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LETTER FROM

Paul J. Stellato, Head of School



Standing tall among the great traditions of Princeton Day School is the 100-day celebration, a gathering of the senior class with the Head of the Upper School and Class Dean to mark one of many milestones and rites of passage: the countdown of the final 100 days of the senior year. Clustered around tables in the Fox Room, seniors feast on several of Chef Brian's specialties (including homemade cupcakes), compare notes about second-term grades and spring break destinations, and read the letters of thanks and remembrance that their parents have lovingly prepared for them. A tradition as powerful and meaningful as any in our school, it reminds our seniors of an abiding truth: so much of their success is made possible by others – their parents – who simply would not have it any other way.

It is worth noting that as the seniors were tearing into their letters and the rich frosting of the cupcakes at the close of the festive lunch, many hundreds of letters from the admission office were on their way to the post office, as that other school ritual – admitting and enrolling a new crop of Panthers – moved swiftly to its conclusion. At either end of the academic calendar, framed by the first day of class and the last commencement photograph, schools welcome and bid goodbye; anticipate what may come and celebrate what has gone before; greet generously and give thanks warmly.

Springtime in schools is filled with such acts of letting go, and whether large or small, these scenes of separation are played out in almost every venue of school life over the last 100 days of the school year. How members of the senior class arrive at these moments says a good deal about them, about our school, and about the confidence and sureness with which each regards what is to come. Through their actions, seniors wrestle with how to look forward and look back at the same time. How they manage these last 100 days is a matter of intense interest to their advisors, coaches and teachers, their parents, and me. As I said to them just before they tore open letters from their parents and into those marvelous cupcakes, how they decide to say goodbye says everything about whom they have become.


So much time and attention are devoted to closing school well, as we recognize the meaning of year's end and our obligation to those who will leave us. In and through its closing events – the 100-day celebration, senior projects and presentations, academic and spring athletic awards ceremonies, the lifers' dinner, baccalaureate, commencement – our school bears witness to the achievement, promise, and fidelity of its newest representatives to the larger world, doing so richly and festively through customs and rituals deeply enshrined within the heart and spirit of the institution.

Our school will witness another departure this spring, one that will be attended by less fanfare, fewer events, and not one cupcake: that of Treby McLaughlin Williams '80, parent, board member and, for the last four years, Chair of the Board of Trustees. Though she stands just over five feet tall, Treby Williams is a giant of the institution, one whose name – and whose achievements – will forever be enshrined in the Princeton Day School pantheon. She has served her alma mater fully, giving of her time and energy to a school she loves dearly and which, she will tell you, has been at the center of her life since childhood. At a time when her school needed her most, she proved a wise, kind, patient, and clear-headed leader. As the first alumna to chair its board, Treby guided our school through a recession that commenced just days after she was handed the chair's gavel; and while the downturn may have a few breaths left in it, Treby leaves behind a school that has grown mightier and more optimistic during each day of her tenure.

For Maureen and our girls, Lauren and Kate, Treby has proved to be as true a friend as they could imagine. They still talk about arriving at their new home in Princeton on a Sunday afternoon in June, 2008, after a long drive from their Virginia home, to find Treby waiting for us all in the driveway of Behr House. So, too, do I recall another arrival at Princeton Day School: on a warm Saturday morning in September 2007, during my first interview as a candidate for the School's headship. As I emerged from my car and headed into Colross, Treby was waiting to greet me and usher me inside. (In the interest of fairness, during the 90-minute interview that followed that introduction, I came to appreciate the many skills Treby must have brought to her role as a federal prosecutor.) I have benefited from her warmth and wisdom every day, and it will take me more than 100 days (and countless cupcakes) to say goodbye.

Like the parents of our seniors (of whom Treby is one: her daughter, Charlotte, is a senior-class lifer), Board Chair Treby Williams has made possible so much of our success; she simply would not have it any other way. Like the parents of our seniors, she has done so selflessly and gladly. And like many of our seniors who now struggle to say thanks and goodbye at the same time, it may take us many years to tell Treby how much she has meant to us.

Let's hope the recollections that follow within these pages – along with the several paragraphs above – will speed us on our way to doing so. Truly, we can do no less.


Paul J. Stellato, Head of School

News & Events

Head of School Announces Administrative Appointments

In November, Head of School Paul Stellato announced the appointment of Lisa Surace as Head of Lower School. In addition, he announced new appointments from within the administrative team: Dulany H. Gibson was appointed Assistant Head of School for Finance and Operations and Steven E. Hancock was appointed Assistant Head of School for Academic Leadership. Finally, Director of Admission Kelly Dun's title was changed to Director of Enrollment Management to more accurately reflect her added responsibilities at the school. ■



Archaeology Alive in the Middle School

Each fall, the Middle School students at Princeton Day School participate in an archaeological dig on campus. This one-of-a-kind, hands-on project requires the students to engage in research on ancient cultures, take photos of their finds, keep a field journal, and ultimately create a database of their discoveries. This year, the students conducted nearly all of the tasks associated with this project on their iPads through the Middle School iPad Pilot Program. ■



Harvest Dinner

On October 15th, the EnAct Club and the

Garden Club presented the third annual Harvest Dinner, a popular and well-attended event, which helps support the PDS Garden. The students gave tours of the chicken coop and bee hives, presented musical entertainment and lectures on sustainable gardening, and prepared a feast of delicious local and organic food (much of it from the PDS Garden), under the guidance of Chef Brian Mochnal. With the help of Sustainability Coordinator and US English teacher Liz Cutler, Garden Coordinator Pam Flory, and US Science teacher Lisa McLane, the students created an evening to remember. ■



Tim Samaras, Pioneer in Science

On November 9th, Princeton Day School invited leading meteorologist Tim Samaras to lecture as part of the Upper School "Pioneers in Science" series. Known as a tornado chaser, Mr. Samaras



not only tries to identify where and when tornados will happen, but faces them head-on in order to conduct measurements. Given the weather in New Jersey this year, which included Hurricane Irene and the October snowstorm, Mr. Samaras's lecture had the added benefit of being extremely timely. ■

Anne Rothrock Lecture: Professor Bernard Haykel

In February, Princeton Day School welcomed Bernard Haykel, Professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University, to campus where he delivered the Anne Rothrock Lecture. Professor Haykel spoke to our juniors and seniors, assorted faculty and staff, and members of the community, about the Arab spring with a focus on Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Yemen. Professor Haykel, who also directs The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia at Princeton University, leads a project at Princeton on Oil and Energy in the Middle East with a focus on the countries of the Persian Gulf. ■



Professor Bernard Haykel

PDS Chess

Princeton Day School's chess team has had a notable season, and a definite highlight was when the team competed against the likes of Dalton, Trinity, Spence, Columbia Grammar, and scores of other private and public schools at the Kasparov New York City Scholastic Championship in January. Chess coach Bonnie Waitzkin remarked, "a five-minute blitz round robin was played among three groups, and Winston Ni '23 won decisively after two rounds, taking home the first place trophy." The first graders placed second in the team competition, which is remarkable, since strong New York-based schools had 15 or 20 players in the section. In Primary Varsity, the team was tied for second place, and the PDS primary novice team also won second place. ■



Powder Puff Game



The annual Powder Puff touch football game competition between Junior and Senior girls is a highlight of the fall. At right, Class Deans Denise Bencivengo and Todd Gudgel sport their respective, original t-shirts in black and pink.



Grades and Comments Online

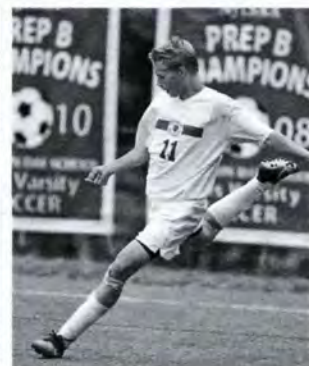
Princeton Day School was delighted to announce in December that student grades and comments were available online for the first time through NetClassroom. ■

NetClassroom



Fall Weekend

Fall Weekend kicked off the school year in September. The day was filled with a great sense of school spirit as the crowd watched our youngest students compete in the first-ever Fun Run, and cheered on our soccer, field hockey, and tennis teams.





Annual Daffodil Planting

The clouds were threatening, but our Lower School students got down in the dirt for the annual bulb planting on a September morning. Their timing was impeccable, as the rain held off until the last bulb was planted!



PDS Announces TV 12

This fall, students in Upper School Art teacher Jerry Hirniak's media class created their own News Channel, PDS TV: Channel 12. The first segment of Channel 12 was introduced at an October Upper School assembly to much excitement by Brit Bucklee '12, who spearheaded the project. ■



Mini-Course Week

From Theater on a Shoestring to Chocolate Immersion, our MS students made the most of Mini-Course Week. This year's other offerings included Struttin', a new course focusing on the famous Philadelphia Mummers, as well as Feudal Times, Gettysburg, and Inspiration Sandwich.



ArtsNotes



The Upper School Play: "The Laramie Project"

In October, the Upper School students performed the groundbreaking play, "The Laramie Project," based on a real-life hate crime that took place in 1998 in Laramie, Wyoming. The PDS production employed a unique storytelling approach with first-person interviews, and included stark costumes and sets, and boundary-pushing changes in tone and style. The final performance of "The Laramie Project" was canceled to the unusual October snowstorm, but the actors plan to regroup and perform the play again this summer at a venue to be announced. ■



The Middle School Play: "2011: A Clown Odyssey"

The Middle School students performed the original work, "2011: A Clown Odyssey," written by Deb Sugarman, Performing Arts Chair, in December. Ms. Sugarman's creation drew from *The Odyssey*—the literary classic read by every 5th grade student at PDS—and featured, as one might imagine, clowns. Ms. Sugarman spent some time in her early career performing as a clown, and shared her knowledge of clown techniques to the students in this performance. The production featured 70 of our MS students. ■



Winter Concerts





The Fourth Grade Operetta: "Once Upon a Hero"

This year's 4th grade operetta, titled "Once Upon a Hero," had its premiere in March and was a pure delight. With an original script by Lower School teacher Daniel Cohen, "Once Upon a Hero" featured an original story, borrowed pop and Broadway melodies, and as many starring roles as children. The unique PDS tradition of the operetta gives every 4th grade student the opportunity to shine. ■



Visual Arts and Poetry in the LS

In the fall, our 4th grade students rotated through woodshop, ceramics, and their regular art class to create exquisite multimedia works, as seen here displayed in the Mathey Arts Atrium.



The Upper School Spring Musical: "The Secret Garden"

The Princeton Day School Performing Arts Department mounted an inspired production of "The Secret Garden," a musical based on the beloved children's story, in February. The production starred an exceptional cast, and was directed by Artist-in-Residence Stan Cahill, with choreography by Ann Robideaux, costumes by Deb Sugarman, music direction by Andrew Schmidt, and scenic design by Jeff Van Velsor with student designers. ■



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Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery

Mel Leipzig: "Fathers"

In September, renowned artist Mel Leipzig visited the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery to talk about his new exhibition, "Fathers." The exhibition featured portraits of two members of the PDS community, Rachel Maddox '12 and former faculty Frank Jacobson.



Faculty Art Exhibit

Princeton Day School was delighted to exhibit the works of our own art department in the gallery in October. The exhibition featured paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics and sculpture by

Caryn Blum, David Burkett, Eileen Hohmuth-Lemonick, Jerry Hirniak, Debbie Hillmanno, Chris Maher, Vincent Moreno, Susan Reichlin and Stephanie Stuefer.

FACETS: Gallery Club Exhibition

FACETS, an exhibition curated by Gallery Club co-heads Rachel Maddox '12 and Nicole Keim '12, featured the works of three artists: Jon Sarkin, Chris Harford and Greg Nangle. In December,

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Amy Nutt gave a gallery talk on her biography of Jon Sarkin titled *Shadows Bright as Glass*.



Lily Stockman '01: "Say It With Flowers"

"Say It With Flowers," an exhibition featuring the works of alum Lily Stockman '01, opened in January. The show examined the trajectory of botany as artistic pursuit, from the widespread fad of botanical art and flower pressing in 19th century America and Britain to the very modern trend of locavore blogs and digital photographs taken in rooftop gardens today.

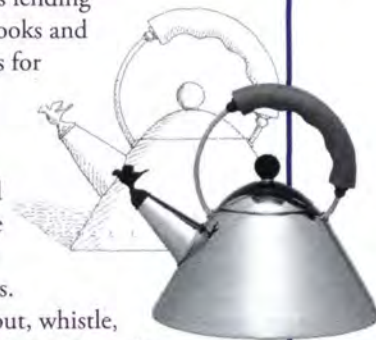


Upcoming Exhibits

Michael Graves

April 2 to April 25

Michael Graves, one of the twentieth century's most renowned architects and product designers, is lending his original sketchbooks and tea kettle prototypes for Alessi designs. His napkin drawings, renderings, study models and finished pieces will move the viewer through his entire design process. Drawings of the spout, whistle, handles and production pieces, give the viewer a rare glimpse from concept to production and from production to the consumer.



PDS Student Show

May 8 to May 23

The end-of-the-year student show is an inspiring opportunity to see the depth of work from our talented students.

PDS Senior Thesis Show

May 29 to June 8

The seniors shine as they display works based on their senior thesis projects. A not-to-be-missed exhibition.

Debbie Reichard: "There's More Where This Comes From"

Sculptor and ceramic artist Debbie Reichard presented works in a range of materials, including wood, sound, and found objects, for her exhibition, "There's More Where This Comes From" in February. Featuring an enormous marble kernel of popcorn, and a ceramic "milk crate," this exhibition was a wonderful representation of Ms. Reichard's diverse works.



Rising Stars of Princeton Day School

*On the stage, on the field, or in the classroom,
these students shine!*

Congratulations to...



Peter Hopper '12 and Zach Lawrence '12, (at left) who have been named Finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Janie Smukler '12, (at right) who was named the *Star-Ledger* 2011 Prep Player of the Year for girls soccer.

Mikey Gray '12 and Julia Miller '12, who were both accepted into an exclusive theatre experience with the Royal Shakespeare Company called Richard's Rampage. They worked on classical acting with members of the Royal Shakespeare Company, including Kevin Spacey, who is currently starring in the Broadway production of *Richard III*.



Meg Ofner '12 and Conrad Denise '13, (at left) who both scored the 100th career goal of their respective PDS hockey careers.



Sabrina Li '16, for her painting of the Nassau Inn which took 2nd place in the *Princeton Magazine* cover contest.

Adriana van Manan '13, (at right) who was awarded two Gold Keys in the 2012 Scholastic Art and



Writing Contest—she was recognized in the Personal Essay/Memoir category as well as in the Photography category. In addition, her story, "Accidents," was the 2012 winner of the Elizabeth Bishop Prize in Fiction, awarded by the Walnut Hill School for the Arts.



Samantha Asch '13, (at left) who was named top girls tennis player of the year in the *Princeton Packet* and *Town Topics*.

Annika Goldman '18, who was cast in a lead role in the McCarter's production of "A Christmas Carol."

Davon Reed '13, (at right) who hit the 1000th point mark in his PDS basketball career, and was named MVP at the Big Apple Basketball Invitational in New York.



Emily Seto '13 and Caitlyn Dwyer '12, who both had work accepted in the 2011 Drexel University High School Photography Contest. Only 140 images were chosen to be exhibited from more than 1850 submissions.

Matthew Cavuto '13, (at right) who placed 2nd in an open épée tournament in January. In doing so, he earned his "B" rating.



Amulya Tadimety '17, for winning the 2012 PDS Spelling Bee. She will go on to represent PDS at the Tri-County Bee.



Sarah Bonakdar '14, (at left) for procuring an important and hard-to-locate volume for the Class of '15 to use in their research of Julia Alvarez's *In the Time of the Butterflies*. The volume, *Los Perozo: Su Exterminio Por La Dictadura De Trujillo: Mis Vivencias* (translation: *The Perozos: Their Extermination by the Dictatorship of Trujillo: My Experiences*)

by Alfonsina Perozo, came to PDS from Santiago, Chile.

Ava Roitburg '19 and Eshaa Doshi '22, who were both cast in "The Nutcracker" at the McCarter Theater this fall.

Nicholas Ioffreda '16, Joel Pena '16, Maia Johngren '17, and Maxwell Maudlin '17,

(at right) for being selected to perform in the Central Jersey Music Educators Association Region II honor ensembles.



Winston Ni '23, who won first place in the K-1 division in the Kasparov New York City Scholastic Chess Championship.

Sports Notes

Perseverance

Although the winter weather has been warm for the past few months, there has been nothing mild about our winter athletics season. Despite injuries and setbacks, our winter teams have persevered to create an incredibly memorable season. Athletics, it is said, doesn't build character as much as reveal it, and our winter season has revealed that the Panthers have character to spare.

Panther Boys Hockey achieved one of their best records to date, as they rose to third in the state rankings and won our PDS Invitational Tournament for the first time in four years. Our girls team posted a 10-7 record and garnered a second consecutive WIHLMA B Bracket Championship. Individually, Conrad Denise '13 and Megan Ofner '12 both reached 100-point milestones in their Panther hockey careers.

Panther basketball also had its share of impressive moments. The boys team was ranked fifth in the area and won the Solebury Tournament. In addition, they traveled to New York to participate in the Big Apple Showcase for the first time in program history, and witnessed Davon Reed '13 hit the 1000th point mark. The girls team was hit with injuries to top players, but nonetheless advanced to the Mercer County Tournament Semi-Finals and launched the first annual PDS Holiday Invitational Tournament.

Volleyball also encountered injuries, but with four seniors leading the team, the girls stuck together for a strong finish. Our squash team increased the competitiveness of its schedule this year, and had a strong showing in terms of participation and performance. The fencing team showed their grit by grinding out seven of ten matches that were decided by one point or less.

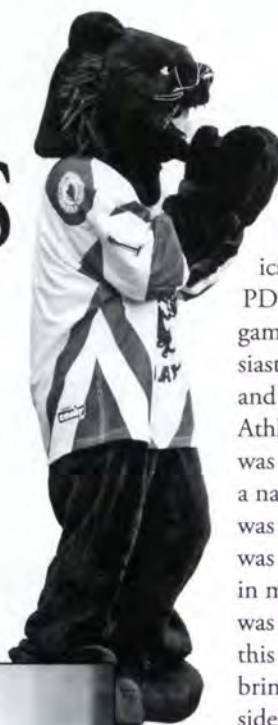
I am proud of our players and coaches for the character they have shown this season. We should all look back and learn some lessons in perseverance from the performances of our student-athletes this winter.



Tim Williams, Director of Athletics

Meet Paws!

An unexpected star of the Princeton Day School athletics program this year was the PDS Panther. Appearing at most games, home and away, the enthusiastic Panther mingled with fans and cheered our teams. Director of Athletics Tim Williams decided it was time to give our beloved mascot a name, and so a school-wide vote was held. The winning name, Paws, was announced at an exciting game in mid-October. Neil Kumar '15 was the student behind the panther this fall and is largely responsible for bringing our team mascot from the sidelines into the spotlight.



Girls Varsity Hockey

The girls' varsity ice hockey team enjoyed a 10-7 overall record, with five of those seven losses by only one or two goals. The team finished the season in Pittsburgh with two hard-fought wins against Shady Side Academy and Portledge School to take the WIHLMA "B" Bracket Championship.

Megan Ofner '12 led the team with 19 goals and 13 assists for 32 points. Junior Zeeza Cole (17 points) and sophomores Robin Linzmayer (16 points) and Mimi Matthews (13 points) also contributed to the team's offense throughout the season. Daisy Mase '13 was solid in net with a 0.916 save percentage. Along with Linzmayer, Louise Hutter '13 and Colby Triolo '14 were key to the team's success despite playing the majority of the season with only three players on defense.

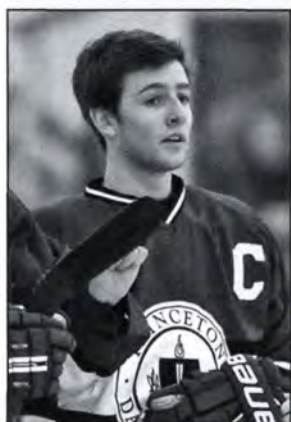
In the team's last home game, on their Senior Night, captains Ashley Egner '12 and Megan Ofner '12 each scored four points while Lucy Marquez '12 made 19 saves for the win.





Boys Varsity Hockey

Associate Director of Athletics and Boys Varsity Ice Hockey Coach Scott Bertoli knew he had a solid team on his hands going into the season, and with an outstanding 18-5-1 record, he was proven right. For the first time in four years, the Panthers won the Princeton Day School Invitational Tournament, defeating DeMatha Catholic (MD) 7-2 and Moses Brown (RI) 5-3 in the finals. With a 6-0 record prior to winter break, the team headed north to the Barber Tournament (co-hosted by St. Mark's and Middlesex Schools). The opening round game was a physical battle with Vermont Academy and PDS prevailed 3-2 to extend their winning streak to 7 games. Unfortunately the Panthers met a very strong St. Mark's team (eventual tournament champions) in the semi-finals and lost a hard-fought game. Returning from winter break, the team met and defeated some of the area's top programs, with a 6-3 victory over perennial Long Island powerhouse Portledge as the signature win. In a return to a storied rivalry, PDS and Lawrenceville hit the ice together for the first time in 5 years, battling to a 2-2 overtime tie in front of a packed house at Lisa McGraw Rink. The team finished strong with victories over The Hill School and Malvern Prep to close out the season 18-5-1. Captain Garret Jensen '12 fittingly scored the last goal of the 2012 season at home and on his Senior Night.



Boys Varsity Basketball

The boys Varsity Basketball program has had a successful winter ranked as high as #5 in the area, playing all the way to the Prep State Finals in February, and finishing as runner-up. The team earned a Championship at the Solebury Tip Off Tournament and also traveled to New York City to play in the invitational Big Apple Basketball Showcase. Team standout Davon Reed '13 continues to play impressively, attracting national attention.

Varsity Basketball



Varsity Basketball



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Freshman Basketball





Girls Varsity Basketball

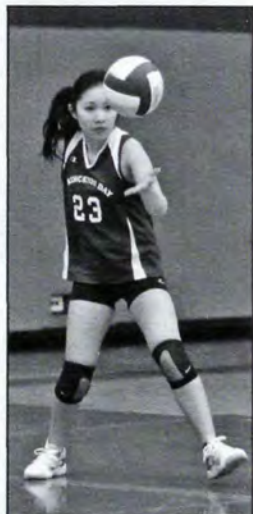
The success of the first annual Princeton Day School Holiday Tournament, held on December 28 and 29, 2011, was a highlight of the girls' basketball season this winter. This event will likely become a Panther tradition.

The season itself held many celebrated moments, including a thrilling overtime victory over Abington Friends, and a defeat of cross-town rival, The Pennington School, at their gym. Most noteworthy was the victory over #5 seed West Windsor Plainsboro South in the first round of the Mercer County Tournament in February. Though the team worked hard, they eventually fell to top seeded Hopewell Valley. Still, the team reveled in the fact that as 12th seed, they advanced all the way to the semifinals of the MCT. "We certainly have exceeded expectations!" said Coach Mika Ryan.



Volleyball

Varsity Volleyball experienced a roller coaster ride of a season with injuries plaguing the team early on, but the spirit and desire of the players remained top notch. Despite some disheartening, close losses, Coach Joe Schweitzer was very proud of how far this team has come.





Fencing

The girls fencing team welcomed new members to fill vacated spots, and the new fencers showed real commitment. The boys' season was very dramatic with seven of ten matches determined by one point. With about 150 touches scored in a typical match, this margin is excruciating. Still, at 5-5, it was a season to remember.



Varsity Squash

The PDS squash team played an expanded schedule this year with great success. Ben Bristol '13 and Anuj Mehndiratta '14 had winning records at the top of the line-up. Coaches Dede Webster and Ed Tseng were very pleased with the effort and progress of all of the players.



Team Accomplishments

Girls Ice Hockey Wins - WHILMA B Pool Championship
Girls Basketball reaches MCT semi-finals
Boy Basketball reaches Prep Finals

Legacy Athletes, Winter Season

Benjamin H. Bristol '13	Squash (captain)
Matthew Cavuto '13	Fencing
Zeeza Cole '13	Girls Varsity Ice Hockey
Ashley M. Egner '12	Girls Varsity Ice Hockey (captain)
John E. Egner '14	Boys Varsity Ice Hockey
Alexis Fairman '14	Girls Varsity Ice Hockey
Emily Goldman '14	Girls Varsity Basketball
Jake T. Hall '14	Boys Varsity Basketball
M. Mackenzie Howe '15	Girls Varsity Ice Hockey
Louise H. Hutter '13	Girls Varsity Ice Hockey
Garret Jensen '12	Boys Varsity Ice Hockey (captain)
Sophie A. Jensen '15	Girls Varsity Ice Hockey
Kirsten Kuzmich '15	Girls Varsity Basketball
Emily C. Matthews '14	Girls Varsity Ice Hockey
Miranda Noden '15	Girls Varsity Volleyball
Tyler Olsson '12	Boys Varsity Ice Hockey
Frederick B. Powers '12	Boys JV Ice Hockey
Griffin Thompson '15	Boys JV Ice Hockey
Mason Ward '15	Boys JV Ice Hockey
Sophie Ward '15	Girls JV Ice Hockey
Walker B. Ward '12	Boys Varsity Ice Hockey

C. Treby McLaughlin Williams '80

Extraordinary Leadership & Service to Princeton Day School

"I had the immense personal and professional pleasure to serve as Vice Chair under Treby Williams as she led the Board of Trustees of Princeton Day School in the last several years through demanding times. To say that Treby led with distinction through leadership transition and economic upheaval would be an understatement. Her consistent vision, constant heart, and steady hand have had a profoundly calming influence on PDS, allowing for focus on the school's core mission as it grows in the twenty-first century.

"Watching Treby lead a meeting was among my favorite experiences on the PDS Board. She was absolutely masterful at leading a discussion 'drill-down' to critical issues. No doubt her impeccable education at PDS, Princeton University, and New York University Law School contributes to her keen intellect, probing curiosity and sharp decision making; but I believe it is her natural talent that most contributes to her inspirational leadership. Treby harbors deep respect for perspectives other than her own. In every conversation, she offers an invitation to engage that leads to collaboration at the highest level for the benefit of the institution. Her deep care and support for those with whom she works, be it old friends or new associates, ensures safety in honest and open communications. However, lest you begin to think that she is a 'softie'... let me set the record straight. In addition to her innate kindness, she is also



one of the toughest people I know. As a former Assistant U.S. Attorney who launched the practice of prosecuting public officials in Trenton, she once laughingly told me in the PDS pickup line that she had just come from being in an FBI car behind Quakerbridge Mall where she disarmed and removed wires from a Mafia cooperator.

"Treby was a young member of the PDS Board when she left the District Attorney's office to join Princeton University. While she understood well how to prosecute a case, it was the PDS Board that taught her how an educational

"A deep, abiding care is the 'heart' of PDS for Treby..."

— Gianna Goldman

institution governs, helping pave the way toward her promotion at Nassau Hall. She credits the inspiring leadership and vision of Head of School Lila Lohr as her first attraction to the Board. As Vice Chair under Jack Hall and in cooperation with Head of School Judy Fox, Treby had the opportunity to learn consensus building, institutional strategic thinking and communications, as well as the importance of strong partnerships. The professionalism of the board and the deep talent and commitment of people

like Ed Matthews, Jack Wallace '48, Andy Okun, Jack Hall, Nancy Malkiel, Tom Harvey and others, all bringing their best to the board table, inspired her to stay engaged. Treby said that 'working with Head of School Paul Stellato through a leadership transition was one of the greatest professional experiences

in my life.' Her professional aspirations changed as she found out what she loves to do: build consensus through strong leadership. She told me that this is the second time that PDS came to her rescue, calling PDS her 'constant companion.'

