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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

WILLIAM G. MORRIS JR.

As I read this issue of *The Meeting House*, the excitement and energy that are so evident in our community each day come alive. Quite simply, Friends Academy is a lively and fun place to be. After the fanfare that accompanied the onset of the 21st Century (remember the hype about Y2K and the supposed shut down of your desktop computer, if not the world?), we have settled into a deep engagement with what it means to provide a Friends education in this time and place. In the stories and reports contained herein, you see the themes that have shaped thinking about educating students for responsible citizenship in this century, what Pat Bassett, the President of the National Association of Independent Schools has identified as the six C's: character, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, and cosmopolitanism or global awareness.

What I find interesting is that these supposed "new ideas" are very much at the core of what it has meant, and still means, to be a Quaker school. As we state in our *Advices and Queries*, "we strongly believe that the development of character is the foundation on which all else depends." The charac-

ter of Craig White '61 and Nancy Rauch Douzinas '66, our featured graduates, certainly shows in the full expression of those principles to which we want our students to witness each day: honesty, compassion, integrity, commitment, service, equality, and courage.



By educating this way, we ask all members of our school community to live more fully in the Truth, to understand that moral agency does make a difference in the world. And, by gathering weekly in Meeting for Worship to discern the Truth, we celebrate reflection, intuition, and imagination as much as we do reason, analysis, and logic. Whether in the classroom, on the stage and athletic fields, or immersed in the use of technology, students at Friends Academy are simultaneously experiencing 21st century learning and the enduring values of our Quaker community as they become leaders, innovators, communicators, and problem-solvers. They are heeding the words of George Fox, who wrote in 1656, "Be patterns, be examples . . . then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering to that of God in everyone." We cannot ask any more of them, or of each other. Happy 2012!

FROM THE ARCHIVES: 1974-75 – EARLY COMPUTERS AT FA

Henry Yen '75 sits at the keyboard of one of Friends Academy's earliest computers. At 6 feet X 3 feet, it included a teletype with modem attached to a handset. Students programmed in BASIC and the computer could do elementary math problems and off-hours ... "Star Trek."

Joe Jackson '74 (blonde hair and glasses) stands in the background with two other students.



COURTESY OF FRIENDS ACADEMY ARCHIVES

FA Trivia Contest



"It would be 'cake' to simply describe [this mystery man] as a caring and warm guy but that would be too simple. The Cool Man facade, however, is only a shell disguising a concerned friend."

– *The Lamp*, 1994

WHO AM I?

E-mail your answer to alumni@fa.org. The winner, whose name will be drawn from all correct entries, will receive a surprise Friends Academy gift.



The Friends Academy CANstruction entry, "Take a Bite Out of Hunger" won the Juror's Favorite award in the Schools' division of the Long Island competition. The sculpture required over 5,000 cans.



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on the cover



TURN ON THE LIGHT. The painting by senior Sabrina Ramkhelawan captured our attention and was the perfect illustration for this issue's theme of 21st Century learning.

MEETING HOUSE

LETTERS

Thoughts, memories and reflections from our readers ... you!

FA Trivia Contest Responses



More skilled at running Jeopardy than Alex Trebek and as nimble on the course as Ben Hogan, this man was an inspiration to FA students for decades...Who am I?

Answer: Ward Seibert



Ward Seibert is truly a Master Teacher. His positive influence on FA students is evidenced in the responses below:

All that is good in sport

The picture of the teacher that is shown on the first page is Ward Seibert.

It is impossible for me to forget that person as he probably had the most impact on me as a young person, and my vocation to this day was highly influenced by Ward.

I first had Ward as a fifth grade teacher. There, I was blessed not only by his excellent instruction, but by the care that he showed for his students. A highlight of the week was surely an afterschool "sports" program that he ran for us. Staying after school, we would gather and just PLAY the sports that we loved. Whether it was dodge ball, flag football, basketball, or of course...soccer, we always had fun, and it helped grow us in many ways.

Then, in high school, Ward was the Varsity soccer coach. It was there where he had his most dynamic influence on my life. He helped me to grow to love the game, but do so as a sporting gentleman, maintaining the highest ethical standards for how we were to treat our teammates, coaches, referees, opponents, the game and its fans. He got me into coaching by inviting me to help out with a youth team and at camps during the summer. Ward was one of my coaching role models at FA that profoundly influenced me. The other two were Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Wynot. I had all of them for multiple seasons, and their involvement in my life remains with me even today.

For fifteen years, I have had the



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Ward Seibert with the 1986 Varsity Golf team. Above: Ward as an Omega teacher.

privilege to work with the Women's National Team programs with US Soccer. Currently, I am coaching and teaching at Maranatha in Wisconsin. I have been able to travel the world competing in stadiums in many countries, competing with and against some of the best athletes in the world! I feel that the influence of my coaches at FA, particularly Ward, set me up to rise to that level of coaching and responsibility.

Most importantly, Ward remains a true friend. Even though there are years when we only communicate once a year via Christmas wishes, he often will enter my mind when I am confronted with a coaching challenge. He remains a true example of all that is good in sport.

– Jeff Pill '78

Fueled a love of trivia

Mr. Ward Seibert, 8th grade history teacher! He was certainly one of my

favorites.

His jeopardy fueled my love of trivia, and his timeline project has stuck with me through the years. As a new parent, I can only hope that my daughter will have teachers as memorable.

– Lilly Perez Kahrs '05

"I've never forgotten how he made me feel welcome"

That would be my fifth grade (Omega) teacher Ward Seibert and the very first person to speak to me at Open House when I came to Friends. I was very nervous transferring to another school and Mr. Seibert, probably sensing my unease, took the time to speak to me and assure me that it was his first year at Friends and he was just as nervous as I was. It's been over 40 years since that conversation and I've never forgotten how he took the time to make me feel welcome.

– Cindy Colombo Robinson '77

FA Trivia Contest Responses

Most favorite teacher

It is my most favorite teacher in the world! Ward Seibert! PS: I loved his wife, Candy too!

– Elizabeth Bru '84

From a colleague

The answer to the trivia question is Ward Seibert. I had the pleasure being a faculty member with him from 1972-1977.

– Lesley Graham '68

Teacher, coach and devoted husband

It's Ward Seibert GREAT Omega teacher, coach and devoted husband to Candy (also a teacher at FA), and his children!

– Alan Craig

Jeopardy challenged all

Ward Seibert – his 8th Grade Jeopardy had a complex point system that few could figure out!

– Barb Baskind

Much-needed compass

Who Am I? – Ward Seibert – not only an inspiration, but a much-needed compass.

– C. Anoosh Plock Houser
Sept. 1964-June 1974, K-9th

Advisor to bicycling club

The picture is of Ward Seibert. If I remember correctly he started at Friends in 1968-9 +/- and was the soccer coach for years. He also coached golf. I was the manager of the soccer team for him while in Upper School. He was the faculty advisor for the bicycling club I started in 1973/4 as an alternate to fulfilling PE requirements through participation in team sports. He and his wife Candy taught in the Lower School for decades.

– Jonathan Spencer '75

“He helped me to grow to love the game, but do so as a sporting gentleman, maintaining the highest ethical standards for how we were to treat our teammates, coaches, referees, opponents, the game and its fans. Ward was one of my coaching role models at FA that profoundly influenced me.”

– JEFF PILL '78

Fond Omega memories

That picture in the Spring 2011 *Meeting House* is of Ward Seibert. He was one of the two Omega Teachers way back when (Ms. Hahn was the other). His wife, Candy Seibert, was also my Alpha II Teacher!

– Philippa Barnat Miller '85

Secret admirer

Hi, my guess is that the picture is Mr. Seibert. I remember because he was my teacher crush many years ago.

– Loel Westermann '81

Inspiration to fellow teachers

The mystery person in the Who Am I? feature is Ward Seibert. In the blurb it states that he “was an inspiration to FA students for decades.” I would add that he was an inspiration to his fellow teachers, as well. I first met Ward when he was the Omega Team Leader and I was hired to teach on the Beta Team. Three years later, I followed his move to the Middle School where we taught and coached together for ten years. Ward was a model teacher – extremely dedicated to FA, to his craft, and to his students – and a mentor to me and, I am sure, many other colleagues.

– Matt Bradley

Other correct responses:

Luis Ramos, Jr. '85

Tori Butt '76

Betsy Jordan Gahagan '81

Jed Morey '90

Stephanie Cross Beta/Alpha 1989-94

Judi Upright

Patricia Flynn McArdle '83

Cindy Rushmore Kuechle '89

Congratulations to Coach Quack

Just read the Spring issue of *The Meeting House* and was delighted to see that Coach Quack was the Fahey Award recipient. I have known Al for thirty years as a counselor, teacher, coach and friend. Congrats to a man who has been the wind beneath the wings of so many of our children.

– Sue Hancock
Alumni Parent

With gratitude for remembrance

Thank you for the space and opportunity to remember my Mother in a publication that she always looked forward to receiving.

– Nancy Lockwood

Reconnecting with the Meeting House

I was fortunate to be reintroduced to our Meeting House when my oldest daughter enrolled at FA in 6th Grade. On Orientation Day, new parents were invited to experience Meeting for Worship.

To most, it was unexplored territory, somewhat quaint and somehow alluring. To me, it was an opportunity to slip on an old pair of comfortable shoes.

It was at least thirty years since I had stepped foot inside the building. I recalled there was a tragic fire, and the structure had to be completely rebuilt. As soon as I walked through the door, I was relieved to notice nothing really had changed. All was how it had been... the light, the smell, the silence... simple, serene and somehow holy.

Our Meeting House remains a special place where we are called to reflect privately upon the connection between the heart and mind. It's a provocative yet soothing place where we are reminded of our solitude and vulnerability, but also reassured by a profound sense of community. It's where many of us were first introduced to introspection, where we were encouraged and expected to develop strong minds and kind hearts.

My family has been at Friends Academy for three generations, and it comforts me knowing that both of my daughters will learn to appreciate the peace, love and strength to be found within those sacred walls. And as alumni, it's a common bond we all share, forever.

– James Wylie '78

Please send reflections, memories and other letters to the editor to Andrea_Miller@fa.org.



A Friends Academy faculty and administrator task force is ready to answer the question.

“**T**oday’s kindergartners will be retiring in the year 2067. We have no idea of what the world will look like in five years, much less 60 years, yet we are charged with preparing our students for life in that world. Our students are facing many emerging issues such as global warming, famine, poverty, health issues, a global population explosion and other environmental and social issues. These issues lead to a need for students to be able to communicate, function and create change personally, socially, economically and politically on local, national and global levels.”

– 21st Century Schools

21ST CENTURY LEARNING: WHAT'S NEXT?

BY ANDREA MILLER
Director of Communications

So write educational consultants at *21st Century Schools*, an independent company founded in 1995 by Anne Shaw with the mission of “creating schools and classrooms that are truly 21st Century.”

Here at Friends, the strategy to re-evaluate current teaching methods and brainstorm innovative new methodology toward teaching led to the creation of a formal task force with four distinct areas of inquiry last fall.

“Over the last five years, the Teaching and Learning Committee has been studying how we define student success and communicate it in all of our academic programs,” said Dean of Faculty Mary Alice Kolodner. “Given all the rapid changes in communication and technology, Head of School Bill Morris coordinated the creation of an academic think tank in June of 2010.”

The committee of 40 faculty from all three divisions subdivided to focus on the following: Brain-Based Teaching and Learning, Program Delivery, Sustainability and Stewardship and Global Education and Citizenship.

“This enabled us to think about what a Friends Academy student looks like and what kind of skills they need for the future. Do we know what we need to teach them? The world is shifting. Boundaries are evaporating; technology is accelerating. Our students need to figure out how to do research on the internet and possess the critical thinking to know that it is accurate,” explained Kolodner.

One of the ways in which Kolodner and department heads gauge classroom content and skills has been through curriculum mapping, a process that has been in place for seven years at Friends.

“In curriculum mapping, two things are identified: the ‘it’ – the content, but also what skills are needed (compare and

contrast, observation, drawing pictures, recording information). All these skills are transferable. The last piece is the assessment. How do teachers know that students have developed these skills?” asked Kolodner. “For instance, how does a child know the difference between the numbers 3 and 4? You could ask the child to draw it,” she said.

With mapping in place, teachers had a baseline and a way to identify gaps and redundancies in curriculum.

For 18 months, faculty have been analyzing and brainstorming how to incorporate the six skills that FA and the independent school community have targeted as crucial to 21st Century learning: character, creativity, real-world problem solving, communication, collaboration and leadership.

Creativity continues to be a core component of any type of 21st Century learning.

As Amy Azzam writes in her interview with

famed educator and TED presenter Sir Ken Robinson, “Why Creativity Now? A Conversation with Sir Ken Robinson,” creativity is the thread that holds it all together.

“The minute you get people to think visually,” says Robinson, “to draw pictures or move rather than sit and write bullet points – something different happens in the room. Breaking them up so they aren’t sitting at the same desk and getting them to work with people they wouldn’t normally sit with creates a different type of dynamic,” he adds.

In Azzam’s interview, Robinson explains that creativity is not running amuck, but a “disciplined process that requires skill, knowledge and control.”

Creative cognitive learning has been at the heart of the Brain-Based Teaching and Learning Commit-

THE SIX SKILLS:
Character, creativity,
real-world problem
solving, communication,
collaboration
and leadership.



First grader Alexa Moschetto uses one of the free-draw apps on the iPad.

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Yesterday vs. Today/Tomorrow

What defines 21st Century learning? In his article, “The Global Achievement Gap,” author Tony Wagner describes specific differences between 20th and 21st century skills:

20TH CENTURY VS. 21ST CENTURY

Time-based vs. Outcome-based

Memorization of discrete facts vs. Focus on what students know, can do and are like after all the details are forgotten

Textbook-driven vs. Research-driven

Teacher-centered vs. Student-centered (teacher is facilitator/coach)

Fragmented curriculum vs. Integrated and Interdisciplinary curriculum

Grades averaged vs. Grades based on what was learned

Print is primary vehicle of learning and assessment vs. Performances, projects and multiple forms of media are used for learning and assessment



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iPads create new goals in Journalism

Students in Garry Schmidt's Upper School Journalism class have traditionally focused on two goals: to understand the history and future of journalism in America and to learn the nuts and bolts of news reporting. This fall, new iPads made a third goal possible: to shift students' consciousness of themselves, from being consumers of news to producers and curators of news.

To achieve this, Schmidt required his student to use Twitter feed so that each student could constantly follow current events and retweet (share) what they read.

Schmidt assigned one or two "news beats" to each student, including topics like Arts, Politics, Sports, Culture, Entertainment and Technology.

Students also leveraged the power of customizable news apps like Flipboard, Pulse and Zite to make news consumption a much more personal and interactive experience.

Finally, with iPads, journalism students were able to create compelling interactive news stories with video and audio.

Digitizing Shakespeare

In Upper School teacher Liz Phillips' English class, students were asked to create Animoto videos to illustrate the Shakespearean sonnets they were studying. "To show my interpretation of Sonnet #30, I incorporated past and present images from the viewpoint of an elderly man and used the song, "Empty Chairs and Empty Tables" from *Les Misérables* to evoke his feeling of loneliness," said sophomore Megan Fox.



Scan the above QR Code to view this Animoto presentation.

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tee, clerked by Sara Alt. Members have attended several conferences and consequently developed five all-faculty presentations. The first, "Clearing the Way for Connections," focused on fostering relaxed alertness and removing distractions to set the stage for effective learning. The second targeted promoting attentiveness and a January workshop will connect the Arts and motivation to sustained attention.

In her Upper School Biology class, teacher Jen Newitt (and Brain-Based Teaching and Learning committee member), takes her students on five-minute field trips outside the classroom to look for quick examples of symbiosis or other biological processes. "The change of scene is always helpful," she said.

Co-committee member Upper School Spanish teacher Sara Pozzi continually monitors the temperament of her classroom. "If I notice that some of my students become a little 'frozen' with a written or verbal explanation about parts of speech, I try to get them to move around and act something out. For instance, I'll give them a handful of objects from around the room, divide them up into groups and have them ask and answer each others' questions about what they are holding, using a model sentence that incorporates a direct object pronoun in their responses."

Robinson underscores the crucial importance of creativity for students after college and beyond.

"I work a lot with Fortune 500 companies, and they're always saying, 'We need people who can be innovative, who can think differently. If you look at the mortality rate among companies, it's massive. America is now facing the biggest challenge it's ever faced – to maintain its position in the world economies. All these things demand high levels of innovation,



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Emma Daniels and Daniel Baskind try free drawing with their fingers on one of the first grade iPads.

creativity, and ingenuity," he tells Azzam.

In Program Delivery, Director of Technology Ken Ambach, who clerks that subcommittee, explained their current and future initiatives. "Our conversations,

so far, have looked into two major areas: Comparing our AP Curriculum to the International Baccalaureate Curriculum and discussing the pros and cons of schedule change and whether we can and should better align the schedules of our three

divisions."

Committee members will also be researching and studying topics like "Blended Learning and Online Classes." "We need to look at how online learning will play a part in program delivery," said Ambach. "For instance, with digital textbooks, what is out there now, what is coming and how will we use it? In regards to community connections, how can we better connect with higher education institutions and beyond for resources in learning?" added Ambach.

"These students are learning how to be digital citizens. They're using iPads to create and collaborate."

21ST CENTURY LEARNING: WHAT'S NEXT?

One of the largest and most visible programs launched this year has been the tri-divisional iPad pilots.

In the Lower School, a station with four iPads were set up in first grade. In the Upper School, teacher Gary Schmidt integrated one-to-one iPads in his Journalism class and Middle School principal Steve Rubenacker helped spearhead a one-to-one iPad pilot program in the sixth grade. "It's all happening very quickly for schools, much more quickly than we anticipated," said Rubenacker in a recent workshop for sixth grade parents.

Each iPad is pre-loaded with 40 different apps that the sixth grade teachers selected over the summer. Dropbox allows students to send and save large files in cloud-based storage. Teachers have been using Neu.annotate, an app that lets both teachers and students mark up PDFs and send back and forth. "This has really helped support paperless initiatives," said Rubenacker.

Using the Ghostwriter app, students are now entirely paperless in Social Studies classes; and in English classes, reading, writing and grammar all take place in the iPad environment.

Social Studies teacher Phil Cicciari's students use the Edmodo app while watching films in class. Edmodo is a microblogging system designed specifically for teachers and students. Students log on and can ask questions of their teacher, each other as they interactively comment on different parts of the film.

"I have been using Edmodo for nearly a year now and even in that small period of time, it has become a significant tool. It has become a wonderful platform for communication in my classes. I can post a video and within an hour have almost all of my students commenting on the video and giving insight," said Cicciari.

"Students have the ability to post things to their classes and for the kids who aren't always comfortable speaking in class, they can make their voice heard



Edmodo "back-channel dialog" from students in Phil Cicciari's 6th grade Social Studies class as they watched a film about Mesopotamia.



without all the pressure that public speaking brings," added Cicciari.

Rubenacker is still feeling out the pilot program's future, but knows that one thing is true: "These students are learning to be digital citizens. They're using iPads to create and collaborate. They're also learning to navigate through the world safely and effectively. They'll be media-literate and prepared for college."

This year's school theme is also the third TLC subcommittee. TLC Sustainability and Stewardship subcommittee clerk Dan Kriesberg, Middle School Science teacher, is spearheading efforts to integrate more sustainability education into the curriculum by weaving environmental issues into existing curriculum. Committee members have underscored the need for education and action. The recycling of learning materials, paper and plastic are this year's initiatives, as well as creating a library of sustainability resources and planning upcoming Earth Day activities.

The final piece to the TLC 21 task

force lies with Global Education and Citizenship, headed up by Marge Bevad, Associate Director of College Counseling. Defining global competence was an initial goal with parameters like understanding the knowledge of other world regions, cultures, economies and global issues. A follow-up rubric will help measure those competencies. The committee has also built up an extensive database to help teachers connect globally and are now looking to implement specific programs.

"We are looking to found an ESL after-school program here on campus for members of our community. In addition, committee member Allison Doherty is piloting a collaborative art project between her fourth grade students, who are studying Africa this year, and a willing sister school in Africa," said Bevad.

As FA faculty continue to explore 21st Century education, one thing is sure – students and teachers will be connecting and collaborating with each other and the world in new and exciting ways.



Aaron Lee (12th), Ethan Nyein (11th), Christian Fitzgerald (11th), Raghav Kedia (11th) and Aidan Vascotto (10th).

Engineering, innovation and teamwork on display

On October 25th, a team of Engineering team students from Friends Academy joined design and construction professionals, college students and high school students at the Canstruction Long Island Competition, an international design/build competition that helps fight hunger in local communities.

Engineering team members Aaron Lee (12th), Andrew Eng (12th), Raghav Kedia (11th), Ethan Nyein (11th), Aidan Vascotto (10th) and Harry Leiser (10th), designed and engineered the FA construction entitled, "Take a Bite out of Hunger." The team needed over 5,000 cans to complete the giant self-supporting sculpture. The project spurred a school-wide effort, from Early Childhood to 12th grade, for collection and donations of tuna fish and tomato sauce cans.

At the close of the exhibition, all cans were donated to Long Island Cares, Inc. and The Harry Chapin Food Bank. Judges awarded FA the "Cantabulous" award or Juror's Choice.

"Ultimately, this has been a wonderful combination of community service and technical problem-solving," said Vascotto. "It's been invaluable for the students to take a design and make it a reality."



LOWER SCHOOL GOES GLOBAL

It's a connected world... after all

Each grade exploring a different continent, people and culture

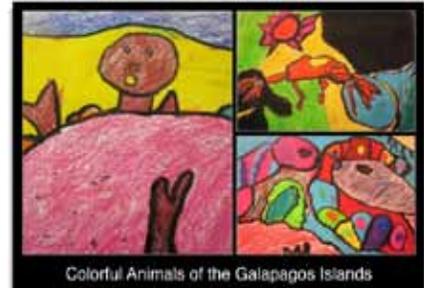
From Antarctica to Australia, South America to Asia, North America to Africa and around to Europe, every week has offered uncharted territory for Lower School students to explore this year.

Starting in September, each grade undertook a continent to absorb and discover. "The Lower School Goes Global' initiative seeks to instill an understanding of the world and its people in our students as they progress from our Early Childhood Program through Fifth Grade," said fifth grade social studies teacher Kim Soscie.

"Through an investigation of our world, recognizing different perspectives, communicating ideas, and taking action, the program will help to facilitate a love of learning about other countries' people and cultures," she added.

In third grade, students have been studying ancient Greece, current day geography, daily life, culture and religion. "We have been looking at how life back then has influenced the way we live today," said teacher Kara Lewis. Students dissected Greek mythology and then created their own Greek gods and myths.

