is out of the way, he will then compete in his third bodybuilding contest next August! GET UP!

Jacquelyn Pisaturo announced her engagement to Saxton Sharad, a 2005 graduate of the Brooks School in North Andover, MA. Both are 2009 gradu-

ates from the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration where they met. Jacquelyn is the front desk manager at CityCenter's Aria Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. Saxton is the hotel manager at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. An October 2010 wedding on Lake Las Vegas is being planned.

2006

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Mendy Fisch writes: This installation of class notes marks the last before much of our class graduates college, acquires new e-mail addresses, and becomes increasingly transient and hard-to-reach. In anticipation of this upheaval, I ask all who are reading this article to send me updated contact information. I can still be reached for the foreseeable future at mendyman@gmail.com.

Our class did not send me many updates this notes cycle, though **Jason Ferree** had some big news. Ferree just became a member of the executive council of Dance Marathon, an Indiana University philanthropy organization. Dance Marathon, which is the second-largest student-run philanthropy in the world, raises money for charity through a range of large-scale events. The flagship event, the Dance Marathon, raises money for Riley Hospital for Children. Participants in the marathon are sponsored to dance for 36 hours. According to Ferree, the event raised \$1.5 million this past year.

As the Director of Special Events, Ferree is responsible for directing committees that run a number of major fundraising events, including an auction and a 60-mile bicycle ride. Ferree says that he dedicates at least 20 hours a week to Dance Marathon, and sometimes needs to spend more than 40 hours a week on the project. Ferree has been working with Dance Marathon throughout his college career, starting out as a dancer and working his way up to the executive council by holding positions as a committee member and committee chair.

Ferree writes: "It's truly amazing that everything is put together by only full-time students, who choose to give so much time and effort to one thing."

While Ferree works 40-hour weeks for Dance Marathon, **Tanvi Goel** is likely to put in even longer hours next year at Boston Consulting Group, where she accepted a job. Goel is planning to live and work in Houston, where her family moved shortly after she graduated PDS. Goel writes: "I'm pretty excited to be a consultant and I think it'll be fun!"

Craig Knowlton is making a name for himself in the comedic web series business with the debut of Ryan and Collin, a show about two friends who get themselves into hilarious (and sexually explicit) situations. Rob Mor plays the straight-laced Ryan. Knowlton plays Collin, who can be described as an amplified version of Knowlton. The duo have put twelve short videos ("quickies") on their website, ryanandcollin.com. According to the website, the first full season is coming soon. Knowlton says that he began writing the series while at PDS.

Moving into information I happen to know about people, **Charlie Turndorf** will graduate Kenyon College this spring, and wants to work in the game design industry. He is considering enrolling in a graduate program for game design. **Arvind Thambidurai**, meanwhile, has become the community service chair for the Association of Indians at Rutgers. Finally, **Adam Savitzky** is planning to perform with his cappella group, Shir Appeal, in the Annual Jewish Collegiate Festival of the Performing Arts, a large convention of Jewish cappella groups held at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

I'm finishing up junior year here at Princeton and still have one more year to go after this. I wrote one Junior Paper on water use in the Jordan Valley, using a computer model to determine optimal use and allocation of water. My second JP will be about Afghanistan. Over the summer, I hope to get a good amount of work done on my thesis, which will likely focus on information technology policy.

University of Pennsylvania senior **Drew Godwin** (15) scored his first collegiate varsity points on a jumper with 10 seconds remaining in the Quakers' Jan. 25 blowout loss to Saint Joseph's. Godwin spent his first three-plus years at Penn on the JV team

before being called up. Drew also was named one of the Top Athletes of the Decade by the *Trenton Times*.

2007

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2008

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Theo Brown was featured in a St. Lawrence University brochure as a Presidential Diversity Scholar. "Being chosen a Presidential Diversity Scholar really helped me notice my potential, and see how hard work can pay off..." he wrote.

Tess Glancey writes: **Julie Gordon** studied painting, sculpture, and architecture from the late Medieval and Early and Mid Renaissance periods in Florence, Italy over her J-Term at the University of Virginia.

Emma Morehouse, a business student at Ithaca College, is currently studying abroad at the International University of Monaco.