"The first time PDS 'rescued her' was when she was five years old and feeling like a deer in the headlights—wondering what in the world she was doing in school. In her own words, 'socially immature and behind academically,' her 2nd grade teacher (Nancy Miller '57, please see quotes below) nurtured her to a place of confidence as a student and a friend. Treby felt this commitment to her personal growth throughout her PDS years and has witnessed the same embrace of her daughters, Charlotte and Anna. A deep, abiding care is the 'heart' of PDS for Treby and for every student since she graduated.

"Recently Treby shared with me that she felt serving as the Board Chair of Princeton Day School was 'the ultimate luxury' ... saying: 'how incredible that I have had the chance to lead an institution that I deeply love and believe in, with people I respect and admire, in a capacity where I can drive positive change.' I know that Treby balanced much: a full time job and family, with endless hours at PDS committee meetings, board meetings, retreats and more. But despite giving up inestimable hours of personal time Treby said: 'I have received much more than I have given.' But I know better—Treby always gives more than she receives; it's her nature."

— **Gianna Goldman, P '18,**
Former Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

More reflections on Treby Williams:

◆ "WHEN I THINK OF TREBY, I think of the adorable second grader who won my heart on the very first day. She was quiet, shy and a bit reluctant to come into the classroom. Soon, however, she'd come bouncing into the room, excited, enthusiastic and ready to join in anything that we were doing. She was such a loving, happy child that I hated to see her go on to third grade. Imagine my delight when I found that her daughter, Charlotte, was going to be in my kindergarten. It was almost like history repeating itself. Charlotte was just as wonderful as Treby and I had the added bonus of having Treby as a parent. No one could have been happier, and more blessed, than I. Thank you, Treby, for all of these wonderful years."

— **Nancy Miller MFS '57, Former Faculty**

◆ "IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR and a privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees with Treby. As Chair, Treby set a standard for the Board that will be hard to meet, but one to which PDS should always aspire. As a graduate of PDS herself, Treby's character, integrity, and intelligence comprise the essence of the type of person we hope our students become."

— **Andy Okun P '16, P '14, Trustee**

Sunsets, quiet and forest streams,
many places we sat to dream
of skating under midnight skies
and never having to say goodbye.

L.R.S.

From Treby's page in *The Link*, 1980.

"I have known Treby as a fellow PDS student for five years (and as a fellow alum for too many years), as a fellow PDS parent for fourteen years, and through her service on the PDS board. I was always very happy to know that she could bring her math wizardry to the school and was always comforted to know that the Assistant U.S. Attorney

(or "Bambi with Fangs" as the FBI knew her) was here to guide and lead our school. Treby has given years of caring and service that seem unmatched for dedication and effectiveness. We will always value her insight, calm presence, and toughness."

— **Howie Powers '80, Upper School History teacher**

◆ "TREBY AND I have been life long friends through our mutual love of Ice Dancing. We tend to see each other on a weekly basis on the Lisa McGraw '44 ice rink. Technically, she has gone about as far as you can go in the U.S. Figure Skating discipline of dance—she is a gold medalist and now skates at the International level. I have summed up her truly exceptional ability on the ice rink with a poem.

Her knees carve the dance,
Smooth, deep edges, sparkling eyes,
Poetry on ice.

Blades slice fast, two sets,
Scalpel precision, partners
Mirroring each move.

Accomplished, humble,
Grace on thin steel, speed, control,
Balance, freedom. Cool."

— **Martha Sullivan Sword '73**

◆ "AS PRESIDENT OF the Parents Association, I had many opportunities to work closely with Treby Williams, and found that she added a sense of warmth, eloquence, and humor to the Board. We could not have had a more perfect and articulate spokesperson. I am personally grateful that Treby has so willingly given her leadership to PDS for the past 13 years."

— **Robin Antonacci P '13, P '17, P '20, Former Trustee**

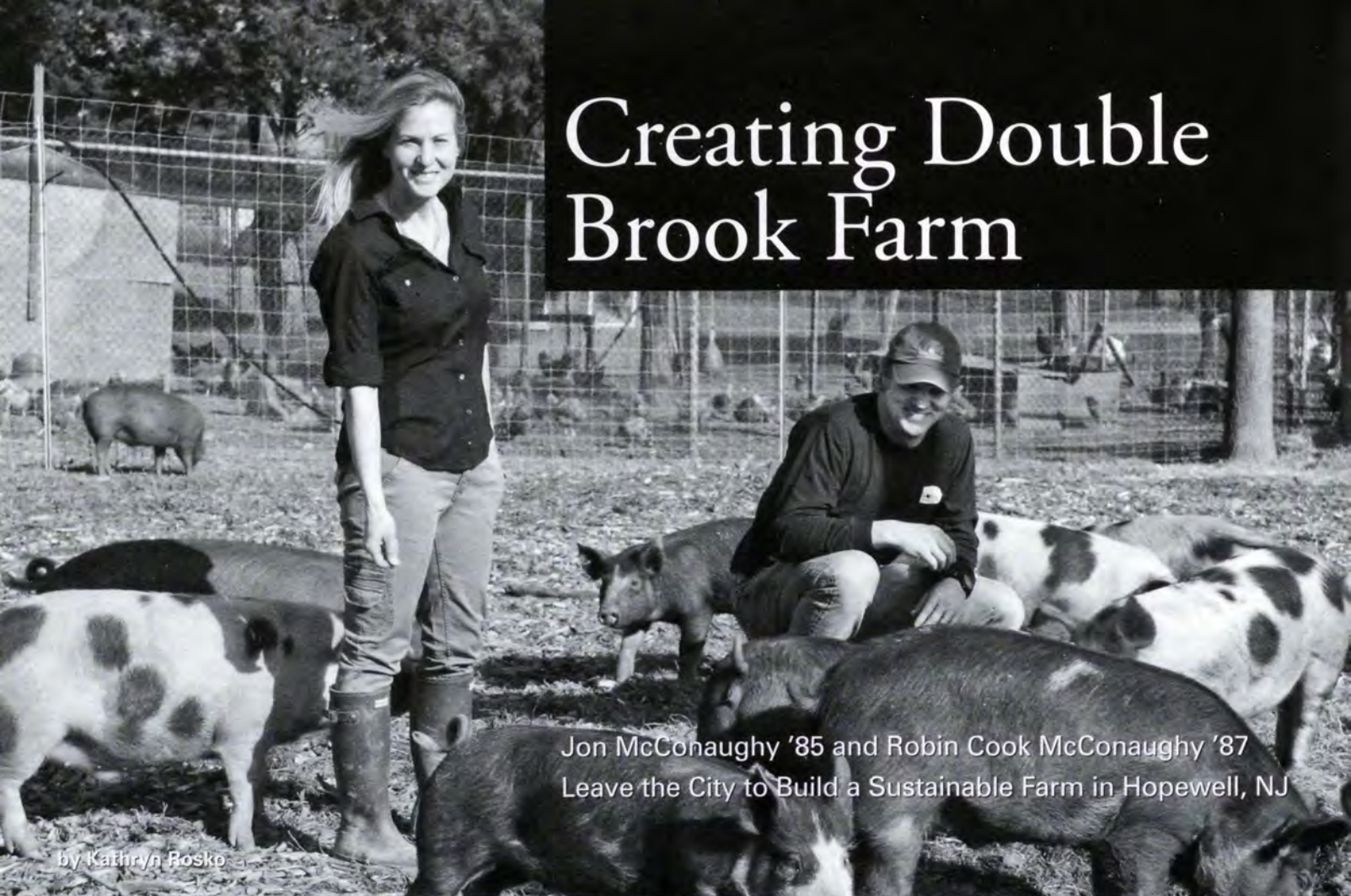
◆ "BOTH ON AND OFF THE ICE, Treby has fantastic timing and exemplifies beauty, charm, and grace in all that she does. Keep gliding, Treby!"

— **Charles Fetter, Head Figure Skating Coach**

◆ "APPROPRIATELY, IT ALL STARTED a full generation ago in a PDS classroom—Religion? Russian History?—I do not recall the specifics. What I do recall is a very bright, vivacious young woman, full of energy, serious but with a sense of humor, and ever gracious. Some things never change, fortunately! Over the years, our roles kept changing, but the bond of friendship and respect never wavered. Treby's contributions to the vitality of the school as parent, Trustee, Board Chair, University contact, and (most importantly for me) as an exchange parent host have been critical pillars of our community, and we are sincerely grateful."

— **Father Dan Skvir H '73, Former Faculty**

Creating Double Brook Farm



Jon McConaughy '85 and Robin Cook McConaughy '87
Leave the City to Build a Sustainable Farm in Hopewell, NJ

by Kathryn Rosko



Though many of us are quite thankful that we don't have to wake up at the crack of dawn to tend to the fields and animals everyday, knowing where our food comes from is increasingly important as the implications ranging from health to ethical concerns come sharply into focus.

It was, in fact, upon reading an article by Michael Pollan in the *New York Times Magazine* that Jon McConaughy '85 and Robin Cook McConaughy '87 thought quite seriously about leaving Lower Manhattan and moving back to their roots in central New Jersey. "It made my stomach turn to read about how animals were raised and processed for meat," remarked Robin. Added Jon, "we realized our food system is in a bad place." Thinking of their two young sons, they felt that knowing where their food came from was critical, and hatched the idea to buy a farm. They decided on purchasing a plot of land, roughly 60 acres, in Hopewell, New Jersey (about 5 miles from Princeton). It began as a fairly small-scale idea, really. "We wanted to have a few chickens, maybe some sheep, and a cow," Robin says now. "At most, I thought maybe we would have a farm stand on

Rte. 518 to sell to our neighbors anything from the farm that we couldn't use." That was in 2004. Now, the McConaughys' original small-scale idea has exploded into a full-scale vertical business model complete with a 10-year plan. They now have several hundred acres of farmland—both land that they own, and land that they lease—where they raise pigs, sheep, turkeys, chickens, and cattle, and plant vegetables. In addition, they have plans to open, in fairly short succession, a retail store and a restaurant, both of which will nearly border their property, and will be the sole outlet for food raised on the farm. The plan is to raise animals on the farm, slaughter them responsibly on the farm, and then sell the meat and produce in their retail store and restaurant. Anything not sold will go back to the farm as feed or fertilizer. The idea is to have no inputs, no external feed or fertilizers, to utilize geothermal and solar power sources, and to create their own bio-diesel fuel from the used fryer oil they collect from local restaurants. For such a large farm, they already have an impressively limited carbon footprint and their sustainability efforts continue to evolve everyday.

**Jon McConaughy '85**

- ◆ Played baseball, basketball, and football
- ◆ Received the Gold "P"
- ◆ Hall of Fame inductee in 2005
- ◆ PDS Reunion committees for 2005 and 2010
- ◆ University of Colorado

**Robin Cook McConaughy '87**

- ◆ Played field hockey, ice hockey, and lacrosse
- ◆ PDS Reunion committees in 2002, 2007, and 2012
- ◆ Hosting this year's reunion party at Double Brook Farm
- ◆ Trinity College

And so, as it turns out, in Hopewell, New Jersey, the pendulum is swinging back. Not only can a visitor to the soon-to-open Brick Farm Tavern know exactly where their food is coming from—they may be actually able to see it from the window.

Double Brook Farm

"I hope you brought your boots," remarked Robin, as we made our way around Double Brook Farm on a crisp day in February. "When we bought this land, there was nothing around but trees, so all the buildings you see are newly constructed." Indeed, Jon's brother, Drew McConaughy, helped with the design and construction of the two farm buildings and the main house, making use of reclaimed wood from across the country.

We made our way to visit the sheep, happily nibbling on food in their pasture, and then visited with the turkeys who

were wandering around and gobbling vigorously. The pigs were rolling around in their pen—as a consequence of some balmy winter days in New Jersey, there were excellent mud conditions. Many of the pigs are what might be referred to as heritage—there are Tamworths, Old Spots, Berkshires, and Ossabaws, whose genetic make-up mirrors the ancient Iberico pigs of Spain. The ones we saw ranged from adorable piglet to 800-lb. sow. Finally, we visited the Devon cattle who were spending the winter warming up in a shed with hay covering the floor. The calm of this area was nearly zen-like: these cows were the picture of contentment.

One thing you notice when you walk around Double Brook Farm is the smell. Or more accurately, the *lack* of a typical farm smell. The McConaughys use wood chips throughout, which almost makes you forget you are walking around a working farm. These wood chips, which would have likely ended up in a dump otherwise, are deposited by local tree services on the farm and help with composting. As you look around, you see the high piles of steaming compost dotting the property—all of it created on the farm, and used on the farm.

Robin currently manages many of the farm operations, day to day, including the sale of the farm's bounty. For instance, the chickens produce roughly 10 dozen eggs per day, which are sold to Boro Bean and the Blue Bottle restaurant in Hopewell. In addition, she also manages payroll, hires the team, and blogs about the farm on <http://blog.doublebrookfarm.com>

The next steps are opening a retail market and restaurant. In May, the McConaughys plan to open the **Brick Farm Market** in the old Malek Chevrolet building on East Broad St., in Hopewell, which will include a butcher counter, a cheese shop,

"Our plan evolved and grew because there was a need for it."

— Robin McConaughy '87



a bakery, and a juice bar. In August or September, they plan to open the **Brick Farm Tavern**, a refined farm-to-table restaurant, directly adjacent to their property on Rt. 518. The McConaughys envision the farm, and eventually the market and restaurant, as existing *for* the community—and judging from the buzz around the area, the community couldn't be more pleased. Pam Flory, Princeton Day School Garden Coordinator, remarked, "as a former organic farmer and a resident of Hopewell, I'm thrilled to see Double Brook Farm grow in our community. I give Jon and Robin credit for taking advantage of local talent and resources to build their project from the ground up. It's such a relief to see local farmland being used for its intended purpose. Selfishly I'm also very excited to have the store open. It will be such a treat to have fresh bread, artisanal cheeses and local meat products right in town."

Jon and Robin

Though Jon and Robin attended Princeton Day School at the same time and were only two years apart, they did not date during high school. Jon was friends with Robin's older brother, Jack Cook '85, and that meant any possibility of dating was out of the question. It was after they both graduated from college that they reconnected in Philadelphia. "When Jon called me, I thought it would be so much fun to hang out with him. I remember thinking he was this party animal." The evening did not, alas, go as planned. "He was really quiet," noted Robin. In fact, Robin made a point to tell her roommate at the time that if Jon ever called, she "wasn't home." As it turns out, he never called. "Jon likes to remind me of that... often," Robin laughed.

But as fate would have it, they met up again and, this time, things were differ-

ent. They quickly became a couple in 1995, and got married in Princeton in 1998.

They both always have remembered their time at PDS fondly and remain very much engaged with the school. Robin noted, "PDS gave me so many academic and social tools. And for me, there is so much community and history: my dad graduated from PCD, and my aunt graduated from Miss Fine's School." She went on to note some of her favorite teachers, including Carlos Cara, Judy Michaels, Dale Griffey, and favorite coaches like Frankie K. and Kim Bedesem.

Jon remarks that PDS had a huge impact on his life. "I had to work my way through high school and college, and I was really impressed by the mixture of personalities at PDS, both in the classrooms and on the fields. There was such socio-economic diversity—it really motivated me." Many teachers and coaches had a great impact on Jon, some in later years as mentors. "It was actually many years after I graduated that I came to realize what a significant impact Jim Walker had on me." In addition, Jon loved woodworking class with Andy Franz. "He was a great and colorful character," he noted.

Both Jon and Robin have been on their reunion committees and have hosted reunion parties at Double Brook Farm. This year, Robin is hosting her 25th reunion party at the farm.



Top: Jon and Robin. Above: Robin at graduation.

Future Farmers of America?

So, how did the once modest goal of a few chickens and possibly a farm stand evolve into a substantial farm, retail market, and restaurant employing nearly 140 local employees? Robin sums it up thusly: "our plan evolved and grew because there was a

The Princeton Day School Garden

The PDS Garden continues to grow and expand, including my position as Garden Coordinator, which is now full-time. As a hands-on partner to classroom work, the garden provides a fun and exciting way to teach almost any subject, from science and math to social studies and art, bringing lessons to life through direct experience and kinesthetic engagement. What a pleasure it is to work at a school that values these goals that are so important in teaching the whole child. ■

— Pam Flory, Garden Coordinator





need for it.” And she’s right. The original goal for the McConaughys—knowing where their food comes from—is mirroring the goal of an increasing number of us as we strive for a connection to our land and community.

Jon’s Wall Street background certainly didn’t hurt either. “The skills I learned working more than twenty years on Wall Street—business acumen and problem-solving—have served me well at Double Brook Farm.” It was through heavy research on local farming and his own business savvy that Jon was able to craft his unique and effective vertical business model. And people are taking notice. Double Brook Farm has been covered in numerous local and national publications, and the McConaughys were a subject in the 2007 documentary “American Meat.”

When asked how working on Wall Street and Double Brook Farm differ, Jon remarked, “the hours are the same, but it’s a much shorter commute.” He does love being around his family now, and noted, “you can’t put a value on seeing the kids go off to school in the morning and come home in the afternoon. When I was commuting 3 to 4 hours a day to Wall Street, I really missed that time.”

And how do the McConaughy sons, aged 9 and 11, feel about living on a working farm? Robin mentions that though they love it, they are less impressed with it since it surrounds them everyday. “Something akin to living in Manhattan and never visiting the Museum of Modern Art,” she remarked. Both boys have their chores, though. One feeds the pigs, and one helps to collect the eggs. Their older son is ultimately interested in working in a restaurant, and his mother thinks she knows why: “he loves free food.” Well, when it is local, organic, and responsibly raised, who can blame him?

The old ways are not always the best ways, but we can be guided by them. What is unique and impressive about what the McConaughys are creating on Double Brook Farm is that they are taking the best of the old and injecting innovation that is very modern. ■



Princeton Day School’s Sustainability Curriculum

The PDS Garden is the main focus of sustainability in the Lower School, emphasizing the experience of falling in love with the earth by participating in the life-cycles of growing food, taking care of the chickens, and learning about the life of our bees.

In the Middle School, there is a garden club, as well as projects in individual classes, such as a fascinating project on vertical farming through Lego League. Check out their website: <http://legopan-therverticalfarming.info/>



In the Upper School, along with the environmental science class, there is a big ecology section in ninth grade biology. Other departments include sustainability projects such as Liz Ransom’s Spanish class where, as Ms. Ransom notes, “sustainability principles easily overlap with national standards for foreign language education, such as understanding communities and developing cross-cultural competence.”

I teach a Nature & Literature elective in the Upper School where the students learn about principles of interdependent ecosystems, as well as the importance of a sense of place and respect for nature through writing in response to being outside. Classic 19th-century environmental writers such as Thoreau, Emerson, and Wordsworth as well as contemporary authors Norman Maclean, Edward Abbey, and Barbara Kingsolver are highlighted. ■



— Liz Cutler, Upper School English Teacher and Sustainability Coordinator





WOODY JOHNSON PCD '62

Alumni Service Award

Behind the Spotlight

by Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

The name is instantly recognizable: Robert Wood (Woody) Johnson IV is invariably identified as the great-grandson of the founder of Johnson & Johnson and the owner of the New York Jets. As such, he operates in the glare of the media spotlight and yet many are not aware of his pioneering efforts in the field of medical research.

He chairs two of the world's leading research organizations dealing with autoimmune disease. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), which focuses on type 1 diabetes, and the Alliance for Lupus Research (ALR), which he founded in 1999. The latter has raised \$80 million, more than any non-governmental agency in the world.

"Woody has followed very much in the family tradition of being very astute and extremely focused on biomedical research," says Ken Farber, executive director of the ALR. "It's a tradition that comes down to him quite naturally, but while his family may have put Johnson & Johnson on the map, Woody has taken those experiences and applied them to the non-profit world."

For years, Mr. Johnson quietly supported a variety of causes, but in the 1980s, when two of his daughters were diagnosed with autoimmune diseases, he concentrated his efforts on finding ways to prevent, treat and cure those illnesses. His oldest daughter, Casey, was discovered to have diabetes at the age of eight, and later volunteered with her father at JDRF. Tragically, complications from the disease led to her death in 2010. His second daughter was diagnosed with lupus, a disease that can affect the joints and almost every major organ in the body.

Mr. Johnson found lupus was not well understood so he gathered experts to determine what advances could be expected in the next fifteen years given ideal conditions. The result was ALR.



Woody Johnson PCD '62

"Starting one of these research organizations is a big task," Mr. Johnson says. "The most satisfying thing now is actually seeing improvement in people's lives. And we've made some pretty dramatic strides for a tiny organization. We've raised a couple of million dollars a month and we've made discoveries that are helping people today. If we can save somebody for one day or help them for one day, that's a good start."

"ALR wouldn't exist but for him," Mr. Farber says. "The idea of creating a voluntary health agency focused like a laser beam on curing lupus was really his idea. Woody brought to ALR a very rigorous focus on making sure we fund only the best of the best research. He's interested in moving new treatments from the laboratory bench to the patient's bedside as quickly as humanly possible."

Mr. Johnson began as chairman of JDRF's capital campaign and used his business experience to streamline the organization. "We got it running a

lot cleaner and more efficiently, and focused on research," he says. "We started at \$20 to \$30 million a year, now we're up to approximately \$220 million. It's incredible, and the impact we have on government funding (through the) National Institute for Health is pretty intense."

"Woody's very sensitive to other people and that makes him a natural fundraiser," says Neil Burmeister, former president of the Johnson Company and a family friend for 40 years. "He can literally walk up to anyone and they become his friend, and he can talk on whatever subject they want to speak on. He also is intuitively bright about common sense matters. He just loves to raise money for a good cause – and contribute himself. He's very quiet about his philanthropy, but if you ask him to do something, he'll do it with vigor and dedication. He's a very engaged and engaging person."

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BEN MEZRICH '87 *Alumni Achievement Award*

Risk and Reward

by Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

Pick up any Ben Mezrich book, fiction or nonfiction, and you can count on an adrenalin-pumping, can't-put-it-down narrative that will transport you to worlds you never imagined. Since 1996, he has published twelve books, including the blockbuster bestsellers, *Bringing Down the House: The Inside Story of Six M.I.T. Students Who Took Vegas for Millions* and *The Accidental Billionaires: The Founding of Facebook, a Tale of Sex, Money, Genius and Betrayal*, which were adapted into the movies *21* and *The Social Network*, respectively.

Mr. Mezrich's success is matched by the courage and perseverance it took to achieve it. He always knew he wanted to be a writer, and after graduating *magna cum laude* from Harvard, he locked himself in a Boston apartment and whipped out seven manuscripts in two years – and endured no less than 190 rejection slips. Desperate, he was on the verge of giving up and enrolling in law school when his first novel, *Threshold*, was accepted for publication. He wrote five more thrillers in quick succession and established a niche in the medical/science fiction market.

"I was just kind of plugging along," he says. "Then I met the M.I.T. kids. They had tons of money and I could never figure out why they had all this money – always in hundred dollar bills. I went to one of the guy's houses and in his laundry was \$250,000 in hundred dollar bills!"

It turned out the students were part of disciplined team that used an intricate card-counting system to beat the odds at blackjack. Although card counting is entirely legal, if detected, players are barred from the casinos – or worse.

"So I joined the blackjack team for six months to write their story," Mr. Mezrich says. He got a taste of the adrenalin rush they experienced when he played the part of a high roller, boarding a flight to Las Vegas with \$250,000 strapped to his body, and hitting the casinos with the rest of the team.

"It's really fun when you find a story and you sort of dive into it and find yourself in some gangster bar in Japan or running through Vegas being chased by security," he says. "*Bringing Down the House* ended up being my first nonfiction book and it just ex-



Ben Mezrich '87

ploded. It spent 63 weeks on the *New York Times* Bestseller List and sold over two million copies – then Kevin Spacey called."

Mr. Mezrich hung up on the award-winning actor, thinking it was a prank call, but after they finally connected, Mr. Spacey bought the movie rights and starred in the film adaptation.

"I never set out to be a nonfiction writer," Mr. Mezrich says. "The thing that surprised me most in my career was definitely *The Social Network*," he says of the film that last year won four Golden Globes and was nominated for eight Academy Awards, winning three, includ-

ing Best Adapted Screenplay. "When I sat down to write a thriller about the founding of Facebook, nowhere in my head was I thinking, okay, it's going to end up being an Oscar-winning movie. It never dawned on me."

Mr. Mezrich may be surprised at his success, but his former PDS teachers are not.

"I loved his wit and imagination, and simply tried to encourage him to write in his own way," Judy Michaels says. "It felt as though he needed to have the freedom to find his own way as a writer."

"Each week I would assign a piece of writing, and each week Ben would do something totally different from what I'd asked for," recalls English Teacher Steve Lawrence. "I would say, 'Gee, Ben,

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The Mezrich Family Chair

Was it coincidence, genetics or a patiently executed prank? What prompted six members of the Mezrich family to choose the exact same seat during Russian class over a span of 14 years?

"Students tend to claim a particular seat which, over time, becomes 'theirs,' but this was bizarre," says Tassie Turkevich Skvir '62 who taught Russian in the Colross library. "The first day of class, Jon Mezrich '84 made a beeline for the right back corner seat and occupied it throughout the year. He was followed by his brothers Ben '87 and Josh '89, and, a few years later, by their cousins, Abe '94, Aliza '91 and Mark '98, and each and every one commandeered the same exact seat."



JEREMY JOHNSON '02

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

No Room for the Impossible

by Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

It takes exceptional confidence, courage, and creativity to start a new company, but that is exactly what Jeremy Johnson '02 has done – not once, but four times in just 12 years – and he has done it with tremendous success.

Today he is Chief Marketing Officer for 2tor, a company he co-founded in 2008 with John Katzman, founder of the Princeton Review. The company partners with universities to provide top quality, online graduate degree programs. Its first two master's programs are now the largest non-profit programs in the country and, with \$68 million in venture capital, it is the country's highest-funded education technology start-up company. It was recently named one of the 50 most innovative companies in the world by *Fast Company Magazine*.

"I definitely enjoy the spirit of creation, of bringing something new into the world," Mr. Johnson says. "But I also really like the team-building aspect of it and feeling that you're bringing together different, talented people who share a common goal. For me, it's a realization that we are able to transform the world in profound ways."

Mr. Johnson launched his first company during his sophomore year at PDS. It was an online marketplace for virtual goods that he ran while juggling a full academic schedule, captaining the football, basketball and baseball teams, and earning the Gold "P," the school's highest honor for athletic skill and sportsmanship.

"He was able to fit in with any group of kids and he was absolutely a leader in the classroom," says former English teacher Barbara Walker. "I could see from the way he interpreted some of the assignments that he was a risk-taker. He had a great sense of humor and such passion for whatever he did."

Mr. Johnson went on to Princeton University where he formed his second company, called Zandigo, with two underclassmen. Its website streamlines the admission process by matching prospective students with admission officers.

"In many ways, Zandigo stemmed from my experience at



Jeremy Johnson '02

PDS," he says. "I lived in Trenton and went to the Trenton public schools. When I transferred to PDS in seventh grade, I encountered a very different reality. PDS had three guidance counselors for 90 kids, Trenton had one for 900."

The Zandigo concept received a Princeton Entrepreneurs Network award of \$10,000 when Mr. Johnson was a junior, and after raising another \$350,000, he left college to build the business. When it was acquired by Zinch in 2007, Mr. Johnson stayed on for a year before leaving to pursue another idea that became 2tor.