By emphasizing interconnectedness,



Colorful Animals of the Galapagos Islands

Greetings from the Galapagos Islands!
Dear Mrs. Kolodner,
Thank you for coming to share your photographs and expertise with us as we learned about the Galapagos Islands!
With love from
Second Grade

Mrs. Mary/Alice Kolodner
Friends Academy
Lancast Valley
New York

MARGARET LINDNER/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Dean of Faculty Mary Alice Kolodner visited second graders to show them photos and talk about her experience in the Galapagos Islands.

the goal is to ensure that students become globally competent individuals.

"Fifth grade students have been corresponding with students at the French International School in New Delhi, India," said Soscie. "We have learned that even though we are many miles away, we share common interests in music and after-school activities," she added.



Fourth graders explore the culture and wildlife of Africa.

DIVERSITY NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Conversation & Connection

On October 27, 2011, over 75 parents, students (from all three divisions), trustees and faculty and staff came together for a special community reception honoring and celebrating dialogue and conversation at Friends Academy.

The event, “MOSAIC of our community: Diversity Night at the Museum” was hosted by The African American Museum in Hempstead, NY. Guests were treated to an evening of live performances, including the Friends Academy African drumming group, led by teacher Yahaya Kamate. Live music and theatrical monologues peppered the evening.

“This was a night about connections, about reaching out to folks that you see, but don’t talk to every day,” said Shanelle Robinson, the new director for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at Friends Academy.

Guests were handed flip cameras and asked to interview each other and film the performances. “This gave people a chance to switch roles – to be both the interviewer and the interviewee,” said Robinson.

So as children and adults traded cameras and documented the entertainment, artwork and each other, new conversations were born,

“I was delighted to look out across the room and see not only the number of people, but the rich cultural diversity that was there. That is what multicultural appreciation is all about, and the evening’s event provided an opportunity for those within and outside the Friends community to meet and create new relationships as we begin the new school year.”



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Top: Parents, students, faculty and staff get to know each other at FA’s first Diversity Night. **Middle:** African drumming teacher Yahaya Kamate leads the FA drumming group. Live performances, including theatrical monologues and music punctuated the evening. **Bottom:** Guests browse and study paintings from the current exhibition at the African Art Museum, which hosted the event.

TAKING IT TO THE FRINGE ... THE EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL

Finding 'home' abroad

*WWII musical drama
performed in Edinburgh
Quaker Meeting House*

This was a performance that could have only been performed in a Quaker Meeting House ... and it was.

For 19 FA students and alumni from ages 13 to 22, the chance to bring theater teacher Andrew Geha's original musical, "We Didn't Have Time to Be Scared," to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this summer exceeded every expectation.

The opportunity to perform the show in the intimate space of the Edinburgh Quaker Meeting House underscored the overall message of hope, togetherness and family.

"It was a meeting and sharing of two communities," said Geha, who wrote and scored the WWII story of colleague Lisa Waldstein's mother and aunt. "As we stepped up, they (the Meeting House) stepped up and embraced us."

The Festival drew 2,500 shows, over 29,000 actors, and thousands of visitors from all over the world, many of whom came to see the sold-out FA show. Performed from August 8-13, the cast earned accolades from audience members and professional reviewers. "You've got to see *We Didn't Have Time to be Scared*," wrote one reviewer. "I went expecting to see a school play. I was blown away by the story, the telling of the story through memories that move in and out, and the power of the young actors. This show will undoubtedly make it to Broadway some day."

Performing for complete strangers in another country over multiple nights took many, if not all the student actors,



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Kira Sanchez (11th), Jake Ingrassia (12th), Gloria Fortuna (9th), Liam Collier (12th), Courtney Naughton (12th), and Julia Newitt (9th), bring alive the true story of two girls who flee Nazi-occupied Vienna.

to a new place.

"It was an absolutely thrilling experience," said senior Liam Collier. "When you're on stage at FA, no one is going to say you haven't done a good job. We had to go beyond anything we'd done before."

The sheer physicality of the experience also challenged the actors. From personally shipping over 36 suitcases, a piano and benches to having a mere 10 minutes before and after performances to set up and break down; including dragging the piano to dinner each night.

"Everybody had to think on a new level," recalled Director of Arts Tracey Foster. "Every single person had to problem-solve and think in the moment."

In addition to the nightly shows, the cast also performed in outdoor spaces. While a portion of the cast distributed flyers about the show, others performed abbreviated choreography from the show by FA Dance teacher Kimo Sibbett. "The outdoor performances were

where we realized we were actually growing," said junior Tyler Newitt.

For the cast, the Fringe experience was nothing less than transforming. "There was this whole group experience," said freshman Gloria Fortuna, who portrayed sister Lucy.

"The people who came to see us came on their own time; we found truth for us, and they found truth in us," shared senior Courtney Naughton.

"We just wanted to tell as many people as possible about this story. We were here to share this amazing message," finished junior Sydney Menzin.



LISA WALDSTEIN/FRIENDS ACADEMY

A poster advertising the FA musical is posted outside of the Edinburgh Meeting House, where the show was performed nightly.



Work Crew member Bobby Moore removes faulty bricks from the walkway on the Quad as 7th grader Kamyar Ghiam lends a hand. Members also include Robbie Berke (student leader), Andrew Feinstein, Melissa Granados, Jake Henin, Perry Gordon, Devin Gerzof, Jalissa Clark, Becky Broxmeyer, Danny DeCamello and Tyler Newitt.

Taking matters into their own hands: brick by brick

The historic Work Crew Program continues to do its part in keeping the school maintained. “It’s one of the ways that we encourage our students to be responsible for the care of the school environment,” said Herb Lape, Upper School history teacher and After School Work Crew advisor.

The core of the program targets cleaning up after other students – bits of paper carelessly swept on the floor, empty bottles left around, food and debris left on lunch tables.

Last year, a new after school program formed to use student skills to help maintain the campus. They replaced nearly 100 desktops that had deteriorated and been defaced. This fall the group leveled out the low spots in the walkway between the library and Dolan Center by replacing bricks and adding sand.

“It was a great opportunity for our students to work with their hands to contribute to the school,” added Lape.

IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT THE OUTDOORS



ANGIE MARTIN/FRIENDS ACADEMY

The 9th grade outdoor education trip is a four-day adventure in the woods of Connecticut full of hiking, high and low ropes challenges, self-discovery and group bonding.

Top: The group works out a strategy to get all members from one platform to the next as challenges pop up along the way. (From left to right): Andy Muran, Julia Ciardullo, Alex Smith, Patrick Lundy, Thomas Frey, Jordan Leeds, Javana Clark, Brandon Rosenbaum and Harrison Graham.

Middle: Javana Clark gets ready for a hike.

Bottom: Julia Newitt and Jordan Leeds help Caroline Sgaglione make her way up and over the wall, while the rest of the group spots her and cheers them on.



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Friends Academy's new Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, Shanelle Robinson, joins the director of the African Art Museum in Hempstead at FA's first school-wide Diversity Night. See more photos on Page 13.

Friends Academy welcomes new directors to campus

Over the last 18 months, four new administrators have joined the Friends Academy community, including two brand-new positions.



Top: Nina Waechter (hired in Fall 2010), Jim Michalek, and Chris Semlies.

Director of Admissions & Financial Aid Nina Waechter started her new job last fall after 18 years in Admissions and education at Convent of the Sacred Heart in NYC.

Jim Michalek came on board as Director of Development this summer. Hailing from Texas, Jim had headed up the Development Office at St. Thomas HS. Shanelle Robinson and Chris Semlies joined FA this summer in two new positions: Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and Director of Facilities. Shanelle had most recently been Vice President of Programs at the American Conference of Diversity in New Brunswick, NJ and Chris left as Senior Project Manager of Boston-based Shawmut Design and Construction.

SERVICE LEARNING IN THE UPPER SCHOOL

Hands-on writing



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Seniors were selected in the spring of their junior year to be a part of the pioneer FA Writing Fellows Program. Back row: Danny DeCamello, Liam Collier and Kirsten Loscalzo. Front row: Michael Gambardella, Grant Baskind, Alana Stein, Caroline Dixon, Amanda Edwards, Sophia Toles and Justin Levine.

This fall the Upper School English Department, under the direction of teachers Brian Crocco and Liz Phillips, launched a new service learning project for seniors called the Writing Fellows Program. The program was designed to provide seniors with a way of giving back to the community while growing themselves as writers and teachers.

Selected during the spring of their junior year for their strengths as writers and their personal qualities, this year's writing fellows took part in a workshop run by Mr. Crocco and Doc Phillips at the end of August. Over the course of three days, the rising seniors learned about ninth-grade-level writing and about how to support ninth-grade writers in a conference setting without being copy editors.

Mr. Crocco delivered several mini-lectures on how to teach writing, and Doc Phillips ran collaborative activities, including a role-playing activity in which the fellows had a chance to practice what they had learned and to step into the shoes of a ninth-grader.

The summer training prepared the fellows to step in to Mr. Crocco's class this fall and work with individual students on an early draft of a major essay based on Franz Kafka's short story, "The Hunger Artist." The seniors met with the ninth-graders during free blocks and after school to discuss argument and other big picture considerations.

"When I walked into the room, the students were sitting in pairs around the seminar table, talking, listening, and working together. It was just what we were hoping would happen when we conceived the program last year," said Doc Phillips.

This spring, the seniors will fellow another set of papers and a new group of rising seniors will be selected. Whether the program expands next year remains to be determined.

"We really are in the pilot stage," said Doc Phillips. "Once the students have followed their final papers, we will collect and evaluate feedback from students and faculty to help us think about what best makes sense for the program."





Julia Ciardullo, Alexis Toles, Mariana Cuomo Maier and Katie Pappas with some of their Spanish penpals.

To Madrid, from Locust Valley ... with love

What do you get when you take two FA Spanish teachers, one in America and one in Spain, and a group of very excited FA 8th graders? Cross-continental penpals who finally meet up.

Last year, students in Middle School teacher Amy Mulcahy's class started trading e-mails via a penpal program organized by Mulcahy and former FA Spanish teacher, Bea Sanchez.

American and Spanish students were paired at random and wrote to each other about their interests, school and the holidays, FA in Spanish and Madrid students in English. At the end of the year, each group presented a Power-Point of the places and activities of interest in their home cities.

This summer the two groups met each other in Madrid, where FA students were able to explore many of the places they'd learned about from their penpals, from a flamenco dance class to the Prado Museum to walking tours of Madrid.



Cameron Hellerman (right) and a penpal student from Madrid.

NEW DIRECTOR JOINS CENTER

The ABCs of 3s and 4s

Masterpiece galleries, touch-sensitive learning and lots of baking round out the day for the children of the Friends Early Childhood Center

Nestled inside the white Victorian Withington House is the Friends Academy Early Childhood Center, home to FA's youngest students, ages 3 and 4.

This year, Kristin Minuto joined the program as its new director. A Kindergarten teacher for 10 years and involved with curriculum development, Minuto also has been teaching Early Childhood



Director
Kristin
Minuto

students since 1997. "I am honored to be a new member of the Friends Academy family," said Minuto. "Having taught EC for so many years, I'm so proud to be the director and have your children reach their fullest potential."

The Early Childhood Center is primarily a multi-age program. "While the Play Group and Pre-K classes form two distinctive groups, mixing the ages for various activities and lessons has shown outstanding developmental benefits," said Minuto. "The older children take pride in guiding the younger children in positive ways and the younger children have an enhanced learning experience by having older peers to learn skills from," she added.

With her arrival, Minuto introduced a new in-class art program, where the children study nine master painters, one each month. "Currently, the children are learning about Claude Monet and Vincent Van Gogh. They learn about the artist, their style of artwork, and then recreate their own piece," said Minuto.

A new HATCH system and Smart-Board offer touch-sensitive interactivity. Children can learn Japanese and Span-



Top, painting outside scenes. Center, a sampling of the Famous Artists Gallery, where children study a different painter each month. Bottom, mixing and measuring and ... tasting!

ish, study German, French and South African cultures and practice math and science skills. "It's an intricate program, but presented in a basic way for the children," explained Minuto.

During rest time, Minuto has introduced classical music. "It brings a sense of peace, but also keeps their minds engaged. The children start to learn to pick out different instruments."

The end of each week closes with Family Baking Fridays. A fully functional kitchen lets teachers, children and family members enjoy the hands-on science and community of baking up tasty treats.





{SCENES FROM FALL FAIR, SEPT. 23-24}

How fast can you slide? Just ask eighth graders Danielle Dellaquila, Stephen Graham and Nicholas Campbell!

AMANDA FISK PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Friends celebrated its 46th Fall Fair and Homecoming Weekend on Friday, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24th. Since 1965, this annual community event has brought together Friends Academy students, parents, faculty and former faculty, alumni, relatives, friends and the outside community to share in rides, games, athletic events, arts and crafts and great food.

FA parents Tara Hart and Shelly Flicker co-chaired this year's Fair, which drew over 600 people. Attractions included a carousel, bumper cards, Gamin Ride – a mobile interactive entertainment center, churros, and lobster rolls.

FA Family Night co-chaired by Jeannine and Glen Lostritto '84 and Nancy *Toher* Hawkins '76 and Tom Hawkins '78 was a huge success, despite the weather. The FA community came together for a night of hamburgers, hot dogs and fun!

For a look back at the alumni reception, please turn to page 50.



Senior Kelsey Denihan enjoys the Fall Fair, from head to toe!



Seniors Alana Stein, Alix Liss and Lauriane Pinto enjoy the games, food and overall atmosphere of Fall Fair.



The Friends Academy Varsity Football team played Malverne for Homecoming.



FA Parents, including Elizabeth Ingrassia and Robert Quinn make sure everyone's thirst is quenched.

Madison O'Sullivan (2nd) puts her skills to the test.



FA parents Katherine McCann, Terry Morabito and Chris McCann volunteer at the Fair.



Kindergartner Luke Bassarath rides the circuit in this year's pony rides and petting zoo.

Far left: It's hard not to smile on Fall Fair day!



And it's Head of School Bill Morris, down and wet.



Kevin Naughton is all over the ball and a defender.



Senior Devin Gerzof



Students volunteered their arms for a good cause at one of the student booths.



"Look, mom, no hands!" for Kindergartner Spencer Shepard.

“MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING” IS REALLY SOMETHING



Sam Riese and Olivia Frey swing around the stage in an opening number.

AMANDA FISK PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY

C'MON DOWN!

Upper School meets Shakespeare down on the farm for a real barn-raising

By **ANDREA MILLER**
Director of Communications

“The savage bull may, but if ever the sensible Benedict bear it, pluck off the bull’s horns and set them in my forehead, and let me be vilely painted, and in such great letters as they write ‘Here is good horse to hire’ let them signify under my sign ‘Here you may see Benedict, the married man.’”

Thus begins the inevitable dance of love and marriage in this fall’s Upper School production, “Much Ado about Nothing,” by William Shakespeare.

Director Andrew Geha transports the cast and audience to a hay-filled,

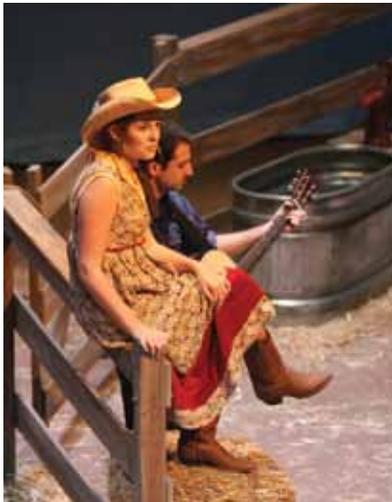
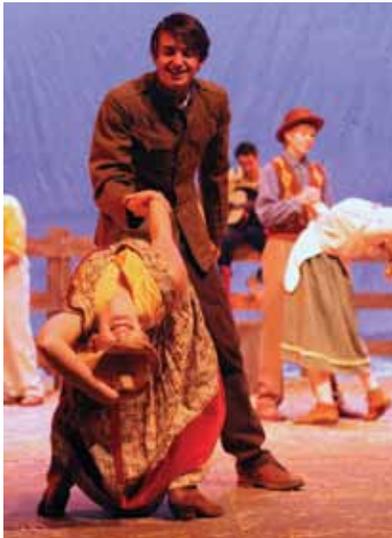


Grace Covelli on violin, James Liverani on guitar, Devon Gerzof and Parker Huseby take to the roof during a musical interlude.

paddock-enclosed barn and stable for this rendition. Lingering lyrics from Mumford and Sons, The Decemberists, Cadillac Sky and more carry all from rollicking scenes of pre-wedding enthusiasm to revengeful sabotage and somber grievances to a final and joyful reconciliation.

The play and musical opens with a lively and rousing circle dance to celebrate the return of soldiers Don Pedro (Jake Ingrassia), Claudio (Tyler Newitt), and Benedict (Liam Collier). Claudio promptly falls for Hero (Olivia Frey) and a wedding is planned at the week's end. In the interim, Claudio, Hero and their friends decide to trick Benedict and Hero's cousin Beatrice (Gabrielle Rechler) into falling in love, which judging from their overly witty, but harsh insults toward each other, seems the farthest thing from reality.

Some maniacal shenanigans from Don John (Sam Riese), Don Pedro's illegitimate brother, threaten to unravel all happy endings, but overheard con-



From top: Liam Collier dips his partner, Gabrielle Rechler. Olivia Youngwall and James Liverani. Tyler Newitt and Olivia Frey.

fessions and quick thinking return love to center stage just in time.

Expressive comedic timing from Rechler and physical comedy from Collier, as the leads, propel 15th-century prose into modern hilarity.

The twang of the banjo from Elijah Rechler, Grace Covelli's violin/fiddle and James Liverani's guitar, as well as the soulful voices of Olivia Youngwall and others, make feet stomp and eyes mist all at the same time.

Technical Director Michael Grant engineered the whimsical set, which evolved into an all-cast production. "As Michael Grant began drafting plans for our barn, he announced that the entire set was going to be built with hammers," said Geha. "Acting Shakespeare is a lot like building this barn. There's no nail gun, no fast track way to secure the moments. It takes hard work. You bang away for a while, feeling success one day and none on another. But eventually, if you put the time in, you have something that stands up."

AFRICAN ART COLLECTION AT FA



On Saturday, September 24, a reception honoring Mary Lee Rushmore '52 (below) and her African art collection was held.

F A alumna Mary Lee Rushmore '52 donated her extensive collection of African Art to Friends Academy, which is now on display in the Art Gallery of the Helen A. Dolan Center. Ms. Rushmore acquired the pieces in New York over time, choosing those that "sparked her interest" and "spoke to her." The collection contains pieces that originate mostly from West Africa, such as gourds, bronze statues, sculptures, urns, and masks. Rather than display the artifacts in a museum, she donated the works so that they could be used in the classroom.



{FALL 2011}



MIKE DAMM, AL QUACKENBUSH, DAVID GATOUX/FRIENDS ACADEMY

The journey this fall could not have been more exciting as **teams achieved goal after goal:** undefeated seasons, the chance to play at the state level and bringing home a first-ever state championship title.

FA 2011 FALL SPORTS

Girls Soccer captures 1st state title



AL QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

The Friends Academy Girls Varsity Soccer team played to a grueling scoreless tie against Hoosick Falls HS to bring home their first state championship.

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER: UNDEFEATED SEASON

“From day one, they never stopped believing in themselves,” said Coach Gail Baker of the Friends Academy Varsity Girls Soccer team, who after two hard-fought games in upstate New York and an undefeated season, brought home the school’s very first girls soccer state title.

The road to the state championship ran through Keshequa HS, who the Quakers beat 3-2 on Saturday, November 19 in the State Semi-Finals. At the end of that game, senior Amanda Edwards earned the Sportsmanship Award. “The first game was just unbelievable,” said Coach Baker. “It was tied 2-2 and (junior) Krystina Iordanou’s shot put us up 3-2. At that point, the

team’s emotions were so elated and pumped up.” Junior Heather Maierle and freshman Alexis Toles also scored for the dominating Friends team.



Girls Varsity Soccer Coach Gail Baker won NY State Coach of the Year.

On Sunday, the Quakers showed their ability to dominate the field against Hoosick Falls HS at SUNY Cortland with 12

shots on goal within the first half and 25 shots overall. “We were doing what we wanted,” said Coach Baker. Battling scoreless through both halves, the game was forced into two overtimes, followed by two sudden death overtimes.

“I could see the fatigue setting in,” said Baker. “We had numerous injuries and some key players had to be removed, but our team continued to play consistently.

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MIKE DAMM/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Morgan Landow runs the ball down the field for the Friends Academy Girls Varsity Field Hockey team. Emily Mara is behind her.

Cinderella season leads to LI title; 1st since 2006

VARSITY GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY: LOSE TOUGH STATE ROUND

From the start of this year’s season, the Friends Academy Field Hockey team has had just one goal – to win the sought-after Long Island Championship. Bested four years in a row, the Quakers were able to check off that accomplishment, and looked to a new goal – the State Championships.

In early fall, the road to the NY State Championship seemed like a long one as this turnaround team logged its slowest start in years with a 0-5 record. “The girls knew that with hard work, patience and determination, things would turn around,” said Coach Christine Botti.

The Quakers authoritatively captured their first win at the Friends Academy Fall Fair, 7-0 and that win would ignite a spark that led to a 7-game winning streak.

On November 6, the Quakers won their seventh consecutive Nassau County Class

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INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-STATE – KRISTINA IORDANOU (1ST TEAM, PLAYER OF THE YEAR), HEATHER MAIERLE (2ND TEAM), MARISSA TIDONA (MVP OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP), KRISTINA KIM (3RD TEAM), JAMIE GENATT (5TH TEAM)

ALL-COUNTY – KRISTINA IORDANOU (B/C PLAYER OF THE YEAR, 2ND TEAM ALL LONG ISLAND)

ALL-CLASS – KRISTINA KIM & JAIME GENATT, HEATHER MAIERLE (MVP OF LI CHAMPIONSHIP GAME)

ALL-CONFERENCE – MARISSA TIDONA & JESSICA BABICZ, AMANDA EDWARDS

SCHOLAR/ATHLETE – AMANDA EDWARDS

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There were opportunities up until the last whistle. The best part was that the defense remained strong and the offense stayed on the ball. Even though the girls were exhausted, they were still driven to play a cohesive game together."

The physical battle between the two teams reached a scoreless tie and both teams were rewarded with a co-state championship title. Junior Marissa Tidona (North Bellmore) earned MVP for Friends, a distinction chosen by Section VIII coordinators and state representatives.

"We had great team chemistry on and off the field, mixed ages of youth and veteranship – and in the end, both of those pieces and the good feelings of team unity led to this state title," said Coach Baker.