Julia Salem was awarded the Kathleen Chesney Prize for Modern Languages at St. Hilda's College of Oxford for excellent work in the subject.

2009

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Brian Fishbein: Freshman year is awesome. I am rushing a fraternity and meeting a ton of really cool people but still stay in touch with the people from PDS in the area. I'm thinking about doing an internship in technology this summer or possibly a French immersion program in Paris. In other news, I'm still an engineering major and it is a ton of work but fortunately I'm not failing out. Otherwise school is

school. Last term I was taking five classes and had no time but I dropped it down to four and it's so much nicer.

Gabi Rodriguez writes: I'm studying bioengineering at Rice. I'll be spending the summer here in Houston working and hopefully doing research at the Texas medical center.

Vinay writes: I am not an engineering concentrator as I originally thought simply because I have fully embraced the liberal arts philosophy that Harvard espouses. I am taking freshman year to explore my interests including a course in global health, energy and environmental politics, philosophy, and Hindi-Urdu. I am learning a lot about myself in my classes and interactions as I have met so many diverse and accomplished individuals here. On campus I am heavily involved in an

energy organization I founded on campus, a social enterprise group, and plan social events as the social chair for the South Asian Association, the 2nd largest student group on campus. This summer I am exploring my interests in the power of investment and economics as it relates to my passion to serve the community. I am traveling to India to work at a microfinance bank in Maharashtra. I also plan to practice my Hindi while I am down there. Following, I will continue hot air ballooning in the states (I recently got my private pilot certificate, so call me if you want a ride! I can take up passengers now) before I head back to Asia (either Taiwan or China) to teach a 10-day course to high school children. Keep in touch! Hope to hear from more of you soon. ■

Almost Alumni

Looking ahead to prom, AP exams and senior projects, the Class of 2010 recently gathered to mark 100 days until commencement.

Seniors paused their busy schedules — if only for a lunch period — to ponder all they have shared as classmates and how their lives will change in coming months during a special luncheon sponsored by the PDS Alumni Relations Office.

After lunch, seniors each received personal messages from their families expressing their love and pride. Sweet, sappy or sarcastic, the letters evoked laughter and tears — a warm-up for what lies ahead. ■



In Memoriam

The school has learned of the passing of the following members of the PDS community. We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

Gunther Bright Jr. '02

Anita Plapinger Cagan,
mother of Frederica Cagan Doeringer '70, Michael Cagan '72,
Eve Cagan '76 and Elizabeth Cagan McKnight '80

Linda Campbell,
wife of Ernest Everett (Rett) Campbell '70

Frances Conover,
mother of Ruth Conover '67

Theodore Cross,
step-father of Ann Warner Anderson, Ph.D. '79
and Mary Warner Mackwell '83

Marcelino Cuesta,
father of Nora Lazzaretto '78 and
PDS faculty member from 1973-1983

Norbert Donnelly,
father of Naurene Donnelly Antoniotti '70

Tina Fabiano,
sister of PDS Trustee Toby Levy

Richard Feldman,
father of Shara Feldman '92 and Josh Feldman '94

Leonard Fenninger,
husband of Jane Thomas '38

George Ford,
husband of Nancy Shannon Ford '54

Jean C. Hall,
stepmother of Molly Hall '69

Pauline C. Gallo,
mother of Joe Gallo '99 and Amy Gallo '03

Nancy McMorris '59,
sister of Howard "Mac" McMorris II '59

Jessie Nelms "Betsy" Petty,
mother of Gail Petty Riepe '64

Elizabeth Sierocki,
grandmother of Jillian Sierocki '02 and John Sierocki '03

Rada Fulper Shows,
sister of Aggie Fulper '54

Christine Tibbals,
wife of former faculty Lester (Bud) Tibbals

Arthur Turner,
father of Karen Turner '72

Sherwood Vine,
father of Suzanne Vine '78, John E. Vine '82
and grandfather of Sydney Vine '19

George Warren,
father of Lisa Warren '71 and grandfather of Alix Warren '02
and Andrew Warren '98 and Rachel Cantlay '13

Mark L. Zaininger '81
father of Luke Zaininger '18

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P'16 and P'19

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