"2tor carefully selects its university partners from among the top academic institutions in the country and invests up to \$10 million in each of its programs with the explicit purpose of building the highest quality program possible," he says.

The company provides the technology platform that enables universities to deliver their curricula online, and its instructional designers work with professors to create the new curriculum. Students are able to access support services and practical learning experiences wherever they live.

2tor is currently affiliated with Georgetown University's School of Nursing and Health Studies, the University of Southern California's School of Social Work and its Rossier School of Education, and the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School. Already, the results are impressive: in just three years, USC's Rossier School has seen the fastest rise in ranking in the history of graduate education schools, from 38th to 14th, increased enrollment from 75 students to 2,000, and grown from 10 teaching faculty to 110.

"The professors were skeptical at first," Mr. Johnson says, "but now they actually feel they engage more deeply in our (online) classes than they do on campus because they're all live classes for streaming video. You raise your hand as if in a classroom. Everyone's in the front row always."

Barely four years old, 2tor has 400 employees and is expecting

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WOODY JOHNSON
ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

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Mr. Johnson has never had trouble making friends or moving out of his comfort zone. At a time when most of his Millbrook School classmates were heading to northeastern colleges, he chose the University of Arizona in Tucson because, "it was totally different than anything I'd ever experienced," he says.

In his junior year, a fall from an open bridge left him paralyzed from the waist down. His doctors did not expect he would ever walk again but, after six months of therapy, he wiggled a toe and slowly regained the use of his legs. His recuperation took almost two years but he suffers no lingering effects from the fall.

He returned to college and, after graduation, moved to Florida to build condominiums, a new apartment concept that was just gaining popularity. A few years later he took over a small cable television company and built it into one of the largest privately held cable TV systems in the country. It merged with American Cable in 1980, and Mr. Johnson moved with his family to New York City.

At that point he established the Johnson Company. He still works there today when he is not fulfilling his role as a very hands-on manager of philanthropies, serving on presidential councils, directing political fundraising efforts in the tri-state area, or overseeing the Jets organization.

"It's a great honor to be a fiduciary to the New York Jets," he says. "It's a small enterprise that has a big impact because people really care about it, so we're fairly visible and the fans want us to be visible because they want to be assured that we're taking good care of what they love."

"In the past, Woody tended to be a very private person," says Mr. Burmeister. "He was always a great philanthropist but it was behind the scenes. Buying the Jets was a direct indication that he was ready to be a very public guy. There's not much you can do to get away from the limelight, but he copes with that very well. He's willing to take the heat and the praise. I think he's found his place in life, he's enjoying life." ■

BEN MEZRICH
ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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the assignment was to do such and such, and you instead wrote a detective story. What happened?" Ben would answer with a gentle apology. Then it would happen again the following week. However, whatever he ended up doing was done about as perfectly as I could imagine – in interesting, deft style, with a strong narrative, and an obvious understanding of the way language and aesthetics work in writing. The moral may be that the quality Ben had in abundance was independence.... or courage, and the confidence to do what he believed in."

He could even write powerful stories in Russian. Twenty-five years later, Tassie Turkevich Skvir '62 remembers an assignment in which students were asked to write as a character in Pushkin's *Queen of Spades*.

"Ben wrote it from the point of view of Herman, the man who gets caught up in the card game and goes insane," she explains. "In his piece, the handwriting deteriorated as Herman's illness progressed and, as he finished the diary, the handwriting fell off the page. It was absolutely phenomenal. It was one of those pieces you just didn't want to put down."

Today Mr. Mezrich can write whatever he likes. "I'm working on a big secret book right now that I can't really talk about but it's going to be awesome," he says. "And then we're working on the movie from my last book, *Sex on the Moon*, about the kid who robbed NASA. We're going to shoot it this summer."

Mr. Mezrich has been interviewed on the *Today* show, written for the television series, *The X-Files*, co-hosted two television series about blackjack and, in perhaps his riskiest undertaking yet, represented Massachusetts in the *Sextiest Bachelor in America Pageant* in 2000.

"There definitely have to be two different sides to your personality," he says. "One side of you has to be the total loner and the other side has to be really out there, doing press and meeting people, so it's a very odd career in that respect."

Boston may have lost a great lawyer, but Mr. Mezrich's fans do not care: they are eagerly awaiting his next book, getting ready to fasten their seat belts and enjoy a wild ride. ■

JEREMY JOHNSON
OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

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to double in size every year for the next three years. In addition, there are plans to launch two more partnerships this year. Mr. Johnson will ensure that growth does not interfere with quality, however.

"I only want to do things that I believe are going to be awesome," he says.

In 2011, Mr. Johnson was selected one of the top 30 "most influential entrepreneurs under 30" by Under30CEO.com. He serves on the board of the Young Entrepreneur Council. "I helped them launch a \$30 million, early-stage venture fund (Gen Y Capital) to invest in companies with at least one founder under 35," he says. "The fund was publicly announced by President Obama in a press release last fall."

"What makes Jeremy so unique – and ultimately so successful in his endeavors – is that he refuses to accept the status quo," says longtime friend Nick Perold '03, Director of Strategy at Carrot Creative. "In high school, he was always the one to say 'why not?' when a friend made a proposal in jest, such as driving to the Jersey shore on a school night just to go for a quick dip. As an entrepreneur he continues to say 'why not' and applies this mantra in business. When Jeremy told me he wanted to extend high quality graduate school programs to a wider audience through internet-based learning I said, 'I don't think it will work.' He immediately said 'why not?'"

"Over the last few years," Mr. Perold continues, "I have watched Jeremy build 2tor from a simple idea to an industry-changing company – all the way answering doubting Thomases with 'why not?' His ability to answer this question with tangible results has earned him the respect of his peers, the business community, and leaders in public policy. When I think about the future of education in America, I am deeply encouraged by the thought that someone as creative and tenacious as Jeremy is reimagining how we use technology to deliver high quality education to the masses."

Or, as Mr. Johnson puts it, "Everything that seems impossible is totally possible." ■

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



by Linda Maxwell Stefanelli '62

Three outstanding athletes will be inducted into the Princeton Day School Athletic Hall of Fame on Alumni Weekend: Becca Royal '87, Danielle Stramandi '97 and Mark Trowbridge '92. They competed in multiple interscholastic sports and excelled in all of them. By college, their toughest decision was not whether they could compete at the Division 1 level, but in which sport they wanted to focus their talent.

Ms. Royal and Mr. Trowbridge honed their skills tossing lacrosse balls with their brothers in the backyard, went on to capture PDS' highest athletic honor and set records in college. Ms. Stramandi had to go farther afield for gymnastics and diving training and, as an only child, had to rely on her own drive for perfection, but she amassed honors at the national and international level. All three alumni embody the talent, dedication, and joy in their sport that are the mark of a great athlete.

Becca Royal '87

Becca Royal has been recognized as a top caliber athlete at every stage of her athletic career, from middle school through college. At PDS she won the Silver and Gold "P" for athletic skill and sportsmanship, and at Colgate University she twice received Brine/IWLCA First Team All-America honors in lacrosse. Gratifying as those honors were, Ms. Royal played for the love of the game, and the friendships team sports cement.

"I think what I loved most about athletics at PDS was the camaraderie and the fun times I had with my friends," she says. "We were all very dedicated and had a strong desire to win, but at the same time we had a great time with each other. We would laugh and sing cheers so loudly we lost our voices."

Ms. Royal took gymnastics and diving as a young girl but much preferred team sports. At PDS she amassed eleven letters in field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse, and captained each team.

Classmate Robin Cook McConaughy '87 played on all three



teams with her (for more on Robin, please see page 16). "You always felt, when you took the field with Becca, you were going to win. She was unbelievably fast and she never lost steam. (She played center) and she just was so good at both sides of the field: she could see how the plays were developing on both offense and defense."

"She was dedicated, talented and a strong leader," says field hockey teammate Stephanie Richman '87. "She was the player the team could rely upon to make a big play or to rally us when energy or spirits were low. Becca's skills appeared to come easily to her, but she worked hard to better her abilities

and never seemed to take her talents for granted or rest on her laurels. Above all, Becca was the consummate good sport. With quiet determination and a positive attitude, she led the team by example, inspiring everyone to play hard and to do their best. Perhaps more than the accomplishments we achieved, I remember the fun we had, from leading pre-season aerobics to singing *We Are The Champions* on the bus riding to and from away games. Becca was instrumental in creating a close-knit team of players who inspired, encouraged and enjoyed each other both on and off the field."

REBECCA ROYAL '87

Princeton Day School

Field Hockey – 3 years, Captain and MVP '86
Mercer County Championship '86
Prep "A" Championship '86
Ice Hockey – 4 years, Captain '86-'87
Lacrosse – 4 years, Co-Captain and MVP '87
Prep All Star '85, '86, '87
Prep "A" Championship '84, '85, '86, '87
Silver "P"
Gold "P"

Colgate University

Field Hockey – 2 years
Ice Hockey – 4 years, Player/Manager,
Offensive MVP '90-'91
Lacrosse – 4 years, leader ground ball
pick-ups with 152, Defensive MVP '91
Brine/IWLCA Northeast Regional All-America
First Team, '90, '91



Although the seasons overlapped, Ms. Royal continued to play three sports at Colgate until junior year when she returned to campus from a summer study in Japan too late for field hockey. Ice hockey was a club sport at that time but the team was very competitive. In senior year, Ms. Royal and PDS classmate Susie Curtin '87 became player/managers, which necessitated formulating the schedule, ordering buses, organizing housing in private homes, and wrangling precious ice time.

In senior year, Ms. Royal was invited to try out for the National Lacrosse Team. She was named defensive MVP at Colgate and was amused to learn stats were kept for ground ball pick-ups and that she led the team with a career total of 152.

"The coaches at PDS, and later at Colgate, taught us about playing sports and how to play on a team, but they also instilled lessons about life, such as commitment, achieving goals and overcoming obstacles," Ms. Royal remembers. "Now when I hit a roadblock I have the confidence and experience to determine how I can overcome the obstacle and proceed toward my goal. I find it rewarding to work with a group. It's fun to discover what strengths people have and what they can bring to a project (in order) to motivate the group so we can work together toward a common objective."

Mark Trowbridge '92

Growing up with three brothers, Mark Trowbridge did not have to look far to pick up a game of catch or tennis or soccer — or to find motivation to improve.

"We're all very competitive, and if it weren't for being the third in my family, I don't think I would have had as much drive to be a good athlete," he says. "(Also,) my parents love sports. We'd play tennis doubles a lot and Dad was just the consummate hockey fanatic. He coached a few of my teams and I really fell in love with hockey."

By the time Mr. Trowbridge was in Upper School, his older



brothers had gone off to boarding school but he found himself on teams with their friends.

"It was fun because I was playing hockey and lacrosse as a freshman and my brothers weren't around so I had lots of mentoring by seniors," he says.

"Mark was a phenomenal hockey player," says classmate Jud Henderson '92 who played on two teams with him. "In senior year we played Rye Country Day,

a pretty good hockey school. The game was tied with less than 30 seconds left. Mark took a slap shot from our defensive end that bounced and went through their goalie's legs into the goal and we won the game 5-4. He was a complete joy to be on any team with. In lacrosse he had 50 goals as a senior which is an amazing number."

"I think part of my success in sports was being a good endurance athlete," Mr. Trowbridge says, crediting tough training sessions under soccer coach Bill Mintner. "I like to run. I wasn't necessarily the fastest runner, but I loved being the one who could sprint the most or last the longest."

"Mark never came off the field," says his former lacrosse coach Scott Spence, explaining that two or three

midfield lines usually rotate to give players a rest. "When Mark's line came off, he would stay in on attack. We dubbed him the Iron Man. He was a center middle who ran the field really well and hustled for every ground ball. He had a terrific shot, was able to hit hard, played very good defense, and (it) was really great to see his openness to receiving coaching. Most importantly, he just grew in the game so much he was able to improvise a lot more. And that's really the mark of becoming a good player. It was a real joy to see a player be able to react naturally to a situation you didn't expect and do something smart with the ball."

Mr. Trowbridge took a post-graduate year at Choate Rosemary Hall to increase his chances of being recruited for hockey by a Division I school. However, it happened that his roommate was a lacrosse player and, as they worked together to perfect their skills, Mr. Trowbridge found he was getting more interest from colleges for lacrosse than hockey.

He chose to go to Boston College which attracted top players and played a tough Division I schedule. He had to abandon his dream of playing college hockey but made up for it by becoming one of the top lacrosse players in BC history. He was named to the All New England Team and the North/South All-Star Classic Team and finished his college career in seventh place on BC's all-time records list for goals and thirteenth in points.

"Mark still plays both hockey and lacrosse to this day," Mr. Henderson says. "At this point it's almost like he's cheating because, physically, he's in so much better shape than everybody else. He hasn't aged—he's just running around like an 18-year-old."

MARK TROWBRIDGE '92

Princeton Day School

Soccer – 2 years
Ice Hockey – 4 years
Garden State Hockey Team '90-'91
NJ Hockey All Star Team '91-'92
Chicago Showcase Tourney '91-'92
Co-Captain and MVP '91-'92
Lacrosse – 4 years
All-Mercer County First Team '91
Co-Captain and MVP '92
Gold "P"

Boston College

Lacrosse – 4 years
All New England Team '97
North/South All-Star Classic Team '97
Senior Award



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Danielle Stramandi '97

Princeton Day School has never had a pool, much less a diving team, so it may come as a surprise to learn it holds records in springboard and platform diving. We can thank four-time High School All-American Danielle Stramandi for that. In addition to earning honors for the school as a diver, she competed in gymnastics and was state champion for three years. At Princeton University she received All-America honors three years running and was the first female diver ever to finish in the top three at the NCAA Championships.



"I felt I had a talent and I needed to do something with it," Ms. Stramandi says. "I wanted to know I'd reached the highest level I could. Also, it was very exciting to represent PDS."

She says she liked returning to PDS with the "gift" of a new win and was touched by the way her classmates supported her. She began gymnastics at the age of three and at 12 turned down an invitation to train with legendary Olympic coach Bela Karolyi in Texas.

"She's a perfectionist," says her former gymnastics coach Jonathan Schafer. "Her work ethic is just awesome. She was not only able to, she was willing to do what it took to reach her goal. She had some skills that very few people in the world do."

He recalls a particular floor routine Ms. Stramandi performed at Nationals that was so unique the judges had to ask what it was and how to score it. He also praises her team spirit.

"She's a lovely person," he says. "I don't think she really appreciated how good she was."

At 13, she took up diving for a local team under the direction of Princeton University coach Greg Gunn. While competing in two sports, she maintained a high academic standing and was inducted into the Cum Laude Society her senior year.

"You really have to love the sport," she says. "I would get up at 4:00 a.m. to do homework and get to school at 7:30, allowing around a half hour for more homework, then, if I needed more time, I'd do it when I came home. I never went to lunch." Instead, she ate alone in a quiet corner so she could study. "My last class was a study period. I would leave early, go to diving from 2:30 to 5:00, then go to gymnastics from 5:30 to 9:00 every night." She ate dinner in the car.

By junior year Ms. Stramandi was being recruited by a number of top colleges for both gymnastics and diving and knew she had to decide between the two. She chose to dive for Princeton and Mr. Gunn.

"She has a love of competition," he says. "She's a very goal-oriented person who persevered through ups and downs and just kept getting better and better. As a result, she ended up being one of the top kids in the country and helped take our program to a national level."

Midway through college, she took a year off to train in Houston and returned with new determination. She was named

to the USA National Diving Team and went to the World University Games in Beijing, China where she was a ten-meter platform finalist and achieved the highest points on her team. It takes an enormous amount of courage and skill to perform flips and twists off a diving platform 33 feet in the air, and enter the water moving at 30 miles an hour.

"Danielle challenged herself in a number of different ways," Mr. Gunn says. "She was willing to change to try to discover what would be most efficient for her in her diving. A lot of athletes won't do that because whenever you make a change, you don't know if it's going to help you or hurt you."

Today Ms. Stramandi is embracing new challenges. She is a third-year resident in family medicine and coaches at Schafer School of Gymnastics, passing on her unique knowledge and commitment to others.



DANIELLE STRAMANDI '97

Princeton Day School

Diving

1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 - All-America Interscholastic Diving Team
1997 - NSCA National High School Swimming and Diving Championships (CO)
Women's Diving 1-Meter Optional Silver Medalist
Women's Diving Voluntary Silver Medalist
Eastern Independent School Regional Championships (PA)
1-Meter Diving Champion, new meet record for points earned
New Jersey Independent School State Championships
1-Meter Diving Champion
Garden State Games, two-time 1-Meter Diving Champion

Gymnastics

1988-1989 - NJ Class IV Balance Beam All-Around State Champion
1989-1990 - NJ Level VI Floor Exercise State Champion
1990-1991 - NJ Level VII Floor Exercise, Balance Beam & All-Around State Champion
1992 - USAIGC National Gymnastics Championships (NV), Intermediate Optional Finalist
1993 - USAIGC National Gymnastics Championships (FL) Optional 3rd Place All-Around Finalist
1994 - USAIGC National Championships Open (NC), Optional Finalist, 5th Place Balance Beam Elite All-Around

Princeton University

Diving

PU Dual Meet Recorder Holder in 1-Meter Springboard and 10-Meter Platform Diving
1997-1998 - All-Ivy League 1-Meter Diving First Team, All-Ivy League 3-Meter Diving Second Team, Ivy League Championships 1-Meter springboard gold medalist
1998 - 3-Meter Springboard Silver Medalist & 1-Meter Springboard Gold Medalist at Ivy Championships
2000 - 1-Meter Springboard Silver Medalist at Ivy Championships
2001 - Fina/USA Diving Team
NCAA Division I Women's National Swimming & Diving Championships (NY), 10-Meter Platform Bronze Medalist, PU record
World University Games (Beijing, China), 10-Meter Platform Finalist, led USA National Diving Team in points
2000, 2001, 2002 - NCAA All-America Division I Swimming & Diving Team

Post College

2008 - present - Schafer School of Gymnastics, - Instructor & Coach
2010 - Ben Franklin Swim Club - Diving Coach
2011 - Rider University - Volunteer Assistant Diving Coach

“Kids Helping Kids”

Brandon Frank '15 Gives Back to PDS

by Kathryn Rosko

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BRANDON FRANK '15 IS A HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN ON THE FAST TRACK. In addition to keeping up with his schoolwork at Princeton Day School, he is also the President of Brandon's Design Group (brandonsdesigngroup.com), and has created two apps available on iTunes: Sme, and Math101. Brandon and his work have been featured on CNN and the “Today” Show, as well as in regional and national newspapers. In his (limited) spare time, he takes nature photographs and has won the CNN Photo of the Day.... twice.

It's enough to make the rest of us feel lackadaisical.

But what's really unique about Brandon Frank beyond all of these impressive achievements is that he firmly believes in giving back and helping other students at Princeton Day School. “I like the idea of kids helping kids,” Brandon remarked in a recent interview. He has given the school 20% of profits from the sales of his apps for the past two years. And in January, he pledged a gift of twenty iPod Shuffles to the PDS Language Department for use in classes in all divisions.

Why iPods? “I take Chinese and hearing the proper pronunciation can be a problem sometimes,” observed Brandon. “With iPod Shuffles, you can record and play back—the repetition makes it much easier to learn.” An added bonus is that the PDS iPod Shuffles can be synched together, earphones can be given to students, and there is no screen to potentially distract the students from language. “I wanted to give the iPods to the Language Department so they can be used in any grade. I like that it's technology-based not grade-based,” noted Brandon. He will present the gift to the PDS Language Department in the spring, and individual training sessions will commence thereafter.

Though making the switch to the Upper School this year has increased Brandon's workload, he still has big plans for the future. “I would like to get a degree in Artificial Intelligence and Law, I think,” remarked Brandon on his college plans. In the short term, Brandon will launch a new app this spring, and he is one of the select few who has been invited to attend the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in June—and will be perhaps one of the only attendees under the age of 18.

“We are grateful for Brandon's generosity to PDS,” remarked Director of Advancement Kathy Schulte. “As a current student, he offers a wonderful example of how giving back can be both gratifying and creative.”



LETTER FROM

The Chair of the Board of Trustees

As my tenure as Board Chair draws to a close, I am reflecting on the current state of Princeton Day School and the work of the school over the last four years. PDS is flourishing, having demonstrated its resilience and unyielding progress at every turn since the economic downturn began in September 2008. The Board adopted a rolling five-year plan to ensure the school's financial sustainability; annual tuition increases have been kept to a minimum (and are the lowest among our peer schools in New Jersey); Annual Fund giving has never been stronger; funding for financial aid to our families has increased significantly; student enrollment is full; and PDS received accolades from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools for its comprehensive self-evaluation study in support of the school's successful reaccreditation.



C. Treby McLaughlin Williams '80

These achievements are all in support of the inspired teaching and learning that are the hallmark of the PDS experience. Additionally, the faculty and staff have refined and created new curriculum, enhanced the faculty evaluation program, and worked to improve a host of curricular and extracurricular programs.

Our school's many accomplishments are a source of pride, but more importantly, they reflect the profound character of the PDS community and its head of school. Engaged students, dedicated and inspiring faculty and staff, committed parent volunteers, and supportive alumni steward the best traditions of PDS and enable the institution's continual progress.

Since his arrival almost four years ago, Head of School Paul Stellato has provided outstanding leadership. Paul's deep knowledge and experience as an educator, love for PDS, and abiding commitment to our students shape his questions, conversations, and initiatives. On a personal note, my partnership with Paul over these last four years has been a truly inspiring and rewarding experience. Paul's passion for this place—his vision, insight, work ethic, collaboration, and humor—are all delivered from a platform that starts with the question: "What is best for the students?" I am often tempted to forward Paul's emails to me (many of which he sends around 4:45 in the morning!) to the entire school community for a glimpse of the head of school's thoughtfulness and eloquence on complex issues before most of us are awake. I thank Paul for his extraordinary leadership and his continued commitment to head our school.

I also would like to express sincere gratitude to the stellar trustees with whom I have served. Our board table is a place of diverse perspectives and profound mutual respect where trustees share their best thinking and commit extraordinary amounts of time. We carefully study the issues before us, are deeply thoughtful in our decision-making and rigorous in our self-evaluation. Working with my fellow trustees has been a great honor.

Having spent a combined 25 years at PDS as a student and trustee, the school has been a daily source of learning for exactly half my life – from Nancy Miller's edits on my second grade composition "*How my Brother was Born*" to last month's engaged board conversation regarding mechanics of strategic planning. The time and energy that I have contributed to PDS is a small fraction of what the school has given to me.

I thank the entire PDS community for shaping the school's aspirations and ensuring its strength to fulfill them. I have never felt more confident about the school's future and more excited about its promise.

— C. Treby McLaughlin Williams '80
Chair, Board of Trustees

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Greetings from the Alumni Board!

As many of you know, it has been a wonderful year for reconnecting with classmates and alumni, and spreading the spirit of Princeton Day School far and wide. We have been fortunate enough to hold alumni events in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Washington D.C. this year. We went to Broadway to see fellow alum, Morgan Weed '03, perform in "Rent," and hosted more than 100 alumni at the 4th Annual Young Alumni event at the Nassau Inn in Princeton. The success of these events over the past few years has reminded all of us on the Alumni Board just how dedicated our alumni are, and how much PDS has shaped so many of us. If we have not held an event near you, please contact us and we can work together to plan an alumni event in your hometown.

In the interim, you can always stay connected with the PDS community through issues of the *PDS Journal* and the website. Visit our 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. Also, check out our Facebook page, PDS Alums, and join our Alumni Group on Linked In.

In preparation for this year's Alumni Weekend, I am delighted to share with you the names of the recipients of the 2012 Alumni Awards: **Ben Mezrich '87** will receive the Alumni Achievement Award, **Woody Johnson PCD '62** will receive the Alumni Service Award, and **Jeremy Johnson '02** will receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. In addition, we are pleased to salute our three newest inductees into the PDS Athletic Hall of Fame: **Rebecca Royal '87**, **Mark Trowbridge '92**, and **Danielle Stramandi '97**. We hope to see many of you on campus for Alumni Weekend on May 11th and 12th, particularly those of you in class years ending in 2s and 7s, as you are celebrating milestone reunions.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board members, Allison Marshall '03, Arianna Rosati '88, and Barbara Rose MFS '64. I would also like to thank our departing board members, Mea Aall Kaemmerlen '64, Shana Fineburg Owen '87, and Sara Lott '96 for their dedication to the PDS community.

Looking forward to seeing you in May,

Benjamin M. Frost '92
President, Alumni Board

Thanksgiving Alumni Games



Alexa '08 and John '06 Maher



Maxime '11 and Antoine '08 Hoppenot



Loate '94 and Deji '96 Olukotua



Marco '15 and Rui '12 Pinheiro



Ron '13 and Misha '09 Gerschel



Lilly '14 and Laila '11 Razzaghi



Powers Family: Will '11, Peter '12, Howie '80 and Eric '12

ALUMNI WEEKEND

May 11 & 12, 2012

All class ending in **2's** and **7's**, mark your calendar and come back to the Great Road to celebrate your milestone reunion!

For more information and to register visit: www.pds.org/alumni

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35th Reunion • 1977

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40th Reunion • 1972

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45th Reunion • 1967

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MFS 50th Reunion • 1962

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PCD 50th Reunion • 1962

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MFS 55th Reunion • 1957

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PCD 55th Reunion • 1957

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ALUMNI WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Come join the fun!

Don't miss a minute...

*Reunion Parties, Alumni Games,
Old Friends, New Friends,
Family Picnic, Awards, Lecture,
Tours, Golf, Food, and Fun!*

Friday, May 11th

10:00am • **Alumni Golf and Lunch with Head of School, Paul Stellato, Bedens Brook Golf Club**

Lunch at the turn • \$140 per person

5:30pm–6:30pm • **Semper Luceat Reception, Colross – by invitation only**

Named for the motto of one of our founding schools, Miss Fine's School, it means *may it always shine*; the Semper Luceats are our most loyal Annual Fund Donors. Members have contributed to the Annual Fund for ten or more consecutive years.

6:30pm–10:00pm • **Alumni, Faculty, Former Faculty and Staff Reunion, Under the Reunion Tent behind Colross**

Cocktail and buffet dinner hosted by Head of School, Paul Stellato and his wife, Maureen.

8:00pm • A short program with remarks by Head of School, Paul Stellato, a salute to Treby McLaughlin Williams '80, outgoing Chair of the Board of Trustees, a champagne toast to honor our faculty and staff who have given 20 years or more of distinguished service to our school, and the presentation of class awards.

Saturday, May 12th

9:00am–12:00pm • **Patrick Kerney '94 Fitness Center Open**

Come and work out in our state-of-the-art fitness room.

10:00am–12:00pm • **Student-Led Campus Tours,**

Meet inside the main school entrance

If you haven't seen the renovations to the school yet, now is your opportunity. See the amazing Patrick Kerney '94 Fitness Center, Matthews Arts Wing, dance studio, and garden.

10:00am • **Walking Tour – The Lay of the Land,**

Meet at the Colross entrance

Come for a walk on the PDS walking trail, renew an old acquaintance with the landscape, and hear some of the stories that have shaped the campus and surrounding woods and fields over the years. Led by David Lamotte, Chair, Upper School English.