2011 ROSTER: Jessica Babicz, Kelsey Denihan, Amanda Edwards, Jamie Genatt, Melissa Greenblatt, Krystina Iordanou, Kasey Katz, Kristina Kim, Heather Maierle, Olivia Meszaros, Tolulope Ojo, Shekinah Pettway, Claudia Ratner, Brianna Smith, Marissa Tidona, Aaryn Toles, Alexis Toles, Eva Valcic.



AL QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

A deep connection bound this year's soccer team together, both on and off the field.

FA 2011 FALL SPORTS

Boys & Girls: State contenders

Varsity Cross Country: Nassau County Champions

"I ran the first mile with my legs, the second mile with my head, and the third mile with my heart."

"Long distance running isn't glamorous and it takes a lot of heart," recounted Coach Louisa Garry as she summed up the season. "There are few spectators; no home meets; no fan bus; and hills, mud, and snow are just a few of the obstacles cross country runners face on a regular basis.



Kelsey Margey helped the Girls team race to an undefeated season finish.

Fortunately, the runners on the FA team seem to believe it's all worth it and this team was distinguished by wonderful camaraderie as well as a sense of pride and dedication as they focused on their goal of making it to the NY state meet," she added.

This year was the Friends Academy Cross Country boys and girls teams' most successful season since joining Section VIII. Both teams were undefeated in Division IVB and won the Class C County Championships. FA also boasted the Nassau County Individual champion for Boys and Girls Class C. "This team was able to achieve at such a high level because they were not simply individuals racing to the finish line," said Coach Garry. "This season they learned to run as a pack and they quickly realized the benefits of working together," she finished.

According to Garry, the team is a young one, but athletes already have their sights set on next year.



DAVID GATOLIX PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Will Duke finishes strong at the County Championship. Both teams qualified for the state meet for the first time in school history.

2011 ROSTER: Patrick Crowley, William Duke, Megan Fox, Katrina Garry, Harmony Grodsky, Ian Hom, Zachary Kriesberg, Jordan Leeds, Emily LeoGrande, Erik Loscalzo, Domenica Lostritto, Glenn Lostritto, Margot Mangiarotti, Rose Mangiarotti, Kelsey Margey, Sahil Massand, Kara McNelis, John O'Brien, Katherine Pappas, Arman Salem, Evan Sayre, Maureen Sullivan, Cole Valentino and Jonathan Weinberg.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-STATE – KELSEY MARGEY

ALL-COUNTY – SUNNY LOSTRITTO, MOLLY SULLIVAN, ROB ADAMS, KATRINA GARRY, PAT CROWLEY, GLENN LOSTRITTO, & KELSEY MARGEY

ALL-CONFERENCE – KATRINA GARRY, PAT CROWLEY, GLENN LOSTRITTO & KELSEY MARGEY

ALL-DIVISION – KATIE PAPPAS, EVAN SAYRE, SAHIL MASSAND, SUNNY LOSTRITTO, MOLLY SULLIVAN, ROB ADAMS, KATRINA GARRY, PAT CROWLEY, GLENN LOSTRITTO & KELSEY MARGEY

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C Championship, soundly defeating Carle Place 4-0.

One week later, a charged team ran the field down against Babylon HS and captured their first Long Island Championship since 2006 with a score of 5-1.

"The team was very positive, excited and ready to win," said Coach Botti of her players heading into the LI Championship. Senior and co-captain Erica Sklar scored three goals, senior Savannah Febesh contributed four points (two goals and two assists) and sophomore Emily Mara aided with an assist. Goalie and sophomore Charlotte Gelfand anchored the defense, allowing only one goal while recording an astonishing 12 saves, including one on a penalty stroke. Co-captains and seniors Erin Gluck and Jalisa Clark rounded out the team leadership and were named to the Long Island All-Tournament team.

The Long Island victory allowed the girls the opportunity to take the long sought after ride to Syracuse for the NYS Final Four. The season ended with a loss at the NYS semi-finals, in a hard fought game against Greenwich.

2011 ROSTER: Jalisa Clark, Savannah Febesh, Dylan Foley, Chloe Friedman, Brigid Gahan, Charlotte Gelfand, Stephanie Gherlone, Erin Gluck, Lydia Graham, Alix Heffron, Alexa Landow, Morgan Landow, Emily Mara, Sarah O'Kane, Lucy Petropoulos, Casey Quinn, Katy Saltz, Caroline Sgaglione, Erica Sklar, Erika Vidal. (Managers) Stacey Danzinger, Rose Morabito, Nikki Simon, Samantha Statfeld and Alexandra White.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-LEAGUE – CAROLINE SGAGLIONE

UNsung HERO – ALIX HEFFRON

ALL-COUNTY – JALISA CLARK (NYS ALL TOURN. TEAM & NYS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD), SAVANNAH FEBESH (1ST TEAM, ALL LONG ISLAND, ALL STATE) & ERICA SKLAR (2ND TEAM, ALL LONG ISLAND)

ALL-CONFERENCE – CHARLOTTE GELFAND, CHLOE FRIEDMAN & EMILY MARA, ERIN GLUCK (NYS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM) & KATY SALTZ (NYS ALL-TOURN. TEAM)

EXCEPTIONAL SENIOR & SCHOLAR-ATHLETE – MORGAN LANDOW



DAVID GATOUX/FRIENDS ACADEMY

The Girls Varsity Tennis team won 10 straight matches, almost half against Nassau's top tennis schools. Junior Sydney Menzin gears up for a return.

Strong season = Conference title

VARsITY GIRLS TENNIS: RUNNER-UP IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Varsity Girls Tennis team had a tremendous season finishing with 13 wins and 3 losses. They won the Conference 2 regular season title and finished runner-up in the Nassau County (Class two) overall championships to Cold Spring Harbor.

"The girls can be proud of a remarkable run of winning 10 straight matches and not losing for a full month against Nassau's top tennis schools," said Coach Brian Baxter. Five of the girls (juniors Sydney Menzin, Frances Hilbert and Carolina Mocerrea and freshmen Julia Ciardullo and Isabella Pascucci) were selected to compete in the Nassau County Individual Championships in October. Frances/Carolina lost a tough first round to a seeded

Syosset team. Isabella/Julia made it to the quarterfinals, losing to the eventual champions from Hewlett, while Sydney won two rounds defeating Lynbrook's #1 player along the way.

Coach Baxter is optimistic about the future. "Despite losing six seniors, our team is young and looks forward to working hard, coming together, and winning more championships in the future!!"

2011 ROSTER: Jeanne Budd, Julia Ciardullo, Caroline Dixon, Paige Elgarten, Ariana Farahani, Marielle Goebelbecker, Frances Hilbert, Hannah Juhel, Nicole Katz, Sierra Linder, Kirsten Loscalzo, Sydney Menzin, Carolina Mocerrea, Isabella Pascucci, Lauriane Pinto. Managers: Allaire Heisig, Alek Kucich and Dewayne Taylor.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY – JULIA CIARDULLO, ISABELLA PASCUCCI

ALL-CONFERENCE – SYDNEY MENZIN

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The Middle School Boys Soccer team, coached by Phil Cicciari (who sported a Mohawk later to celebrate the undefeated season): Liam Bardong, Nicholas Campbell, Owen Collier, Joseph Como, Trevor Dineen, Ian Friedman, Joshua Goldblatt, Andrew Greene, Andrew Habberstad, Theodore Ingrassia, Arman Kibria, Scott Kriesberg, Marcus Menzin, Reed Mullen, Brendan Naughton, Harry Nicolas, Kole Rossi, Jake Taylor, Matthew Tidona.

A PERFECT SEASON!

At the start of the season I said that this could be one of the best teams I ever coach here and it truly has been. I challenged the boys to accomplish three goals this season. With the help of Coach Barth and Coach Riley, we broke the 35 boys into two teams, a core and practice group.

The first was to win the time of possession battle in every game. The second was to average three goals a game and the last was to give up only two or fewer goals a game. The boys were able to accomplish all of these goals.

My proudest moment coaching this team was against Westbury... The game was highly competitive and both teams were pushing the pace of the game. Early in the 2nd half Westbury went up 2-1 and it was the first time all season that we had been down a goal. Finally, Liam Bardong got through the defense to poke a ball past the goalie. With 40 seconds left, Josh Goldblatt took a free kick from 25 yards out and managed to sail a shot in. The 3-2 victory was only our 4th win of the season but that game told me everything I needed to know. These boys never got down, never gave up and most importantly, stuck together to beat an excellent team.

– Coach Phil Cicciari



MIKE DAMM/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Senior Cole Chartash uses some footwork to keep possession of the ball.

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER: SOLID REBUILDING SEASON

The Boys Varsity Soccer team had a very successful season. The team had an overall record of 6 wins, 4 losses, and 2 ties. The Boys finished in 2nd place in the B-C conference.

“This was a very major achievement considering the high quality of the competition in this league. Every game was a battle. None of our league games was decided by more than a one-goal difference,” said Coach Marshall Lindner.

Highlights of the season included an exciting come-from-behind victory at Cold Spring Harbor, scoring the game winner in the last two minutes of play, and a 0-0 tie at Wheatley, which were the only points Wheatley dropped all season. The hope of winning a third

straight state championship ended with an overtime loss to eventual tournament champion Port Jefferson.

“We are tremendously proud of the fantastic effort the team made that day, as well as all season long. We would like to thank the entire school community for the support we had this season,” said Coach Lindner.

2011 ROSTER: Paul Asadourian, Jack Bauer, Rani Bendary, Cole Chartash, Drew Chartash, Harrison DellaFera, Kyle Dineen, Andrew Eng, Matthew Gutierrez, Maximilian Heffron, Kevin Isernio, Michael Isernio, Bolade Majekodunmi, Nicholas Moretto, Alexander Muran, Kevin Naughton, Jonathan Nierenberg, Hunter Robinson, Eli Rouso, William Sands, Jordan Schuss, Kellan Sehring, Harrison Seideman, David Sher, Mark Slotnick, Andrew Stingi, Dillon Wilensky and Andrew Yaraghi. Managers: Sarah Chartash, Sophie Fritz.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY – ELI ROUSSO, MIKE ISERNIO (HONORABLE MENTION)

ALL-CONFERENCE – MAX HEFFRON, KYLE DINEEN, A.J. MURAN, COLE CHARTASH AND KEVIN NAUGHTON

LI CHAMPIONSHIP GAME MVP – HARRY DELLAFERA



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Sophomore William Sands heads the ball.

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Junior Spencer Sklar rockets the football down field.

VARSIITY FOOTBALL: PLAYING WITH HONOR

“This year’s Football team can take pride in how well they navigated through a difficult modified schedule. Through it all our team earned respect throughout the league for their ability to adapt and play with honor,” said Coach Ron Baskind.

One of their goals for the year was to play the game at a level that would restore excitement about the program. The team finished with a 3-3 record, but clearly reached its goal and established tremendous positive energy around the program giving them momentum for a return to a full Varsity schedule next season.

“We are especially grateful to the seniors who chose to play this year in an effort to ensure a season for the younger players,” added Coach Baskind.

2011 ROSTER: Grant Baskind, Michael Bernardini, Nicholas Chapman, Nicholas Croce, Christian Curran, Andrew Feinstein, Ethan Flicker, James Hawkins, Cyrus Holder, Harry Leeser, David Levine, Brian Lightcap, William O’Kane, Griffin Nesfield, Tyrone Perkins, Peter Picoli, Jesse Rabaglia, Jonathan Ramsay, Bill Rechler, Samuel Riese, Austin Rossi, Alexander Schneider, Keyonne Session, Zachary Sideris, Jake Silverman, Brendan Sherlock, Spencer Sklar, Alexander Storch, Chretien Teitelbaum, Aidan Vascotto and Skyler Zaken. Manager: Rebecca Broxmeyer.

VARSIITY CREW: STRONG FINISH AT HOME REGATTA

FA Crew competed at four head races this fall. A head race is similar to running cross-country, in that the race covers long distances over the natural course of a river.

The team of hard-working, dedicated rowers journeyed to Philadelphia twice this season to compete in three regattas: Navy Day and King’s Head Regatta, which were back-to-back over the Columbus Day weekend, and the Head of the Schuylkill, the team’s largest event, held at the end of October when rowers were surprised by a freak snowstorm. Finishing the season, the team’s hard work paid off during their home regatta as FA crews won three of the five races in which they competed. Men’s captain Matt Kuczarski won the single race followed by Jack Viener and Chris Sawicki. Matt Kuczarski also led the men’s quad with Matt Lieber, Stefan Sayre and Jack Viener to



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Sophomore Jack Viener heads to the starting line.

second place. Matt Lieber and Stefan Sayre completed a very strong season by winning their doubles race.

Women’s captain Cece Judge finished second in her single race followed by her teammate Emma Brown. Bel Evans, together with her novice double partner Olivia Schmidlapp, had their first big win on the home water.

2011 ROSTER: Emma Brown, Mabel Evans, Cecilia Judge, Matthew Kuczarski, Matthew Lieber, Christopher Sawicki, Stefan Sayre, Olivia Schmidlapp and Jack Viener.

GIRLS JV SOCCER: FIT AND TENACIOUS

“The Girls JV Soccer team worked extremely hard over the season to improve their skill work, speed of play and ability to change the point of attack,” said Coach Allison Barth.

The team’s improvements were evident from each game. In fact, opposing team coaches often commented on their ability to work the ball around, fitness level, and the girls’ tenacity.

“Jamie and I were so proud of each and every one one of the girls on the team,” said Coach Barth. “We could not have asked for a more cohesive, fun and talented bunch,” she added.



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Freshman Danielle Ramsay gets ready to kick.

2011 ROSTER: Rania Aniftos, Riley Denihan, Sierra Fisher, Gloria Fortuna, Simran Ghool, Kirsten Grady, Kayla Guerin, Katherine Hom, Brianna Izquierdo, Devon McCann, Taylor McGowan, Olivia Meszaros, Jacqueline O’Brien, Madeline O’Brien, Tolulope Ojo, Elana Pinto, Danielle Ramsay, Claudia Ratner and Eva Valcic.

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BOYS JV SOCCER: EXCITING SEASON FINALE

The Boys Junior Varsity team, a gang of 30, experienced a very inconsistent up-and-down first half of season, but by the time they reached the mid-point of the season, they had become a force to be reckoned with.

“We pulled historic victories against three local rival teams we had never won a single contest against before,” said Coach Edgar Posada. The Quakers defeated Wheatley at home 3-2 after being down 2-0 very early in the game. This was a dramatic win because the winning goal was scored in the last minute of a very intense and tightly contested game. The team followed that performance with another victory at home, shutting down Cold Spring Harbor 2-0.

The boys also pulled a monumental come-from-behind away victory in their very last game of the season against Syosset High School. Down 3-1 at the end of the first half, they scored six goals in the second half, defeating Syosset 7-4. “We could not have predicted a more amazing ending to



Junior Kevin Naughton races past Floral Park defenders.

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our season!” exalted Coach Posada. “What is more, statistically speaking, we made history, breaking our own record of goals scored in a single season by any previous Junior Varsity team in my 17-year tenure as a coach at Friends Academy,” he added.

The boys scored a season total of 40 goals against the opposition. “This is a record that I think will endure for many years to come. Coach Gonzales and I are very proud of our team’s ac-

complishments and look forward with great and eager expectations to next season,” concluded Coach Posada.

2011 ROSTER: Jason Baskind, Samer Bendary, Jonathan Cangemi, Struan Coleman, Alfred Constants, Anthony Cortese, Pierce DellaFera, Thomas Frey, Jonathan Greenblatt, Scott Gulbransen, Stephan Herard, Nathaniel Hogg, Timothy Ingrassia, Michael Kliger, Tyler Leon, Samuel Lerner, Joseph Moodhe, Oliver Muran, Alexander Pakh, Gabriel Patino, Steven Petrocelli, Brandon Rosenbaum, Daniel Ross, Dan Schwartzapfel, Jordan Schuss, Tyler Sehring, Alexander Smith, Jesse Wilensky, Brandon Yaraghi. Managers: Danielle Soviero, Brielle Habberstaad.

RENOVATED ATHLETIC CENTER OPENS

This fall the Athletic Center reopened after a summer of construction. Renovations ranged from a 100% transformed Locker Room (with new lockers, ceiling, lighting and showers) to a new technology-equipped Team Room, refinished Weight Room, to new maple flooring for the Main Gym, new scoreboards and shot clock, championship banners and added air conditioning and heating systems throughout.

“The excitement surrounding the improvements to the athletic facility has provided a collective lift of spirit in our athletic community,” said Athletic Director David Gatoux. “Student-athletes, physical education faculty and coaches alike can be proud that our facility now matches their level of commitment to excellence,” he added.

The renovated Locker Room. Inset: New skylights in the Main Gym.



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GIRLS JV FIELD HOCKEY: IMPROVED SKILLS, RECORD

The JV Girls Field Hockey started off their season playing some of the toughest schools in the league. Although they lost their first three games, their goal became to improve with each upcoming game and that is exactly what they did.

The girls went on to win their next three games to even out the season and even tie East Meadow, one of the more difficult teams in the league. The JV Field Hockey team went on to finish their season with a record of 4 wins, 6 losses, and 1 tie, which is a vast improvement from last season.

"I am truly proud of this team because of the commitment and hard work that they showed throughout the season," said Coach Cheryl Feldman.



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Freshman Sarah O'Kane fights for the ball.

"I would like to thank the girls and congratulate them on their hard fought season," she added.

2011 ROSTER: Javana Clark, Marianna Cuomo Maier, Sara DeCicco, Gabrielle FitzGerald, Juliane Florez, Dylan Foley, Brooke Gardner, Carina Goebelbecker, Natasha Makowsky, Julia Neisloss, Julia Newitt, Sarah O'Kane, Taylor Quinland and Paige Sklar.



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Kneeling: Josh Jacobson, Brian Alessi, Joe Dolisi.
Top Row: Jeremy Koufakis, Frank Dolisi, Steve Hefele, David Wietz, John Boisi, Alex Petrosian, and Mike Cox.

SHOWDOWN: THE ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

A busy holiday season led to one of the more sparsely attended alumni games, but did not take away from the enthusiasm and spirit of those that came to compete.

The team of Mike Cox, Brian Alessi, and Joe Dolisi wore down their opponents and took control with a combination of strong play both in the low post and on the perimeter. Thanks to all who made it and best wishes for a healthy holiday season to those of you out there in spirit.

Option B is to get your own 3 on 3 team (can play with old teammates and save some of the older guys the wear and tear of going full court).

I hope we can pick it back up next season with a stronger turnout.

– Coach Hef

GIRLS JV TENNIS: IMPRESSIVE WINS DESPITE TOUGH MATCHES

The Girls Junior Varsity Tennis season started off very well despite a shortened tryout session due to Hurricane Irene. Many new players joined a handful of players from the 2010 squad.

Try-outs were very competitive with some of the new players challenging for the top spots on the team. After solidifying the roster on September 6th, the team was put through a week of intense practices to prepare them for the season opener on September 12th.

"The team performed very well against some very tough competition in the first weeks of the season, with a number of impressive wins along the way," said Coach Gino Uterano. "Despite having to deal with some difficult



DAVID GATOUX/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Freshman Mackenzie Williams returns a serve.

conditions weather and otherwise, the girls managed a very respectable record of five wins and five losses to close out the season," he added.

2011 ROSTER: Margaret Brennan, Victoria Broderick, Isabella Burrus, Carolyn Cahill, Gabrielle Cron, Danielle Kahn, Jacqui Korren, Augusta Mayer, Rebecca Melman, Sarah O'Sullivan, Alana Pascucci, Casey Rosen, Caitlin Rubin, Nikki Simon and Mackenzie Williams. Manager: Tiffany (Cori) Rooney.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lower, Middle and Upper School Art teacher **ALLISON DOHERTY** has had several mixed media pieces exhibited this fall: the National Print Exhibition 2011 at the University of MO at Kansas City; the Saatchi Online Gallery Drawing Showdown; and the Art Kudos International Juried Art Competition and Online Exhibition (<http://www.artkudos.com/2011>).

Layering monotype, drawing, and other collage materials, her work is partly based on the notion of images absorbed on a journey (as one might glimpse from a car or train). View more work at www.allisondoherty.com.

First grade teacher **KIM JENNINGS** was selected to be a part of the NYSAIS Emerging Leaders Institute (NELI).

A two-year course of study, Kim and 16 other independent school teachers will work alongside experienced school leaders, attend residential seminars and participate in an online community. Some of the topics they have already covered include establishing and maintaining strong teams, communicating under pressure, conflict resolution, decision making and consensus building, and supervising others. Additionally, she is partnered with a mentor and will participate in the independent school accreditation process.

This past summer, Upper School Art Department Chair, **LISA WALDSTEIN**

received a Fulbright grant to study for six weeks in South Africa and Lesotho. Run through the University of Toledo, 14 Visual Arts and Social Studies teachers were chosen nationwide to learn about the arts and culture of the Southern African Basotho people. The group worked to create integrated curricula. They spent a few days teaching at a school in Roma Lesotho and working in community centers in the afternoon.



Michael Yoss, former Upper School History teacher, at work in Los Angeles.

Former Upper School history teacher **Michael Yoss** reports from the west coast: "Though I miss the students at Friends Academy, my present position in Los Angeles as chair of the Social Studies Department affords me opportunities to grow and have an impact on both the direction of the school and the lives of the students. Whereas at Friends Academy I tended to remain in the background, focusing primarily on the teaching, at my present school, because of the unremitting support of the major donors, key members of the school board, and the new dynamic head of school, I am able to explore and implement ideas that were actually germinated at Friends Academy. And, as further testament to the debt of gratitude I owe Friends Academy, I remain in contact with many Friends families, several of whom I stay with during my regular return trips to New York."



The Cross and Lindner families caught up together in Richmond, VA this summer.

Former Lower School teacher **Stephanie Cross** reports, "We were fortunate enough to visit with the Lindners this summer when they came down to Richmond to see Jenny [Lindner] '99. We often say we wish we could have picked up FA and moved it off Long Island so we could've stayed teaching there and actually afforded a house. But VA has been good to us, and there are great state colleges.

Holly English Payne, former Administrative Support to the Director of the Arts and former Office Manager and Registrar for the Artist's Institute writes, "I have recently passed the NY State Insurance Exam and became an AFLAC agent, selling Cancer, Accident, Hospital and other insurance to companies large and small. Recently my daughter graduated from Goucher College and my son is a sophomore at SUNY Oswego. He loves the Communications and

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Broadcasting Program there." You can reach Holly at 516 457-4191 or henglishpayne@optonline.net.



Congratulations to Esther Alexis who jumped the broom in April to Chris Benz.