11:00am • **2012 Alumni Achievement Award Recipient Ben Mezrich '87 "From PDS to Hollywood: A Writer's Journey" McAneny Theater**

Ben Mezrich '87 is an enviably successful writer who has created an addictive genre of nonfiction, which chronicles stories of young geniuses who make lots of money and live on the edge of impossibility, ethics, and morality. The author of twelve books, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *Bringing Down the House: The Inside Story of Six M.I.T. Students Who Took Vegas for Millions* and *The Accidental Billionaires: The Founding of Facebook, a Tale of Sex, Money, Genius and Betrayal*, Ben has made his way from The Great Road all the way to Hollywood. Both books have been made into the highly successful movies, "21" and "The Social Network," respectively. "The Social Network," written by Aaron Sorkin and directed by David Fincher, was #1 at the box office for two weeks and showered with awards, including four Golden Globes and three Oscars, including best Adapted Screenplay.

12:00pm • **Moment of Remembrance, Matthews Art Wing Courtyard**

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

12:30pm • **50th MFS & PCD luncheon hosted by Head of School, Paul Stellato and his wife, Maureen, Behr House (across the street from the Lisa McGraw '44 Rink)**

Our distinguished alumni who are celebrating their 50th reunion are invited to an intimate and delicious luncheon at Behr House.

12:30pm • **Alumni Picnic, Under the Reunion Tent behind Colross**

Bring the whole family for a delicious old fashioned barbecue. Children's games and activities to entertain the younger guests.

2:00pm • **Alumni Game**

Coed Alumni Soccer Game – Bill Smoyer '60 Turf Field

3:00pm • **Alumni Games**

Bob Krueger Memorial Alumni Lacrosse Game – Krueger Field

Kim Bedesem Memorial Alumnae Lacrosse Game – Baker field

Tennis Round Robin – PDS Tennis Courts

Family Wiffle Ball – PDS baseball field by the Lisa McGraw '44 Rink

5:30pm • **Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame Reception and Ceremony, Under the Reunion Tent behind Colross**

Alumni Awards:

Alumni Achievement Award – Ben Mezrich '87

Alumni Service Award – Woody Johnson PCD '62

Outstanding Young Alumni Award – Jeremy Johnson '02

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:

Danielle Stramandi '97

Mark Trowbridge '92

Rebecca Royal '87

7:30pm • **Alumni Reunion Class Parties**

Various locations around campus and throughout the community

AlumniGatherings

New York



Bo Marshall '07, Fred Mittnacht '06, Allissa Crea '06, George Carpeni '06.



Former Lower School teacher Nancy Miller MFS '57 and her student Justin Revelle '03.



Head of School Paul J. Sellato and Nick Maloney '05.



Michael France '99, Rebecca Lintner '95, John Griffith '99, Justin Revelle '03.



Trustee Mark Tatum, Alumni Board Member Pat Courtney '85 and Rob Chibbaro '86.



Susan Stix Fisher '72 and Turner Price '72.



Alumni Board Member Adrena Cunningham '99, Jan Baker, Board Chair Treby Williams '80.



Former faculty Father Dan Skvir H'73 and Robert McClellan '77.



Head of Upper School Carlton Tucker, Nick Sardar '01 and Ashton Todd '01.

AlumniGatherings



San Francisco alumni gather at The Press Club in February.



Bob Piper PCD '46, Erik Oliver '90 and Craig Stuart '87.



Sapna Thottathil '00, Charlie Denby '00 and Rob Farina '00.



Siblings Mark Zawadsky '77 and Jeff Zawadsky '89 and Eric Cholankeril '98 and Annmarie Cholankeril '96.



Los Angeles



Michelle Gans Azrialy '87 and Lisa Herbert '87.



Liuba Shapiro '96, Carolyn Sivitz '95 and Nina Wolarsky '93.



Matt Miller '89, Keri Sheehan Putnam '83 and Drew Rosenberg '79.

San Francisco

Alumni Gatherings

New York Young Alumni



Alumni Board Member Chris Gerry '99, Jared Lender '00 and Lauren Welsh '99.



Alumni Board Members: Tracey Gates, Director of Alumni Relations; Marlee Sayen '02; Ben Frost '92, Alumni Board President; Galette Levin '96, Stephen Pollard '90 and Lucy Englander Brinster '78.



Maureen Larsen '01, Johanna Dickson '02.

Elizabeth Sayen '03,
Anita Deshpande '03,
Marlee Sayen '02,
Grant Schmucker '02,
Bianca Gersten '03,
Steve Dool '03, and
Justin Revelle '03.



Princeton Young Alumni



Maya Anjur-Dietrich '11, Alexandra DeCandia '11, Nick Muoio '11, Alex Ioffreda '11, and Jacob Kaufman '11.



Brian Crowell '11, Sabrina Deana-Roga '11, Sam Kelly '11, Lauren Paneyko '13, Sydney Gecha '11, Jacqui Stevens '11, Alexandra McCourt '11, and Alexandra Sherman '11.



Tess Glancey '08, John Maher '06, and Alexa Maher '08.



Anupa Shah '94, Ian Wijaya '95, Gerry Cadava '95 and Brian Smith '95.



Greg Myers '02, Doug Myers '00 and Gordon Curtis '02



Alums Off Broadway

PDS hosted an alumni outing to see Morgan Weed '03 perform in the Off Broadway revival of *Rent* in NYC. James Ramos '03, Morgan Weed '03, and Ben Johnson '03.

Former Faculty News

STEVE BAILEY wrote:

"Heather and I flew to Panama City from Miami on January 11th with 52 other Peace Corps trainees. Our average age is 26. If you remove the two of us plus one other woman Heather's age, the average drops to 23. There are quite a few who just graduated from college last year. Right now we are about halfway through the training phase, which will finish on March 15 with a swearing in ceremony attended by the U.S. Ambassador to Panama and the Panamanian First Lady. At that point we will go from being trainees to being Peace Corps volunteers. Our Peace Corps service will last for two years from then. We are very busy during our training phase, as there is a lot for us to learn.... One day a week we have training in the Peace Corps office, which is located near Panama City in a former U.S. Army base near the Miraflores lock on the Panama Canal. For the nine weeks of training, we are staying with a host family in a town of around 2000 people, an hour or so from Panama City. We are currently in the dry season here, called summer. Winter, when it rains a lot, starts in late April and lasts until December. We are enjoying unexpectedly great weather now. It gets up to 90 degrees at midday, but there is always a breeze, and it cools off at night to the 70's for good sleeping weather. The humidity is only around 50-60%, so it feels really comfortable. We also don't have many mosquitoes in the dry season. They have warned us that this will change in a few months. :) We find out in a few days where we will be located for the next two years. In a couple of weeks we actually go to our future site for a week to get acquainted with the town and the people there.... Panama has lots of variations in its climate, so the places are quite different from each other. We will also find out if we have electricity and run-



Steve Bailey in Panama.

ning water, always a factor in the Peace Corps. Please follow our adventures in our blog: <http://steveandheatherbailey.blogspot.com>."

HELEN BODEL is enjoying her first year of retirement; she wrote: "I am now a permanent resident of Asheville, NC. I have joined The Highlanders, an organization which works toward social justice; the YMCA for healthy dance exercise; and a women's group whose focus is chatting (!). Immediate travel plans include a 25-hour flight to Manila to visit my brother, who works for the U.S. embassy. He and his family have invited me to join them on their spring vacation to the animal-and-tropical-plant-filled island of Palawan; I am excited to be in the jungle and take big swims in the Pacific Ocean! Ah! Retirement!"

NB: All travelers are welcome to stop over in wonderful Asheville!"

PETER BUTTENHEIM sent his holiday letter full of news. To summarize: daughter, Jennifer '84, divides her time between Russia and Northampton, MA. Her daughter, Francesca is 14 and a boarding student at the Stoneleigh-Burnham School in MA. Jennifer has "redone her two online programs: 'Culinary Adventures in the Russian Capital' and 'Finding the Funnier Side of Life in Russia.' Daughter, Alison, and her family live in Philadelphia. She has two girls, Claire, 12, and Julia, 9. Alison completed a two-year Robert Wood Johnson

fellowship and is working for the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Her next professional adventure will be in Peru. Peter and his wife, Frances, have been traveling and divide their time between Williamstown, MA and Wilmington, DE; they welcome visitors.

BETH CARROLL sends warm greetings to everyone! She and her husband, Charles, moved back to their beloved Florida in September – "home at last!" They were both raised in Gainesville, and graduated from the University of Florida. They love their new house and neighborhood, and are happy to be with old and new friends. They enjoy the many activities that are available through the university—especially Southeastern Conference sports. Another wonderful addition to their lives is being able to see their daughter's family frequently. Their two-year-old granddaughter, Chelsea, is an absolute delight!

Beth will always cherish her fond memories of her years at PDS. She is "proud to be a member of the Panther Nation!"

MARY JO (BLEWETT) COLLINS who taught physical education and coached MS lacrosse and Varsity Field Hockey from 1978-1982 reported that all of her favorite PDS memories include Kim Bedesem; Mary Jo wrote: "we had many good times together as young teachers and coaches. Kim truly was a special person.... I married in 1992 and reside in Manhasset, NY, with my husband,



Former PDS colleagues now all residing at Stonebridge in Montgomery, NJ: Mickey Shriver '46, Virginia Reynolds, Joan Baker, Priscilla Grindle, Bud Tibbals, and Jean Jansen.

Sean, and two sons: Sean Jr. (18) and Matthew (16). Ironically Sean and Matt attend Friends Academy in Locust Valley, NY, the only other school I applied to teach at beside PDS. Sean is a senior and Matt a junior. I am a Managing Director at Sandler O'Neill and work as a fixed income sales specialist. My husband has his own fundraising consulting business. Away from work I enjoy running, skiing, golf, and reading. I highly recommend the book I am currently reading *Catherine the Great* by Robert K. Massie.... I would love to hear from any former students!"

KAY HAARTZ CORTELYOU

wrote: "I look forward to reading about alums in the *Journal*, but even more to reading about my colleagues. I am still teaching math at the Maret School in Washington, DC, and have had some students whose parents I taught at PDS. And I am still showing horses. Once a year when I show my horses in Syracuse NY, I have dinner with



Kay Haartz Cortelyou

SALLY HOLBEN, who taught English at PDS from 1969-1974. She has retired and lives in Skaneateles, NY. I would like to attend the 40th reunion of the class of 1974--only two years away."

MARILENE EDREI and her husband, Bill Foster, are still very happy living in Maine, where writing has become Marilene's principal preoccupation; among other pieces, she continues to work on a manuscript that she began while she was still teaching at PDS. She hopes to publish this work in time, and aside from that, she keeps busy and challenged with gardening, long walks, and caring for their property and dogs, as well as visiting children and grandchildren who live in NYC, Rochester, and North Carolina, whenever she can.

DAVE FIRST wrote: "Life has changed a great deal for me since my five rewarding and memorable years of teaching math and coaching basketball at PDS. I left Princeton Day for Tabor Academy (Marion, MA) and eventually went on to college athletics where I coached basketball in division 1 and division 3. I left coaching a few years back (after 18 exciting years) as



Former faculty member, Dave First with his family.

I began working for a large construction management company based in Boston. Instead of running ski trips for 60 or so students (as I did at PDS) I am currently trying with my wife, Kelly, to teach our three-year-olds how to ski. I still try to go out West or to Europe to ski each year. We are living outside Boston and I travel quite a bit to Southern California, DC, and South Florida. I keep in touch with many former PDS students and faculty, but would love to see folks who find their way to Boston, or who live in the cities to which I travel. I was so sorry to hear about

the passing of Jim Walker, who was a great mentor and great friend (as well as a favorite ski trip chaperone) to me and to so many others. He was someone who helped to make PDS such a unique and special place, thanks to the legendary intensity of its committed students and faculty. In our free time Kelly, Lilly, Oliver and I like to ski and to spend time boating on Cape

Cod. If anybody is looking for information for travel to Boston or the Cape, reach out to us. David.robert.first@gmail.com."

DAIL FORSYTH and her husband, Sandy, spend their time fighting with the computer, and going out to dinner a lot. Sandy is working hard on his model railroad hobby and Dail's new hip is working well. Dail sends her best to "the old gang."

JUDY FOX is "relishing my current work with the Louis August Jonas Foundation. I still get to work with kids, do fundraising, and be inspired by an accomplished and dedicated Board. Plus, I get to look at the Chrysler Building out of my office window from our perch on the 24th floor!"

PATRICK GAVIN has a daughter, Scout Margaret Gavin, who was born in April 2011. He reports that his former seventh grade English students at PDS, who studied *To Kill A Mockingbird* with him, will no doubt appreciate the first name.

NANCY HATFIELD wrote: "This picture



is of me announcing a song for a 12-strong 'a cappella' women's group that I started in 2004. It's called 'El-lacappella' and we have a great time together. And just last week-

end we got first place in a talent competition--and the prize was a recording session at a professional studio. The group picture was taken in Switzerland



Nancy Hatfield with husband Charlie, son Charlie and his wife Sarah in Switzerland.

with husband Charlie, son Charlie, and his wife Sarah, who live in Lambertville. Charlie and I have been living on the coast of Maine for 11 years now, and we have loved every minute of it. We hear from Peter's friends that the entrance to the gym where Peter's plaque and bench are located is called the 'Hatfield entrance,' which is wonderful! I miss our friends at PDS!"

BRYCE HAYES

completed his doctorate from the University of Minnesota in May, and recently was appointed to the music faculty at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He returned to the east coast with his partner, Chris, and they were officially



Former faculty member Bryce Hayes (right) with his partner, Chris Carlberg, in Washington Crossing, PA following their wedding this past fall. The photographer was former PDS faculty member, Sybil Holland.

married last fall. "I am thrilled to be back teaching in the classroom after five years of graduate work. I greatly miss PDS and it is always wonderful to keep in touch with former students and colleagues."

MOLLY HOUSTON wrote: "There have been two major changes in my life. I lost my husband of 57 years in the spring of 2007, and that has, indeed, brought many adjustments and challenges for me. The second, on a happier note, was welcoming my first great-grandchild--a lovely little girl. I am still very much involved with my Docent activities at the Princeton University Art Museum, mainly teaching second and third graders who are enrolled in the Trenton/Lange program. These students come from the inner city schools once a week for seven weeks each semester. They are thrilled to have the chance to come to the museum; in fact, they probably would have few opportunities to visit any museum, and they are very receptive to our programs.... I often think back on my 26 years at PDS where I was so lucky to be involved with our terrific second graders. Now I feel I am contributing to a different group about

the same age. I hope I am making a difference in their lives, and I hope I might have done that with my students at PDS, too. When thinking of a special memory of teaching at PDS, what always pops into my head are the adventurous overnight trips to Blairstown in the fall. Also, I think back to the years when the second graders raised money by making and selling calendars, which they illustrated. We would use the money to purchase an animal (usually a sheep or a goat). Then we would caravan down to the Heifer Project headquarters outside Baltimore, leave our donation, and spend the night there. The next morning we had an exciting trip to the Baltimore Aquarium before heading back to Princeton. Wow! In retrospect, I don't know how we ever did all that."

BONNIE (HOWARTH) HUNTER

wrote: "The big 2011 news is the arrival of my grandson, Jonny. He was born to my 42-year-old daughter, Jennifer, on May 3. (She is still in banking with Baniiff in Brazil, divorced from Marcio Prado, and married to Marcelo Lima, who owns his own IT company.) I arrived down there on the day they came home from the hospital and walked into an apartment full of eleven people—all passing the baby around. I've made two other shorts visits there and plan to return this May for Jonny's first birthday party.... Jeff continues to teach at Middlebury, Vermont. This year he's been especially busy, preparing for his review for tenure, writing grants for an upcoming sabbatical, and remodeling his house. Jeff is currently an assistant professor of geography, in the Environmental Studies Program.... I've adopted two kittens (now cats) from a shelter, Macavity Pru, and Gulliver Foyle, named to honor TS Eliot and a science fiction teleporter. My routine is still the same: run a B&B for university visitors, usher constantly for McCarter, take pictures when I travel (most recently to India's Seven Sisters, the Baltic States and St. Petersburg, Sri Lanka, and southern India). I had two one-woman photo shows last year: World Women and Festival Dance. I'm still teaching in the PDS Summer Program, running an eBay store, and puttering in the yard. And every day I still run out of time to do everything I'd planned. How come retirement is so busy?"

JOHN IVORS reported that it has been 42 years since he taught at PDS, but he still has fond memories of the school, and he hopes he made an impact on the

lives of the students he had the pleasure of teaching. After his four years at PDS, he continued as an athletic director and coach in Oklahoma and Georgia. He left teaching in 1976 to work for Coca-Cola in Atlanta. He retired from the soft drink industry in 2005. He still stays involved in athletics as a basketball official and baseball umpire at the high school and collegiate levels. His two daughters are teachers: the eldest teaches in Dallas and the younger daughter is a doctor who teaches at North Carolina State University. He also has two grandchildren. He asked to give his greetings to any students or faculty members who might remember him.

DEAN JACOBY wrote:

"Life in New Mexico is going well. In the winter, the nights are cold and the days are sunny and bright. The Sandias loom in the east, covered with a fine powdering of snow. My work at Albuquerque Academy continues to go well. In the fall I helped coach the varsity boys soccer team. Our season ended in the quarterfinals of the state tournament to the eventual champions—darn you, Farmington Scorpions. It seems to get harder every year to get into college, so there is always work to do and stress to manage. Karla is working at a local real estate office and works part-time at my son's kindergarten. Outside of school, the majority of my time is wrapped up in my kids. Ainara is five and Lur is two. They both love pretending they are different animals, drawing, and playing in the desert dust. Ainara also takes classes at the National Flamenco Institute and Lur claims that he is "Tim Tebow" and loves to play football (which consists mostly of collapsing into a big pile on the floor, usually with some sort of ball nearby). PDS is never far from our thoughts. Just this morning Karla and I were talking about James Ramos '03 and the extraordinary story of his life and the fact that Chris Palsho '02 is getting married. I can remember when they were just in high school..."

JESSICA KABIS '98 will be married November, 3 2012.

CARROLL KANE is now living in New Hampshire, which she reports is "colder than New Jersey but has lovely scenery." She and her husband, Ted, are living at a

place called RiverWoods, which has three campuses on 100 acres, with beautiful gardens. They live near their daughter, Candy, and her husband. Carroll and Ted have six great-grandchildren. Their son, Richard, retired from Yale, where he was assistant to the head of international studies. He has turned a huge ordinary house into a beautiful one with great property which runs down to the river in South Dartmouth, MA. Carroll had to have an eye removed because her cornea was scratched during a laser treatment and it got infected. The result is that walking down steps is hard and pouring is impossible, but she can read all but the small print of a dictionary.

JOHN JAMESON is the Science Chair at Regina Dominican High School in Wilmette, IL. He lives in Grayslake, IL and will be retiring at the end of this school year, after teaching for 45 years. Once he retires, it will be easier for him to get back for PDS reunions.



Ainara, 5, and Lur, 2, children of former college counselor Dean Jacoby.

PAT OSANDER is back to pet/house-sitting (per Paul Epply-Schmidt she is "a lady of pedigree"). She hopes that 2012 is a better year. She broke her neck in August 2010 and she got shingles in October 2011.

RICK MCCREADY

lives with his wife and three kids (Maggie (6), Huck (4), and Tabitha (2) outside of Boston. He is in his seventh year of teaching math and coaching hockey and golf at Newton Country Day School.

JUDY MICHAELS

wrote: "My new book came out in October: *Catching Tigers In Red Weather: Imaginative Writing and Student Choice in High School*, published by National Council of Teachers of English and is available from Amazon as well as from NCTE. It has a foreword by Tom Romano, one of the writers Bev Gallagher brought to the Weaving Words summer writing conferences that she held at PDS for a number of years. I served on a panel with Tom, so I got to know him through this event and we've stayed in touch ever



Former Faculty member Rick McCready's children: Huck (4), Maggie (6) and Tabitha (2).

since. The school gave me a reading and book signing party for “Tigers” back in December, and there was another party at the Princeton Public Library in March. I read some of the classroom scenes and student writing from the book, which all came from my ninth grade class a few years back (which would be from among the present seniors), and some new poems of mine. The Poetry Foundation (which funds *Poetry Magazine*) has asked permission to post the fifth chapter, the one on poetry, on their website, along with the three chapters they’ve had up for several years now from my earliest book, *Risking Intensity*. I also have three new poems coming out in this year’s issue of *Journal of New Jersey Poets*. I gave a poetry reading in Detroit on March 16th along with a workshop for teaching artists in the Detroit schools. And my poetry critique ad performance group, Cool Women, is reading at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton on Sunday, May 6th at 3:00.”

We learned that **BARBARA ROBERTS** passed away in December. Her daughter, Diana Roberts ’74 sent the obituary, which states that she: “died peacefully at Windward Gardens in Camden, with her family by her side, on Sunday, Dec. 11. Born on March 16, 1923, and delivered at home in Lawrence, MA, by her father Dr. Alfred E. Chesley and mother Geneva James Chesley, Barbara grew up in Lawrence and North Andover, MA. Summers were spent at her mother’s family home in Deerfield, NH. She attended the University of Arizona and graduated from Simmons College in Boston.... It was at the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College that she met her future husband of over forty years, Donald A. Roberts, who predeceased her in 1991.... Barbara taught English at the Northfield-Mt. Hermon School before receiving a Master’s of Arts degree in English from Columbia University. She and her husband then taught at the Hill School in Middleburg, VA, the Grosse Pointe University School in Grosse Pointe, MI, and, from 1965 until 1984 at Princeton Day School. Barbara was loved and respected by legions of children and colleagues, as was evidenced by her return in 2009 to a PDS reunion, where she was welcomed and feted.”

HEATHER (MCCALLUM) REDPATH lives in Cincinnati with her husband, Jason. Their second son, MacCallum (Mac)

James Redpath was born March 3, 2011. Heather reports that “Ned is a fantastic big brother and loves Mac very much. He also can’t wait to get into trouble with him in the all too near future. Hope everyone at PDS is doing well. We moved this past summer and live next to The Summit Country Day School, which reminds me very much of PDS. Hello to everyone at PDS!”

NORMAN SPERLING wrote: “It was fabulous to see Jim Meigs ’75 again after so many decades. He graciously showed me around his palatial offices at *Popular Mechanics* when I dropped in while in Manhattan a few months ago. We talked science and magazines ... and PDS, of course. I see Chris Burt ’73 a few times a year, and hear from E. J. Barnes ’76 once in a while. It was great to get a message from Fred Dalrymple ’72! My big news is that my younger son goes off to college in fall 2012. No longer on daily (hourly) daddy-duty, I’ll drive an RV cross-country on my ‘Great Science Trek,’ 2013-2015. I’m looking for interesting science sites and scientists. Details on my blog: www.everythingintheuniverse.com/node/76. I earnestly invite your suggestions for places to go and people to see, especially old friends from PDS. I continue busily churning out *Journals of Irreproducible Results* and their anthologies (www.jir.com). My latest book is *Don’t Try This in High School*, science humor for which you don’t need college science or experience. Book description at www.everythingintheuniverse.com/blog/dont-try-high-school; or order at www.everythingintheuniverse.com/product/dont-try-this-in-high-school. PDS students should love it!”

ALAN TABACK wrote: “I have such amazing memories of my years at PDS. It was a completely magical experience. Doug McClure’s leadership, Mike Merle-Smith, Sandy Bing, and Sara Schweibert also leading the way along with business manager, and my mentor, Carl Storey. Great diverse faculty (Peter Sears, George Packard, Anne Shepherd, Claire Lockhardt, Rudy Carchidi, Doc Ross, Norman Sperling, Steve Hahn, just to mention a few). The students were wonderful, as well, and the lives of all intertwined in an amazing educational



Former Admission Assistant Heather (McCallum) Redpath with her husband and two sons.

community. I’ve taught in many schools with a lot of outstanding people, but nothing compares to that magical time. I’m still in the ‘kids’ business as the athletic director of Emily Fisher Charter School in Trenton, NJ. A unique school in itself with a huge heart.

We are resurrecting lives. It’s challenging, worthwhile work and I am fortunate to be of good health and able to do it. There is some divine magic going on here, as well.”

KAYE VOSBURGH wrote: “Although I was only at PDS for a few years, I think back on those days with happy memories. It was the first years of my marriage. I still think of Stu Robson as a mentor. I loved teaching biology to interested, enthusiastic students.... Now I teach ikebana to adults. Japanese flower arranging is really art with botanical material. The school where I teach is Sogetsu, which values, self-expression, and creativity. I have been to Japan ten times and each time learn a little more about their interesting culture. I am going this spring for an Ikebana International World Conference which was cancelled last year due to the tsunami and earthquake. Since I broke my ankle and would have missed the conference anyway, I feel very lucky. I have spent the greater part of this year recovering the function of my foot and leg. I did start teaching again as soon as possible, at first in my wheel chair. I count myself as one of the lucky people who has found a way to do what they love. It combines horticulture, growing people and creating beauty. What could be better?”

NANCY YOUNG and husband, Hap, are enjoying every minute of retirement in Vail CO, especially having all of their children and six grandchildren living within a few hours.



Nancy Young and husband, Hap, with their six grandchildren.

Reflections on George Packard

From Rick Ross '68

If it doesn't add, it subtracts.

"George Packard added much to the life of PDS during his tenure as chair of the English department. He taught how to think and write in a modern, challenging, exciting and fun format. Entering the classroom, he would invariably take off his jacket, loosen his tie, roll up his sleeves and dig in the material for the day: Marvel's *To His Coy Mistress*, Coleridge's *Kubla Khan*, Shakespeare's *Henry IV Parts I and II*, and countless other works. He brought the words on the page to life as well as their authors. He posted portraits outside his office. He issued the challenge: Who is depicted? The winner was the first to identify the author. George wanted us to understand the words on the page, but more, something of the authors.

"George was a natural in and out of the classroom. He loved to teach and was devoted to his students. He spent many hours with us in his small office chatting and challenging all comers. Many weekends found him welcoming students to his home in Hopewell for more conversation and learning—not just what was in the curriculum but in life. He also was a writer whose stories and novels tracked his life in his spare and compelling style. Many from that PDS time are captured (freed as well) in his work. And George was the hero of his stories and his life. He added much to the life of those who knew him.

"George Victor Packard died on September 6, 2011 in the Canary Islands. He was 79.

It subtracts."

From Robert "Buffalo" Smyth '57 PCD

"*Sports Illustrated* paid George \$1500, which was a lot of money in 1967, for his article on our Harrison Athletic Club football team. He could have done lot of things with this money, but what he did do was to throw a party for all the players and their families, if they had any. The Hopewell House, primarily a package goods store, with a small bar, was the set-



ting for the event. The establishment was closed to the public for the evening, some say out of respect for George and the HAC, while others thought it might have had something to do with the safety of patrons, especially after some of the players' nicknames were discovered.

The theory being that possible patrons, including regulars at the bar, were somewhat reluctant to go into a place, where the likes of Mad Dog, Crazy Boy, Pig Pen, the Count, Bubba, Rags, Wheels, and Buffalo would be in attendance. Back in the day, \$1500 bought a lot of beer and sandwiches, and George gave it all to the proprietor of the Hopewell House, who said that he thought \$1500 was too much. George said something to the guy about not knowing this group. As it turned out, the HAC drank and ate up all of the money, and had to chip in to keep the "frothy nectar" flowing. George presided over the spectacle, signing autographs for the players on copies of *SI*, personalizing each one. Recently, an HAC member, who was a great wide receiver who caught many of George's TD passes, remembered George as "...having a calming and controlling effect on a football team of many dangerous personalities."