Former Middle School history teacher **Esther Alexis** writes, "I have been living in New Orleans for the past two years. I am teaching 2nd grade at Batiste Cultural Arts Academy, formerly Live Oak (a Renew Charter Management School) a PK-8 charter school takeover. The school was one of the academically lowest performing schools in the country. Students were reading 2-3 years below grade-level, lacking motivation and suffering from the low expectations that had previously been set. When granted a charter, the Renew Charter Management Company – a group of former educators – seized the opportunity to transform the school. As one of the founding school teachers, I have worked with a group of inspiring, data-driven and dedicated staff. We work 12-14 hour days to ensure that our talented, creative and gifted scholars can successfully compete in a challenging college preparatory school program. The work is difficult, as the academic hardships are coupled with issues that commonly plague low-income communities of color, but integral to closing the achievement gap. I also jumped the broom in April to Chris Benz, whom I had met at Friends several years ago when first working for Breakthrough Long Island. We plan on continuing to push forth the charter school movement in New Orleans, while assimilating to the unique culture of the locals here in the Big Easy. Anyone interested in learning more about Batiste Cultural Arts Academy, volunteering or simply visiting with a group of future leaders can email me at estheralexis@gmail.com.



Former Upper School English teacher Emera LaSalle with her beautiful baby Eleanora.

Congratulations to former Upper School English teacher **Emera LaSalle** and her husband John on the birth of Eleanora Linnea LaSalle, born September 3, 2011.

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from the president

PETER STEIN '79

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I want to share with you what a terrific fall this has been at Friends, both on campus and off. Fall Fair and Homecoming 2011 was a resounding success. Classes ending in 1 and 6 celebrated special reunion years with dinners at various locations where classmates caught up with each other and shared memories of "the good old days."

The Class of 1961 gathered on Friday, September 23rd at the Marion Jackson House to celebrate their 50th Reunion. A highlight of this event was when each member of the class stood up and spoke about their life since graduating from Friends 50 years ago. What was astounding was Friends Academy's influence on each individual. From the arts, to health services, to education, it was evident that the foundation received at Friends had a profound effect on the path chosen by each member of the Class of 1961.

On the main quad five strong elms stand shading beautiful teak benches – a gift from the Class of 1955. At noon during the Fall Fair, Head of School Bill Morris presided at the dedication of this special gift to our alma mater. Influenced by the old grape arbor which was a favorite meeting place for members of the Class of 1955, the elms and benches have become a gathering place on the quad for FA students today.

On November 5th, a reception was held in the Art Gallery at the Helen A. Dolan Center in honor of Mary Lee Rushmore '52 who donated 45 pieces of African Art

to Friends. Stop by to view this breathtaking collection, which will be on display until March 30, 2012. And while you are on campus, be sure to stop by the newly renovated Athletic Center and view the new locker rooms and main gym. Thanks to generous donations from members of our community, this much needed project was completed in September, just in time for the start of our academic year.

In these pages you will find profiles of a few of our accomplished alums. As president of the Rauch Foundation, whose primary objective is to provide funding to programs that promote change and enhance the quality of life on Long Island and Maryland, it is easy to understand why Nancy *Rauch* Douzinas '66, has been called one of Long Island's most influential women. You can read about Nancy on page 38. Craig White '61, who was honored by the Alumni Board during Fall Fair and Homecoming for his dedication to his school and his country, speaks to fellow alum Haley Kucich '03 about Quakers and the military on page 34.

Each year Friends presents the Distinguished Alumni Award to someone who has let their life speak. If you know of a fellow alum who has made a difference in the lives of others, please consider nominating him/her for this important award. You can call Kathy Fox in the Alumni Office (516-465-1796) or send her an e-mail (kathy_fox@fa.org).

Finally, I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and a peaceful new year.



**PETER STEIN '79,
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At Friends we prepare our students to be citizens with strong minds and kind hearts, people who lead by example. Each year Friends Academy presents the Distinguished Alumni Award to someone who has let their life speak. It is our hope that others will find the recipient's life inspirational and will be motivated to devote themselves to a life of service.

2011: PETER GALBRAITH '56 –

Leaves dental practice and private sector to answer Quaker-inspired calling in public health



2006: PETER DARBEE '71 –

A career distinguished not only by achievements but also by a commitment to values, faith and ethical conduct

2010: SUSAN STEIN DANOFF '60 –

An inner-city family court judge with a heart and mind continually open to service



2005: WARREN TITUS '44 –

A dedicated supporter of Friends Academy and longtime trustee

2009: JOHN GAMBLING '69 –

An unparalleled devotion to Friends and its values and a longtime member of the Board of Trustees



2004: ELIZABETH KEEFER '66 – As General Counsel for Columbia, she brings Quaker values to her work through humanitarian efforts

2008: THOMAS CARTER '59 –

Dedicating his life to working with economically struggling communities as they strive to improve their conditions



2003: KATHLEEN CATAPANO '95 –

Giving children the tools to change their own world through The Books for Africa Program

2007: JAMES GREENE '74 – Investing in the betterment of others' lives through years of service to Friends Academy on the Alumni Board and Board of Trustees



2002: DIANA DICKSON WITMER '67 –

Breaking gender barriers in surgery, performing surgeries in underdeveloped nations and managing unit at Ground Zero

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING A FELLOW ALUM FOR THIS HONOR. SUBMIT HIS OR HER NAME TO THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT ALUMNI@FA.ORG OR CALL 516-465-1796. PLEASE INCLUDE A BRIEF NOTE ABOUT YOUR NOMINEE. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FEBRUARY 29, 2012.

CRAIG WHITE '61

Forging a Quaker path through military service

Peer into the history books and the presence of Quaker military figures can definitely be seen.

Some of the greatest American war heroes throughout history were Quakers – Nathanael Greene, a Revolutionary War General, second in rank to George Washington; Edwin Stanton, Secretary of War under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson; and General Smedley Butler, also nicknamed “The Fighting Quaker,” a Major General in the U.S. Marine Corps who was the most decorated Marine in U.S. history at the time of

his death. In addition, two U.S. Presidents have been Quakers – Presidents Hoover and Nixon.

On the surface, the two roles of Quaker and soldier may seem at odds with each other – and with the Peace Testimony, which asks of Quakers to resolve conflict without violence.

For Craig White '61, his path into and through both Quakerism and the military has been interesting and heroic, but certainly not, unprecedented.



Craig White '61 on a recent humanitarian mission to Haiti.

By HAYLEY KUCICH '03

Craig White was born in Mineola, NY in April of 1943. His father was from Locust Valley and his mother was born in Boston, but raised in Mineola. While growing up in Glen Head and attending Glenwood Landing Elementary school until 7th grade, Craig spent his early years playing Little League baseball, riding bikes and spending nearly all his free time at the beach. Craig and his family attended services at a Presbyterian Church up until his Middle School years. His parents decided to send him to Friends Academy in the 8th grade because his father had graduated from Friends, along with his cousin; and his aunt was the Girls Athletic Director, as well.

Though Craig admits to giving his family a hard time about attending FA (through his five years at Friends he found the academic requirements very challenging), he participated in a Jazz/Rock & Roll band, made up of kids from North Shore and Friends Academy. He loved sports and played on the football,



Craig White from the 1961 issue of *The Lamp*.

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– CRAIG WHITE '61

CRAIG WHITE '61: FORGING A QUAKER PATH THROUGH MILITARY SERVICE

basketball, and baseball teams, and ultimately ended up enjoying his time at FA.

While at Friends in the late 50s and early 60s the Vietnam War was just starting to build up, though Craig remembers being fairly insulated from the news.

“From what I can remember, very little was ever discussed about war, the military, or joining the military. War was discussed in history as history and that seemed to be it,” said Craig. “The protest movement had not yet gotten organized on high school and college campuses,” he added.

After Friends, Craig joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve and attended the University of Miami in Florida.

While in Miami, he decided to major in political science and tried out for the freshman football team, on which he unfortunately broke two ribs and his sternum. Craig then decided to transfer after his freshman year to attend C.W. Post College of LIU.

It was at C.W. Post that he completed a degree in political science while continuing in the Marine Corps Reserves. After graduating, Craig was accepted into the Officer Training Program of the USAF and commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in March of 1966, bound for navigator school.

Newly married with a daughter, Kara, and stationed in San Francisco, it was not long before Craig was sent to Vietnam. “I was in Vietnam assigned to a tactical control squadron and was there for 10½ months until I was wounded and sent back to what we all called ‘the world.’ Just before I got off active duty I became a father again to another little girl, Heather,” recalled Craig.

During his time in the military Craig was not really affiliated with any one particular religious group.

After 4½ years served in the USAF, Craig was discharged from active duty, and settled in Glen Head, NY, where he began a career in hospital administration at first North Shore-LIJ, then Booth Memorial Medical Center and finally the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan. “There was a need for military officers with my

combined background, so I went in that direction,” said Craig.

The intersection of Craig’s Quaker beliefs and his commitment to military service would be just around the corner. Shortly after joining the Air National Guard in Roslyn as a Captain in the mid-1970s, Craig became interested in attending the Matinecock Meeting, along with a childhood friend from Glen Head, who had served in the Marines as a Captain as well.

While attending Meeting, they also met Fred Willits, a former Marine, Quaker, Board Member of Friends and a Harvard-educated lawyer.

By 1987, Craig again became the father of another daughter, with his second wife, Ann “Nancy” White. His daughter, Kim, who became the third generation of Whites to attend Friends (Class of 2005), is now 24 and works in Manhattan.

“During my early years with the Meeting no one ever questioned my being in the Reserves or military, unlike so many of my social friends who often asked me the question, ‘I didn’t think you were allowed to be in the military if you’re a Quaker.’ I always felt very welcome and accepted.”

According to Friends Academy Quaker-in-Residence John Scardina, Quakers’

response toward U.S. military altercations has not been black-and-white.

“Quakers would often say there is no just war. That there are ways to combat that situation without reverting to war, but there is no dogma guiding this,” said Scardina. “In WWII, Quakers really struggled with the response to Nazism. A lot of them were in the Medical Corps and ultimately Quakers were instrumental in implementing the restoration of Europe, which led to the Nobel Peace Prize that the American Friends Service Committee shared in 1947.”

Quakers have been a part of the American military from the birth of the country, as Craig pointed out.

“I can tell you that Quakers have been both pacifists and soldiers in all of the wars the United States has fought in – from the Revolutionary War up until recent times.

For example, Major General Nathanael Greene, a Quaker from Rhode Island, emerged from the war with the reputation as George Washington’s ‘most gifted and dependable officer;’ Betsy Ross, a Quaker, is said to have made the first American flag during the American Revolution,” said Craig. “And here’s something that really blows people’s

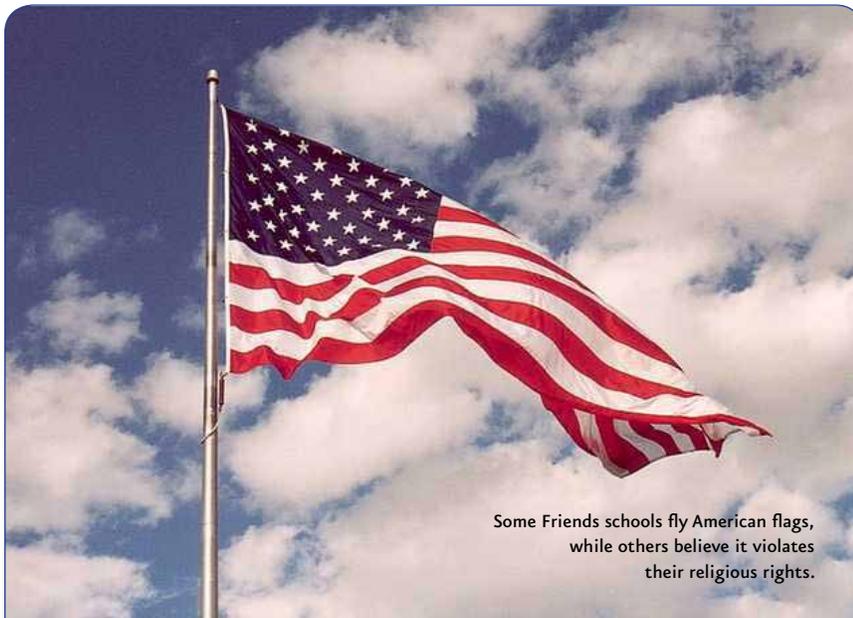
minds: the United States Marine Corps



Craig White one day after 9/11 at the World Trade Center disaster. Craig lent aid along with Air Force volunteers from McGuire AFB in New Jersey.

“During my early years with the Meeting no one ever questioned my being in the Reserves or military ... I always felt very welcome and accepted.”

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Some Friends schools fly American flags, while others believe it violates their religious rights.

Patriotism: Subject to interpretation

What do Quakerism and patriotism have in common? If you look to your textbook to find an answer to this age-old mystery, then one might be inclined to say they have nothing to do with each other.

This is because the Quaker belief regarding patriotism is often misinterpreted by non-Quakers as a view that patriotism in one's country creates a sort of arrogance that one's own country is superior to another, thereby violating the Quaker Testimony of equality; that Quakers unilaterally can't fly a flag, wear an American flag pin or hold military positions.

According to FA Quaker-in-residence John Scardina, there is no firm dogma that guides all Quakers regarding patriotism. In fact, "You ask 10 Quakers what they believe in and you get 11 answers," says Scardina jokingly.

On one side, Tony White, a writer for the *Friends Journal*, writes that, "Patriotism biases us toward our country's perspective, encumbering our desire and ability to consider outside perspectives. Put briefly, patriotism breeds conformity and closed-mindedness."

But, according to the Quaker Information Center of the Earlham School of Religion, "Quakers continue our traditional testimonies of pacifism, social equality, integrity, and simplicity, which we *interpret* and express in a variety of ways."

For the most part, Scardina explains that Quakers seek adherence to the truth, not to one country or to one symbol. But, for others patriotism and the symbolism of a country could still represent the truth.

"Quakers wouldn't usually recite the Pledge of Allegiance. One goal of Quakers is to be citizens of the world. The wording of the Pledge can be problematic and could conflict with the Quaker Testimonies on equality and integrity for all peoples of the world. As for taking a pledge, Quakers wouldn't (for instance) swear on the Bible in court because they would always strive to tell the truth, regardless of using a book of scripture."

Flying an American flag presents a gray area for Quakers.

"Most Quaker institutions would not fly flags, but there are no bans on flags," said Scardina.

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was founded in Philadelphia in 1775 by a Quaker named Samuel Nicholas," added Craig.

Today Major Samuel Nicholas rests in the Quaker Meeting House at Fourth and Arch Streets in downtown Philadelphia.

Vietnam, which posed a political controversy for the country, also affected Quakers. "Vietnam was very problematic for everybody. Quakers organized so many relief efforts ... for all sides, working with hospitals and displaced people," added Scardina.

For Craig, the seminal conflict for Quakers was the Civil War. "It really tore Quakers apart," said Craig. "Many young Quakers served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Later, a Quaker named Smedley Butler went on to be awarded five medals for heroism and is one of only nineteen Americans to twice receive the Medal of Honor. During WWI and WWII, Korea and Vietnam, Quakers served in medical units, drove ambulances and also served in combat units, like Fred Willits did in the Marine Corps in the Pacific. Many other Quakers went to jail, some worked on farms, and others worked in hospitals during these conflicts."

Today, according to Scardina, there are Quaker Peace Teams all over the world. "In Palestine, Quakers founded the Ramallah Friends School. They provide free medical care and work with local communities in providing relief to families going through conflict," said Scardina.

Currently, Craig is retired from the USAF, where he finished his career as a Medical Service Corps Officer in a Medical Evacuation unit at McGuire AFB.

He is the proud father of three daughters, two step-sons, and grandfather to thirteen grandchildren. In addition, he heads up Satellite Security Systems, Inc., an electronic security firm located on Long Island, as their CEO.

In addition to Craig's heroic military involvements in his past, he continued to spread his generosity by participating in

CRAIG WHITE '61

the 9/11 rescue efforts at Ground Zero, and in 2009 he helped deliver medical supplies to people in Haiti through an organization called "Doc to Dock."

"Craig is a great example of this person who has walked on both sides of the street," said Scardina. "He is somebody who has clearly followed his heart and



The Red and Black Quaker Star

"The origins of the star date to the devastating Franco-Prussian war of 1870. English Quakers labored to alleviate the suffering of non-combatants. For the identification of their workers and supplies, they received approval from the London Daily News Fund to use a star designed by W.H. Bullock.

The American Friends Committee adopted the star on November 13, 1917."

his principles with integrity and made a great commitment to serve others."

For his efforts in Haiti, Craig was awarded the NY State Senate Liberty Medal. This is the highest honor for "compassionate concern & heroic acts demonstrating extraordinary care and kindness towards helping neighbors in need." Craig considers this award, plus the Bronze Star and Purple Heart that he was awarded in Vietnam for trying to help rescue a fellow airman while under heavy fire, some of his most prideful moments.

"I have also served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board and I am presently on the Advisory Board of MedShare. I was also

a volunteer fireman on Long Island for 15 years."

With everything that Craig has accomplished thus far in his selfless life, he believes that "we are all shaped by just about everything we have experienced – from parents, teachers, friends and life. School certainly had a great influence in my life."

Dear Harold:
 We of Matinecock Meeting do not like to have a year pass without sending a word of greeting to members of the Meeting who are in Service. We miss our younger Friends and hope the time is not far off when you will be back with us regularly at Meeting each First Day.
 Of the nine members in Service, Fred Willets, Robert Coles, and Harold Nomer, Sr. have been released and attend Meeting regularly. Also John Stevens, Walter Timmis, and Walter Timmis, Jr. have been released and have moved from Glen Cove.
 Matt Albertson has been seeing the Pacific from an LST which is engaged in ferrying troops from Pacific islands to Japan, China, and Australia.
 Edward Hawkins is at present in Washington having returned some months ago from the Mediterranean area. He was married shortly after his return to this country.
 We are sorry to convey the news of Dr. Nomer's retirement from Friends Academy. We shall miss his messages in Meeting.
 A number of visitors, both Friends and non Friends have been attending Meeting and adding to the spirit of inspiration.
 The ladies of the Matinecock Friends Sewing Group have done a great service in making and collecting clothing for the Friends Service rehabilitation program in Europe and China. In addition the students of Friends Academy collected a record amount of food, clothing, and footwear for a Friends school in Holland. All in all 415 pounds of relief supplies were sent overseas to the school.
 James Willets, Robert Coles, and Mr. Wilt occupied the facing bench during Mr. Seaman's absence

while vacationing with Mrs. Seaman in Florida during the winter months.

We hope these items of news have brought you back in thought to the quiet Meeting House where we ask God's guidance, — His guidance which is never failing wherever we are.

With all good wishes and warm greetings from the members of Matinecock Preparative Meeting,
 In behalf of Matinecock Preparative Meeting

Hazel Suedder
 Harold Nomer, Jr.

Locust Valley, Long Island
 April 16th, 1946

A copy of a letter to Quaker Harold Wait Jr. from the Matinecock Meeting, who was serving at the time in WWII.



NANCY RAUCH DOUZINAS '66

*Dedicated
to innovative change
throughout
Long Island*

BY JENNIFER RYAN WOODS '99

Nancy Rauch Douzinas, class of 1966, has been called one of Long Island's most influential women – and it's not hard to see why.

In her position as president of the Rauch Foundation – a Long Island-based foundation that was founded by her father and uncle in 1961 – Douzinas has taken the reins on solving some of Long Island's greatest challenges.

The primary objective of Douzinas and the Rauch

Foundation is to provide funding to programs that promote change and enhance the quality of life on Long Island and Maryland – the primary places where the Rauch family members have lived and worked.

On Long Island, the foundation, which has about \$63 million in assets, focuses on programs in early childhood development, environment and business leadership. The foundation also focuses resources on improving the environment in Maryland.



Nancy Rauch from the 1966 Lamp yearbook.



Nancy Rauch Douzinas at a recent conference. The Rauch Foundation provides funding and promotes change in early childhood, business and the environment.

COURTESY OF NANCY RAUCH DOUZINAS

Nancy Rauch Douzinas '66, who graduated from Smith College and holds a masters and doctorate from New York University, is a psychologist by training and spent the early part of her career working as a family therapist. In 1991, she was named president of the Rauch Foundation. Though she continued her practice for a period of time, ultimately she decided to focus exclusively on the foundation.

"I realized you can't do everything well. I felt that I had a chance to make a mark [through the foundation] and create bigger change than I would do at the level I was working at with families."

"I became interested in trying to create bigger changes on Long Island," she said, adding that, although "I still miss being a therapist, I discovered that I could do a lot [through the foundation]."

Douzinas points to her philanthropic-oriented family as the driving force in her decision to pursue a career dedicated to giving back to the community, though she acknowledges that the years she spent at Friends Academy may have also played a role.

"I was at Friends 10 years; I have a lot of good memories," Douzinas said, adding that "attending Quaker Meeting for so many years... and having a lot of good friends who were Quakers, it certainly affected me."

During her tenure as president, one area that Douzinas has been heavily centered on is assisting disadvantaged young children and families on Long Island, in particular, preschool-age children.

Based on her experience as a psychologist, Douzinas said, "I knew very well the power of the early years...it was an area that was heavily underfunded and one that really

NANCY RAUCH DOUZINAS '66: DEDICATED TO INNOVATIVE CHANGE

was not understood.”

One program that Douzinas is particularly proud of is the Parent-Child Home Program, which is designed to help families of limited resources prepare their children educationally and emotionally for success in school.

The program, which is coordinated by school districts around Long Island and runs the duration of the school year, involves bi-weekly visits by a trained “home visitor” who visits children and their caretakers and guides them through a variety of stimulating activities designed to encourage cognitive development.

According to Douzinas, the goal of the program is to bring the child to a level that will allow them to learn at the same level as their peers by the time they reach Kindergarten. She added, that as an added benefit, it offers tremendous support for the caretaker.

The grant that the Rauch Foundation has contributed will allow the program to increase the capacity of its National Center, and double the number of families it serves from 6,000 to 12,000 over the next five years.

The Foundation is also committed to helping the environment on Long Island by focusing on improving water and air quality, and strengthening citizen advocacy and stewardship.

The Long Island OffShore Wind Initiative (LIOWI) is one example of a cause that the Rauch Foundation has supported. The objective of LIOWI is to advocate for bringing offshore wind energy to Long Island. The grant provided by the Rauch Foundation allowed the LIOWI coalition to produce informational materials about renewable energies, educate people about the proposed offshore wind project and improve the federal review process associated with the project.

The development of non-profit and civic leadership is another area that the Rauch Foundation believes in cultivating. The foundation offers support to ensure there are effective leaders and efficient nonprofit organizations on Long Island. Since 2002, the Foundation has provided annual

grants as scholarship support for Long Island nonprofit professionals to attend Columbia Business School’s Institute for Not-for-Profit Management.