From L. Blair Lee '69

"George was a most perfect teacher for adolescents. A scrawny 14-year-old when I came, new to PDS, I had him for my 10th grade English class. Cross-eyed with anxiety, I could barely speak. I remember him gently sitting next me once that year, and essentially saying, 'It is ok to speak; no one will kill you.' I came to PDS with significant educational lacunae, spelling and grammar being the least of it. I had no interest in that; but as you see, from the above sentence, and this one, George was an inspiration, from semi-colons to *The Heart of Darkness*. He had a sense of humor, an appreciation, and compassion for the psychosis that is adolescence.

Remembering George V. Packard:

Editor's Note: We included a short piece in the Fall 2011 issue of the Journal about the passing of George V. Packard, which included, regrettably, a misspelling of his name. We offer here our sincere apologies, as well as a longer and more fitting tribute to Mr. Packard. Here are some recollections from his former students. He will be remembered fondly here at Princeton Day School.

"George was my advisor in the 11th grade. It was 1968. I had taken to wearing, every day, an old t-shirt, that was really beyond-the-beyond in terms of general decrepitude. Poor George. He had apparently been instructed by someone in administration to tell me the shirt had to go. I was 16. You can imagine. He called me into his office and told me what he had been instructed to do. I did some version of eye-rolling, to which he responded with that great laugh of his, and told me how he had been instructed that he had to wear a tie to work at PDS and that, thus, he owned ONE. It was the narrow, black knit one that he wore *every single day*.

"George continued to be my advisor senior year, as well as my basketball coach for the undefeated 'bestial' girls basketball team (see his story in *Sport Illustrated*, 1970). There were no such things as male coaches for female teams in those days. He was a brave man (see 'eye-rolling' above). He and I continued to correspond over the years, intermittently. We enjoyed sparring, giving each other grief, keeping each other honest. I will miss him deeply."

From Beth Borgerhoff '69

"George is forever fixed in my mind's eye holding a book. He is standing in the hall, engaged in conversation, or sitting in his office or at the desk in class, holding a book. He was a great teacher, and he had an uncanny way of leading us to the core of things. The path we took was illuminated by his deep love for books.

"The miracle of email and the Arab spring notwithstanding, in the deafening roar of cyber, virtual, video, instant, i-, e-everything, where there is no time passing, no absence which might make the heart grow fonder, no silence which might be golden or run deep, I can see George put the book exactly in the center of the table, and the book wins, hands down."

ClassNotes

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1925-1929

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The sad news is that our senior year class president and former class correspondent **Anne Guthrie** Yokana died early this year. We will miss Anne's hospitality and great sense of humor, and we send condolences to Lucian and the rest of the family.

I recently had a phone call from **Peggy Munro** Griffin; she and Hase are enjoying the historic fieldstone house they recently rebuilt. A Christmas card from **Alice Northrop** Robbins says she is enjoying the life in Ohio, and here's an email from **Ann**

Tomlinson Reed, "I've been a resident of Stonebridge, a CCRC just north of Princeton, for eight years, where I keep busy with various committees, including running the greenhouse and being a member of a computer group; I also take care of my ancient Maine Coon cat. I love keeping up with my four children and five grandchildren by email and even the time-wasting Facebook."

Bob and I are well, we just celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary and the party included all the children (3), grandchildren (7) and great grandchildren (5) as well as a bunch of attractive in-laws.

Please send me material for this column!



Phyllis Vandewater Clement '40 and her daughter-in-law Sabrina all geared up for zip-lining in Guatemala.

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1942

70th Reunion

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1944

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1945

Correspondent needed

Sesaly Gould Kraft continues to enjoy winters in the Bahamas (really grateful to her parents for buying that house) and travelling to visit children and friends.

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Correspondent needed

1947

65th Reunion

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Hope Thompson Kerr and **Hilary Thompson** Kenyon are as active as ever! In February '11 they

travelled to Patagonia, and added Chile, Argentina and even Brazil to the list of countries they have visited. This year, they are planning a trip to Morocco. Hilary lives in Bend, OR, near her daughter's family, and Hope continues to live in Cedar Grove, NJ. Both play a lot of tennis and golf, and enjoy gardening as well. Hope reports that she is in her 20th year of officiating high school field hockey in northern New Jersey. She also noted that last fall she watched the PDS-Montclair-Kimberley Academy hockey game. Hope is also involved with starting up a "65 & over" paddle tennis league!

Caroline Rosenblum Moseley and husband Roger Moseley took a trip early this year to Antarctica, also visiting the Falkland Islands and South Georgia Island. Caroline continues to write part-time for the Princeton University Development Office; Roger is auditing courses at Princeton, and is working on learning Japanese.

Mary Butler Nickerson reports that she still tutors first graders in reading in the Boston Public Schools, and also enjoys cooking. She belongs to a CSA in Brookline. She and husband, Spence, are planning to go on a Road Scholar cruise to Alaska this summer.

Mary Roberts Craighill and husband, Peyton, are enjoying their retirement at the Kendal Retirement Community in Lexington, VA. Their children are not far away. Son, Peyton, is the Polling Manager at the Washington Post, and daughter, Cecily, is Regional Director of Development for Wake Forest University in the Washington, DC area. Mary and Peyton had a great time attending Peyton's 60th Reunion at Yale in June 2011.

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I was pleased to hear from **Helen Keegin** Hetherington in faraway South Africa. Helen wrote: "Ian and I are still *swallows*, spending six months here in Fish Hoek (outside of Capetown) where we have one son with family, and six months in England where we have two sons and their families. We did something last year which we vowed never to do after the age of 70 – we moved from a quaint cottage in Gloucestershire (England) to a brand new house in Devon – a small complex in a small village 15 minutes away from one son and family; their request – what a compliment! This village, Christow, is 13 miles west of Exeter (in case anyone might be coming over) and offers one church, one village store, one post office and two pubs! Otherwise, we amble along. I even go to Lords with Ian to watch a day of test match cricket (you know, the game that can last five days and even then, not necessarily have a result). I've been in touch with **Cornelia Starks** who's been living in England for eons, outside Oxford. Her email address is: eulhcs@btinternet.com."

I heard from **Katherine Webster** Dwight who now resides in a retirement home in Exeter. She wrote, "There is a resident here who was a friend of Helen's for years in South Africa. Helen emailed her about me when she noticed that we have the same address. They still see each other when the friend returns to S. Africa for a visit every winter. This seems an amazing coincidence considering the millions of people who live in S. Africa. Another resident here is a former teacher at Miss Fine's, Carroll Kane, who taught in Lower School at the time that we were in Upper School."

Louise Mason Bachelder wrote that she and Joe are living in New York City during the week but still spend their week-ends in Princeton. Their daughter Lisa (PDS '74) is living in Boston and teaching English at Weston High School there; daughter, Cary (PDS '77) lives in Charlotte, NC, where she teaches third grade at Trinity Episcopal.

My husband, Kevin Delany, and I (**Joan Kennan**) seem to keep extraordinarily busy with our various interests and the demands of a new, energetic Labrador puppy. I am on the board of the Georgetown Village, an "aging in place" initiative modeled on the Beacon Hill Village in Boston. The Village provides helpful volunteer services to members who are age 55 and over. I also am singing in the Smithsonian Chorale: Encore Creativity for Older Adults – shades of Miss Kleeman and Corky Cohan who helped to nurture my love of singing and music in general.

1955

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Mary Tyson Goodridge Lund is enjoying her work with addiction counseling. She wonders when she will give it up. Her oldest grandchild, Emilie, graduated from the University of Colorado/Boulder with honors. She was snapped up by an advertising company immediately. She is also a yoga instructor. Of course, she is the apple of Ty's eye, as are her two grandsons who live near her in Austin, TX. One is a football addict, and the other is a chemist – ordering scary chemicals over the Internet and making small explosives. He is only 11 years old. Cannot wait to see what he does. Ty commented that each child has a huge heart!

Alice Marie Nelson reported she spent three weeks last February visiting friends and ex-colleagues in and around Munich. It was great fun – especially a trip to visit a dear colleague from her days at the opera house in Kiel, who lives near Nuremberg. She sang Gretel to Alice Marie's Hansel (see photo), and the production was such a favorite with the public that they had their own fan club! Sadly, AMN lost both her elder brothers within a six-month period. On a happier note, she suddenly has found a whole set of unknown Swedish cousins through her paternal grandmother. This has opened up all sorts of wonderful connections. AMN looks forward to getting to know these "newly-acquired" relatives during a visit to Sweden



Alice Marie Nelson '55 with a former colleague from their days at the opera house in Kiel. The colleague sang Gretel to Alice Marie's Hansel.

in the not-too-distant future. Meanwhile, AMN continues singing, water aerobics and Pilates, and enjoying retirement! She is also continuing as a volunteer for AARP. AMN sends greetings to all members of the Class of 1955.

Barbara Kohlsaas von Oehsen had a great visit with her sister Starr Kohlsaas Hungate, MFS '51 in Oregon. She lives in Grants Pass with her husband, Joe. They have two dogs, three donkeys and chickens (and a caretaker)! Barb received a wonderful card from **Ann Belford** Ulanov (I did, too) saying she is well – teaching, writing, and lecturing publicly. It was good to catch up with "Annie"!

News from the class secretary is we DID go to Egypt in November, and had a marvelous trip! Fortunately, there were no uprisings while we were there, but the day we left more chaos in Tahrir Square, Cairo began again. Egypt is a fascinating country! To see so many of the ancient pyramids, etc. brought sixth grade history to life. We were in Florida for a couple of weeks in March. Mid-May will find us on our way to a river cruise on the river Elbe, in Germany, traveling from Hamburg to Prague. At the end of the trip we will be in Warsaw and Krakow, Poland. Interesting! Best wishes to all members of MFS '55!

1956

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It's hard to know where to begin, thanks to your great response to my pleas for news. So, I'll start ... at the end—with recent notes from some of our travelers.

Betsy Thomas Peterson

checked in as she was about to set off, on February 18, for two weeks in China with her two grandchildren from China, ages 9 and 11, their parents and another family—a homeland trip.

Betsy Hall Hutz and Rudy opened the new year with trips to the Met, first for *Enchanted Island*, then for all six hours of *Götterdämmerung* with **Marina Turkevich** Naumann and Bob.

Joan Pearce Anselm wrote, "Just before Christmas, **Anne Harrison** Clark and Bob Vaughn gave us a tour of Colonial Williamsburg clothed in wreaths and bows of natural fruits, greens and other imaginative items. No electricity of course! It was a sight to behold. Later in the afternoon, Klaus and I were treated to one of Bob's gourmet meals, all warm and toasty in their newly acquired home. It was a special day. Shortly after that, Klaus and I were on our way to New Zealand for a fantastic boat ride around the two islands. We left on Christmas Day and returned mid-January, full of incredible images of one of the world's most beautiful spots."

Kay Dunn Lyman and Dick went to the Galapagos with National Geographic for a week over New Year's. Kay reports, "It is the most unusual place that we have ever visited—a textbook of adaptation and evolution. The Blue Footed Boobies, Magnificent Frigates, and penguins all getting ready to breed. Iguanas and sea lions sprawling all over the rocks and beaches. There is amazing snorkeling and a glass bottom boat."

As always, Marina and Bob traveled far and wide last year. Marina sent photographic proof of their Halloween 2011 celebrations in Greater Seattle's Vashon Island where she and Bob "marched" in the town's annual masquerade parade. "Leading our leisurely



MFS '56 offspring: Bob and Marina Turkevich Naumann's son Andrew, PDS '84, holding Tiger Maximillian, and daughter-in-law Liz, holding Pumpkin Ludmilla, stop in for trick or treats at David Hinchman's copy shop on Vashon Island. David is the son of Dave and Hobey Alsop Hinchman.

way were some locals: son Andrew, PDS '84, his wife, Liz and their Pumpkin Ludmilla and Tiger Maximilian. En route we of course stopped to trick-or-treat the friendly owner of the copy shop, David Hinchman (son of **Hobey Alsop** Hinchman and Dave). Two MFS '56 children living on the same small Puget Sound island: "What are the odds?"

Hobey and Dave roamed as well, from Costa Rica where their daughter, Jody, and her husband have built a health resort, "Farm of Life," to Cape Town and South Africa's garden coast, with a long family summer between in Maine.

Highlights of **Pamela Thompson** Sinkler Todd's travels included visits to her daughter and family in England and to her sister's, Hilary Thompson Kenyon '53, in Bend, OR, last year, and another trip to England in January. But she didn't neglect her art, enjoying a painting week in Newport, RI, preparing for three art exhibits and selling several of her oils and watercolors.



"Little Night Owl," an assemblage by Whitney Wing Oppersdorff, MFS '56.

One day in January, the mail brought a letter from another artist. Enjoying "the hibernating time of winter," **Whitney Wing Oppersdorff** said she was in two group shows last year and was applying to two more for 2012. Her subject matter is northern saw whet owls. Whitney was been accompanying her biologist son and her husband as they mist net these tiny owls on a 700-acre island in Maine to weigh, measure and band them as part of a project to track their migratory route. Determining the route of these owls allows BioDiversity Research Institute (BRI) to present data to offshore wind power developers so they can locate their turbines with care for the birds. Inspired by these tiny owls, Whitney creates protective assemblages of copper, cherry burl and a shrinking plastic for the owls.

We have great news from the medical front. In the fall of 2010,

we learned that **Rosemary Rubino** Johnson's husband had been diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) described by Rosemary as a mysterious disease with no cure and only one remedy: lung transplants.

This January, Rosemary sent word that Joe had had his lung transplants 10 weeks earlier and was doing well. She included information for our class news in order "to spread awareness of these miracles and the need for everyone to be a potential donor." (I've condensed it a bit and apologize for any key omissions. CTR)

The origins of IPF are unknown, but many of the patients are men over 50. IPF often creeps up on the patient as shortness of breath, easy fatigue during normal activities or cough for no reason. Although physicians can diagnose it clinically, the diagnosis is often verified by lung biopsy. Like many chronic diseases, IPF can follow different pathways. It may get worse very slowly and outlive the patient with little or no treatment; it may take a step-like course, with symptoms worsening after a cold or flu and progressing in slow or rapid steps; or it may take the form of a rapidly fatal complication from a common respiratory illness.

Joe had the second type of IPF and was on moderate doses of oxygen 24/7 by the time of transplant. Knowing this can turn into the third type at any time, "you walk on eggs 24/7," Rosemary wrote. Joe had to scrupulously avoid crowds (as he will for lifetime for risk of rejection) and any high risk situation where respiratory illness might occur.

How do you get a transplant? There is a national transplant center in which all IPF patients deemed ready for transplant by their specialist are ranked on a complex numerical scale. Joe was high on the list for about six months and received his lungs on the first try. Lungs are very fragile, and patients may be called as many as four times before a healthy match is found, so they feel very fortunate as well as impressed with the care Joe received from the UCSD School of Medicine Transplant Team.

"Joe is home and doing just about anything he did before being sick," Rosemary reports. "He is working from his home office and exercising daily. He takes at

least 30 pills a day on a complicated schedule that we orchestrate together. He will be on immunosuppressive drugs for life. Our entire family is immensely grateful for this blessed gift and Joe's great progress."

Rosemary points out that it is not uncommon to transplant lungs, heart, liver, pancreas, kidneys, and corneas, skin for burn patients and bone for orthopedic reconstruction, but organs are in short supply. As many as 15,000 people die every year in the U.S. waiting for some organ donation.

Most states in the US require you to actively make a commitment to be an organ donor through driver license sign up. In other countries, consent is implied if you do not signify your rejection of donation. "That is the best way to increase the donations, to 'DONATE LIFE,'" Rosemary wrote. "Of course this is an infinitely generous gift, especially as the family has to deal with this at a time when they have just been assaulted by the loss of their loved one. We even need child donors. What a horror that must be."

With this nightmare now behind her, Rosemary hopes to be able to make it to our next class reunion. And now is the time to mark your calendars: Anne and Joan are already laying the groundwork for us to visit Williamsburg and Charlottesville in April 2013 and hoping for a big turnout.

Last fall, eight MFS '56ers, with four stalwart husbands, enjoyed a clambake hosted by the Hutzes in Kennebunk, ME. There, we caught up, via **Margy**



MFS '56ers Cicely Tomlinson Richardson and Margy Pacsu Campbell can't keep a straight face.



MFS '56ers Betsy Hall Hutz, Margy Pacsu Campbell and Betsy Thomas Peterson take a photo break.

Pacsu Campbell and the internet, with our long missed classmate, **Grace Morton** Solomonoff. Margy, **Charlotte Cook** and I followed up a couple of days later, spending a few hours with Grace at Logan Airport.

Grace is a poet and the widow of Ray Solomonoff, a mathematician, pioneer in the field of artificial intelligence, and the first inventor of algorithmic information theory. Some of Grace's poetry can be found online, but writing has temporarily taken a back seat to her work with Ray's papers and legacy to ensure that his contributions to mathematical discoveries and theorems will not be lost. She had addressed a conference in St. Andrews, Scotland the previous winter and was preparing for a trip to Melbourne, Australia to speak at the Solomonoff 85 Conference.

And that must be enough for now! Next installment in the fall.

1957

55th Reunion

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Susie Smith Hillier Baldwin wrote: Many of us are gathering for our informal and unofficial 55th reunion dinner at **Helen Wilmerding's** home in Princeton this coming May 12. Getting the news and pictures afterwards just isn't the same as being there. Do



MFS '56er Joan Pearce Anselm enjoys a good story as Kay Dunn Lyman, Charlotte Cook, Trump and Carol Harris Bradley focus on old photos after the clambake.



MFS '56ers Carol Harris Bradley, Kay Dunn Lyman, Betsy Thomas Peterson and Charlotte Cook document their trip to Maine.



MFS '57 is gathering for dinner May 12th at Helen Wilmerding's home in Princeton for our informal 55th Reunion! Helen, and several other classmates, left for boarding school before this classic Fall 1954 tenth grade photo. We're on The Princeton Battle Monument, adjacent to dear 'ole MFS before its demise to build Princeton Borough Hall. First row, L to R: Sue Barclay Walcott, Alissa Kramer Sutphin, Kinsa Turnbull, Ellie Smith (Anyone know her full name and whereabouts?), Peggy Dodson Wildman; Second row seated L to R: Ros Webster Perry, Nancy Hagen Spaulding, Sandy Strachan Froehlich, Nancy Miller, Anne Gildar Kaufman, Eugenie Rudd Fawcett; Standing L to R: Mary Strunsky Wisnovsky, Molly Menand Jacobs, Tina Burbidge Hummerstone, Susie Smith Hillier Baldwin; Missing from picture: Betsy Baker Carter (deceased 2009) and Theano Kelaidi, Greek foreign exchange student.

come! Isn't this photo a classic 1950s picture in our skirts, blouses, white socks and loafers? And I'm even wearing loafers after years of tie-up saddle shoes with arch supports. You knew my mother!

Molly Menand Jacobs MFS '56-'57 writes: I am with my granddaughter, Megan, and Smudge, my cat of many years, at my summer place in Big Moose, N.Y. some years ago. I am looking forward to our 55th Reunion dinner at Helen's in May.

Susie Smith Hillier Baldwin MFS '57 writes: My brothers and I are enjoying our retirement years in Vermont. Lacey Baldwin Smith PCD '37, Northwestern University English historian and prolific author, stands beneath his best known subject, Henry VIII (see photo). Gregarious Nathaniel Baldwin Smith PDS '50, Andover math teacher and dean, smiles broadly in celebration of Lacey's 89th birthday in Oct. 2011. Our sister, Mary Baldwin Smith Stoner MFS '36, died of cancer



Susie Smith Hillier Baldwin MFS '57, Lacey Baldwin Smith PCD '37, and Nathaniel Baldwin Smith PCD '50.

in 1995. She lived in Tempe, AZ where her husband was head of the Physics Dept. at Arizona State. She summered in Greensboro, VT near her siblings and her lifelong best friend and classmate, Alison Stuart Norton MFS '36, who died several years ago.



Alissa Kramer Sutphin MFS '57 writes: Bill Sutphin is holding Aidan Edward Sutphin and I am holding Lyla Sutphin. They are the children of our son, Andrew, and daughter, Ann, respectively.



Molly Menand Jacobs '57

1958

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The class has done a lot of traveling in the past year. **Suzy Scarff** Webster whizzes about to visit children and grands and is a destination for many. Her recent email was from New Zealand where one son and his family live, and in February Suzy and Colin plan to be in Burma where Colin was born. In March she and her husband will be in Spain with **Jinx Prather** Tirana and her husband. **Faith Wing** Bieler visited Suzy in September after a walk across England, a trek similar to one that **Linda Mullaly** Masten did with her sisters this summer. **Ann Lea** Fries and Russell visited the Websters in the fall and Suzy is expecting **Lisa Fairman** Heher to visit in September.

Gerd and I traveled to New Zealand in November and had a wonderful reunion with Linda Mullaly Masten, and met her husband Ric.



Linda Mullaly Masten and her husband Ric.



Linda Mullaly Masten.

They have a retreat at Akaroa, about 70 miles from Christchurch. Linda is a very active tax attorney and CPA in California. This year is their 50th wedding anniversary and

the whole family, including grandchildren, daughter and her husband, sisters and their families and maybe even Linda's 97-year-old mother will be celebrating in Hawaii. The Mastens also travel on "speeders." These vehicles have engines and they ride the rails all over the country and Canada. They have actually gone over 1,000 miles in one of their little railroad cars between Prince George and Prince Rupert in British Columbia.

Emily Vanderstucken Spencer hopes that everyone is fine. She doesn't send Christmas cards anymore because she has "Essential Tremor" and can't write too well most of the time. Otherwise, she is well.

1959

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Everyone seems to report happily spending more time with grandchildren. A lot of traveling by many classmates, too, including **Dana Conroy** Aymond now that she has retired, **Cecilia Aall** Mathews who toured India and Nepal, Lucca, Italy, England, and Zurich to meet her new grandchild, Max, and **Nan Nicholes** Goodrich who sailed from Asia to the Amazon with a few stops in between. **Abby Pollak** continues to write books, **Judith Levin** helps unfortunates via her legal skills, and **Lucy James** makes gingerbread replicas of "monuments" her grandchildren choose each Christmas (see photo). Most of us seem to be tackling the 70s with vim and vigor! **Jean Schettino** Conlon sent along the link to her blog www.jeanconlon.com about her continuing work as a photographer.



Each Christmas Lucy James' grandchildren make gingerbread replicas of famous sites.



Dana Conroy Aymond MFS '59 and her husband, Charlie, their two sons and grandchildren.

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Joan Yeaton Seamon: "Our travels this year included a most wonderful and educational three-week trip to Jordan and Israel in the fall. In Jordan we visited the fantastic Roman ruins at Jerash, the sprawling city of Amman and took the breathtaking Siq walk into Petra to see all that this amazing 'city' has to offer. After crossing to Israel we traveled extensively from Tel Aviv to the Lebanon and Syrian borders in the north with tours of Nazareth, Acre and the holy city of Safed. Our stay above the Sea of Galilee at a kibbutz, overlooking Tiberius and Capernaum, and the visits to the Jesus sites there are forever etched in our minds. We arrived in Jerusalem on the most peaceful evening of Yom Kippur where our single most memorable experience of the five days there was walking to the Western (Wailing) Wall and tucking our prayers between the stones with many hundreds of others. As with our other OAT tours, we enjoyed lectures and home visits with our small group of 12 – time with Bedouins, ultra Orthodox Jews, Muslims, Palestinians and kibbutz founders.

Seeing the imposing walls and fences separating the Palestinian sectors from the Israeli (especially going into Bethlehem and later looking out over settlements below the ruins of Herodion) makes one sad that the issues in this country cannot

be resolved easily. Our trip ended in the south Judean desert at the Dead Sea (a floating experience!), Masada and the Qumran Caves. I would recommend this trip to any and all. Most recently, we enjoyed a delightful dinner with Fiona and Harvey in NYC and a night at the *Enchanted Island* Lincoln Center opera."

Julia Cornforth Holofcener: "Okay, here we go again! Larry, Chloe (our precious Corgi-Jack Russell mix) and I are off to the Isle of Wight for at least a year. We visited the Island for 10 days in January and decided we definitely would like to return. Larry's Allies sculpture on Bond Street makes him a lot more popular in the UK than the US, and as he's turning 86 in February, I would like for him to continue to be productive....and happy. As for me, I was surprised at how energized I felt returning to England, and especially the Isle of Wight. It is so unbelievably restorative spiritually, and we need more of that in today's chaotic world. We've rented a townhouse in Cowes, the sailing mecca of the world, and it has lots of guest rooms. All are invited! I would love to share our Island with you. My other news is that my sister Jo '55 and I are planning a trip to Vietnam with Odyssey Tours in November to celebrate her 75th birthday. I'm really excited, because not only will I get to tour Vietnam, but I have a layover in Hong Kong and will be able to view the sculpture of Sir Horace Kadoorie that Larry completed last year at the Kadoorie Farm and Botanical Garden. We were unable to attend the unveiling last May because of Larry's health issues, so I'm pleased to be able to view it *in situ*. While I'm in the region, I'm also planning on traveling to Thailand to visit Larry's nephew who has a very successful golf tour business and

has lived there for years. November should be an exhilarating, as well as exhausting, month for me. I can't wait!"

Lucia Norton Woodruff: "At the moment I am in Houston with my daughter and family of four, awaiting the birth of her third child. At the same time a dear brother-in-law is fading away, very intense in timing. I feel so fortunate to be connected to new life as well as the coming ending of a life well lived."

Nancy Smoyer: "This is my year for Italy (adding to multiple earlier visits, most of which were when I was much younger). In September I went with a group to see the Amalfi coast, Pompeii, etc. Then after talking about going to Cinque Terre with a friend for several years, we finally decided to do it this April. I also have been wanting to study Italian again, and this seemed the opportune time. So here I am in Sorrento for four weeks learning Italian! My head is spinning but I think it's actually sinking in, at least un poco. In Fairbanks I'm still adjusting to being retired--sometimes busy and sometimes wondering what the next thing will be. Frequent trips to the East Coast and/or foreign places serve to keep life interesting."



Polly Busselle Bishop's new puppy.

Polly Busselle Bishop: "Winter in Eastham is shockingly simple: bringing up my new lab puppy, Sophie, playing paddle tennis and tennis, typing up Don's recollections of his long life, working ferociously on a library lifetime learning program (I'm part of it with my book on bipolar disorder). A truly relaxing, not very socially responsible time. I mediate when asked, my favorite thing."

Sheila Long: "I'm back in Windsor today after three very intense days in the Boston area, where **Cherry** and I accompanied a very dear mutual friend from Cambridge as she died. I felt hugely privileged to be with our friend, her son, and a group of

close friends during this transition. Now that I'm home, the emotional intensity and lack of sleep are beginning to catch up with me. I spent one night at **Cherry's** beautifully appointed house in Acton, where we traded MFS stories and I discovered her talent as an artist. Everywhere your eyes rest in that house is a visual delight."

Trika Smith-Burke: "I had to come home from Nova Scotia early after recovering from a bout of diverticulitis, because my chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) flared up. My team of NY doctors was wonderful in putting Humpty Dumpty back together at least for a month. Unfortunately after solving the CLL issues, I came down with another attack of diverticulitis and ended up with colon re-section surgery and now am on chemotherapy for the CLL because it too flared up again. Last week they finally diagnosed the excruciating pain in my back that started over New Year's weekend – a compression fracture of L2 plus swelling. It will take about 4 to 6 weeks to heal of just R&R. (Be sure to take your calcium, friends!!) I want everyone to know how wonderful my team of NYU doctors has been. My meditation practice has helped me slow my arrhythmic heart down and helped me to stay focused on one day at a time. My sister and friends have been so supportive!! All things being equal I feel blessed and positive about being back on my feet in three or four months!"

You can be sure, Trika, that all who read this are thinking of you and sending healing energy in your direction.

Fiona Morgan Fein: "Life in the Big Apple is as busy as usual. Had another heart-warming annual reunion with Wells classmates in October. Am continuing to study classical guitar with enough success to keep me going despite my late start. I'm hoping **Tucky** is going to join me in this endeavor as soon as she adjusts to being a new grandmother. Have joined the board of a wonderful NYC organization called Find Your Voice, while continuing to serve on Wells' board and the advisory committee of the Schneider Concerts at the New School and the New York String Orchestra Seminar. Our eldest grandchild will marry in September. She and

her fiancé will receive their master's degrees this spring. Anyone with a job for a public historian, or an expert in environmental remote sensing & geographic information systems, should contact me immediately :-)."

1962

50th Reunion

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Our indefatigable author, **Kate Sayen** Kirkland is swamped working on the edited copy of her latest book. She promises to send in more news when her work is complete. Our tireless athlete, **Dede Shipway** Webster, is still busy teaching her specialty, racket sports, to young children at Princeton Junior School. She also works with older students at PDS and Princeton University. In her free moments, she enjoys her "whacky" Siamese kitty and her corgi Ace. **Susan Mathews** Heard reports that she is having a wonderful retirement. She and husband Bruce continue to travel extensively. Their next cruise will be from Cape Town to Istanbul. Closer to home, Susan was delighted to get to see **Susie Shea** McPherson on her recent trip to California. They were able to spend an enjoyable day at the Huntington Library catching up. **Sonia Bill** Robertson and husband, Jock, had three wonderful weeks visiting with daughter, Carey, over her Christmas break. Carey is in a five year

PhD program in Social Work at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. The Robertsons are fleeing the Maine winter by heading to Florida via Chapel Hill for the month of March. Sonia is looking forward to seeing many classmates at our – "how did it happen" – 50th Reunion. Susie Shea McPherson wrote: "My only news is that, as you know, Bruce died last March. My kids and I have continued to move forward and are doing well. I love living here on the Cape in this beautiful environment and fortunately have lots of friends to be with, lean on and share with." She is not yet sure if she will make it down for our reunion. I was glad when Susie mentioned she hoped to come to visit **Win Dickey** Kellogg. Hopefully, we can arrange a mini-reunion. I am really enjoying having Win in Colorado and **Kitty Walker** Ellison in Loveland. There are few people I share 60 plus years of history with and I am glad I can see them more often. I met Kitty for coffee on Valentine's Day. She is looking forward to the birth of her second grandchild in May. Daughter, Jenny, and her husband, L.B., already have a son, Miles, and this child is a girl. I will look forward to seeing Kitty more often come May. I don't have much to report. I am loving my new hip and being pain free. I stay very busy with my six children and nine grandchildren. My thanks to everyone who sent in their news and special thanks to **Linda Maxwell** Stefanelli and **Tassie Turkevich** Skvir for their work in organizing our 50th in May.

1963

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Kleia Raubitschek Luckner wrote that she loves being a grandma to Caroline and is enjoying retirement after 30 years in health care administration as a Director of OB Nursing and Women's Health. She was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame.

From **Alice Jacobson**: It was great to hear from so many of you for this issue of the *Journal*. I do not have email addresses for everyone, and if you did not get a request for news from me, I would really appreciate having your email address so that I could contact you in the future.

Ginny Elmer Stafford wrote that she was honored to be our oldest classmate and leading the way into a new year for the rest of us although she did say that "perhaps this is becoming less so as each year passes." She is living in Albuquerque and has a full counseling practice, as well as assisting her daughter with a boutique called AQUI. You can find it on Facebook. They are considering adding a small spa and urban garden to the boutique and opening a community building where other businesses will rent space from them. On the other hand (!), Ginny is also contemplating a move to Madrid, Spain, where her other daughter and grandchildren live.

Kathy Sittig Dunlop has both adult children now living in Florida. She and Richard had a wonderful trip to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, France, and Switzerland in October 2011. "Unfortunately," she wrote, "that trip was preceded by a trip—mine." She fell at home and fractured her kneecap. Five days later, they took off on their trip to Europe, and she says that she was "slow but did not miss much and had a great time." Kathy's other big news is that she is volunteering in a kindergarten two days a week and really enjoying being with the kids.

Laurie Rogers retired in January after almost 16 years with York Analytical Labs in Connecticut. Right after she retired, Laurie took off for a Mexican vacation,



Kathy Sittig Dunlop, MFS '63 and her husband, Richard, in Switzerland – October 2011.



Kathy Sittig Dunlop, MFS '63 and her tennis partner having just won their club's Member-Member Championship.

and that capped a year of traveling for her. She was also in LA (with **Pam Sidford** Schaeffer and me), Santa Fe, and had several visits to NYC for theater and ballet. Pam, Laurie, and I email frequently, and I can tell that she will love retirement. "I'll hold good friends close and make new ones, I'll volunteer, learn new things, and keep the music playing; I'll dance to the song of life."

Pam had a walk-on part in the TV show "The Good Wife." Her husband, Leonard, gave her the gift of this part when he bought it at a charity auction! I was so jealous, and I thoroughly enjoyed her long, detailed description of the stars, sets, and the experience in general. Speaking of Leonard, he and Pam hope to host a luncheon at the Nassau Club for our 50th Reunion in 2013. She has asked me to pass on this invitation to all of you. It's now just a year and a few months away. I hope that all of us can make it.

It was wonderful to hear from **Turid Helland** who reports that she gets the magazine and enjoys reading about all of us. She is in touch with **Sally Campbell** Haas with whom she lived when she joined our class in 12th grade as an exchange student from Norway where she is currently living and doing research on language development and dyslexia at the University of Bergen. She is



Standing (l-r) Dan Ellison, Kitty Walker, Ellison MFS '62, daughter Clare with husband Scott, Seated (l-r) son-in-law LB Heilner, daughter Jenny, grandson Miles.

part of a group of five couples who own a place in Monteleone in Umbria on the border with Tuscany. They are olive farmers. Finally, she reports that she is the grandmother of two and she skis.

I received a lovely electronic valentine from **Ellen Levy**. She promises to teach anyone who wants to learn how to make them if you contact her at misservy@gmail.com.

I am doing well. I have about 10 executive coaching clients. I am fortunate to be able to travel. My partner and I are off next week for a month in Peru, Ecuador, and the Galapagos. I hope this finds all of you well and happy; I would so like to share your news with others.

1964

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Thanks to those of you who sent me news for our column. Class of 1964 has missed the last two publications of the Journal, and I was hoping for a strong revival this time around.

A few days ago **Mea Aall** Kaemmerlen and I met for lunch just to catch up and enjoy being together in downtown Princeton. Mea looks terrific (as always) and keeps busy with her many interests. Here's what she had to say:

"My husband Al and I are still living happily in Plainsboro outside Princeton, with dog Lulu and cat Antigone and occasional jaunts to Vail, Colorado, and San Roque, Spain, where Al's kids and families live. (How lucky to have welcoming kids in great locations.)

"After eleven and a half years, I've given up my weekly column, *Serendipity*, in the *Trenton Times*. I love the new freedom but don't know what to do with those ideas that keep surfacing – they have no place to go.

"We've fallen in love with Cambridge, Maryland, and the rest of the Eastern Shore where we recently bought a townhouse, so I might poke around there for a paper in search of a columnist.

"What a hoot it was last spring, when Barbara, **Wendy Hopper**, **Bev Wilson** and I (all our class was invited) attended the PCD 50th reunion dinner during the PDS Alumni Weekend.

About a dozen PDS guys were our hosts, along with two of their teachers. It was well-organized and great fun, with wonderful speeches, songs, jokes, stories, and a professional videographer to record the whole thing. We MFS-ers promised to reciprocate at our 50th. I'm still on the PDS alumni board, the Delaware and Raritan Canal Watch and president (by default!) of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Princeton, a not-for-profit that promotes informed advance planning for funerals and other end-of-life issues."

Wendy Fruland Hopper and I attended a world premier production at McCarter Theater of *The Convert*, an amazing play set in Africa in 1895 in the region of what would become Zimbabwe. Wendy continues to divide her time between her home here, her home in the Adirondacks, Southern Pines, where she and Art spend three months during the winter riding and playing golf, and visiting with children and grandchildren from here to California.

Linda Conroy Vaughn wrote last fall to tell me her son, Brad, and his wife were living in New York City, and that, for a weekend escape, purchased a house in Bay Head. Brad's first visit to the Jersey shore happened when he was 10 and Linda and I took him to the beach for the day. It seems to have left an impression with this California boy.

I'm hoping Linda will have time to stop in NJ more often. She'll have to work hard to fit it into her busy travel itinerary. Linda recently wrote, "Dave and I did a massive amount of traveling last year, clearly an addiction for us and one in which a 12-step program is needed. We can't seem to get enough. Probably the most thrilling and unique was going to Rwanda and hiking up to see the gorillas in their natural environment. There's nothing like it. Africa is a fav place for us so return visits are planned." Maybe Linda will share some of her photos with us for our next column.

Nice to hear from **Dora Lange**, who appears to be taking full advantage of her retirement. "Life is good and retirement is even better than it's cracked up to be...Now I have time: to enjoy our beautiful desert, hike, read, do tai chi and yoga, travel (Berlin, Russia, Hawaii, Nevada and summer in Santa Barbara), go to

film festivals, rock concerts, polo matches and even volunteer at my old school. I'm enjoying every minute! Would love to see any and all classmates—West Coast, East Coast or in between!"

The term "retirement" hasn't yet become part of my vocabulary. Since returning to Princeton two years ago, I've been as busy as ever helping people with their real estate needs. In addition, last fall I became one of a team of four to head up the marketing and sales of The Residences at Palmer

Square, a new complex of 100 condominiums for rent and sale, located at the bottom of Palmer Square!

I'm also fortunate to serve on the board of what I believe is a very important organization in New Jersey, Northeast Organic Farming Association of NJ. One of our biggest educational initiatives is the Beginning Farmer program, worked in association with Duke Farms

(formerly Duke Gardens) in Hillsborough, NJ. If you'd like to know more about this non-profit I invite you to visit our website at <http://www.nofan.org>. We just concluded our most successful Winter Conference ever, held at Princeton University.

As 2012 rolls along, I hope to hear from many more of you. If, by chance, you're in the area, let me know. I'd love to see you.

1965

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Greetings. And the penance that we all must suffer, because of my last minute plea for news, is that no one responded, so all I have is two bits and a poem. Bit #1: I continue to sing with the Bach Collegium – early works with period instruments, and the sound really is quite impressive. We are working to get a snippet on YouTube, and if that hap-

pens, I'll post something. Bit #2: also concerns YouTube. Those who care to can Google Charlie Coffeen, my youngest son, and see what he's up to in the music world. His band's CD has just been released, a *long* time in the making. Poem is from **Phoebe Russell Ozuna**, from a book soon to be published, called *Touching Stone*. I learned that Peggy Taplin died recently. We send loving thoughts to **Susie Sichel**, as we think of her – and our mothers.

This morning the birds
ate most of the black sunflower seeds.
I fill up the feeder,
watch squirrels on grass
look at asparagus fern in garden
and read old poems.

I move from room to room,
think about my mother, my sister.
I sit quietly for a long time
then mail letters and observe the hummingbird.
I am thinking of the Eastern Sierras
and the sweep of mountains up to
the red tailed hawk's air current glide.
Now I am looking at the yellow Buddha cat
and the bright red minutes of Holly's clock.
The first time I heard a poem,
the poet fell right off the stool
and I thought: why yes,
that must be the voice of God.

— Phoebe Russell Ozuna MFS '65

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS

We love to see your photos, but keep in mind a photo may look great on your screen but needs to be high resolution for use in a print publication.

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For Class Notes, the recommended minimum size for a photo file should be two inches across at a resolution of 300dpi – that is, 600x900 pixels (larger for group photos). A smaller photograph may be usable, but chances are it will not print clearly. Larger files are better.

ClassNotes

Princeton Country Day School

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1926-1938

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The Alumni Office is sad to report that **James K. Meritt** passed away in January 2012. We are most grateful for his many years of service as class correspondent.

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70th Reunion

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Correspondent needed

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Colin McAneny attended the memorial service for **George Galup** in January in the Princeton University Chapel.

1946

Correspondent needed

1947

65th Reunion

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From the Alumni Office: Many thanks to **Peter Rossmassler** for serving as class correspondent for many years; we are delighted and so thankful to David Rogers for taking on this role.

Your new class secretary, **David Rogers**, is inscribing these notes in 76 degrees on Casey Key, a deserted beach some three miles above Venice on the west coast of Florida. Louisa, who married this widower some seven years ago, loves Sarasota opera, while I crave daily beach walks occasionally interrupted with a very brisk dip. This is our fourth year escaping Hingham, MA, in February for a rented beach shack.

The other months see Louisa much involved in the Hingham Historical Society tours of our beautiful old houses, while I continue to teach and produce competitive financial intelligence for Fortune 200 firms. Overseas trips – last year from Rome to Nice on the sailing yacht *Sea Cloud* – highlighted the fall. Highlights of the year included (a) Louisa's orchestrated 80th birthday celebration for me with 65 family and friends toasting and roasting me royally and (b) the 55th reunion with my classmates from the Harvard Business School where, being jobless, I stayed on as a professor and management consultant. After stints at the University of Michigan and Babson College, I have focused on consulting since 1984.

While missing the joys of Windy Top Farm, which became

too difficult to maintain despite the periodic help of neighbors, Peter and Frances Rossmassler are happily ensconced in a retirement community in Newtown, Pennsylvania. Reflecting on prep-school choices, Peter praised the Harkness plan of 12 students and a preceptor – similar to the Princeton system, except the master was called a professor.

As for Princeton, your scribe (Harvard) remembers playing against Peter in soccer and discovering that his former classmate had not lost any of his former fervor for the game or competitiveness. Age is no problem for Peter. He merely subtracts one year off his age each year. He is now 54 and at the rate he is going, the Selective Service will be after him yet!

Shepherd Roberts retired two years ago as a professor of biology from Temple University and is living happily with his wife of 25 years, Celia, in a retirement community in Lafayette Hill, PA. He is the ever enthusiastic chauffeur – at least so far – facilitating his wife's hobby of training dogs to traverse obstacle courses. With a daughter living in Princeton, hopefully he and Celia will be able to attend the 65th reunion. (When your scribe talked with him, Shep was off to Princeton the next day.)

Dr. **Paul Roediger** is our class newlywed when two years of being a lonely widower ended December 4. He met Shirley Davis playing bridge, then "dinners and then a delightful marriage." The couple enjoy cruising with the caveat the Captain "not get too close to shore" to show off the ship!

Paul joined Abington Memorial Hospital after graduation in 1958 and "never left," retiring in 2000 as Director of Medical Education. (He was also an Associate Professor of Medicine at Temple University.) However, he

still keeps his hand in by teaching residents half a day a week at the ambulatory medical clinic at Abington Hospital. Paul's hobby is woodworking, especially making furniture. And as your scribe can attest, Paul is a delightfully funny dinner table raconteur.

Rowland Burnstan, Jr. retired 17 years ago and moved to Carlsbad, California after a varied and exciting career as an "expat." Burnie started with Colgate Palmolive International as a Brand Manager, then "followed the money" all over Europe and Asia. Best assignment was President of Cyanamid International's French subsidiary: "I didn't speak English for six years; it was pure heaven!"

Next was Asia with top management assignments for Dole International (Japan), Max Factor (Canada), Textron (U.S.A.) and Helene Curtis International (Japan). Finally, he snuggled down for two years as a Professor (and Board member) of Lake Forest Graduate School of Management in Chicago.

Looking ahead: Our 65th reunion, unofficial though it may be, is this year, 2012. Louisa and I plan to be there and look forward to meeting the whole class. Details to follow.

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Correspondent needed

Wallace (Butch) Palmer hasn't been to Princeton in years; he now lives in Maine, but he remembers PCD as a wonderful and valuable experience. He would like to hear from other classmates and friends!

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60th Reunion

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1957

55th Reunion

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Rob Carrick '59 and his two sons Shane and Devlin

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50th Reunion

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It has been twelve years since our class secretary, **Nat Hutner** retired as class correspondent to direct his energy toward his poetry. His book, *War: A Book of Poems* was published in 2004.

For a dozen years and roughly 25 issues of the *Journal*, I have seen posted under our class year the words, "Correspondent needed." That is until Fall 2011, when Randy Hobler '61 and Director of Alumni Relations, Tracey Gates, appeared in a photo in our class' normally empty space. If a non-member of PCD '65 is going to occupy space, my preference would have been the photo of Mr. Wes McCaughan and Debbie Hobler PDS '66, which is on the following page (Pg. 77). A picture of Debbie H. vs one of Randy H.? (Just kidding -- explanation to follow).

Foremost, my sincere sympathy goes out to our classmate, **Richard Bales**, John F Bales III '55, and Robert Bales '58, and to the Bales family on the loss of their father, John F. Bales II, this past year. At Princeton, he starred as an All-American tailback on the University's undefeated national championship football team of 1933. His teammate & captain was Judge Art Lane '34, a Rigot-Walsh family friend. Upon reflection, I now understand where Ricky Bales inherited all his athletic talent on the basketball court in a school where one plays hockey.

I volunteered (one usually becomes wiser thru aging) for class correspondent for several reasons, including our class being the final chapter in PCD history on Broadmead and we will celebrate our fiftieth anniversary in a very short three years. There were twelve of us who transitioned to the Great Road and joined the lovely ladies of MFS to enjoy three wonderful years at PDS. Since the doors closed at 171, the years have taken four of our class and many more of our dedicated teachers, coaches and administrators. This past Fall,

I mailed Sir George V. Packard a note of support in his failing health, filled with affection, admiration, and gratitude for having known him. He passed a few days later (September 06, 2011). Read "Rescue" or one of his many stories in the SI Vault, and as one QB to another QB, one will really sense Sir George in *It was Only a Game of Touch*. One sunny Fall day, I drove over to the seawall here in the "Port" and dropped a forward pass of roses into the sea at high tide to transverse the ocean to GVP.

A few years back, Mr. Wes McCaughan sat beside me at a Hall of Fame function and pulled from his jacket pocket a photo of a Tiger Bus with many boys standing alongside and virtually every window space occupied by a mug-shot. Like a proud father, he began to name each student and what they do today!! Impressive memory and even more impressive stations in life. In that Westward Ho picture, Coach McCaughan assumed the same position (like a golfer sizing up his putt) he assumed at the top of the dugout steps, when teaching us the game of baseball. I didn't notice his infamous pipe. Coach McCaughan was a good schoolboy coach, who modified the "Harkness Classroom" approach in teaching his Ancient History course and did both extremely well in a gentlemanly manner. Mr. Wes McCaughan is one of those special individuals you feel privileged to have part of your life's story. Being class correspondent gives me the opportunity to say "Thank You," Mr. McCaughan.

Living in New England has afforded me the opportunity to cheer PDS hockey over several years at the William W. Barber Hockey Tournament co-hosted by Middlesex School and St. Mark's School. I sarcastically jested with Mr. John Levandowski (athletic director at St. Mark's and former athletic director at PDS) as a host in not letting any of the "invited" guests take home the trophy the last two years. The schools and their fans do a fantastic job. Maybe next year I'll try bribing Mr. J. L. with a box of Maine lobstah? I have followed the Denise brothers (John Garret '02, Will '05, Conrad '13) since leaving my farm in Hunterdon County, where the Welsh

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sisters (Lauren '99, Allison '01, Betsy '04) of Lambertville were a pleasure to watch on the ice and lacrosse fields.

There are some fifteen class (PCD 1965) members that have become "LOST" or, in the Alum Office terminology, (nci) no current information. With the help of the "ROCK" (**A. Richard Ross**, PCD '65, PDS '68), and my youngest brother, Kevin T. Walsh, PDS '76, who read PAW & TT regularly, I will continue in my efforts to be successful in finding half those missing on one Saturday afternoon without football. It is the objective of this correspondent to reach out to all members (PCD 1965) of our class, particularly those members who went off to New England schools like Exeter, Phillips Andover, Taft, Kent, South Kent, etc. This is only if you want to reconnect and be found, to facilitate our fiftieth in a few years. (Note: IF you are a member of PDS '68, please continue to use the superlative journalistic talent of Ms. Sia Godfrey Bauer '68 and Ms. Mary Hobler Hyson '68)

As the summer approaches, I can usually be found in close proximity to the local artist painting seascapes at Wandby Cove near Walker's Point. Alternatively, there are great sea breezes at the ocean seawall on the grounds of St. Ann's Episcopal Church. A favorite ocean spot during the summer months, because it is canine friendly when local beaches have dog restrictions. Look for my Weims, Hunter & Colby!

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1966

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Six degrees of separation, once again. In January, my cousin Ed, who's selling a family condo in Ponte Vedra, Florida, left me a message to say his realtor knew me. When I called him back he said I had attended Valley Road School and Miss Fine's School with this person. Since it's only been 49 years since I'd seen her,

it took me awhile to remember. I was delighted to learn the realtor was **Barbara Short** Maple. I believe she was in our freshman class at



Barbara Short Maple

MFS (she's been on our class list forever) and we attended Princeton elementary schools together until the 8th grade. Barbara's been a real estate agent for 30 years, the last 18 in the Ponte Vedra area with Watson Realty, and has had the distinction of being ranked the #1 agent in the area as well. My cousin confirms that she's a great lady and broker. As you can tell from Barb's photo, she hasn't changed a bit from 1963. I wait to report more back to you about what Barbara has been up to for 50 years!



Galey Bisell Sergio.

Wedding Announcements: No, not mine. **Linda Staniar** Bergh's daughter Courtney will be married on June 2 in London. **Galey Bissell** Sergio-Castelveter's son Max ties the knot in October. In September 2011, **Tera Belli** Miles's daughter, Heather, was married to David Lombino in Connecticut. The beautiful bride is an attorney in private practice in New York. The New York Times wedding announcement of how they met, at a karaoke bar in Chinatown in 2008, was a great story.



Heather Miles, daughter of Tera Belli Miles, and her husband David Lombino.

Sally Harries Gaudie happily reported that all of her family now resides on this side of the Atlantic, and is thrilled to have both sons close by. Dave couldn't resist a job offer in Toronto, and made the move from Scotland in the fall.



Jack, Maddie, Sally '66, Charlotte Gaudie.

Steve and his family also returned from Scotland a year or two ago, and now live in Boston. This means that Sally no longer has to travel internationally to spend time with her grandchildren.



Hannah Blakeman with grandson, Arlington.

Hannah Blakeman welcomed a second grandchild, Arlington, who arrived on December 6, 2011 to Hannah's son, John and his wife, Jennifer. Arlington's sister Jessie *seemed* happy to have a sibling!

Margery Cuyler is the proud author of yet another delightful children's book, *Tick-Tock Clock*, from Harper Collins, about a pair of twins that run amok at grandmother's house...and she has a new position as Children's Publisher at Amazon. Congratulations! Margery also wrote, "I



Margery Cuyler's new book.

can't wait until our next reunion!"

Lynn Wiley Hoffman is back living in New Jersey, taking a breather from work, and has begun displaying and selling her crocheted works of art (she also makes lovely jewelry). She is celebrating 25 years of sobriety—our best wishes to you, Lynn, on this happy occasion. Her son, Kit, continues to produce stunning professional photographs, you can view them at www.christopher-ludwig.com.

Sally Behr Ogden continues to travel to exotic places, most recently China, from Shanghai to Kashgar to Uygur country. Like everyone who visits there, she was stunned by the building boom, with its immense dust and dirt. "Cranes are everywhere and developments that look a hundred times larger than co-op city (all empty) are even in the most remote autonomous regions. There is an entire city in Chinese Mongolia that is not even inhabited." In December, Sally was in France, where she visited Christy Love, who some of you may remember from our Princeton days, when she was at Sacred Heart. And congratulations are in order as Sally has now received a non-denominational degree in ministry, something she's been working on for six years. She reports she can "marry and bury," and more importantly, as she says, help others to heal.

Susan Bonthron exhibited one of her gorgeous book creations at the Common Threads: The Handicrafts in Book Arts show at 23 Sandy Gallery in Portland, Oregon. She was one of 47 artists from around the country whose

works were displayed. Susan and colleague, Jill St. Coeur, created a book based on a poem by a young seamstress, confined to a wheelchair that lived in Oregon in the early 1900s.

We were all very sad to hear the news of George Packard's passing this past fall in the Canary Islands. His teaching had a significant influence on many of our classmates' lives, their critical thinking and writing skills. He

will be missed. **Katherine Becker** wrote:

"George, more than any other teacher, prepared me for what lay ahead in college and how to write, not to mention how to learn to think. While the other English teachers, Moynes Smith and Mrs. Shepherd, emphasized from 8th grade on that we should learn to write the ten-page paper—George spent the year teaching us to do the two-to-three page paper—and he was correct. On top of that he taught us how to read Shakespeare not only for the classical form of the poetry, which is what every teacher ground into us, but he dissected it into ordinary speech and what the characters were trying to communicate. His teaching gave us the credit as thinkers and drew us out—like the other George (Warren) did in history, but this was the world of intellectual thought and imagination not intellectual property and fact as the history class was. George Packard dazzled us and challenged us and stretched us. He was and will remain an indelible influence in my life." Margery Cuyler wrote that "George Packard was my favorite teacher and all these many years since, I have found myself applying his writing maxims to the books I've both edited and written." It's heartening to know we carry our MFS and PDS teachings and outstanding education for all our lives.

1967 45th Reunion

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It was just a year ago that Connecticut was still under feet of compacted snow, with roofs caving in, gutters clogged with ice, and no signs of spring. This year, knock on wood, the winter has been mild and we've seen less than a foot of snow for the entire season.

In Europe, however, things are different, as **Francoise Foassier** reports. The photos she sent in to the PDS Journal show beautiful snow scenes in the mountains. "This is just to give you an idea of our 'mild winter,'" she wrote. "I'm just back from four days snow-



Francoise Foassier took this beautiful photo of the French Pyrenees.

shoeing in the French Pyrenees. It's only a four-hour drive from here. The sun only appeared on our last day. And, more surprising, it snowed here [in Bordeaux] last night, and today is all white.

Francoise said she was looking forward to a trip to Vietnam in March.

Mary Young Bragado also sent news from across the Atlantic. "Thank goodness, all is good news from the Bragado-Young family. The two grandsons in Spain are developing into two very distinct personalities, Max at 2 1/2, the pensive intellectual, and Alex at 13 months, the charming bulldozer. Both give us huge amounts of joy.

"We had a wonderful family event in November when Julio and three women principals from The American Ballet Theater danced Balanchine's *Who Cares*, music by Gershwin, with Max and the Monterey Symphony. Everyone in the audience celebrated Julio's recovery with us.

Mary Woodbridge Lott wrote: "I am getting older as we all are. My mind keeps thinking it is only at 20 years old, but my body tells me differently. The past few years for me have been spent trying to figure out my mom's estate. I'm busy clearing out the family house and also trying to add a winterized addition to the family's summer home.

"I look forward to seeing friends at our 45th reunion," Mary continues. "I see **Franny Gorman** often and her family, and sometimes I have tea with **Betsy Gilliam**. Otherwise, I am still alive and living with my wonderful daughter, Sara '96."

Laura Peterson wrote: "My mother, Mary Bennett Peterson, passed away just before Thanksgiving last year, at age 88. Her health had been poor for some time, and she had in fact been given a terminal diagnosis more than three years ago.