In Maryland, the Foundation’s environmental focus is on improving water quality, conserving land and strengthening citizen advocacy. It is also centered on restoring the Chesapeake Bay by increasing land and water protection and restoration.

Another accomplishment that Douzinas is credited with is the creation of the Long Island Index, which she began in 2004. The widely acclaimed Index is a report that uses research and data to provide insight into the quality of life on Long Island.

This project, which is funded through an operating grant and has generated a lot of positive media coverage, looks at everything from the economy and environment, to education and innovation.

The underpinning for the Index is an Advisory Committee, established by Douzinas, which consists of a group of Long Island’s civic, academic, labor and business leaders. The Advisory Committee is charged with discussing the challenges facing Long Island, future goals and how to initiate change.

While the Index does not advocate specific policies, the goal is to act as a catalyst for action, by engaging the community in thinking about the Long Island region and its future.

Douzinas said she is currently working to communicate the Index’s findings about the state of Long Island more directly with the public through a comprehensive

website that includes illustrative graphics, interactive charts and dynamic videos that seek to distribute complicated data in a way people can understand.

Information generated by the Index is also communicated through a monthly column that Douzinas publishes titled

“What Every Long Islander Should Know.” The column appears every month in *Long Island Business News*.

Another project that Rauch has been involved in is the creation of “Accelerate Long Island,” which is an initiative that Douzinas said has the goal of forming the groundwork that is necessary to build an innovation economy and create power to change some of the dynamics on Long Island.

In creating Accelerate Long Island, Douzinas worked with the town supervisor of Brookhaven to bring in a consultant to put together a non-profit where various Long Island institutions would begin to work together.

Leading Long Island forces including the heads of Stony Brook University, Hofstra University, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory, North Shore-LIJ Health System, and many other Long Island

leaders, have signed off on the initiative.

“Long Island is hugely fragmented in every way,” Douzinas said, adding however, that combining assets – specifically intellectual assets – has worked in other places as a way to initiate real change. “I think come January it will start doing things.”



“I realized you can’t do everything well. I felt that I had a chance to make a mark [through the foundation] and create bigger change than I would do at the level I was working at with families.”

1934

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Walt Wilson writes, “During 2010, I attained the grand old age of 95 – never dreamed this would happen. However, I am still able to walk a mile to a mile and a half almost every day, albeit with a cane. My wife, Lois, reached her 90th birthday in 2011, so now we are both in our 90s. Because we live in a senior retirement residence, we don’t appear to be ‘out of focus’ with the rest of the world. There are a lot of 90 plus people here and we have one person who is over 100 who is quite active, e.g. attending meals, exercising, etc. Such retirement residences were quite rare when I was a kid and are a God-send to my generation. We are all ‘on the same page’ here so are not too embarrassed not knowing the intakes of modern technologies. It seems to be a perfect balance between living in privacy and having friends and family visit.”



"Fishbowl" by Catchi Childs '38

1938

Catherine "Catchi" Childs' life work was recently featured in the Vermont paper, *Seven Days*. In it Catchi is described as “an accomplished figurative painter with a sophisticated aesthetic, complex palette and

confident, expressive brushwork.” Catchi’s paintings have been exhibited worldwide. Learn more about Catchi here: <http://www.patriciagoodrich.com/childs.html>

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In a recent letter to the Alumni Office, **Evelyn Broglio Diefendorf** writes, “I was saddened to hear of the death of **Ira Vail** in the last *Meeting House*. Ira and I went to Kindergarten together and were good friends at FA. We lost touch over the years, but I extend my deepest sympathy to his family. We have very recently moved a few miles from Pinehurst to Southern Pines. We decided to give up the responsibilities of a home and move to a retirement village. Our new contact information is listed above. It is a beautiful place and we have a lovely apartment. I know we will love it here, and can be here for the rest of our lives. I said that I would be at our 65th reunion this fall, but the work of our move prevented that.

Please send in your news [for the next issue of *The Meeting House*] as I know you all will be interested in anything about our great class. All the best with love from Evelyn.”

1947

If anyone from the Class of 1947 would like to be the class representative, please contact us at alumni@fa.org. We would love to hear from you!

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Margaret Whitney Shiels has been working compiling stories of FA from the 40s and 50s. She has received priceless memories from **Fred Laing '46**, **Dr. Gonzalo (Gonzy) Pardo '47**, the late **Dan Hornbostel '52**, **Bob Burian '52**, **Bob Wilkinson '52**, **Fritz Schreiber '52**, **Heather MacDonald Poetzsch '52**, **Wendy Buehr Murphy '52**, **Donn Andre '54**, and **Ward Burian '54**. These recollections, along with Margaret’s

own memories, will be featured in the next issue of *The Meeting House*. If you have a story to share or a photo you can dust off, please send them to Margaret at the above address or to the Alumni Office at Friends Academy, 270 Duck Pond Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

1953

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Recently on a drive across Pennsylvania, my husband Jim and I stopped in Sayre and discovering the name of “Yanuzzi” on a bar/restaurant, inquired about **Joan Ruff Yanuzzi**. The following is what we discovered: After leaving Friends in 1953, Miss Ruff married Michael Yanuzzi and moved to Sayre, PA. I visited her once there when I was at Elmira College. After that, I lost touch. I was thrilled to discover that she has a son, Chris Yanuzzi, (and a 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter) living in NYC and was able to get in touch with him via e-mail. He told me that his mother divorced many years earlier after which she got her PhD in psychology and taught for a number of years in Indiana, PA. She is still living in that town in an assisted living situation. Chris and his family visit her there often. I have talked to her and written as well. She is somewhat frail but did remember her time at F.A. with joy – I am sure that she would love to have letters from any or all of you out there with special memories of Spanish classes or visits to the Dean of Girls! I perhaps remember the latter more than most of you!!

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Clare Coss and Blanche Cook send news: “We depart for Paris on my birthday, October 13 – for a week – return to NYC Friday Oct. 21. The reading of Emmett in French: *Dans les rivieres du delta*, is on Sunday evening Oct 16, 7:30 p.m. We are staying at a friend’s highly recommended small hotel in central Paris: Acte V.” They have been in East Hampton most of the summer; Clare, working on her play, and Blanche finishing her third and final volume on Eleanor Roosevelt. Jim and I visited Cuba in March of this year. It was an outstanding trip particularly since we knew so little and learned so much. Four days in Havana



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Head of School Bill Morris joins Naomi Dempsey, Tom Jackson, and Joan Hawkins at the Class of 1955’s tree dedication.

1955 TREE DEDICATION AT FALL FAIR & HOMECOMING

Class wanted to beautify campus and support social interaction

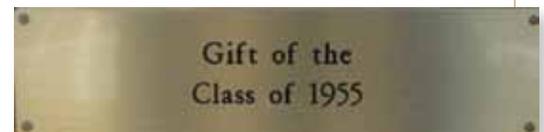
The 50th reunion six years ago of the Class of ’55 was a lifetime highlight for many of those attending. We had been discussing the possibility of making a significant class gift prior to that reunion, and reached a consensus to do so at the Saturday-night dinner dance, where the initial contributions were also made or pledged. During the next 15 months, we enjoyed a very high participation rate and collected more than \$18,000.

During the fund-raising period and even afterward, we discussed many possibilities for what our gift should be. Ideas ranged from a landscaping project to student scholarships, an elaborate sundial for the quad, support for the alumni part of the school’s website or the FA archivist’s office (which mounted a nice exhibition of 1950s FA photos during our 50th), the Faculty Enrichment Grants program, and a gift to a Quaker school damaged by Katrina. So many worthy options!

A landscaping project prevailed in the end, one that would both beautify the campus and support social interaction. (We were influenced by the old grape arbor that loomed large in our memories, a favorite sequestered meeting place in our day.) Several landscaping venues were offered over the years, none of which seemed quite right until the perfect one surfaced in mid-2010: trees on the main quad with benches underneath. This project finally came to pass in mid-June when four mature elms were planted, shortly followed by a fifth and four elm-shaded, 8-foot teak benches with plaques. Head of School Bill Morris presided at the dedication during Fall Fair.

Our gift is but a small gesture of gratitude for all the benefits we received as students, yet we are proud to have made this lasting contribution to the school that launched us into the next 56 years of our lives. Finally, we express the hope that our gift will spark a new tradition of major class gifts at major reunions.

– Class of 1955 Gift Committee





Joan '55 and George Hawkins '54, Owen '55 and Bernadette Smith, Tom '55 and Angie Jackson, Naomi Dempsey '55 and Clark Denslow, and Morley '56 and Ann Smith '56 enjoy a cluster reunion at The Milleridge Inn.

before going south to Trinidad City where we visited a medical clinic and were invited into homes. There we got a real idea of the poverty that is so pervasive. We were able to go under the auspices of Catholic Charities by bringing along fifteen pounds each of humanitarian goods. On a very sad note, I received news that **Diane Hatz Michaels** died in 2008. I have no more information about her death; if anyone does, please let me know. The class sends condolences to her son Steven. Diane was my roommate. She will be sorely missed.

1954

If anyone from the Class of 1954 would like to be the class representative, please contact us at alumni@fa.org. We would love to hear from you!

1955

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A small group of the Class of '55 gathered for a reunion at Fall Fair on September 24 to dedicate the trees and benches which were our **50th Reunion** class gift. The trees, a hardy variety of elm, are planted on the quad. The fields normally used for parking were too wet from recent rain, so most fair-

goers used a special shuttle bus from Glen Cove. Head of School Bill Morris presided over the dedication, which was attended by classmates **Joan Hawkins, Tom Jackson, Naomi Dempsey**, and many onlookers (Owen was delayed by shuttle parking problems in Glen Cove). We enjoyed the fair festivities in the afternoon, followed by a lovely dinner at the Milleridge Inn hosted by Bernadette and **Owen Smith**. Many thanks, Owen! The dinner was attended by **Joan and George Hawkins, Angie and Tom Jackson, Naomi Dempsey** and Clark Denslow, and **Morley and Ann Smith '56**. (When Naomi called Tom about the reunion, he and Angie had literally just stepped off a plane from Russia, completing a trip that had been a long-time goal.) Ten days after the reunion, Naomi had lunch at **Joanna Miller Jacobus'** home in Clinton, CT. They had a great time talking over old times. Joanna retired from running her own licensed massage therapy business called Omnimotion in Branford, CT, at the end of 2003. Together with her husband Lee, they are supporters of the Florence Griswold Art Museum in Old Lyme, CT and the Katherine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook, CT. Sadly, their daughter



Joanna Miller Jacobus '55 and Naomi Johnson Dempsey '55.

Sharon Jacobus Benzenhoefer passed away from cancer in 2009. They spend as much time as possible in Fort Worth, TX with their son-in-law Kenneth, and the joy of their lives – granddaughter Caitlin, who is 16. **Janet Boeing Francis** is now semi-retired from psychotherapy and no longer maintains an office. Her husband has built a house in Walpole, NH and they will probably retire there. Janet has 12 grandchildren spread around the country and tries to have a family reunion each summer in Maine. **Sondi Conklin Wright** writes, "Wish I could have made the reunion ... just returned from a week in the British Virgins with 8 family members where my brother George Conklin (one year at Friends) chartered a bareboat and served as our captain. The sea, air, sailing, and the islands were all wonderful BUT the very best part was playing games (including Things and Catch Phrase) in the evening and laughing ourselves silly. There is nothing



Peter Klinge '55

like laughter to root out the cobwebs and bring one fully alive! Here at home, I let go of one yoga class, so I'm now only teaching 8 per week." **Pete Klinge** reports that he is feeling better, and that he and Sandy took a weekend trip to Savannah recently with daughter

Kersten and granddaughter Skyeler, 8, to celebrate Kersten's birthday. They stayed at the oldest hotel in town, which truly seemed to be "haunted." The same foursome then took another trip, this time to historic Mount Dora in Central Florida, where they rendezvoused with son Peter, Jr., his wife Amy, and grandson Peter Louis Klinge III (known as Trip, also 8). This was the very first meeting of the two eight-year-old first cousins, who took to each other instantly. Pete is getting back to writing; the results may eventually appear on the class website, where photos and more detailed accounts of both trips appear. Please let Naomi, Kathy, or me hear from you, even if just to say that you are well. As you know, in addition to our *Meeting House* column, I also publish your news on our class website, <http://sites.google.com/site/fa1955/>. Contributions of any length and photos of any size can be published there, so don't hold back. And don't forget the masses of vintage and past-reunion materials there; you could make a delightful session out of going through some of that material with your children and grandchildren. Stories will occur to you that they will enjoy. (So would your classmates, so send them along and I'll censor them as necessary.)

1956

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Debbie and **Peter Galbraith**, Charlene and **Tom Bentien** and **Morley** and I spent a weekend in rural Quebec in early October. We had hoped Cynthia and **Loren Godfrey** would be able to join us but that was not possible. The fall colors were magnificent but the weather wasn't. Still we enjoyed the company. Last winter, **Lynn Chapman-Adler** nominated her friend **Peter Galbraith** for the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The rest of that story, as they say, is history. Unfortunately, Lynn passed away on November 30, but she sent the following message earlier in the fall: "Hello All. The time has come to call Hospice. The management of my medical condition remains with my dear family doctor. Please know that I have the most skilled care available and the most caring spiritual support too. I have had a lively, deeply curious, very interesting life and I feel that each of you has made a lasting effect on me. I love you all and am asking the ultimate of my personal Saint (Michael) in carrying on the story of my rather quirky existence. You may want to visit the blog I wrote for many years during this illness: lindalater.blogspot.com. There you will find more of my story about the whole cancer adventure. Also, for one of my more adventurous moments you can visit this link: www.flickr.com/photos/lee_guilfoyle/2739015404/in/photostream. -Lynn.

1957

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1958

If anyone from the Class of 1958 would like to be the class representative, please contact us at alumni@fa.org. We would love to hear from you!

1959

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On November 3rd, our class suffered a great loss in the death of **Anne Schwiebert** following a long battle with cancer. **Alice Fisher** writes, "To those of us who were privileged to witness Anne's journey, many thanks, 'Lady Anne,' for being our role model in traveling this final path with grace and dignity. Anne's imagery, humor and clarity will serve her classmates well as we all begin our final journey." **Tom Carter** remembers that "Anne was one of those people who simply give to others with little thought of herself. Her messages during her illness were wonderful for their vitality, hope and humor." **Marty Livingston McDermott** writes that she is teaching oil painting and having a lot of fun at it. Marty is on the executive committee of the Adirondack Mountain Club, the oldest New York-based conservation organization. Marty loves the "north country," and she "would be living there if I could budge my husband, Tom." This year, Marty has had to have both of her knees replaced, a condition she attributes to "too much hiking." **Dave Seeler** reports that "Having completed 42 years as owner of 'The Bayberry,' a landscaping firm serving the Hamptons, he has decided to travel more and work less." Having recently completed a nature trip to Panama and the Canal Zone, "the Seal's" plans for the winter will include a trip to Cuba to see that country's art and architecture. He also hopes to make a similar visit to Europe utilizing the Continent's excellent railroad system. **Gerry Bocian** reports that he has moved from San Francisco to Palm Springs looking for a real change of pace and a new life. "The Bosch," however, doesn't think he'll ever get used to "desert time – too slow, and I don't play tennis or golf!" He is, however, going to the gym almost every day. Having been retired for the past three years, Gerry is going back to work to do some good for the world by setting up a chemical research site at the Eisenhower Medical Center to manage new drug trials in humans. Bosh writes that his daughter is a VP at Time Warner Cable, and is married to a Brazilian. Both of his grandsons are bilingual in English and Portuguese at the tender ages of 3 and 4. Gerry encourages any members of the "Master Class" who are planning a vacation

in Palm Springs to please let him know. His cell phone number is (415) 595-1314. **Kelly Kammerer**, our class's only expatriate since **Tom Carter** returned to USAID headquarters in Washington, D.C., writes that he and his wife, Nancy, spent most of the year caring for the grapes and olives on their farm in Provence, France. The rest of their time was spent traveling around Europe, including sailing the coast of Turkey with friends from Washington, D.C., and hiking part-way around Mt. Blanc in July. This October, Kelly and Nancy spent a week in Paris for their wedding anniversary. **Judy Reeve** writes that she has been retired from the Hanover, New Hampshire Conservation Commission after 23 years of service but continues her work as a landscape designer. Judy and her husband, Ken, enjoyed a recent dinner with **Karen Willets Zentgraf** and her husband, Hank, who were visiting her Oelsner aunt and uncle. **Carol Klarberg Tabb** writes that she has successfully redone her 46-year-old master bathroom over a period of three months. In July, Carol spent four days with her sister and her husband living "off the grid" in Imlay, Nevada. According to Carol, "Living a pioneer's life for that period of time wasn't that bad at all." Reporting from his home in coastal Connecticut, **Tim O'Connell** says he has become a real "Connecticut Yankee." He is "semi-retired," and points out that this year is the 51st anniversary of Yale's undefeated football season, a team on which Tim was a star member. He says his "center of gravity" has shifted a bit to the west coast's San Francisco Bay area where his son, Anthony, is an engineer with the Kaiser Corporation. Tim's daughter, Vanessa O'Connell, writes for the *Wall Street Journal*. **John Gates** is in a nursing home, bravely fighting a serious debilitating illness. He has difficulty speaking, but I'm sure would enjoy reading your letters of encouragement. John's address is 395 Sunken Meadow Road, Kings Park, New York 11754-1099. It is with profound sadness I must report that another dear friend and classmate of ours, **David Warden**, is currently undergoing aggressive treatment for lung cancer, including heavy doses of radiation and chemotherapy. Dave and his wife, Judy, live in Landrum, South Carolina, and can be reached at (864) 457-3451. I know that Dave would very much enjoy any encouragement you can send his way. **John Froehlich**, our "Desert Warrior Poet," reports that over forty years, twenty-five motorcycles, half a million miles and more fond memories than anyone deserves, his love affair with "bikes" is alive and well. John lives in Tuscon, AZ, with wife Carol, two children, and an Australian

CLASS OF 1961 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011



The Class of 1961 celebrates their 50th Reunion with a luncheon at the Marion Jackson House on Friday, September 23.



Park Benjamin honors **Craig White** with the Alumni Association Board Recognition Award.



Phil Lustig '61 at the 50th reunion luncheon at the Marion Jackson House on the grounds of Friends Academy.



Dibbie Hickok Barden joins her 50th reunion luncheon via Skype from her home in Tucson, AZ.

shepherd. John and Carol recently returned from two weeks in San Carlos, Mexico, "a slice of Heaven we love and keep returning to." Over the summer, John took a bike trip to New Mexico, Colorado and Utah, stopping to visit his children in Santa Fe and two good friends, one of whom had rescued John when his motorcycle broke down in the middle of the Navajo Nation. He now has a new bike, a Yamaha "Super Tenera," which John describes as "an adventure touring bike with desert racing bloodlines." **Bruce Burrows** reports that he and his wife, Gay, are happy and healthy in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where Bruce teaches a course on the French Revolution at the University. Bruce fondly recalls the day when, while parked at FA, the forward gears to your humble correspondent's '57 Ford convertible failed to operate, necessitating a trip home to Syosset BACKWARDS past the Old Brookville Police Station at 30 MPH (fortunately, the light at the Rt. 25A intersection was green at the time). Ah, the good ol' days! Dana and I are enjoying our life together in beautiful Northern Virginia. It's great to be so near our daughter, Jeannie, and our two grandsons (John 3 and Ryan 1). Jeannie and Steve, her husband, have introduced me to the joy of running. I recently ran two 5K races, winning one of them. Flushed with success, I intend to enter a 10K next spring and perhaps a half-marathon next summer. Steve ran in the Marine Corps Marathon last weekend and finished in the top ten percent, while Jeannie has (so far) contented herself with distances of 5K and 10K. My other diversions include riding around in my '57 Chevy convertible, working on my 20'x40' O-gauge train layout in the basement, competitive pistol shooting, singing (with Dana) in our church choir, playing the electric guitar, giving to charities, and walking the trails in the Virginia State Forest bordering our community.

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Well we finally did it! Our 50th Reunion! What a great time we all had getting together after all these years! All in all 20 of us participated in the festivities. The Homecoming Weekend started for us on Friday, September 23rd with a luncheon hosted by Friends at the Head of School, Bill Morris's home. During the luncheon we passed the microphone around and shared stories too numerous to recount here of our lives since leaving FA. **Michael Cronbach** was given the award for his first time back to a reunion and **Pam Harris McClure-Johnston** won the award for coming the furthest. After the luncheon, a tour of the school was conducted for those who had not seen all the improvements over the last decades. After a short rest, Friday evening we spent together at the Soundview Restaurant in Glen Cove. Saturday saw the Fall Fair and numerous sports events. In the evening, back to Bill Morris's home for the Alumni Reception. **Craig White** was presented with a special award from the Alumni Board honoring his service to Friends and the community. Saturday evening, we had a private dinner at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club where there was lots of reminiscing and storytelling of our deeds and misdeeds of our youth while at FA. Sunday, for those remaining, there was a brunch following the Quaker Meeting at the Meeting House. Everyone vowed to keep in touch and hopefully attend reunions in the future.

Participating were **Debbie Nelson Aylesworth**, **Dibbie Hickok Barden** (by Skype), **Park Benjamin**, **Anne Lapham Codey**, **Michael Cronbach**, **Susan Fisher Curtis**, **Alice Ingraham Davies**, **Eric Hayden**, **Linka Oelsner Lewis**, **Philip Lustig**, **Nancy March**, **Lois Mawby**, **Rick Mayne**, **Pamela Harris McClure-Johnston**, **Ruth Edmunds Naylor**, **Lesley Oelsner**, **Michele Chopin Roosevelt**, **Christina Salgo**, **Chery Webb**, and **Craig White**.

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Perry Clark writes, "I am pleased to report that I have become a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends School of Portland, the only Friends school in Maine. Established in 2006, the FSP currently serves students in preschool through 8th grade, sharing a campus with the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf on Mackworth Island, just north of Portland. Because it shares facilities with a school for the hearing impaired, the FSP has the distinction of including the teaching of American Sign Language in the curriculum for all of its students. I feel fortunate to have been asked to be a Director. Otherwise, I am in the process of winding down my law practice of 38 years and continue to live in Cape Elizabeth with my wife Elaine, a Registered Nurse at Maine Medical Center in Portland."

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Nancy Rauch Douzinas, **Betsy Gordon Kirk**, **Chuck Kaplanak** and **Tina Hokanson** from the Class of 1966.

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Roger Halpert, Bill Young, Chuck Kaplanak, Sandy Lototwycz Rising, Priscilla Newell Terry, Holly Harris Lovejoy, Betsy Gordon Kirk, Tina Hokanson, Nancy Rauch Douzinas, Rose Calvo Weisglas and Louis Navarro shared stories and memories at their 45th Class Reunion.

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Once again it's challenging creating some exciting news about our class and hard since we graduated so long ago but here goes... for the friendly class of 1968: **Nancy Kassop**: I'm still here at New Paltz. I stepped down as department chair after six years, so, I am back to my usual teaching and writing about the presidency and law – never dull topics, and I never have a shortage of work to do! Both of my daughters are well and settled in their lives, Alli in Montana and Erika in New Hampshire with 2 boys, Jasper and Levi, aged 1 and 3. Her husband finished his PhD in Physics last spring, and they moved to NH soon thereafter when he got a postdoctoral fellowship at Dartmouth. The drive to Hanover is half the distance for me that it was to their previous home in central Maine, so I'm a happy granny, now that I can be closer to my grandsons. **Bob Rushmore**: Nothing really new and exciting. I am still working in the commercial construction company that I own. Business has been up and down with the recession but we are hanging in there. Our three girls are doing well. Kim, Danny and our only grandchild, Lexi, moved to Nashville this year from Atlanta so we do not see them as much. Allison and Ian are in Columbus, OH. Allison works for Abercrombie and travels all over the world sourcing their products. Julie is at the University of GA completing her

author's corner

Take a look at some of the most recent books and writings by Friends Academy alumni:

PRISCILLA NEWELL TERRY '66:

Grace in Grief: A Mother's Journey. A book of reflections, poetry and art work, dealing with loss, grief, and God's peace. "A jagged shell becomes plume-in-hand and I write a love note in the sand. As you read it, Lord, your sea erases each letter – but my love for You remains engraved on the textured tide...to ebb and flow, as Your Spirit replenishes my soul."

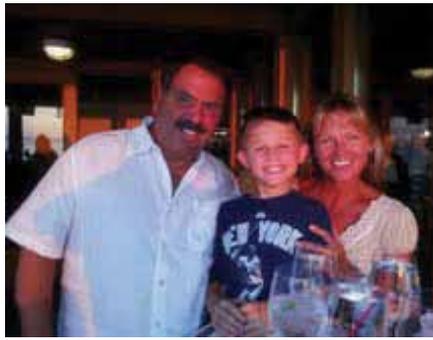


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research for her PhD in Primatology. After my family and business, my first passion is scuba diving and underwater photography. I am still a volunteer diver at the Georgia Aquarium. Liz and I would love to see you if you come through Atlanta. **Anne Maher**: It's been fun seeing you on Facebook too, as well as others from FA in our class and Ned's and Todd's as well. All is well here. I am practicing law in a small food and drug law firm in DC (my focus is advertising and marketing law) after being a consumer protection lawyer at the FTC for over 20 years. My husband (of 31 years!) is in politics (Comptroller of MD). Both kids (Abbe, 30 and Nick 26) are happy, healthy and gainfully employed for which I am so grateful in these tough times. So much harder and more competitive for their generation than it was for ours! I'm in contact with **Lisbeth Theisen**, and sometimes with **Betsy Billhardt**, **Lolly Brandt** and **Cindy Abbe**. Cindy (big girl name = Lucinda) stayed with me twice when she was here for a meditation conference. And one time she brought her mother which was really a treat. My special activity is as a member of the Red Cross Dog Therapy team – formerly at Walter Reed and now at

Bethesda Naval Hospital. My dog Henry is bringing some comfort to the patients and their families. And I am able to connect and say thank you to the young men and women who have sacrificed so much. I hope to make our next big reunion. All the best to the class of '68. **Kathy Attridge Anas** keeps in touch with emails and all is well with my buddy since kindergarten. She also stays in touch with **Sally Rising Dean**. **Greg Tarone** also is a great buddy staying in touch frequently, working hard, and enjoying life in Connecticut. **Willy Merriken** writes, "Hi Leslie! Well, well, well! Another year and another issue of *The Meeting House*. Our news is – We now have 5 grandchildren ranging in ages from 5 1/2 to 6 months: 3 girls and 2 boys. They are certainly fun to be with!!! As we are still in Moorestown, NJ (20 minutes east of Philadelphia) and they're scattered around from Havertown, PA to Rye NY, to St. Louis, MO, we try to get together with one of our three children's families at least once a month. Skype is good but it doesn't come close to getting down on the floor and playing with them!!! Hurricane Irene visited our Rye, NY daughter and husband's home and deposited 7 1/2 feet of water in their house. They live 100 yards from a creek that overflowed its banks. Unfortunately, as we all saw on the TV news, they had lots of company all up and down the east coast. Fortunately for our daughter, they had flood insurance and estimate they'll have 60%-65% of all the repairs paid for by FEMA. They now know firsthand that the people who didn't have insurance are in a really unfortunate situation. As they are solving the flood problem "once and for all" by raising the house up above the flood plain (at their own expense), they are now living in a temporary apartment for the next 12 months. You've certainly seen a bunch of the same issues in Joplin this year after the tornado tore through the middle of your town. I can't begin to imagine the devastation you all have had and now need to repair/rebuild. I was so relieved to hear you were OK and were not in its path. The other item of note is this past summer Louise and I travelled to Glacier National Park on the Montana/Canadian border. The first week we hiked and explored the park. The 2nd week I rode my bicycle 250 miles over 5 days with 5 fraternity brothers from college. The first day we scaled the fabled "Going to the Sun Road" (if anyone is interested, Google it) which was NOT the hardest day of the ride! Everything out there is either up or down but not flat! Glacier National Park is called "The Crown Jewel" of the National Park system. We certainly agree as it is absolutely spectacular! I strongly

encourage everyone who likes the great outdoors and has not been there to put it high up on "your bucket list." Everything else is pretty much the same. I'm still operating my life insurance and financial planning practice. We're doing a lot of retirement income planning for people as our generation is now standing on the retirement doorstep! We're both well! All the best, Willy. **Paul Hand:** I am still working at LG Mobilecomm as the Senior Director (sure the title has more to do with my age!) of Customer Advocacy and can't wait to retire. Unfortunately that fantasy is not in the cards in the foreseeable future. Erika, our youngest, is in her second year of teaching Special Education (K to 3) in Mesa, AZ and has the bruises and bite marks to prove it. Ironically, she stated recently, "I really love what I do; thank you for paying for my education at ASU!" She begins her graduate degree in the spring and then wants to eventually go for her PhD in Administration (both of which will be on her dime). Rebecca is working on her certificate in Graphic Arts and hopes to venture out of our condo in 6 months. Almost alone at last! She is also now volunteering at Children's Hospital where she was a cancer patient for 2 months at the age of nine. To say we are so very proud of both of our girls is enough. Bunny and I are loving living the beach-life in Pacific Beach. Everything, stores, restaurants, bars is in walking distance and now that the summer is over the beach is fairly deserted so we have the boardwalk and sunsets to ourselves. Bunny and I celebrated 30 years of marriage this October; she is soon to be nominated for sainthood after staying with me for so long. Last year we started preparing homemade chicken soup, yep from scratch, to feed to the homeless community at the beach every Thursday evening. It started with one pot and is now up to five big pots per week. People have walked up to us with donations and some even now have volunteered to bring bread, fruit and cookies to round out the meal. The lines are getting longer which certainly has something to say about our current economy. On average we feed up to 85 people per week. Our house constantly smells like, well, chicken soup! We are blessed to have a nice family, a home and friends to share our lives with; just trying to "pay it forward" for those with not so good fortune. Our newest addition to our family is our Mini Cooper S Convertible and our new kittens, Thelma and Louise. All of which indicates I am entering my second childhood but that is darkened each month when I receive my AARP magazine. Best wishes and peace to all of my classmates in 2012. Love, Paul. **Jim Evans** writes: Lesley – There



Buddy Ross '69 with his wife Melanie and son Troy.

is not too much "new and different" to report. It continues to be a blessing to live close to my parents who are now in their late 80s. I think they are glad that I live about a mile away instead of 1500 miles away as I was when I lived in Utah. Several of their friends have passed away this year reminding both them and me of the temporal nature of our existence! My work at Western Governors University with those planning to teach at either the elementary or secondary level continues. The uncertainty of the economy, cutbacks in local school budgets, and the turmoil facing many of our schools struggling to meet standards may have affected our enrollment somewhat. The need for quality teachers is there, but the funding seems to be lacking. I am not sure government involvement is going to solve the problems in American education. Right now, I see a lot of negative results of their efforts. It is going to cost money to bring improvement to our educational system and the solutions need to come from educators, not politicians. I worry a lot about those students of mine who are going to be great teachers if they can find a job. I hope this finds you well. I think

about you often particularly now that your Dad is gone and after the tornado hit Joplin. Warmest regards, Jim. My news remains the same: living in Joplin, MO., working for the corporate office at Management Recruiters International. It gives me the opportunity to do some travel. Extreme Homemaker was here from 10/19-26th building 7 homes in 7 days for the tornado recovery – very cool, and it will air in January for their 200th episode. Help me for the next article with news please! Happy 2012 to you all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1969

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Buddy Ross and his wife Melanie live on the pond in Roslyn. He is Finance and Insurance Manager at Rallye Mercedes on Northern Blvd. They have a 9-year-old son named Troy who is the joy of Buddy's life. As Melanie says, "Better late than never!" Melanie works at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn as a Social Worker.

1970

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The Class of 1971 celebrates their 40th Reunion with a dinner at The Basil Leaf Café. From left to right: Chris Gatty, Paula Jensen Moulton, Steve Schrenzel, Roger Erickson, Katrina Taylor, Scott Neilson, Angela Manno, Cece Levy, Bill Vitriol, Nesa Hassenein, Dan Robinson, Diane Fasano Stevens, Pat Camps O'Grady, Paul Gaddis and Pat Croce Balcum.

alums in the arts

On November 5th, a reception was held in the art gallery at the Helen H. Dolan Center in honor of **MARY LEE RUSHMORE '52**, who so generously donated 45 pieces of African Art to Friends Academy. The collection contains pieces that originate mostly from West Africa, such as gourds, bronze statues, sculptures, urns, and masks. Rather than display the artifacts in a museum, she donated the works so that they could be used in the classroom. The African Art exhibit, which was guest curated by Soraya Brooks, will be on view until March 30, 2012.

The Reviews of **MELISSA ERRICO'S '88** latest album *Legrand Affair* are in, and they are grand indeed. Greg Victor's review in *Music* (October 21, 2011) sums it up nicely: "If there ever was a voice that could pull off 'happily ever after,' it's Melissa Errico's." Check out Melissa's website <http://www.melissaerrico.com> to hear her sing or to order an album.

WILL ROLAND '08 stars in *The Bus*, which recently premiered Off Broadway at 59E59 Theaters before traveling to Topeka, Kansas. Reviews have been outstanding. "The Bus packs a wallop! ... By the end of this production, some in the audience were teary-eyed and most were touched because this little play is not really so little at all." – Curtain Up "Intimate and touching!" – Advocate. It's worth a trip to the Midwest.



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Scott Neilson is currently living in France. He has done a number of "turnarounds" for various overseas companies. Living abroad for several years at a time sounds very glamorous and exciting. **Robin Campbell** is still teaching online for Excelsior College and loving it. She also teaches several courses for the University at Albany in their graduate Public History program. In May, 2012, she will begin a two-year term as President of the Costume Society of America, having been President-Elect for the past two years. **Anna Lisa** and **Craig Kronman** enjoyed a great day sailing on San Francisco Bay with Melinda and **Peter Darbee** late summer. Craig also spent a week this fall sailing the San Juan Islands west of Seattle. This is a wonderful place to poke along at your leisure, as wind and tide permit, find an interesting island, then go ashore and explore it all by yourself. Giving the surprising number of small errors on the local charts, also having a chart plotter on board is a great help. Don't forget the dinghy, as it is too cold to swim, along with plenty of all chain anchor line for those tiny harbors with huge tides and squirrely currents. Many thanks to **Scott Neilson** and **Daniel Robinson** for organizing the class reunion; it was a great success.

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Robin Beckhard writes, "My daughter Claire is getting married in March! She is 26, and a second-year associate at Skadden Arps. My son Alex is 23, working as a research analyst, and happily ensconced in an apartment with 2 friends. I'm glad and lucky that both have decided to live in NYC, at least for now. I'm still working at Fort Hill Company, a consulting firm specializing in improving the effectiveness of corporate leadership development programs, and enjoy my work. My significant other, Tim, and I continue our long-distance relationship of almost 6 years (he teaches at Cornell, 240 miles from NYC, and we see each other every weekend); he will be teaching in Bogota, Colombia in the spring term. **Kimi Puntillo** reports, "I've added teaching to my schedule at St. John's University. I have 2 classes and I really like the students. They are good kids and a breath of fresh air from Manhattan life. I'm still lecturing and just gave a talk at the Cosmopolitan Club. We are two weeks away from the NYC Marathon. I'm still running and do a marathon a year. **Wendy Bell Guerrera** writes, "The Guerreras are doing great! Still living in beautiful South Salem, NY with our menagerie, including our beloved potbellied pig, Isabel. I became a vegan 2 years ago after reading an amazing book called *The Kind Diet* by Alicia Silverstone, and am quite active in animal advocacy. I serve on the board of The Tiny Tim Foundation, which raises money for animals to be rescued from kill shelters



Members of the Class of 1976 gather for their 35th Reunion: Maryann Mulvihill, Bruce Paulson, Frank Forrell, Nancy Toher Hawkins, Laurie Stein, Joe Macy, Kim Makris, Bill Muran and Bobby McGreevey. (Absent from photo – Peter Bliven.)

across the country. Recently I marched at City Hall to protest the horrible Horse and Carriage trade in NYC. Our design business, TG Design Studio, LLC, continues to thrive and morph as we strive to meet the demands of an ever changing economic climate. Tom and I also started a new business in the field of anti-aging and wellness this year and are incredibly excited about the potential for growth in this unprecedented, worldwide trend. Our oldest has graduated and moved back home...luckily she has landed a decent job in her field! Middle graduates this year with a degree in Wildlife Biology, and youngest is enjoying her 2nd year at the U of Co., Boulder. **Terrence Chermak** writes, "All my ladies are doing very well. My oldest daughter, Tara, was married this October. Jennifer now runs the Burberry dept. in Bloomingdales in NY, so please ask for her! And Vanessa is enjoying soccer, playing piano, and getting excellent grades in 3rd grade. I took up tennis this summer and really enjoy it; Cathy and I now play a regular game every Sunday. Join us if you're in LA! **Allison Bannister Benabdalah** writes, "Still living in Natick, MA just outside of Boston with my husband of 32 years! Our oldest, Adam, who has lived in a variety of places throughout the world, is currently living in Germany. He may be far away, but at least we have had some amazing trips when we visit him. He is getting married next May in Newport, RI." News from **Daphne Riker Hagan** and her husband **Kevin Hagan '73**: Kyle is engaged to Erin Kelley ...getting married in May in Indianapolis...

still working as an engineer and living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Jenny is still living and working in Manhattan. I am presently the president of the Three Harbors Garden Club...playing paddle tennis and golf. Kevin and I will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary in June. And from me: Let's see, my oldest, Jennifer, is still working at the St. Regis in NYC and living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Josh is a sophomore at John Cabot University in Rome, Oreste is a freshman at City University in London, and Vienna is a 9th grader at the International School in Florence where, as of September of this year, I am working as a Kindergarten teacher! We love living here and often go home on the weekends to our little town of San Terenzo in Liguria. The kids and I are all coming over to NYC for the Christmas holidays – can't wait – already bought my Radio City Christmas Spectacular tickets – boy have I missed that show!!! We will put together another dinner in the city. -Tilde

1976

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Hi All! As most of you are aware, and some of you would like to forget, the Class of 1976 passed yet another milestone this past September: our 35th reunion. I sent out the email and received a wonderful

response from many of our classmates. In attendance that evening were **Kim Makris** and her significant other, Bobby. They drove down from a book signing in New Hampshire. Kim has just published a book about recovery from Lyme disease that is being wonderfully received. Her book is entitled, *Out of the Woods, Healing Lyme Disease, Body, Mind and Spirit* and is an award finalist for USA BEST BOOKS 2011, in Health! She is thrilled, of course. It is an exciting and hectic time for her with radio shows, lectures, and conferences filling her days. Outofthewoodsbook.com shares the book summary, table of contents, sample chapter and more. Perhaps you can catch her at a book signing. Also in attendance were **Peter Bliven** and his wife Jennifer – Peter is a Managing Director for Citibank in their Municipal Securities Division; **Frank Forell** and his wife Cathy; **Joe Macy** and his wife Mary – Joe is an attorney with the firm of Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C. in Garden City, and his son Joe is a Junior at FA just starting the college process; **Bobby McGreevey** and his wife Carol have 2 young boys ages 6 and 3. Bobby is an Investment Manager with US Trust; **Bill Muran** and his wife Terri attended; their eldest is a sophomore at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, their #2 son is a senior at FA and their youngest son is a freshman at FA; also in attendance were **Maryanne Mulvihill Decker** (publisher, editor and writer of the *Mulvihill Voice*) and her husband Daniel; **Bruce Paulsen**, who is a partner in the law firm of Seward & Kissel, LLP, One Battery Park Plaza, NYC, specializing in Maritime Law; **Laurie Stein**, who is a very successful veterinarian in upstate NY; and lastly Tom and me... Tom is a Managing Director with Barclay's Capital and I have been working for Piping Rock Associates, the realtor in Locust Valley, for 11 years. Our eldest, Emily, is a sophomore at Wellesley College, where she is a Classics major. Our 2nd, Sam, is a freshman at UVM, and our youngest, Jake, is a junior at FA. The college process begins again. Unable to attend, but heard from were... **Susan Broner, MD**, who was intending on attending but whose mom fell the day of our reunion and broke her hip. We wish her mom a full recovery; **Nancy Nichols Dougherty**, who was recently honored at the State House in Boston with "The 2011 Outstanding Parent Arts Advocate Award" for "outstanding support of arts education, and for providing artistic and educational leadership in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." She has 3 boys in college: Nick is a senior at Boston University where he majors in Computer Engineering and plays club ice hockey, Andy is a sophomore at

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MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1986 at their 25th reunion:
Allison Walters, Sandra Vargas, Sara Maul, Kevin McCusker, Robin Young and Beth Stutzman.



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CLASS OF 1955:

Owen Smith and his wife **Bernadette** at the Alumni Reception on Saturday, September 24.



CLASS OF 1961: Classmates tour the Kumar Wang Library after a 50th reunion luncheon on Friday, September 23.



Fred Laing '46 and **Barbara Booth Wylie '54** under the Alumni Tent.



CLASS OF 1961:

Park Benjamin '61 shares some personal highlights of the past 50 years since graduation from FA.



CLASS OF 1966: Roger Halpert, Bill Young, Chuck Kaplanak, Sandy Lototwycz Rising, Priscilla Newell Terry, Holly Harris Lovejoy, Betsy Gordon Kirk, Tina Hokanson, Nancy Rauch Douzinas, Rose Calvo Weisglas and Louis Navarro together for their 45th Class Reunion.



Diana Gherlone '11 and John O'Brien '13.



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CLASS OF 1991: Classmates mingle at the Sea Cliff Yacht club while celebrating their 20th class reunion.



MEMBERS OF THE FA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD: Penelope Wylie Mayer '75, B.J. Brundige '63, Peter Stein '79 and Lis Dillof Dreizen '78.



Betsy Jordan Gahagan '81, Liz Siris Winchester '91 and Meg Carey '91 at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club.



CLASS OF 2001: Roddy Thaler and Cole Trautmann.



CLASS OF 2001: Salwa Touma, Zack Hill, Jay Williams and Roddy Thaler.



CLASS OF 1976 AND 1978: Mary Macy, Bill Muran '76, Terri Muran and Tom Hawkins '78.



Francis and John Hewlett '56 under the Alumni tent at Fall Fair on Saturday, September 24.

Haverford College, where he plays Varsity Tennis, and Ryan is a freshman at Tufts University's School of Engineering. **John Ottaviano** (President, Air Ideal Inc.), his wife Linda and son Peter were in Cabo for the week; **Jim Neisloss's** eldest daughter, Kate, is a freshman at Colgate and his other 2 daughters are at FA in the 6th and 9th grades; **Robert Lanzner** was there in spirit. He is the President and Owner of Techno-Voice in Studio City, CA; **Toni Wheeler-Nicholson** is living in Florida and has 2 children in high school; **Joe Jackson** wrote, "Greetings from Tokyo where I am working at Morgan Stanley selling Japanese equities, which is a rather dismal task even in the best of times. Seeing all the other e-mail addresses brought back many fantastic memories from those days in Locust Valley not so long ago. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the reunion due to physical distance, but please send my regards to everyone as well as offer an open invitation to stay at my place in case anyone finds their way to Japan." **Stuart McDonnell** sent his best from the mid-west; **Anne Silvestri** is a realtor in the Orlando area; **Craig Colombo** couldn't make it due to Hurricane Irene; **Marc Goldsmith** (Cruz) has a son who is a freshman at Lynchburg College and is playing Varsity Lacrosse; **Liz Brosnan Brown** writes that she has been living in Portland, Oregon for 20 years. She has a son, Hunter, who is 17 and a daughter, Katie, who is 16. Anyone who finds themselves in Portland should look her up! **Jarrett Wait** has a son and daughter and is living in NYC; **Ken Pill** is still into cars. He and Peg were attending a car show; **Linda Rumbold Buiocchi** has been living in the San Francisco Bay Area for the last 27 years (except for a few stints overseas and in Seattle). She has 3 children: a 22-year-old son and twin 14-year-old girls. If anyone finds themselves in the Bay Area please feel free to get in touch with her. **Todd Brown** is living in Florida with wife Sandy and daughter Mimi; **Terry Gordon** had a family emergency...I hope everything is well; **Joanna Jonaska** is living in California; **John Viscardi** is living in Wyoming and hunting elk; **Matt Seamon** is living in Florida; **Gaby Levitt Altman** is the Marketing Services Director of Altman Investment Management, LLC in Princeton, NJ; **Marc DeVenoge** has 3 daughters attending SUNY Binghamton, the oldest is just finishing her Masters in Education, # 2 is a junior on a 5-year MBA track, and #3 is a freshman Pre-Vet, and his son is a sophomore at St. Mary's in Manhasset. Marc is a CPA and is CFO and COO of the Surdna Foundation on Madison Ave. in NYC; and though I did not hear from him I understand that **Charlie Francolini** is back in Japan. In other news, I learned that



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Members of the Class of 1981 at their 30th reunion at Sea Cliff Yacht Club on Saturday, September 24.