"She was a remarkable person

— a great and loving mother, highly intelligent and accomplished, witty and lots of fun and, as many will recall, pretty, stylish, and charming to boot — really rather a superwoman.

"Her many accomplishments are noted in a news obituary the Washington Post ran at washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/mary-bennett-peterson

"She was a frequent contributor to the Wall Street Journal when we were growing up, and her 1971 book, *The Regulated Consumer*, was commended by Nobel Laureate in economics Milton Friedman, who wrote its introduction. When my family moved to Washington, DC she became a lobbyist for GM — a job she loved.

"Words are so inadequate! Mother was my best friend for most of my adult life. With my brother Mark's death from multiple myeloma in 2006, that leaves only Dad, who'll be 91 in late February, in my immediate family. He's in pretty good health for his age (knock on wood) and continues to live in a separate apartment from mine at Watergate South, part of that infamous complex."

The class extends its sympathy to Laura on the death of her mother, Mary Bennett Peterson. Our thoughts go also to Laura's father, William Peterson.

Susan Fritsch Hunter wrote: "I hope our next column will be filled with reunion photos and news as we celebrate 45 years "post PDS!"

1968

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Pam Aall McPherson wrote that in the last year she became a grandmother twice over, first to Celeste Llewellyn-Smith (daughter of daughter, Ella, and her husband), and secondly to Cathleen McPherson (daughter of son, Andrew, and his wife). Pam reports that it was "quite a bountiful year."



A Life's Fine Thread, Hazel Hall, Susan Bonthron's book.

Ann McClellan sent a copy of the press release for her newest book, excerpted below:

"Washington's cherry blossom trees have enchanted residents and visitors for a century. In the spring of 2012, the National Cherry Blossom Festival will celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Tokyo to our nation's capital. To mark the event, National Geographic is publishing *CHERRY BLOSSOMS: The Official Book of the National Cherry Blossom Festival* written by Ann McClellan and photographed by Ron Blunt.

"The book tells the story of how the gift of trees in 1912 spawned the nation's greatest springtime celebration, which has grown into an eagerly anticipated, multiweek, event-filled extravaganza attended by more than a million people annually. Richly illustrated with historical images as well as sumptuous photographs of cherry blossoms and National Cherry Blossom Festival festivities, the book includes a history of the cherry blossoms, signature events of the yearly Festival and best ways to enjoy it, community celebrations and entertainment. It also features the different varieties of cherry blossoms and includes places around the nation where one can enjoy the beautiful blooms."

From **Mary Hobler Hyson**: As I write the news for the spring issue, I am marveling at the lack of snow this winter and the unseasonably warm weather. Of course, we got hit hard by an early winter storm in late October. We were without power for a week. I didn't enjoy being a pioneer woman!

An apology is in order to **Leigh Keyser Phillips** who wrote a lovely letter with lots of updates on her family. Somehow I omitted them in the column of the last issue. So read on and catch up. Leigh wrote, "Brent (28) left his engineering job in Boston to work and ski in Park City, Utah. Then he went to Georgetown University, graduating with an MBA in 2010. He's working for Skullcandy (a company that makes 'hip' headphones marketed towards snowboarders and skate boarders). He loves living in Utah where he can ski, bike and sail, hike and play golf."



Leigh Keyser Phillips with sons Stewart and Brent and husband, Peter.

"Stewart (23) graduated from Loyola Marymount University in 2010 with a degree in recording arts. He is freelancing in LA—recording local bands. He is in a band, "The Funky Slippers," which played at the Eagle Rock Music Festival. He has written and produced their first CD. (Check out some of the band's music at: www.thefunkyslippers.com)

Brief news from **Susan Koch** LaTulippe in Vermont: In May she and husband, Steve, are expecting to be grandparents for the ninth time! Congratulations, Susan.

Joe Chandler and I were in touch in October when parts of Thailand were overcome with flood waters. Joe commutes between Bangkok and Portland, Maine. He wrote: "Fortunately, the water did not flood my house or business. But, this may have as much economic impact as the Japanese tsunami."

I visited **Sia Godfrey** Bauer recently at her home in Burlington, Connecticut. She and husband, Charles, are in the midst of major renovations to their kitchen.

And in closing, Eric and I will soon be grandparents for a third time. Our daughter Katie is expecting her first child in July. Stay tuned.

1969

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Meg Brinster Michael had her first solo show of paintings and photographs at the Present Day

Club: "(some of you may have fond memories of attending Barclay Dancing there)" in January and February of this year. She "had a wonderful outpouring of encouragement and support from a large number of friends including some PDS folks! **Janet Masterton**, **Ann Wiser** Fries, **Louise Hutner** and **Bill Flemer** '71, **Heidi Flemer**, **Jody Erdman** '72, **Philip Winder** '69, **Bill Roebing** '65, **Jean Duff** (former faculty), **Paula Koerte** (current faculty), **Heidi and Bill's mom** (Elizabeth Sinclair Flemer '43), **Cynthia Walsh**'s parents as well as many other past PDS parents, for that I am so grateful. Thank you to all who made my first exhibition a wonderful success!"

Heidi Flemer Hesselein wrote about her visit to Meg's exhibit: "...a wonderful collection of her paintings. There was a variety of subjects beautifully rendered, from still lifes to landscapes, water scenes and pictures of flowers. I went to the opening night, as did my brother **Bill Flemer** '71 and **Louise Hutner Flemer**. As good as these paintings were, I had to ask Meg 'why did you wait this long!?'"

Bob Sullivan also reported on Meg's exhibit. Her show ended on February 24 and his paintings went up immediately thereafter and were there until the end of March. You can view Meg's work at www.megrit.com and Bob's is available for view at <http://web.me.com/dizzyfish/site/Welcome.html>.

Laurie D'Agostino Stoumen wrote: "My dear aunt Mary Willcox '36 died on October 26 at age 93. She attended Miss Fine's from K-8th. My sister, mom, and I and all our kids miss her terribly. She taught kindergarten at Nassau Street School for 33 years! She was the perfect aunt to me, my brother, Peter, and my sister, Lucy. I did come to Princeton last May to take my mom to my Dad's 65th Princeton Reunion where I saw and visited with **Lindsey Hicks**. She and her sisters, **Andrea** '66 and **Libby** '77 and I all walked in the P-rade together. My mom and Reeves and Joan Hicks rode in a golf cart. I had a wonderful time, and loved to see my mom in her element—singing all the old songs from the 40's and having a great time. My mom had a stroke in 7/10, but is doing well besides having almost no more short term

memory. But she still remembers all those old songs!! My kids are great, ages 30, 27, and 24, and we even have a grandson, Jack, who will be one on March 19!!"

Bob Peck has a nine-month-old son. He has been doing stand-up roast type comedy routines at retirement parties at the assessor's office where he works. You can see him on YouTube; his channel is MrRobertPeck. He sent special greetings to Eric.

Eve Robinson sent exciting news: "My daughter **Sophia Fraioli** has become a successful author! At the very young age of 23, she and a childhood friend started a website, www.whenparentstext.com, in the fall of 2010. By the end of that year they had signed a deal to publish a book with material from the website and they now are in negotiations to turn the website and book into a TV sitcom! They have appeared on CNN and Fox News as well as been featured in several articles including the front page of the Star Ledger! Needless to say we are very proud parents. She lives in NYC in the East Village (around the corner from where Tom and I lived when she was born). Check out the website, it's hilarious!"

Bruce Plapinger wrote: "Karen and I are doing well. We had a somewhat interesting summer: We rode out Hurricane Irene on our boat at our marina in Bear, DE. It wasn't too bad other than a lot of wind, rain, and prep work to make sure everything was secured. No damage and it was kind of fun, except for tornado that touched town about a mile or two away from us. We did make our annual boat trip to Hilton Head this fall, but for the first time in 14 years, we won't be spending the winter down there. Karen has decided to change careers and has gone back to school to be certified as a Health Information Management professional. The schoolwork is quite difficult but she's excelling, as usual. I've got a lot of business commitments up here (Newark, DE), so it's not too much of a burden for me to be here. Plus, so far the winter weather has been pretty mild."

"We'll be bringing the boat back north in May and going back to the marina where we were three years ago (it was damaged in a winter storm and they had to rebuild the dock that we were on)."

It was a good thing we had the boat in Hilton Head that winter as some 30 boats were destroyed when the roof collapsed under the weight of some heavy snow."

Wendy Lawson-Johnston and Tommy McNeil are living in South Carolina full-time in a cabin they built on some family property in the woods. They love it there and love the pace but Wendy still travels north consistently to continue her work at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation. Wendy and her sisters are becoming trainees in learning about agriculture and timbering for the family interests there in the south and she is finding that it is one tough way to succeed in business.

1971

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40th Reunion

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Alex Laughlin sent the following news: "Hi to all. Our 40th on May 12 is going to be great. After the events at PDS are enjoyed, we will couple our celebration into two locations. The Laughlin house neighbors the Hillbilly Hall. Our 40th needs both of these locations because this reunion will continue to open a place where passions and life in motion gratitudes are often lost. The two coupled locations are now gateways that are all set. The 40th will be rocking and peaceful. You do not want to miss this reunion. My thanks and hope to all of you that life is good."

1973

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Anne MacLeod Weeks is currently the US Director at the Agnes Irwin School in Philadelphia. Her husband is retiring from the Sanford School in DE this June, so Anne will be relocating with him. They hope to be closer to their home in Fenwick Island, DE, she says "but the adventure has just begun, so the world's my oyster." Son Jed graduated from the Gilman School in Baltimore, attended the Maine Coast Semester with a few PDSers, and graduated from U Delaware. He was the deputy finance director for the successful Delaware gubernatorial campaign and is currently a development associate with George Soros' Open Society Institute, awarding grants to support the betterment of the city of Baltimore. Sad news, Anne's brother, David '69, passed away this past spring. For those who love crossword puzzles, David had four books of Canadian-themed puzzles published, and if you buy one on Amazon, the proceeds go to support a financial aid fund for books with the Maine Coast Semester, a program a number of PDS juniors have attended. Anne keeps in touch with **Hilary Morgan** and **Tucky Fussell**, and reconnected with Peter Bittenheim a few years ago. Every day that Anne teaches her one English class, she says she thinks about the PDS English teachers who inspired her and whom she will always miss: Anne Shepherd, Moyne Smith, and Huson Gregory. Her brother, Fraser '64, lives in California, and her sister Leslie '79 is in upstate NY.

Glenna Weisberg Andersen practices ob/gyn full-time in a private group practice with four other women. They deliver about 65-70 babies a month, which sounds like a lot! Glenna owns/runs the practice with her business partner. Needless to say, she notes, she is totally crazy!! Glenna and her husband live in McLean, VA, where they have been for the past 25 years. Their daughter, Brett, is in her second year at the University of Virginia, "having a super time—what's not to love?!!" Their son, KJ, works in NYC for JP Morgan's private bank, having graduated from UVA two years ago. He is totally loving the 'NYC experience.' Glenna said she is "definitely coming back as one of my kids—they have so many fantastic opportunities these days!" She hopes

to see some of her old classmates at our 40th reunion, next year—"that is totally horrific - 40 years out of high school - what happened to all of those years?? Now I feel old!!"

Michael Felder works as a family physician, just outside of Providence, RI, where he is also very busy on the faculty of Brown University Medical School, teaching clinical medicine and bioethics. He serves on committees with many organizations including the RI Department of Health and a number of "quality improvement" organizations. Michael's wife, Elissa, works (among other things) as a school nurse and health educator in a school system attended by students expelled from public schools. Michael and Elissa have five children (two daughters and three sons): Sophie and Sonia are both at Stern College in NYC pursuing pre-law and education administration, respectively. Their eldest son, Jacob, moved to Israel about four years ago, where he has been pursuing rabbinic ordination and a degree in education. Jacob recently completed 1½ years in a "green beret" type of unit in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). He plans to be married in April in Jerusalem. He and his wife will live in Israel. Ezra (child #4) is in the 11th grade in a religious boy's high school in Silver Spring, MD and their youngest son, Raphael, just celebrated his bar mitzvah in Providence. Elissa and three of their children recently completed a half-marathon, raising over \$9,000 for a charity organization called Chai Lifeline. Chai Lifeline provides an enormous number of needed services and care for children with cancer.

1974

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35th Reunion

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One evening this past fall I was looking at a gorgeous sunset through my kitchen window and thinking about what to prepare for dinner when suddenly it hit me, a serious "Aha moment." I was an Empty Nester! Quickly my eyes surveyed the empty nest. Everything looked very neat and organized. I noted the absence of crumbled deli bags and empty sports drink bottles near the sofas and chairs. There were no stray flip flops, sweatshirts, cleats or lacrosse balls on the hearth. I did a little math. For the first time in 26 years I did not have any children living at home. I wasn't sure exactly what I was feeling but it was nice! I felt a little buoyant with the excitement of something new, like walking into my dorm room at college for the first time. I could tell almost immediately that I was going to like the empty nest as much as I liked it full. I envision that preconceived notion of extra time which I hope to use wisely. Oh the possibilities! I am looking forward to our 35th reunion on May 11 and 12. It will be great to get the Class of 1977 together to share memories and catch up. All the best for now – hope to see you soon.

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Sue Fineman Keitelman sent the following note: "My condolences to my classmates who have lost a parent this past year. My own mother died in July after a year-long fight battling various infections related to her MS (which she had for over 35 years). She had been living with us until this past year. It only makes sense that

as we enter the "half century" mark, our parents continue aging as well.

Speaking of aging, now that we are 50-somethings, we need to have the font size enlarged in the Journal! I think my arms have shrunk because I couldn't hold it far enough away to read our class notes without my reading glasses!

A couple of weeks after my mom's funeral I started a new job as a preschool director at a synagogue preschool in Alexandria, Virginia. The job and (salary) couldn't have come at a more opportune time now that we have two college tuitions: our oldest, Jordan, is a junior at Rutgers and our daughter, Rebecca, started at William & Mary this fall. (Two down, two to go: Paul is a sophomore and Matthew is a freshman in high school).

Very sad to see that Mrs. Michaels retired! She started at PDS in 1974 the same year I did. Has it really been 37 years since we were in ninth grade?"

Sarah Jane Nelson wrote from New Hampshire: "I was chagrined to read that I was not among the illustrious few invited to the Adirondacks frolic. No, really, 'I never inhaled,' and was too busy reading Russian literature and hiding under tables in the PDS cafeteria hoping someone would mistake me for part of the furniture.....NO hard feelings. ANYWAY, I'm now the frazzled and bedazzled old mother of two teenagers; Samuel (16) paces when he talks and is basically the reincarnation of Carl Sagan—he loves politics, physics and philosophy; if anyone needs a summer intern to do research in Cognitive Science, A.I. or just to write [Democratic] political speeches, please let me know! My daughter Emma (14) is a chip off the mom block and thinks about music, poetry and other artistic pursuits all the day long! Our dinner conversations are never dull. I hereby confess that I have shared my adolescent PDS journals (crushes included) with my daughter both for her amusement and as part of her literary training. I no longer hide under furniture but live the life of a musical New England gypsy, playing for dances and festivals on weekends, freelance writing, and trying to hold on to my day job at a local high school."

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Greetings '79ers. Here in New England, we're recovering from a tense Super Bowl season that WE DON'T WISH TO DISCUSS! Fortunately, our classmates continue to offer news from their interesting lives to take our minds off of our recent tribulations:

Miriam Chilton: "It is hard for the former rebel in me to admit that I'm a picture of the perfect American nuclear family. I've been happily married to Joel Dorow for the last 19 years, living in beautiful Montclair, NJ, where we struggle for the perfect green lawn. We have two delightful children (who can drive me to drink). Shaina is a senior at MHS and is in the rather arduous and difficult process of applying to college. Our 13-year-old, Sam, is at Glenfield Middle School and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Camp Harlam in October. Shaina is heavily involved in her Jewish youth movement stuff (NFTY), and Sam is mastering his longboarding and lacrosse skills, in between killing folks in the video game, Black Ops. I feel like I'm working my butt off at a job I really quite enjoy – COO of URJ Camps and Israel programs – and Joel is working hard as he navigates the merger of his company, Genzyme, with Sanofi. We have been quite lucky and very appreciative of all of our good fortune. We hope all are doing well and enjoy hearing of others."

Ralph Ross wrote: "Hello, former classmates. Ralph Ross and **Juliette Rougny** are pleased to announce that after 30+ years and five children, we finally tied the knot last June at Boston City Hall. Our children are beautiful, kind, hard-working, and funny, but have no tangible worldly accomplishments to boast of. Ralph teaches eighth grade history in a public school. Juliette works as a day-care provider. We cling precariously to a lower-middle-class existence. I don't know about you

all, but turning 50 has been a bit of a mind-blower! Peace."

Anne Merrick Kellstrom: "Cathy and I have been in touch recently and she has encouraged me to write a little update for our class notes! We are in Bernardsville, NJ, and I am still working at the USGA (20 years!!!). After many years on the NY Stock Exchange, my husband, Todd, has been in business for himself since 2008 trading futures from our home. Our daughter, Melanie, is a senior at The Gunnery and is very close to making a decision about where she will be going to college next year. So we are in the midst of an exciting year that is going by much too fast!!! Melanie and I were recently in Princeton to have lunch with my mom and my sister Laurie. While at lunch, ran into Tom and Tracey Gates, which was really nice, and after lunch, we stopped by "Jane" (great store owned by **Jane Henderson Kenyon**) and just enjoyed walking around town! It had been awhile since I had spent an afternoon in Princeton and it brought back a lot of great memories. Cathy and I are planning to get together the next time I get up to visit my sister Joan, who now lives on Cape Cod. Looking forward to that and would really love to see other PDS friends too!"

Melanie von der Schulenberg: "I'm living and teaching art to a variety of children in Santa Barbara. The natural beauty here is amazing. I'm working toward dragging my canvases outside to do some landscape painting, but for now, most of my subject matter has to do with a landscape of my mind. I'm working on a new series of paintings, and some big papier-mâché sculptures – my website is under construction – hope to have it up and running soon. Other items on the horizon ... researching more graduate study in psychology, art therapy, and also toying with the idea of moving to Berlin for immersion in a truly creative cauldron."

Drew Ann Rosenberg is living in LA and continues to build on her impressive body of work in the film industry, both for her own company, Dog Films, and others.

"I have a movie I directed which is playing On Demand on the Showtime movie channel. It's also available on Netflix. It's called

Sex and a Girl and stars Alison Lohman, Angela Gots, Danny Masterson, Soleil Moon Frye, Robert Hays, Ellen Greene and Genevieve Bujold. It's a coming of age movie about a girl who's a dancer, dealing with HS sex and the divorce of her parents. Might be fun for those with 16+ age kids."

For more on Drew's work go to <http://www.drewrosenberg.com>

Allison Lockwood Cronson is living in the Boston area. She says, "Celebrating my daughter's Bat Mitzvah this March as she turns 13. Otherwise, enjoying the really mild (unbelievable!) Massachusetts weather."



Class Correspondents Martha Hicks Leta '79 and Cathy White Mertz '79.

My family recently joined **Cathy White Mertz's** family again for dinner at their lovely home in Needham, MA, which I'm happy to say is becoming something of an annual/semi-annual tradition. Son, Noah, is a junior at Needham High and, aside from being a skilled baker of monkey bread and brownies, he is a *highly* skilled pianist. As the old saying goes, the best way to get to Carnegie Hall is, "practice, practice, practice!" and Noah did just that. As a first place winner in the 8th Annual Russian Music Festival piano competition, Noah was selected to perform at the Winners' Concert at Carnegie Hall in December. For his performance, Noah played the hauntingly beautiful and insanely difficult *Elegy* by Kalinikov. You can watch his rehearsal on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31reiE9Knk>

And with some news, **Cathy White Mertz** wrote: Under very sad circumstances, I had a chance encounter with Anne Merrick Kellstrom's sister, Joan **Merrick Schneeweiss** '74, in October. On the day we moved my dad, who had Alzheimer's, to a nursing home in Chatham, MA, a wonderful and eerily familiar nurse was there to meet us and help get

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT



Fathers to sons...

(l-r) Eric Jensen '82, John Egner '14, Garret Jensen '12, and Mark Egner '82. Eric and Mark played on the 1982 team that won the state title and John and Garret are on PDS's current hockey team.

Dad settled in. It didn't take long to make the PDS connection – a very happy discovery, celebrated with hugs! I cannot describe the feeling of relief at finding such a familiar and friendly soul in such a strange and frightening land – it helped to make a difficult day a little less difficult. Sadly, my dad passed away in January.

Those of you who had the good fortune to meet Cathy's dad, Dr. Jack White, will remember him for his exceptional wit, kindness and skill as a physician. He will be sorely missed by many.

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1982

30th Reunion

Need Correspondent

Alice Ganoe Ryden is living in Larchmont, NY with her husband, Kurt, and their three sons: "Little" Kurt, James and John. Three boys five- and-under make Alice and Kurt very busy but they love it. Alice is a full-time mom now after years of living and working in New York City.

Lindsay Suter wrote that he had a wonderful time hosting some classmates (**Elissa "Mac" Sharp**; **Lea-Lea Erdman** Marshall and **Tom Marshall**; **Lindsay McCord**-Norman; **Laurien Goodyear** Schramm; **Anne Metcalf**; **Molly Frantz** Peacock; **John Sprow**; and various family members) at his mill house this past summer. They got together in memory of **Amanda Lake**.

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Will Meyerhofer wrote: "My new book is out! It's called *Way Worse Than Being a Dentist - The Lawyer's Quest for Meaning* and it's a light-hearted, but also deadly serious look at the state of the contemporary legal world. My first book, *Life is a Brief Opportunity for Joy* is also being issued as a paperback, with a terrific new cover. I hope people will give 'em a look. You can follow my writerly musings on my blog, www.thepeoples-therapist.com. I'm reaching the one million reads milestone. In other news, my partner, William Kwok, and I hiked the famous Laugavegur trail in Iceland in August. We camped out in tents and ran into some wild weather the first couple days. I can honestly say it was one of those things - a wonderful adventure - that I've always wanted to do. Such things should, in my opinion, be 'done'. After all, *Life is a Brief Opportunity...etc. etc.*"

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Let's cross the globe from east to west and start with the big news from the New York City area: **Elaine Chou** left the law firm where she had been working, hit the road, and came back refreshed and reassessed. "After a six-month hiatus, I'm back in the law and just founded a small litigation firm." **Jessie Robertson** decided that 16 years at Columbia University and ten years with the adult transplant team at the Columbia Presbyterian was enough. She is now in private practice at Summit Medical Group at Berkeley Heights. "It was career path for sustainable and personal growth," she says. "I.E., I'm not working 80 hours a week anymore. And, no, you can't call me at 4 a.m." **Taylor Hwang** might not be sleeping much either, though he's probably used to it by now: "On 11/17, our family grew from three to four, with the arrival of son, Theodore. And in January



Theodore Hwang, son of Taylor Hwang '88.

I was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves, which just goes to show how loose promotion standards have gotten. Hope everyone is well." **Brooke Calder Murphy** got engaged, and it seems the only thing she does more than work is travel. She reported from Vieques, where "the Bioluminescent Bay is one of the most magical places on earth. I met a lovely couple today from Santa Barbara. She went to grade school through high school with **Melissa Baron**'s husband, Stephen. Melissa lives in London now, but is moving to the countryside." Melissa and

I weren't able to connect when I was in London in December, but I'll see her this March.

Moving on to the small news, **Christine Grounds** "moved to Tribeca, and that's all I got." **Miriam Pollard** Cohen "got a puppy last week, but that's not really *Journal*-worthy." **Julia Herr** said, "Other than getting my daughter's photo published in *Fathom*, I have nothing much to report. Except I'm taking my seven-year-old son to Paris tomorrow and I'm half expecting to run into **Kit Greenberg** randomly on the street as we have done so many times before." **Collins Roth** does so much globetrotting that it's routine, but he did go on an excellent adventure in Washington, DC that had him waist-deep in the Potomac and carrying bricks with a group of strangers. He wrote about it for my new travel website, *Fathom* (fathomaway.com), which is what Julia is referring to also: She wrote about a family trip to Greenbrier, West Virginia, and her kid was too cute not to publish. *Fathom* is also where **Elizabeth Hare** published her fantastic manifesto on *How to Have a Hootenanny*. Liz demonstrated what she's talking about when she, Christine, **Landis Greathouse**, and I had a crazy dinner at Tertulia in New York City to celebrate Landis's return to the East Coast. About the evening, all I can say is that a lot of Spanish wine was consumed.



(l-r) Liz Hare, Landis Greathouse, Christine Grounds, and Arianna Rosati at dinner in New York City.

Andrew Shaffer sent an excellent report from the middle of the country: "Late last year, after having lived in the NY metro area for our whole lives, the Shaffer family decided that a move to southeastern Michigan was in order. It was such an obvious choice because clearly it is the location where dreams are made. Seriously, in August 2011, my family and I moved from Northern New Jersey to Michigan. I left my job at Ferrari (where I worked for

ten years) and started a new job at Ford Motor Company. I am now responsible for crafting the Consumer Experience at Lincoln, as we try to really reinvigorate the brand. It has been an interesting transition. Sometimes great, other times - not so much. There is a huge amount of work, but it has been a lot of fun. It is always hard to leave an area that you know so well, but it has been fun exploring a new place. The people have been really nice and we are making many new friends. As for Michigan (and the Detroit area in particular), I actually like to equate it with NJ. Both have many fantastic places, but it really comes down to a marketing problem. People from outside the area don't really know how good the places can be. I also joined a new gym. Unrelated, just had a great fun encounter with Christine Grounds in NYC. I was having a business dinner at the Palm on West Street and happened to run into her and her husband. It was great to see them both. Other than that, it has been a quiet few months. I hope that everyone is doing well."

Moving west, **Paul Robertson** has finished his stint in the tropics and is back in the West. "What's old is new again: I'm back in guest ranch biz. When PDS alumni head west they can look me up at HF Bar Ranch (hfbar.com) in Wyoming." Did you manage to catch our Indiana Jones explorer **Brit Eaton** on his show, "The

Ancient Life," on 3Net, the 3-D Discovery channel? You can see clips of him exploring the secret chambers beneath the Great Pyramid at 3net.com. Incredible.

In California, **Holly Greenberg** LeCran

wrote: "I haven't checked in for a while, so here it goes: I am *still* working my hours toward licensing in marriage and family therapy. I have a private practice internship in San Francisco and also work with horses doing equine facilitated psychotherapy up north. I specialize in PTSD and working with adolescents. In my free time I teach paddle-boarding here on the bay and sometimes scuba diving down in Monterey when I can handle the freezing water. I am

also awaiting word from a PhD program in depth psychology down in Santa Barbara, so please keep your fingers crossed for me! Cheers!"

In LA, the drama club is up to what we have come to expect of them. **Jeremy Rabb** performed in *The Taming of the Shrew* and **Jack Alvino** is working on writing/directing two film projects and editing lots of TV. "Things are good in LA."

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Kate Baicker's mom sent in information about Kate from the National Bureau of Economic Research Bulletin:

"Kate is a Professor of Health Economics in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health.

"From 2005-2007, she served as a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, where she played a leading role in developing health policy. She currently serves on the Editorial Boards of *Health Affairs*, the *Journal of Health Economics*, and the *Forum for Health Economics and Policy*; as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of AcademyHealth; on the Congressional Budget Office's Panel of Health Advisers; and as a Commissioner on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

"She is currently one of the leaders of a research program investigating the effects of expanding health insurance coverage in the context of a randomized Medicaid expansion in Oregon."