Tori Butt had a terrible bike accident back in early June that broke vertebrae in her neck. She is in a neck brace but thank God she is recovering. We wish her a speedy recovery. Lastly, I have to say it was wonderful to catch up with those who e-mailed me and/or made the effort to attend our reunion. Please e-mail me your current e-mails and current events, and I will try to keep everyone in the loop. Perhaps we can all get together before our 40th. Life is short. Any ideas??? E-mail me at nthawkins123@aol.com or phone me 516-671-8977. Fondly, **Nancy**

1977

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Greetings from Dallas, home of the 2011 NBA Champion Dallas Mavericks, and nearly, the 2011 World Series Champion Texas Rangers. Yes, it is good to be a sports fan in my little corner of the world right now. Would love to hear from more of you so we can keep each other updated on what is happening. You can reach me by e-mail at CoopGator@aol.com, on facebook, by Twitter [@coopmavs](https://twitter.com/coopmavs), or simply by reaching the FA alumni office. They'll pass on your news to me. Via facebook, I did catch up with **Heather Vuillet Lende**, up in the wilds of Alaska. "I'm a contributing editor at Woman's Day magazine, just earned an MFA in creative writing from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and I'm a grandmother. Caroline Coope Elliott is 20 months old and lives in Haines with her parents; I babysit Fridays. Another daughter is pregnant and

expecting March 16 – she and her husband-to-be are living next door. My husband and I have been moose hunting (really, the only thing I have in common with Sarah Palin...) but so far, no luck. I don't shoot, but I like the camping and hiking part, and the moose meat. I have a blog at heatherlende.com too. It's sort of small-town lifeish. But there are great pictures of Haines and even moose hunting on it; thanks to Mrs. Gilden I still love photography." Also via facebook I visited with **Cindy Colombo Robinson**, who is practicing real estate law in Charlotte, NC. I'm glad to know that you all survived the great hurricane of 2011 without too much stress; although **David Cohen** told me he wanted to fool with Mother Nature by running onto the golf course in the midst of the howling winds just to see what it would be like. And of course you got through the 2011 Halloween snow as well. In Texas, we just went through the worst summer ever. 71 days of 100 degrees or more, 40 of them in succession. I'll still take that over the snow. As for me, as mentioned at the top, the Mavericks won the NBA title, and thus I had the chance to realize a professional moment unlike anything I had ever experienced. Simply put, the reality is a zillion times better than the dream. I didn't script what I said when the final horn sounded in Miami. I was just hoping something would come out that was memorable and meaningful. And then to be a part of the locker room celebration with champagne and beer being sprayed on you; the joy you could see on everyone's faces. And then to be able to ride in a parade with 250,000 people cheering like crazy, and to be the co-host of a rally inside the American Airlines Center with 20,000 people going even crazier. It was absolutely unforgettable.

The question I'm always asked is, "Do you get a ring?" The answer is, I don't know. I would love to have one, and if they offer, I'm definitely accepting. But I won't be disappointed if I don't get one. I've always believed that rings were for the players, coaches, trainers and support staff that are around the team on a daily basis. For me, the association, and the history that goes with the event is enough. Personally, I'm doing just as great. My wife, Karen, and I are having the best time, as we still share the newlywed feeling. She traveled quite a bit with me during the playoffs and got to experience a lot of what I did. We also have done some pleasure traveling (Mexico, Turks and Caicos, Chicago. No NY yet, but we're working on that). My son, Jeffrey, will turn 16 in February (I will take any and all advice on how to deal with everything that's coming!). That's all from here. Again, I urge you to let me know what's happening with you, so your fellow 77ers can keep track of one another. Stay well. Until next time...

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Members of the Class of 1981 and 1986 together again for their 30th and 25th reunions at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club.



Beth Anne Melkman '84, her husband Jeff Pellegrino, and big sister Whitney welcome their new baby daughter, Courtney Tingyu.

1982

If anyone from the Class of 1982 would like to be the class representative, please contact us at alumni@fa.org. We would love to hear from you!

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Congratulations to **Beth Anne Melkman** who reports, "In September, we returned home with a baby girl from Taichung, Taiwan.

Our new baby, Courtney Tingyu, turned one on November 1. Big sister Whitney (born in Chongqing, China) is so happy to finally have a baby sister."

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Hi everyone! In October, we moved back to Illinois, this time to the northern suburbs. It is great to be back and be with our friends. Our son, Matthew, is already enjoying his new backyard! The best news is that **Erik Feldhaus** and his family are out here as well! They had been living in San Diego for many years and then Erik's work brought them to Illinois. He now works for Harris Bank. A few weeks ago, his daughter, Kallie, babysat for Matthew! It is great having my old friend nearby again. — **Laura**

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First, thank you so much to **Katie Hawkins Schneider** for being our class rep for so long. She did such an amazing job helping to organize our reunion and collecting information. A thankless job, well done! Some of our class came together for the 25th reunion! It was a great crew who came out. Could we promise to make a more dominant showing at our 30th?!! We miss you! It is so fun to see how everyone has changed so much and are still so much the same. Together with **Dr. Rob Schmitz**, **Chuck Ritter**, **Kevin McCusker**, **Sandra Vargas Anderson** (all the way from Texas!!), **Robin Young Tyrrell**, **Sarah Maul Pepe** (who pressured everyone via facebook), **Beth Stutzman** (all the way from Chicago!!), **Allison Walters Seipp**, **Brian Doyle**, **Jenny Doyle**, and **Scott Ehrler**, we partied at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club with the classes of '81 and '91. After dinner, we decided to go down to the dock and check out Scott's boat, that he of course rebuilt himself! We all went out for a spin, that is except for land-lover Dr. Rob, fired up the blender, and next thing we knew, we arrived back at the club and the rest of the party left and everything was dark and locked! Chuck and I are now class reps and hope that you will post any news on facebook at the "Friends Academy, Class of 1986" page. Just 'like' the page to get all the notifications and add to the fun. You don't need to be a facebook member to view the information there. You can also e-mail information to us if you are anti-facebook. We will no longer be the class without notes! – If you don't send us information – we will make something up!!

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The Class of 1991 celebrates their 20th Reunion at The Sea Cliff Yacht Club; Some of the reunion attendees from the Class of 1991 – from left to right: Mike Fox, Brad Felix, Chris Mertens Milk, Pat Twist, Liz Siris Winchester, Colleen Doyle Moran, Dennis Petrou, Nichole DiBenedetto, Evan Cagner, Erin McCann, Jen Bell Latta, Nicole Del Gadio Maselli, Jason Tilton, Kristen Abbatiello Neff, Mike Cuales, Nicole Tsakanikas Skolnick, Dave Garvey, Kristin Albers Reardon, Bill Brown, Faisal Zaman, Alina Haruthunian Cellura, Matt Leaf, Adrienne Wichard-Edds, Noah Hendler and May Cowan.

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Greetings Classmates! I write as New York is being hit by snow and sleet and it's not even Halloween...perhaps we'll be skiing on the east coast well before Thanksgiving at this rate. The class of 1989 has been well. Everyone is busy with family and work and plenty of wonderful accomplishments. Here is an abbreviated list of what's happening to members of our class. **Vik Iyengar** keeps exceptionally busy as a professor and earned his tenure last May. Now, both he and his wife Erika have tenure and are managing their academic careers of publishing and data analysis while playing transformers and superheroes with their three boys. Connor

will turn five in March and Tyler and Jackson will be two in December. There is never a dull moment in their household with three little ones under the age of five.

Christine Gauld Botvinick gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Asher Kai Botvinick, on June 14, 2011. We send our heartfelt congratulations out to Christine and her husband. **Alison Pace's** second novel *Pug Hill* came out in mass-market paperback form on November 1, 2011. Alison has published at least five fantastic novels that I can think of and several essays that are published in various anthologies. If you haven't read *Pug Hill* or, my personal favorite, *If Andy Warhol Had a Girlfriend*, pick up a few copies and get reading! Alison's novels are truly enjoyable, fun and light-hearted...perfect reads for the upcoming holiday season and perfect for gift giving. In 2011, **Tanya Zuckerbrot** partnered with The Hain Celestial Group and became the first registered dietitian to create her own food line. F-Factor foods are now available in stores nationwide. Tanya is the official dietitian to The Miss Universe Organization, is a contributor for *Cooking Light* magazine, *Women's Health Magazine*, and *Fox*, and is the Director of the Nutrition Advisory Board for M Booth. Tanya has appeared on *The View*, *The Today Show*, *The Early Show*, *The Rachael Ray Show*, *MSNBC*, *ABC News*, *Good Morning America Health*, *CBS Evening News*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Extra*, *Good Day New York* and in many other local and national media platforms. **Tony Bozza** is currently co-writing

the autobiography of Wyclef Jean of the Fugees and has seven other books under his belt, including the autobiographies of Slash, Artie Lange and Tracy Morgan and Tommy Lee. My personal favorite that I highly recommend is *Whatever You Say I Am: The Life and Times of Eminem*. Tony also co-founded Igniter Literary Group with fellow bestselling author Neil Strauss. On my end, my husband and I are busy remodeling our apartment while chasing our near-three-year-old, Caroline. Our practices are extremely busy which just contributes to the chaos of day-to-day happy living! I do have the chance to see several other classmates regularly but, in my business, it's definitely a "No-No" to give mention to anyone over Botox and liposuction; Let's just say, our class is looking great as we approach another decade! Thanks for your e-mails and updates. I look forward to hearing from you again very soon. Sincerely, **JoAn Monaco**

1990

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In the spirit of high school, as of course we all are after our 20-year reunion at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club on September 24, here are some yearbook-like superlatives based on



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Noah Handler '91 with his wife, and Barrett Mulligan Gargano '91.

the big bash and correspondence we had with those who missed it. **Most Kids:** If four is in fact the highest number of them, then we may have a five-way tie among **Alina Haruthunian Cellura**, **May Cowan**, **Nicole Tsakanikas Skolnick**, **Aisha Palmer Mix** and **Ned Van Riper**. The first three moms of four listed each have one set of twins. Alina and her family live in Manhasset; May is in Scarsdale and Nicole in Sands Point. Aisha has four daughters and lives in Bowie, MD. Ned has three boys – Cole, 8, Jack, 6, and Reed, 3 – and one girl, Eden, who just turned 2. “And yes, we are done!” he exclaims. Ned writes: “They (we) keep super busy with all the activities; I’m coaching youth lacrosse and watching all the other games from the sidelines. I own my own business, and work from home [in Columbus, OH]. I am in financial services and provide consulting to brokers and financial advisors. In addition, along with my biz partner, I just created a recruiting website called Join A Firm, joinafirm.com, which I am very busy promoting. Life is good; we’re having a lot of fun, and hoping everyone and their families are doing great.” Speaking of kids, Nicole recently started a business that sells handmade clothing for them, decorated with rhinestone designs or fun patches. Email Nicole at threads4kids@hotmail.com for info. **Most Popular Professional Field:** Our unofficial tally concludes **health care**. **Aisha Palmer Mix** writes, “I’m a Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, which is a team of qualified public health professionals dedicated to delivering the Nation’s public health promotion and disease prevention programs and advancing public health science. As a nurse officer and certified case manager, I am the Deputy Team Lead for a Services Access Team that deploys to assess and monitor ongoing health and human services needs of domestic, disaster-affected populations, particularly “at-risk” individuals and populations. My current duty station is the Health Resources and Services Administration where I am a Senior Public Health Analyst within the Division of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC).” **Anthony Napolitano** is an ophthalmologist with offices in Queens and NYC. He missed the reunion due to an annual charity surgery trip but sends his best wishes to all. **Bill Brown** is a gastroenterologist and lives in NYC’s East Village. **Faisal Zaman** is a spine doctor. He lives in Salt Lake City, UT, has a baby girl and a baby boy, and races motorcycles. **Judy Grunwald Kleinstein** writes, “I am working part time as an internist in a practice in New Haven, although I’m currently on maternity leave. I have three kids: Allie, 8, Zach, 6, and Jake, born on August 8. My husband



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Dennis Petrou '91, Sal Perry '91 with wife Karla Rothstein and Nicole Del Gadio '91.

Steve and I are about to celebrate our 14th anniversary. We’ve actually spent more of our lives together than apart, since we started dating freshman year of college!”

Katie Bourne is an anesthesiologist, working at a community hospital just north of Boston. She got married last October to Chris Wilson, “a great guy I met at work (he is a nurse anesthetist in our group),” she writes. “And now we have a beautiful baby girl named Sophie!” Sophie was born on August 18. **Val Kolovos**, who recently had a baby named Eko with her husband, Shane, is a nurse/midwife in San Francisco. **Noah Hendler** left the emergency department to direct clinical informatics (IT and strategy) for Visiting Nurse in Connecticut while finishing his nurse practitioner degree. He’ll finish this spring and then be able to expand his practice. He and wife Nancy have three kids, which Noah calls “great chaos.” He adds, “I love reveling in the mix of the kids and all their friends.” **Most Aquatic:** Again, **Noah Hendler**. “I’ve gotten pretty into open water swimming in the past few years,” he writes. His most recent event was scheduled for October 23, in the Long Island Sound/Saugatuck River, for which he planned to “definitely wear a wetsuit!” **Meg Carey**, who has two children and lives in Connecticut, was overheard at the reunion saying that she’s taken to spending her weekends clamming in the Long Island Sound.

Most Likely to Make US Break Out in Song: Living in Vermont with wife **Anna Levin '93** and two sons, **Peter Nicholson** is an English teacher. Cue music: He is “really someone...how proud [I am that he did] become one.” (Junior Class Musical, anyone?) **Most Southern Comfort:** **Jen Bell Latta** has lived in Charlotte, NC, for the past 12 years. She and husband Chris moved there after they both graduated with MBAs from Wharton in 1999. They now have sons Carson, Ryan and Griffin. “Charlotte is a wonderful city with warm weather, lovely people and no traffic!” Jen boasts. “It is an



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Members of the Class of 1991 at their 20th Reunion at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club.

amazing place to live and raise children.”

Beth Walla Townsend has lived in Nashville, TN, for the past 16 years, since starting law school there in 1995. She was sorry to miss the reunion. Beth writes, “I’m married with three kids (twin two-year-old girls and a boy in first grade). Life is exceedingly busy.”

Most Likely to Know Liz’s Neighbors: **J.J. Kenny** has ties to both. Much more importantly, J.J. has been coaching at an inner city Catholic school in Florida for the past six years. **Most Sleep Deprived:** **Chris Russo** reports from Boston that he and his wife are “chasing around after a new baby boy (I forgot how exhausting infants were...)” **Jenn Padrone** was also expecting her first child in early October. Jenn is a psychologist in private practice in Roslyn. **Jen Stein** lives in Antigua. She is pregnant with her second child and is due in late January. **Most Likely to Bump Into Each Other in NYC:** **Sue Srinivasan** and **Dave Caplan**. They live around the corner from each other and get together “once in a while,” Sue says. Sue missed the reunion due to a business trip to Paris. Dave, who is the creative director at Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, also missed the reunion but had been looking forward to it. **Husband with the Best Nickname:** **Nami Payackapan’s**. Her husband goes by the name Boogie. He is a documentary photographer, see www.artcoup.com, originally from Belgrade, Serbia. They have recently moved there with kids Maya, 4, and Aleksandar, 18 months. For the past few years, Nami has been designing her own women’s wear line. Check it out at www.naminyc.com. **Most School Spirited:** **Barret Mulligan Gargano** sported a F.A. lacrosse jacket to the reunion. She lives in Darien, CT, with husband Trey, daughter Ridgely, 8, and son Teddy, 4. Barret

teaches skating at the New Canaan Winter Club. **Andrew Pachtman**, who lives and works in NYC, was planning to go to F.A.’s final football game of the season (vs. Cold Spring Harbor). Andrew wishes everyone well. **Most Colorful:** Amidst a sea of black dresses, **Nichole DiBenedetto** rocked a fuchsia frock at the reunion. She does PR for a hotel company in NYC and says she is enjoying life with her “lovely boyfriend.” **Best Employer Name:** **Mike Brass** teaches history at a school outside of Boston, for kids with social and emotional disabilities. But he’d prefer we mention that the organization he works for is called the Justice Resource Institute because “it makes him sound like a super hero.” **Most Musical:** **Ben Tabler** lives in NYC and currently plays in a band, hear it at www.whosconfused.com. Previously he played with **Dave Garvey** in a “more rocking band for quite a while,” Ben explains. By day, Ben is an intellectual property lawyer at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. Dave lives in Huntington and does IT work. **Mara Hazzard-Wallingford** is the director of Yale’s Tessitura Consortium, which includes Yale School of Drama, Yale School of Music, Yale University Art Gallery and Yale Center for British Art. **Rebecca Lang** married Craig Castronovo in May. He plays bass with Patio Daddy-O, a popular rock, rhythm and blues band based in Sea Cliff. Rebecca and her husband live in Glen Cove, have their own real estate and mortgage company and are expecting a baby in April. **Best French:** **Shari Bowman** recently returned to New York from 10 years living in Paris where she was getting her PhD. Now she writes, translating French texts, publishing short fiction stories in French, and writing about wine. **Most Likely to Fly Herself to the Next Reunion:**

Jenn Judson Olson is a pilot for UPS. She lives with her husband Jake, and kids Riley and Kevin, in Colorado. **Fastest:** **Jason Zambuto**, who is living in Westchester after 10 years in Hawaii. Jason runs two to three marathons per year. He writes he was “aiming for 2:42” in the Chicago Marathon on October 8 and was next planning to run as a guide for a blind runner in the NYC marathon in November. After that Jason has Rotterdam in April and Berlin in September – “with the goal of getting 2:30-something.” Amazing! Jason also writes, “I sold out of the men’s underwear business I started and now work for Diesel. I run the retail, wholesale, outlet, liquidation and ecommerce channels. My wife and I just passed our 11-year anniversary and Nicolas, 9, and Bella, 6, are fantastic. My wife is the CEO of a nonprofit organization named Joyful Heart Foundation.” **Most Likely to Be Mistaken for Mel Gibson:** **Brad Felix**. “Before he went nuts and decided to become a born again it was much cooler,” Brad admits. Brad adds: “I’m living up in Nyack, NY, working for a startup educational technology company. I got married four years ago, to a fourth grade teacher I met while teaching in elementary schools in NYC. We’ve got two children.” **Most Likely to Rock Your Party:** **Dennis Petrou** turned his back on New York for the West Coast (San Francisco) and there, manages a bar named Butter. Dennis is also a party promoter... with a million* FB friends and Twitter followers. If we have our next reunion in SF he promises to get us a great venue! (*Note: Colleen added this detail, and as you may know, tends to exaggerate.) **Tallest:** According to Dennis’s measurements at the reunion, the title still goes to **Jason Tilton**. The close to 6’4” president of Fanatic Finish Inc., a company that does custom home interiors, stood back-to-back with **Erin McCann**. While Erin says he is “6’4”/6’5”, depending on who is asking,” he gladly concedes to Jason, who, he adds, “was always taller.” Erin works as the director of investments for a family office in Short Hills, NJ. He and his wife, Deb, have two children. **Most Likely to have Power Tools around the House:** **Emma Dailey Staton** writes that it has been a big year – her husband, Greg, changed jobs last September and is loving his finance position at Foamex Innovations in Media, PA. After six months of house hunting, they finally found a wonderful home in Wayne, PA, and moved in July. Emma Rita, 7, Katherine, 5, and Ysabel, 3, changed schools from Friends Select in Center City Philadelphia to Friends Central in Penn Valley and are very happy. Emma is juggling architects, engineers and contractors as they undertake Phase I of construction on

their 88-year-old home with the second phase, hopefully, to come in the spring. **Nicole Del Gadio Maselli**, whose husband Dan is an architect, designed a new house for them in New Vernon, NJ. They are looking forward to moving in next year with their two boys, Marco and Lorenzo. Nicole works as a managing director at NASDAQ in NYC. About five minutes away in Morristown, but only renovating a bathroom, are **Colleen Doyle Moran**, her husband Michael and their three kids, Mike, Charlie and Cathleen. Colleen does management consulting and project management, presently at Johnson & Johnson in NJ. Construction is a big part of life for **Sal Perry**. He cofounded Latent Productions with his wife and business partner, Karla Rothstein, about 12 years ago. Sal, who is a registered architect, builder and developer, explains that one unique aspect of their work is their “interest and ability to play multiple key roles in many diverse projects (architect, developer, construction manager, academic, investor... affordable housing, restaurant, car wash, bio-remediation, etc.). We create innovative design solutions built upon the strength of appreciating many perspectives.” Sal and Karla live in Brooklyn with their 8-year-old daughter. **Most Likely to Have Changed His Name:** At some point in art school, **Chris Mertens** legally changed his last name to **Milk** as part of a project on iconoclasm. He never bothered to change it back. Chris is a writer and director whose work includes music videos for Kanye West, U2, Green Day, Courtney Love, Johnny Cash and Arcade Fire, many television commercials, and a portion of the biography film on then-Senator Barack Obama that played at the Democratic National Convention. He currently has a video installation showing at the MoMA in NY, another upcoming at the Tate Modern in the UK, and is working on a few feature film projects. Read more about Chris in an upcoming issue of this magazine. In the meantime, see his work at www.chrismilk.com. **Most Likely to Be Seen at F.A.:** **Evan Cagner** and **Dave Shalam**. Evan’s daughters started at the school this year. Jordyn is in third grade and Sydney in second. Dave’s kids, Ethan, who is in fifth grade, and Daniel, in first, are there as well. (Daughter Sadie is two.) Dave left a career in marketing and went to culinary school, where he trained as a pastry chef. He has some amazingly artistic creations, so we will also dub him **Best Baker**. **Biggest Animal Lover:** **Kristen Abbatiello Neff** writes, “I live in the country in CT, and run my own business, Sea Horse Stables. I am currently training and showing 25 horses. I



EVAN CAGNER '91

Helps to put his shoes where others’ feet desperately need them

BY NATALIA PORCELLI GOOD '93

Evan Cagner, class of 1991, and his wife Michele have two children currently attending Lower School at Friends. Evan is the President of BCNY International/Synclaire Brands (“BCNY”), which is in its 21st year of business. Evan works together with his father, the CEO of the company. Headquartered in New York, the company specializes in children’s footwear and is the exclusive licensee and distributor for Michael Kors, Stuart Weitzman, Cole Haan, and Paris Blues Children’s Footwear. The company also acts as a manufacturer for the world’s largest retailers and brands of children’s footwear.

I recently visited with Evan at his Hicksville office. He escorted me around the office and showed me everything from the designers’ offices covered with wall sketches of the upcoming season’s shoe trends to completed shoes the company makes at various price points from dollar stores to high end retailers. After our tour, we sat down and discussed his involvement with not-for-profit organizations to which BCNY donates shoes, such as Soles4Souls. Evan first learned about Soles4Souls six years ago after reading a two-sentence blurb about a footwear executive who started donating shoes to victims of the 2004 Tsunami in Southeast Asia and soon after founded Soles4Souls. Evan reached out to the founder and decided that he too could make a difference in people’s lives by contributing shoes to those in need – an astounding number of roughly 300 million people.