Kent Kyle sent the following update: "Living the cracker dream in the good 'ol Naples swamp, Southwest Florida: eatin' gator, and trappin' hogs. Muscadine moonshine. Happily married to Elena. Daughters range from 3

What's New?

Send in your
news to your class
correspondent.

to 18—oldest is at Rensselaer Polytech studying biomed eng, middle is a rabid horse enthusiast, and the youngest is just a pain in the butt, but very, very cute. Not much to report: spent Christmas in NJ: Terhune Orchards, Times Square (big mistake but at least the kids got to witness a real NY street fight)."

Karen Fredericks lives in Saratoga, California. She had her third child, Grant, in June. Quinn is almost three, and Becca is almost 5 1/2. They keep her very busy, but bring great joy to her life. She's been on leave from teaching (high school English and social studies) for the past couple of years and is looking forward to returning to part-time work next year. She doesn't miss being a corporate lawyer.

Jackie Reiss-Kravitz wrote: "It sure has been a while since I have submitted anything for the class notes of PDS but I came across Doria's reminder and was moved to share..."

"Love living in (very) sunny Arizona with my husband Al. After almost 18 years of 'wedded bliss,' no one can make me laugh like he can and I consider that to be a fabulous thing! We are lucky enough to have two fun, sassy, smart and loving kiddos - Jillian is 11 going on 16 (how DID our parents survive our puberty?!?) and Cooper will be 8 next month. Time is flying by as do I, on every major roadway in Yuma, between the hours of 3-8 Monday through Friday. Eventually, I will paint my car yellow and put up a meter..."

"Sad news came along last month. After a short five-month battle, my mother passed away from metastatic lung cancer. She was only 64 years old and left behind her a legacy of laughter, love and the reminder that EVERY DAY IS A GIFT! To my classmates and friends who have sent kind words, food and love, I cannot thank you enough.

"And with that, I put out my welcome mat...visit the Southwest and come on by... We would love

to see you... Just don't come in the summer when it is 115 because then even we have fled Arizona for the Southern CA coastline..."

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20th Reunion

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Kate Marquis wrote: "I have returned to the US after several years in Europe. I miss some aspects of European culture but am enjoying American-style brunch, which I found surprisingly hard to replicate over there!"

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From **Melissa Woodruff McCormick**: Hello everyone! It's hard to believe that another year has gone by—I don't know about you, but I feel like time is passing more quickly than ever. We had an eventful 2011. On May 23 we welcomed our third baby—this time a little girl! Cameron Grace is awesome and Connor and Jackson absolutely adore her. We weren't the only ones who had a busy year. Last April, **Andrea Morrison Eckert**



Jackie Reiss-Kravitz '93 and her family.



Cameron Grace McCormick, born May 23rd 2011, daughter of Missy Woodruff McCormick '95.

welcomed boy number three. Although I have yet to meet little Oliver in person, based on what I've seen on Facebook, he's precious! Andrea and her crew of men also wrapped up their three-year stint in Switzerland, and are now settled in just outside of Boston. Do those of you living here in the northeast remember that crazy October snowstorm? Well **Samantha Utaski Bean** will never forget it. It was on that day that she became a mom and welcomed Emma Samantha Bean into the world. Congratulations Samantha! **Zaneta Shannon Chambers** and her husband welcomed twin boys, Dylan and Zephaniah, on November 12. I got to hang out with **Blythe Quinlan** and her family this past fall. It was so much fun catching up, and we had a blast watching all the kids play together. On another note, my sister, Joanna Woodruff '99, got married on October 9—she's now Joanna Woodruff Rominger. It was a spectacular wedding and she was the most beautiful bride! I'd love to hear from more of you—I know everyone is super busy, but it's always fun to hear about what you are up to and the exciting events in your lives. Take care...

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Clockwise from front...Amanda Suomi '99 and her fiancé Rob Gorrie, David Butler, Lauren Sanders '01, Ryan Thornton '98, Candace Vahlsing '99 and her husband David Hicks, Beana Bern, Anna Soloway '00, Pooja Raj '98 and her husband Joe Russo, Bobby Haight, Jon Shaw, Stephanie Sanders '99.

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Jen Walsh Thurlow wrote: "My husband, Matt Thurlow, and I are currently living in Philadelphia and loving it. I am a nurse practitioner at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Matt is in fundraising for the Winterthur museum in Delaware. We welcomed our first child, Trevor Morrison Thurlow on October 13, weighing 6 lbs 2 oz and 19.5 inches long.

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15th Reunion

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Ryan Thornton sent a photo and reported that "14 long-time friends went to Vero Beach, Florida together and stayed in a house on the ocean for four days

just before Christmas. Most of the attendees were either PDS alums or the significant others of PDS alums; I am happy to report that everyone is doing great! We had an incredible time together making bonfires, collecting coconuts, cooking, tanning, reminiscing, stargazing, shell hunting, turning 35, playing beer pong etc... Maybe it will become a tradition? I am now teaching first grade at Brooklyn Friends School, while still playing drums with a few Brooklyn-based bands. Amazingly, our school mascot is also the panther. Go Panthers!!!"

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TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHT



Trustee Emerita Marilyn Grounds (right) was presented with the Princeton YWCA 2012 Tribute to Women Award in March. She is seen at the award ceremony with fellow Trustee Emerita Betty Wold Johnson.

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On May 20, 2011, Sara Peach received her MBA from Boston University. On May 12, 2011, her brother, John Peach '04, received his MBA from the University of Miami, which Sara was able to attend. Sara has recently joined the development office at the Tower School in Marblehead, MA. She is in charge of all parent and alumni events that take place at the school. At Tower, Sara is also a part of the marketing team that shapes the school's message in all print messaging sent to current and prospective families, as well as online and social media.

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10th Reunion

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Marlee Sayen wrote, "Greetings! By the time you receive this PDS Journal, we will all be getting ready to return to Princeton for reunions! The class of 2002 will be celebrating our 10th and we couldn't be more excited to catch up and find out what everyone has been up to since graduation! I joined the PDS Alumni Board in

September, which has given me the pleasure of catching up with PDS alums in both Princeton and New York, and look forward to catching up with everyone else this spring. I continue to love living in New York and recently started a new job in education management, which I adore. Looking forward to seeing everyone in May! Here are some exciting updates from other 2002 classmates that we have rounded up...

Timon Lorenzo or Tim (as most people now call him (!)) has been running into PDS peeps left and right. In last 30 days, he was lucky enough to share the company of Ms. **Marlee Sayen** and Mr. **Grant Schmucker**, Mr. Peter Green (on the midtown bus), Ms. Morgan Weed '03 (on a downtown 1 train), and Mr. **John Patteson**, Ms. **Dorian Batt**, and Ms. Katie Weber '03 on the Upper West Side.



Sarah Elmaleh '02 is happy and loving life in Brooklyn.

Sarah Elmaleh sent in the following, "I'm living in Brooklyn, which I love, and busy with voiceover and some theater, when I get the chance! I'm currently in a production of *A Midsummer*

Night's Dream with some really fun and talented folks. The best place to hear me is all over Pandora (yes, I know, sorry to be that chick interrupting your listening experience!). I've also just started recording my third videogame with Wadjet Eye Games, and I think *Skulls of the Shogun* will release later this year. I feel really lucky to be working with an awesome agency (Innovative Artists) and to be able to fully focus on what I love to do, at least for now! I'm also pleased and proud to work for a videogames culture company and magazine called *Kill Screen*; we curated MoMA's first games party last year. Looking forward to seeing everyone!"

Nathaniel Smith had this to share: "I just launched my website which you can see at www.nathanwindsor.com. I just released my first album "Beginnings" which you can download pay-what-you-want at: nathanwindsor.bandcamp.com. During my days, I work as a music/art therapist at nursing homes in New York City bringing joy, laughter and expression to the residents in the sterile and often lifeless atmosphere of the nursing home. We sing songs in three languages, we do drum circles, we paint murals, we write stories, and sometimes, we do them at the same time. It is this media-merging therapy at the end of life that has inspired my first kick starter project called "The Sweet Kiss Goodnight," which is a representation of the nexus of love and death—the kiss of a lover and the kiss of the tomb. It is a merge-media project: music, literature and expression pieces [art]. I am self-publishing a book of literature and poetry, recording a full length music album, and producing unique artwork to accompany each song. I'd love to hear from you all! Drop me a line at IamNathanWindsor@gmail.com."

Stacy Kalafer also wrote in to share her exciting engagement news as well as to catch us up on how she has been. She said: "I am currently living in sunny Fort Lauderdale, and I am working on my master's in speech-language pathology. I recently got engaged to Randy Spicer Jr., who is from Dallas, Texas. In September I was a bridesmaid in Micaela's wedding. Micaela looked stunning and I was so happy that I was able to share in such a wonderful occasion. In December, my sister,

Michele Kalafer '94 gave birth to Ava McKenzie Wenleder; officially made me an aunt. Please give me a shout if you are in South Florida!"



Sarah Maloney '02 shared the following picture of her beautiful son, Aaron.

Sarah Maloney wrote in with exciting news: "UPDATE: I had my baby boy! He's happy and healthy, and I'm taking at least a year off to be with him. He keeps me busy, but I'm finding a little time to write. Recently, my poetry about Kanye West was online at *The Aul* and in print in *Witness*. So excited to see everyone in the spring!" Congrats Sarah!



Ari Paul '02 at the Mutianyu portion of the Great Wall.

Ari Paul sent the following news: "I'm living in Chicago and enjoying the Midwestern charm. Halfway through my first Windy City winter; so far it's been quite nice. I've been working full time as a proprietary derivatives trader and pursuing an MBA part-time at Chicago Booth. Backpacking through China for two weeks over winter break and was surprised by how modern, yet authoritarian and culturally isolated."

Micaela Concool Gold wanted to let everyone know that **Stacy**

Kalafer is engaged!

John Patteson shared the following update: "Last fall, I spent the first semester of my second (and last) year of business school studying and living in Madrid. Even after having lived in New York City for almost ten years prior, Madrid holds the true title for "city that never sleeps." I'm releasing an album this spring, which I've been working on for almost two years. A handful of PDS alums have contributed to the project: Nathan Windsor (aka **Nate Smith**) played the drums for the album; **Grant Schmucker** designed the art, in part using a painting by my brother, James Patteson '10; **Patrick Southern** helped with production; my other brother, William Patteson '06 mixed and helped produce the whole thing, and Morgan Weed '03 sings beautifully on one of the songs. One of the most enjoyable aspects of putting this music project together has been being able to connect with old friends and having them be a part of it. And their contributions have been fantastic. Most importantly, Katie Weber '03 and I got engaged last December. We had been dating since 2007, and we both couldn't be happier."

Chris Palsbo is enjoying life in Boston and is getting married this coming June.

2003

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Greetings classmates! I recently caught up with **Alyssa Briody**, who was visiting from Yale Law after completing her second year fall exams and returning from a much needed vacation in Mexico, and **Eli Oakes**, a Manhattan native, in Brooklyn to celebrate **Katie Weber's** engagement to PDS '02 graduate John Patteson. I am still living in Brooklyn and working for Bloomberg in the Mobile department, where the product I work on, Bloomberg TV+ for iPad, won Macworld's 2011 App Gem award for Top News app.

James Ramos wrote, "We just got back from San Salvador, El Salvador where we celebrated a Notre Dame classmate's wedding and had an absolute blast! Spent some time on the Pacific Coast and the



James Ramos '03 and wife Tina.

Coatepeque Caldera which were both extremely beautiful. **Ben Johnson** was at my dad's retirement from the NJ Department of Corrections party in February in Hazlet. Next, we will be going to London in May for another Domer's wedding. Can't wait!"

Laura Conway Brown wrote, "I'm an email marketing consultant out of Tacoma, Washington and a proud Army wife."

Morgan Weed wrote, "I've had an amazing time in the cast of *RENT* this year in NYC—notably because I've been able to reconnect with many PDS friends through the show (especially thanks to Tracey Gates)! I'm excited to take a week off in April to explore Jost Van Dyke in the British Virgin Islands! Happily residing in Manhattan and loving it!"

Nick Perold is now Director of Strategy at Carrot Creative, an international social media agency with offices in New York, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi. Carrot Creative focuses on serving major brands including Red Bull, Jaguar, Home Depot, and Burton Snowboards. Says Nick, "I'm particularly proud of Carrot since I truly believe it is a perfect model for the 21st century company: innovation-driven, product-focused, and employee-owned. I'm especially thrilled that fellow PDS grad Kevin Smith '06 recently joined our ranks as an Associate Account Executive!" Late last year, Nick was named as one of NYC's "Top Five Most Eligible Bachelors on Twitter" by eflirtexpert.com. Nick continues to live in Williamsburg Brooklyn where he keeps the locals on their toes.

Bianca Gersten wrote, "Greetings from New York! I spent last year studying at the Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London, and traveling around Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. After graduating from law school in May, I've finally settled into my new job as an associate in the Global Lever-

aged Finance group at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy LLP. I spent the first three months on a pro bono fellowship, in which I represented abused, abandoned and neglected undocumented children in family court and petitioned the government for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status so that each could receive his or her green card. Living here gives me a chance to see a lot more PDS friends, which has been really nice and different from the old DC days. Hope everyone is well!"

2004

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John Peach '04 and Sara Peach '00 in Florida following John's graduation last May.

Scott Rosenberg wrote in, "All is well! I am finishing my 3L year at Temple Law School, and then (after the minor annoyance of the bar exam) I will be clerking for a civil judge in Burlington County, NJ. Hey to all my fellow '04ers!"

Alexis Jacobi Eichenlaub got married to Matt Eichenlaub who also went to Lehigh with her; they're living in Philadelphia.

Katie Levine started a new job as Operations Manager at Paperless Post in NYC.

Molly Jamieson wrote in, "I'm getting married this summer to Tyson Eberhardt, who I met five years ago at Princeton. We're getting married in a tiny town on Lake Michigan in August. Along with my sisters (Katie '96 and Annie '99), **Danielle Horowitz** is one of my bridesmaids! We'll be sure to send pics of the PDS crew at the wedding."

Erin McCormick is working as the Managing Producer for EatingWell.com; EatingWell was purchased by Meredith Corporation in July and continues to grow

in the world of healthy food. She's a spinning instructor at a local gym and just adopted a second rescue dog.

Lon Johnson recently got engaged to his long time girlfriend and Princeton classmate, Emily Weissinger. They live in Phoenix, Arizona and are planning on getting married in early 2013.

Russell Joye wrote in, "Life is just swell."

2005

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Rajiv Mallipudi reported that he is the President of his medical school class at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. He absolutely loves medical school. Since he has one more "free summer" for the rest of his life, he will be competing in his final bodybuilding competition this August, and is preparing for a quarter marathon in May. He is also learning salsa and will be performing in March at his school's talent show! "GO BUCKS!"

2006

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Another class notes, another first for the Class of 2006. **Conor Meara** wrote that his son, Noah, was born on October 27. Father and son are doing well.

In other exciting news, **Arvind Thambidurai** got engaged to Santhra Stephen, and **Jess Rich** got engaged to Rob Horton. Thambidurai and Stephen are planning to marry in August. The wedding will likely be in Kerala, India, although the couple is still working out the details. Meanwhile, Thambidurai and Stephen are living in Plainsboro, NJ. Thambidurai is working as an E-Commerce Analyst for Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems in Piscataway. Thambidurai wrote that he started working there as a co-op in February 2011, and be-

came full time after he graduated from Rutgers in May. Stephen also graduated from Rutgers, and is currently a teacher.

Rich and Horton are planning their wedding for May 18. But the two have already established a household. Rich explains, "My fiancé, Rob Horton, and I are happily settled in Morrisville, PA with our three children (two dogs and a cat)."

Rich graduated from Georgetown in 2010 and moved to Morristown to work in public relations for AT&T. She wrote:

"My job involves a great deal of writing – including 'ghostblogging' for one of our executives – and I couldn't be happier. But I certainly look forward to the two week honeymoon we'll be enjoying in Antigua and Dominica!"

Other class members report job-related developments. **Mike Rappaport** has been working in San Francisco for an advertising startup called AdRoll.com. AdRoll is an advertisement retargeter: once customers visit a client's site, AdRoll-affiliated advertising space on other websites will show customers advertisements for that client, turning "window-shoppers into buyers." When not working, Rappaport has entertained other members of our class. Rappaport wrote:

"A couple of months ago, **Kevin Smith** came out and stayed with me for a few days. I showed him a good time. I also met up with **Garrett Helm** who, at the time, had just returned from living in the wilderness, where he foraged for berries and kept campers safe. Looking forward to introducing **Fred Mittnacht** to SF when he comes to visit in the spring. Other than that, I have been skiing a lot in Tahoe, playing golf around the bay, and enjoying the awesome weather. Life's tough, I know."

Charlie Turndorf was hired as a software engineer with DataColor, a color calibration company in Lawrenceville. Turndorf received the job offer after working at the company for a number of months as an intern. In December, Turndorf travelled to Oxford, England to see his brother Ben Turndorf '07 get married.

Neil Sharma and **Zach Cherry** are finding their ways to successful careers as well, both in the New York area. Sharma's email signature says he is a Compliance

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Analyst at Citigroup, but he wrote with a different story:

"Zach Cherry and Neil Sharma have been working diligently for the past few months, and have been steadily climbing up the professional ladder in their respective careers. Zach has become one of New York's premier Dog Whisperers, while Neil has become a stunt double for the guys from the Metro PCS commercials. Their friendship remains intact. Their friendship with Kevin Smith (the football player) has unfortunately declined."

One product of Sharma and Cherry's friendship is their blog: varsitydoubles.tumblr.com, which they encourage class members to visit. Sharma added:

"In the near future, they hope to plan another Class of '06 reunion if people would be excited to attend. They wish you all the best. Thank you."

Tanvi Goel still works for The Boston Consulting Group in Houston. Besides her day job, Goel leads an after-hours life as an Indian dancer. Goel will take the stage at a Houston Rockets half-time show in April. She wrote:

"SUPER PUMPED for that! This is my biggest performance ever. (~20,000 people!) Can't wait but unfortunately this also means being even busier with rehearsals and all that jazz."

Sarah Mischner is also performing, with her folk noir band Thee Shambels. Mischner wrote

that her band has a website, <http://shambels.com>. The band performs around New York City almost every week, and potential show attendees can visit the website for a list of her upcoming shows. Mischner also works at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

I have been in law school since this fall. Unsurprisingly, nothing very exciting has happened to me since the last class notes. However, I do have a number of things to report: I have gotten used to professors calling me "Mr. Fisch" and quizzing me unexpectedly during lecture. Living in New York gives me the opportunity to see members of our class. For example, I ran into **Laurie Cartwright**, who is a 2L at Brooklyn Law School, at a public interest job fair last week. Finally, I bought a new suit and developed two versions of a new salad recipe.

2007

5th Reunion

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The Alumni Office learned that **Ben Turndorf** and **Amelia Josephson** of Anchorage, Alaska, were married on December 23, 2011, in Oxford, England, in a ceremony attended by members of their families. Charlie Turndorf '06 served as Best Man, and the



Ben Turndorf '07 and Amelia Josephson and their families (including Charlie Turndorf '06 on the left) at their wedding in December 2011.

bride's sister served as Matron of Honor. The couple honeymooned at a seaside inn in Cornwall, England.

Ben and Amelia met at Columbia University, from which they each graduated with highest honors in May of last year. They are both currently enrolled at Oxford University pursuing master's degrees, Amelia in Latin American Studies and Ben in Contemporary Chinese Studies. Ben is the recipient of the Clarendon Fellowship and the St. Antony's Scholarship awarded by Oxford University, and Amelia is the recipient of the Kellett Fellowship awarded by Columbia University for study at Oxford.

2008

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Antoine Hoppenot was one of four players acquired by the Major League Soccer team the Philadelphia Union in the supplemental draft on January 17th. At Princeton, Antoine was named First-Team All-Ivy three consecutive years as well as Ivy League Player of the Year and second-team All-American as a junior in 2010. In 2011, he ranked 20th on the Top Drawer Soccer men's National Top 100 list.

2009

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2010

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Megan Davis' parents reported that Megan spent Oberlin's winter term in Belgium to participate in an immigration aid project.

Courtland Lackey has just begun her sophomore lacrosse season for Howard University. She looks to continue her success from last year as lead returning scorer while helping the team secure a spot in conference play.

James Fuhrman is a business management major with a minor in economics at TCNJ, where he

also plays on the baseball team. He hopes to find an internship incorporating his athletic interests and background.

Lucas Miller is currently joining the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Gettysburg College, where he is pursuing a major in psychology with a neuroscience minor.

Evan Quinn was recently elected to the executive board as alumni director of his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, at Wake Forest. He is a business and enterprise management major and music minor, and recently got hired to arrange a piece for a Princeton Youth Chamber Orchestra.

Alexandra Feuer volunteers weekly at the Head Start Program preschool in Gettysburg, PA, where she is studying psychology at Gettysburg College.

Rebecca Golden was elected to serve as Second Lieutenant for the Muhlenberg College EMS. This semester, she has begun work in a biochemistry research laboratory studying enzymology in regards to the biosynthesis of lincomycin. She has also begun to volunteer at an outpatient clinic in Allentown for low-income families.

Ellis Ratner is studying physics and computer science at Bowdoin College. He is a member of the robotic soccer team, participating in research in robotics and international competition. Most recently, he traveled with the team to Istanbul, Turkey, to

compete against teams from universities around the world.

Daniel Khan has been studying economics and pre-med at NYU, and has an internship at New York Presbyterian. He is receiving his associate's degree from NYU at the end of this semester.

David Cutler-Kreutz is at Carleton College right now having just finished a wonderful year off. He is currently a freshman, and finds it to be kind of weird, but is having a blast! He is singing a capella, teaching rock climbing, playing Frisbee, and thinking about majoring in engineering.

Tracy Rosen is still out in L.A. at USC and loving it! She is a fine art major and is working toward a marketing minor. She is applying to study abroad in Scotland next year.

Anna Otis is majoring in French and is working toward a minor in religious studies and a concentration in art and visual culture. She plans on studying abroad next year in Aix-en-Provence, France.

2011

Need Correspondent

Allison Reilly was named the Ivy League Rookie of the week on September 5, 2011 after scoring the game-winning goal in Brown University's Women's soccer opening 1-0 win over Liberty University.



Members of the class of 2008 had a great time in the Nassau Inn's Tap Room in December at the young alumni gathering welcoming the holiday season.

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.*

Gary S. Acker

Husband of PDS receptionist Alison Acker

Christopher W. Benchley '05

Brother of Clayton Benchley '97

Cornelia N. Borgerhoff, former Trustee

Mother of Jane Borgerhoff '67, Elizabeth

Borgerhoff Pomerleau '69 and

Ledlie Borgerhoff '72

Chapin Carpenter

Father of Mackenzie Carpenter Rotstein '72,

Camilla Carpenter '74, Mary Chapin Carpenter

'76 and Sophie Carpenter Speidel '80

Therese. E. Critchlow '39

Georganna D. Dickson

Grandmother of Johanna Dickson '02 and Sean

Dickson '03

Lois Dowey, former Middle School faculty member

Mother of Edward M. Dowey '74 and

Elizabeth Dowey '76

Patricia Echeverria,

former Upper School faculty member

Mother of John Echeverria '71

Jean Figur

Mother of Jeanine M. Figur '74

Anita Fineman

Mother of Sue Fineman Keitelman '78

James Flanagan

Grandfather of Director of Flik Food

Services at PDS Brian Mochnal

Frank Edward Francfort

Grandfather of Meghan P. Francfort '07,

Gregory Francfort '08 and Kevin Francfort '11

George H. Gallup, Jr. '45

Father of George H. Gallup IV '82 and

Kingsley B. Gallup '84; brother of Julia Laughlin

Gallup '55; uncle of Ophelia Laughlin '77 and of

PDS kindergarten teacher James Y. Laughlin '80

Eleanor Kelly Graziano

Mother of former Chairman of the

Board Daniel Graziano, Jr.,

grandmother of Daniel Graziano III '90,

James Graziano '92 and Jonathan Graziano '95

James J. Groome

Father of Kimberly Groome '78,

James Groome '80 and Kevin Groome '81;

grandfather of William Curran Groome '10

Charles L. Jaffin

Father of Rhoda Jaffin Murphy '76

Richard W. Matthes

Husband of former Learning Specialist

Elisa Matthes; father of Erich Matthes '03

and Sarah Matthes '09

James K. Meritt '40

Brother of Arthur Meritt '50

William H. McNeely

Grandfather of Cameron McNeely '13

Susan Myers

Grandmother of Robert Smukler '11,

Jane Smukler '12 and Brooke Smukler '19

Jennifer E. Namm '87

Sister of Stacey Namm Levine '92

Esther Howard Palmer '34

Mary Bennett Peterson

Mother of Laura B. Peterson '67

Mary Pieslak

Grandmother of Patten Mills '13

William K. Power

Father of William K. Power '70 and

Joy E. Power '80

Francis P. Powers

Father of Marybeth Roach, PDS Human

Resources Manager

Barbara Roberts, former PDS faculty member

Mother of Diana Roberts '74

Homer C. Schmidt

Father of Middle School faculty member,

Paul Epply-Schmidt and grandfather of

Alexander Epply-Schmidt '07 and

Aidan Epply-Schmidt '10

Fadlou Shehadi

Husband of former Trustee and faculty

member Alison Shehadi; father of

Muna Shehadi Sill '79 and

Charles Shehadi '82

Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff

Grandfather of Andrew B. Sidamon-Eristoff '19,

George Sidamon-Eristoff '17 and

Anne Elizabeth Sidamon-Eristoff '16

John C. Sienkiewicz

Father of Mark Sienkiewicz '85 and

Peter C. Sienkiewicz '88

James Boyd. Smith

Husband of Betsy Howe Smith '44

Robert C. Stabler

Father of Julia Stabler Hull '76,

Edward A. Stabler '77, Laurence Stabler '80,

Margaret Stabler Fischer '83 and Peter Stabler '83

Margaret Taplin

Mother of Martha Sichel Kelley '62

and Susan Sichel '65

Olga Toth

Mother of Thomas T. Toth '75

Walter Varhley

Father of Matthew Varhley '94

Chi Jui-chih Wang

Mother of PDS Technology teacher

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Douglas R. Webb

Husband of former PDS Librarian Bunny Webb

Mary Willcox '36

Sister of Elizabeth Willcox D'Agostino '42;

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Lucy D'Agostino Crowe '76

Donald M. Wilson, former Trustee

Father of Dwight Wilson '76

and Kate Wilson '78

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Husband of former Trustee Noel White;

father of Catherine White Mertz '79,

Wendy White Brockelman '84 and

Elizabeth White Meahl '86

Anne Guthrie Yokana '40

Mother of Ariane Yokana Guthrie Peixoto '68,

Alexander Guthrie '70 and

Lucien Yokana Guthrie '72

SNAPSHOTS

The strength of the performing arts program at Princeton Day School has a long tradition and history, as evidenced by these two photos from our archives.



The Dramatic Association of the Princeton Country Day School presents a production of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" in 1943. A ticket attached to the photo noted that the performance was at the Murray Theatre at the University Campus on May 8th, and the price was 75 cents (tax included).



The Madrigal Group at Miss Fine's School rehearses for a performance in 1954.

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A. Markell “Mickey” Meyers Shriver ’46
former Trustee, former PDS College Counselor

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Remembering PDS in my will is a way of thanking Princeton Day School for these gifts and of recognizing the debt so many of us – alumni, parents, faculty and friends – owe this remarkable school, for helping to shape and enrich our lives. *Semper luceat.*”



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