Without shoes, people can contract a variety of communicable diseases, which further perpetuate health-related issues in the developing world. BCNY has donated a remarkable amount of shoes over the last six years through the distribution of organizations such as Soles4Souls, missionaries and other organizations that contact him – 100,000 shoes to victims of the Tsunami; 50,000 pairs of children’s slippers to an orphanage in Russia; 30,000 shoes for girls in Haiti who needed shoes to go to school, to name a few.

We also discussed a shoe box that Evan created that teaches children about sustainability, responsibility and recycling in one go. In collaboration with Soles4Souls, a child who is buying a new pair of shoes puts their worn shoes in a Soles4Souls shoe box, includes a postcard inside describing a little bit about themselves and mails the shoes to a child in need. In our consumer-driven society, what a clever idea to teach children, and remind parents as well, that there are so many other children out there who do not have something that so many of us take for granted: a simple pair of shoes. It was an honor meeting with Evan, who is helping to change people’s lives one shoe at a time.



A little girl tries on her new shoes, courtesy of Soles4Souls.

travel around the northeast and to Florida competing the horses. I married my equine veterinarian, Bob Neff, and we have a four-year old daughter, two dogs, a rabbit, turtle and a cat! You can always find me online at SeaHorseStablesLLC.com.” **Most likely to be seen at the Oyster Fest:** **Kristin Albers Reardon** co-chairs the annual event that draws 200,000 people into the hamlet of Oyster Bay every October. Kristin and her husband Andrew have two sons, Liam, 1, and Owen, 3, and live in North Syosset. **Most Academic:** **Matt Leaf** founded a charter school, Four Rivers, in Greenfield, Massachusetts. The school “is committed to having students do ‘authentic’ work and has a focus on character and service.” Matt and wife Heather have two kids, Evan, 10, and Abby, 7. **Steve Levine** is an assistant professor of philosophy at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. **Mike Cuales** works at NC State as a production manager/creative director. “I basically produce online education courses for the university,” he explains. Mike has two children and is probably **Most Likely to Build a Website for Our Class.** **Best Reasons for Missing the Reunion:** **Aaron Peters** was in China. The trip was for his EMBA program. Aaron, his wife and 10-month-old daughter, who Aaron describes, “is both a delight and a menace,” are currently living in Charlottesville, VA. **Hilary Herscher** was in Singapore for the Grand Prix. He works in finance, is married and lives with his two boys, ages 6 and 3, in downtown NYC. **Steve Rizzo** had planned a trip to Vermont. **Mike Roosevelt** couldn’t join us from the Philadelphia area because it was his birthday, and his wife and friends had planned a dinner. (We’re sorry that we only found emails for Steve and Mike a few days before the reunion—more notice next time!) **Most Inspired By His “Academy of Love” Character:** After playing the part of an insane welder accused of murdering a classmate in our high school soap opera, **Pat Twist** went on to produce TV shows about criminals and lawbreakers for TRU TV. Pat is also **Most Likely to Talk to Kids about Star Wars.** See www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gJFd6l-caE **Best Hair and Self-Proclaimed Worst Class Representative:** **Mike Fox** writes that he is “grateful to still pretty much have all [his] hair.” All at the reunion would support this claim! Mike also adds that he “continue(s) to be a terrible class representative.” Provided that during our reunion planning, we had no idea he had moved back to NYC from Los Angeles, this may be true...but we still love him. Mike runs a digital media company called Humanainment that fuses pop culture and

social purpose. **Least Likely to Plan a Reunion:** **Gavin Wynot.** Even if it’s in Vegas, where he lives with his wife Claudine and three children. Gavin says he is, however, looking forward to the 50th. **Most Likely to Miss a Deadline because of these Class Notes:** **Liz Siris Winchester** and **Adrienne Wichard-Edds.** Both are freelance writers – Liz writes from her home in Sea Cliff, NY, mainly for *Time For Kids*, a current events magazine with editions for children in grades K–6. (The small staff includes F.A. alums **Krissy McGivney Roleke** ‘go and until recently, **Amanda Levy Laserson**, ‘93.) Adrienne writes from her home in Arlington, VA, on topics from food and wine to health and beauty. (**Jenn Padrone** has contributed her professional expertise to help her research an article on panic attacks.) Liz and her husband Chris have three kids – Will, 6, Caroline, 4, and Michael, 22 months. Adrienne and her husband Kevin have two boys, Ethan, 8, and Liam, 6. Liz and Adrienne have (separately) been running races fairly regularly, but not quite as fast as Jason Z. While these updates have been challenging, we have really enjoyed collaborating on them, and hearing from and seeing so many of you. Colleen has helped keep us connected for the past 20 years (**Best Class Representative** – no offense, Mike!). We now understand why, and will call ourselves **Most Hopeful the Class of ‘91 Stays in Touch:** Thanks for sharing your news! **Liz, Adrienne & Colleen**

1992

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Clay Siegert reports: My wife, Deirdre, and I had our second daughter, Eleanor (Ellie), in December. We are still living in Boston where I am a co-founder of XL Hybrids, which is developing hybrid technology for commercial vehicles. I recently saw **Patrick McGillicuddy** and **Sarah Calderon** at my 37th – ugh – birthday party. Sarah is executive director of the Casitas Maria Center for Arts and Education in New York. Patrick is the principal of the East Brooklyn Community High School, and he has a 1-year-old daughter named Mia. Both are doing great!

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After years of living abroad, **Serenety Hanley** finally set down some roots in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. She is excited about her new position as VP of Grassroots Targeting, while her family is excited for her to have one phone number and address for more than a year! **Jillian Stile** writes that she is enjoying life in the West Village. She returned from six weeks working in Delhi, India over the summer volunteering as a mental health instructor at a not-for-profit organization helping runaway children. She is finishing her PH.D. in Clinical Psychology at the New School for Social Research. **Jesse Laserson**, Vice President, Director of Project Administration at RXR Realty, is halfway through his MBA studies at Hofstra. **Amanda Levy Laserson** resigned from her position at Time Inc. at the end of the summer, and is now doing marketing consulting work. She is really enjoying having more time at home with 2nd grader Sophie, and Sam, who just began Kindergarten. **Todd Jacobson** is really excited to be an uncle – his brother Brett and his wife Laurie are expecting a baby at the end of December. **Jim Moeller** writes that he and his wife Adrienne had their first baby, Mia Ruth Moeller, in October and that they are doing extremely well. “As everyone suggested, it is an incredible feeling to be a dad. I am loving every minute of it. Also, three weeks ago I started a new job after having been at the same law firm for 7 years. I’m now working for Madison Square Garden, which is wonderful. I’m the Manager of Contract Administration for MSG Media, working primarily with the Fuse TV network.” **Aditya Mattoo** had his third baby boy at the end of July and is busy managing his work life with three boys under the age of 5...It’s a small world! **Dana Lostritto’s** son, Georges, is classmates with Becky and Joe’s son, Benjamin, in first grade at Goosehill School in Cold Spring Harbor. Eighteen years later, in the same class again!” **Danielle Valenti Smith** reports, “Not much change here. We recently moved to our above address. My daughter Siena, 5, started Kindergarten at

St. Ignatius Loyola where I used to teach. My son Luca 3, continues Preschool at Park Avenue Christian and our youngest, Marco, is enjoying staying home and having mom all to himself. **Jon Fox** writes, "My kids are 3 years and 5 months. I left my last job and I'm now working at a start-up incubator called IdeaLab where I am designing next-gen social networks and crowd sourced philanthropy web sites. All in all, things are going well." As for us, I am really enjoying life on Long Island, sending Julian to Friends and becoming more involved with the school. Adam's commute could be better, but it's all worth it! Have a great winter.

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Mark Neuman '95 with his fiancé Lauren Lipani

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Congratulations to **Mark Neuman** on his engagement to Lauren Lipani. Mark received his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco in 2004. He is currently an assistant professor of anesthesiology and critical care at the University of Pennsylvania. Lauren is an assistant to Caroline Kennedy in New York City. The couple is planning a May 2012 wedding in

Philadelphia. **Jackie Berkell Friedland** writes in to tell us she gave birth to a little girl last January. Nava joins her 3 brothers to complete Jackie's family. Jackie lives in West-



Michelle Yip '95 with Son Matthew, and Joyce Co

chester and is studying at Sarah Lawrence in Bronxville for an MFA in creative writing. **Michelle Yip** is a mom as well! Michelle gave birth to baby Matthew over the summer in San Francisco. Michelle plans to return to work in November, but in the meantime she shared a picture of her, her new son, and FA alum **Joyce Co** on a recent trip back to New York City. **Allison Serpe CS Lewis** has expatriated to the Southern Caribbean, where she is building a house and opening a restaurant. Allison has a solo art exhibit on the horizon as well; we'll keep you posted, as the show has been postponed due to the move! Finally, I have my own news to share; I became engaged to my fiancée, Jessica, this past October. No official plans yet, but we are very excited to have a wedding and a life to plan together! Best wishes, **Tom**.

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Shula Melamed recently visited **Alison Gilbert** in Los Angeles. Alison and her husband, Jonathan, were blessed by the arrival of twins Ruby and Noah who joined us on June 2, 2011. The family is doing well and enjoying living in sunny LA. They wish the class well, hope everyone is doing great, and sent their regrets that they could not make it to NY for the reunion. Speaking of twins, **Nicole Nadel** gave birth to twin boys: Sebastian and Tristan Wilhelm! Your name selections have done the class proud. We enthusiastically welcome them to the Class of '96 Family.

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Congratulations to **Amy Karches** who married J.P. Berkery this past April. Amy and J.P. are living in London.

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The Class of 2001 celebrates their 10 Year Reunion. Pictured from left to right: Roddy Thaler, Kristina Pieper Trautmann '00, Steve Witthuhn, Cole Trautmann, Liz Ong Witthuhn, Susie Theroux, Alex Burakoff, Jon Ventimiglia, Mariela Simermyer, Heather Tilton Rubenstein, Jeannie Grasso Stone, Alexandra Wasp, Hadley Mongell and Jay Williams.

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Hi Everyone! I'd like to personally thank everyone for their enthusiasm and support while organizing our 10-year reunion. It was a terrific event, and it was so fantastic to see those troopers that came out to Long Island for the festivities. Unfortunately, the timing of the event prevented a number of our classmates from attending due to weddings, honeymoons and other conflicts... but we'll simply let it slide just this once. It was so great to catch up with the people that attended, that we have already started bouncing around the idea of organizing a spring happy hour in the city. To prevent bad timing being an issue, I will send out a save the date and try to work around people's schedules as best I can. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out with the spring happy hour, because I have no doubt that we could even beat the 30 or so people



Dana Schmergel '01 and Hadley Mongell '01 at their 10th Year reunion.



Tim Dooley '02 and Remsen Weir '02 were married in September of 2010.

that came out for the party in September! Cheers to you all, and best wishes to you and your families for an amazing holiday season...xoxo, **Hadley**. Also, **Pam Karches** plans to marry Pat Keneally in June of 2012. Pam is currently living in NYC and teaching 3rd grade at the Chapman School.

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Congratulations to **Tim Dooley** and **Remsen Weir** who celebrated their one year wedding anniversary on September 25th!

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Molly Fox and **Samantha Fox** are living on opposite sides of the pond: Molly is working on her PhD in Biological Anthropology at Cambridge University and Samantha is working on her PhD in Socio-Cultural Anthropology at Columbia University. Also in New York City is **Peter Karches**, who is working at Barclays. Congratulations to **Ashley Levien** and **Brian Dooley '03** who were married October 1, 2011.



Ashley Levien '04 and Brian Dooley '03 at their Oct 1st wedding.



Congratulations to Lilly Perez Kahrs '05 on the birth of her adorable daughter Aliana James Kahrs.

2005

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Congratulations to **Lilly Perez Kahrs** who reports: "My husband Andrew and I welcomed Aliana James Kahrs on May 22, 2011. She arrived three weeks early at 1:30 am. We had a planned home birth, and despite her early arrival, everything went as we expected. She did require a short stay in the NICU for having trouble maintaining her weight, but she has more than caught up with babies her age. We also celebrated our second wedding anniversary in June. This last year has certainly been very exciting for us, and it doesn't seem to be slowing down anytime soon!" **Julia Wagner** is based in Edgewater, Chicago and works for Environmental Systems Design, a building design firm located next to the Chicago Board of Trade. She is helping to develop ESD's definition of sustainability and learning how to design buildings. She contributes to the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Women in HVAC (WHVAC), Council on Women in Energy and Environmental Leadership (CWEEL). **Luis Medina** is living in Los Angeles with **Joseph Carucci** and a friend and co-writer from Yale. He does A & R for Maker Studios, a web-based entertainment network. **Joseph Carucci** moved out to Los Angeles last February to pursue film scoring and to be with his girlfriend of four years, who currently attends UCLA law. Originally from Memphis, "she has increased my appreciation for SEC football (Go Razorbacks!), and southern barbecue," Beau writes. Beau supplements his lifestyle by working as an analyst at a small brokerage/managed Capital firm in the OC. Also on the west coast is **Lauren Abruzzo**, who has

been living in Los Angeles since graduating from Syracuse with a degree in broadcast journalism. For the past two years, she has worked in the entertainment industry as a freelance assistant for a number of stylists, television projects, films, photo shoots, and music videos. She just returned from a trip to Europe for a new Bravo cooking show where she was Iron Chef Cat Cora's stylist. Lauren is pursuing a journalism career and is currently a freelance writer for fashion websites, mixing her knowledge of news writing with her love for fashion and her career as a stylist. **Daniel Moore** is working regularly as a freelancer in video production, mainly as an Assistant Editor or "E2" but also as a Production Assistant and editor. Daniel recently moved to the DC metro area, where he continues to listen to a wide variety of music and explore amateur DJing and promoting. **Genevieve Dreizen** has entered the world of freelance as a wedding officiate. She has teamed up with a website called "A Practical Wedding" and has been conducting charity events in support of gay marriage. She is hoping to connect more couples and has started her own webpage called www.cheerleaderforlove.com. **Richie Grasso** is currently working as a business-media strategist for a start-up brand consultancy firm. He is helping to conceptualize and implement marketing and communications tactics to a number of young and developing companies in order to help their businesses grow. Richie is fond of start-ups, having served as an analyst for a start-up technology company earlier this year. Richie plans to focus his media skills closer to the political realm with the strong possibility of continuing his career in Washington, D.C. **Laura Goodman** continues to actively pursue a career in broadcast and works as the Sales Coordinator at Long Island Radio Group. **Lauren Jackson** is working as a Production Coordinator with Half Yard Productions, most well known for their hit show "Say Yes to the Dress" on TLC. She is currently working on a spin-off show set to air early next year and living in Brooklyn, NY. Also in Brooklyn is **Robert Abney** and his wife, Jennifer. Rob continues to work as a General Manager at Conversation, LLC in the Flatiron district and Jennifer works for a hotel group in New York. They were married in August. Nearby is **Bobby Goodrich**, who graduated from the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell in the spring of '09 and worked as a fine dining restaurant manager in Millford, PA for a year following school. He currently works for Empire Merchants, a wine and liquor distributor based out of Astoria, Queens and Greenpoint,

Brooklyn. He lives in Astoria with his fiancée Hailey Botticello whom he met four years ago at Cornell. **Sasson Afshari** is living in Gramercy Park with **Christopher Leppard** and working for Morgan Stanley in wealth management. **Emily Alexander** is also in New York City, living on the UES and working at David Yurman as the Executive Assistant to VP of wholesale, where she's been for over a year. She is looking forward to travelling to Switzerland for two weeks in March and just returned from a trip to Aruba and St. Thomas on business. **Sarah Schoenhut** is attending Columbia University and applying to veterinary schools, which she hopes to hear back from in January. **Natalie Russ** is living in Boston, working at a nonprofit and starting to think about graduate school. Just outside of Boston is **Justin Maccaro**, who finished four years at BC and is now in his 3rd year of dental school at Harvard. He started in clinic in August, and will soon be choosing a place for his residency in either pediatric dentistry or orthodontics. **Samantha Moss** graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Nursing this past July in the accelerated BSN program. She is currently a Resident Nurse on a busy cardiopulmonary medical-surgical unit at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. **Andrew Giocondi** graduated from Tufts University '09 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He has worked for Jay Cashman, Inc., a heavy civil and marine contractor, designing wind turbine projects in Maine. He currently splits his time between Boston and Saratoga Springs, NY as the Project Scheduler on the Hudson River Dredging Project. After graduating from Connecticut College in '09, **Stephanie Timpone** received her certification to teach secondary math and physics. She has stayed in New London, CT and teaches physics at Daniel Hand High School in Madison, CT. She is also teaching a general physics lab section at night for Connecticut College. **Dan Vogel** is also committed to the liberal arts as the assistant swim coach for the men's and



Sisters Jenny '05 and Olivia '03 Dreizen use their Twitter handle @LovelyOnTheGo to give followers a "romantic and classy" look at Long Island.

alumni in sports

COLIN HEFFRON '11, a freshman on Dartmouth College's soccer team, has played in 13 games, starting 12 of them.

Colin recorded his first collegiate point with an assist vs UMASS. He recorded 1 Goal and 1 Assist in the next game vs. Princeton and was named Ivy League Men's Soccer – Week #6 – “Honor Roll” Player of the Week for his performance vs. Princeton.



Bucknell freshman **PETER SCIALABBA '11** carded 75s at the Bucknell Invitational, helping the Bison Men's Golf finish 4th.

KIRA GARRY '11, a freshman at Yale University, finished 10th at her first meet at Van Cortlandt Park and 18th at Franklin Park in Boston running a personal best of 18:18 for 5K.

LYNDA NEGRON '11 came to cheer on the Harvard team and say hello to Kira.

Duke University freshman **MATT SLOTNICK '11** registered his first collegiate goal Nov. 1st to help the Blue Devils come from behind for a 2-2 draw with Elon in non-conference men's soccer action at Koskinen Stadium.

CHRIS MAIERLE '10, a sophomore at UMass Lowell has started 8 games this season, allowing just 1.16 goals per game with 2 shutouts – a save percentage of 74%. Chris was selected as the Northeast 10 Conference Goalkeeper of the Week on October 3.

Varsity football coach **KEN MILLS '78** coached his 100th game for Lawrenceville School this past September. While at Friends, Ken captained the football team as well as the wrestling and baseball teams.

Ken Mills '78 on the sidelines of a recent Lawrenceville School football game.



women's swim team at Middlebury College in Middlebury, VT. **Garrett Dooley** started graduate school at Bank Street College in September and is getting his Masters in Elementary 1-6 and Special Ed. **Melanie Tannenbaum** is working towards her Ph.D. in social psychology (with a concentration in quantitative psychology) at the University of Illinois, and is looking forward to attaining her Masters in Psychology by the end of the year. **Kim White** started a new job in June at Omnigon Communications (A Digital Solutions Agency) in New York City as Manager of Community and Client Services. She travelled to Barcelona and Madrid for a week in March and completed a half marathon in June, a distance she plans to run again. She is currently taking guitar lessons and has been attending photography workshops. As for me, I completed my MPhil in History of Art at the University of Cambridge in July and left the other side of the pond to return to New York City, where I currently work as the Client Development Manager for Old Master and 19th Century Paintings at Christie's. Thank you to the Class of '05 for your wonderful contributions and please keep in touch at helen.s.hatch@gmail.com!

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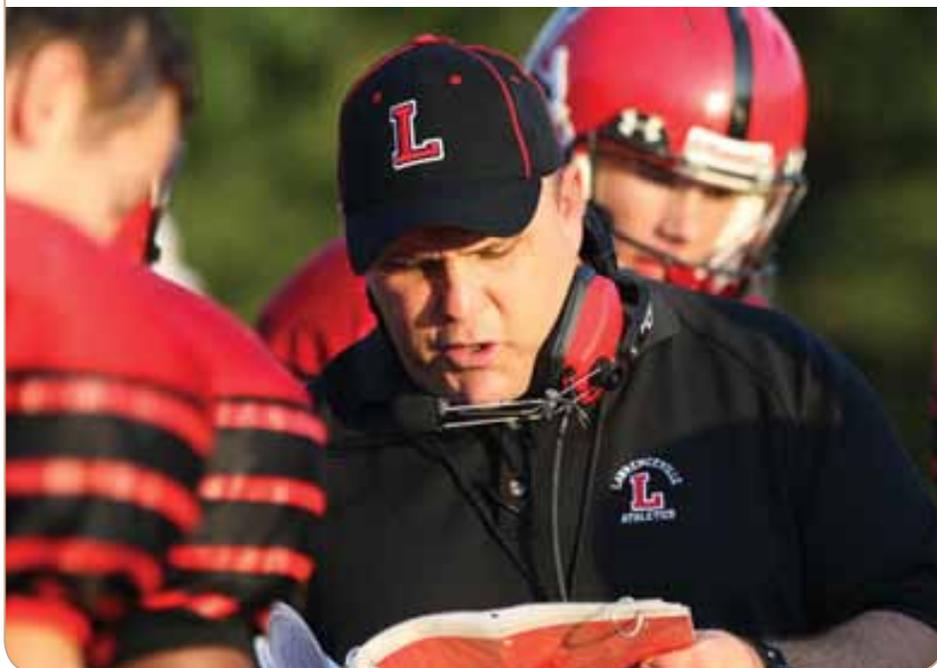
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Alex Trautwig's '08 photo appeared as a double page spread on the cover of the sports section of *The New York Times*.

portfolio strategies, Rachel hopes to become a patent attorney. **Ethan Lazar** lives in Los Angeles and currently works in international film distribution and finance at Exclusive Media Group. Ethan represented his company at the Toronto International Film Festival and, in November, will participate in the American Film Market. **Kaitlin Wagner** works in marketing and sales for GFI, a financial brokerage firm in New York, while her sister, **Jen Wagner**, works for Turner Broadcasting in Chicago. **Emily Brown** works in the marketing and research group at *Saveur* magazine in New York. **Michael Cox** is currently in his second year at Wagner College's MBA program, where he is studying management. **Vishal Mahadkar** is a second-year student at Fordham University School of Law, where he is Associate Editor of the *Fordham Journal of Corporate and Financial Law*. In addition to being a full-time law student, Vishal also works in the Legal and Compliance Division at Morgan Stanley.

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Kudos to **Alex Trautwig** who shot the photos that ran as a double page spread on the cover of the sports section of *The New York Times* on October 22nd. Check it out at the following link; it's a great story. (<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/22/sports/olympics/walden-pond-to-olympics-alex-meyer-thrives-open-water.html?hp>.)

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Holly Constants reports: "I am enjoying being a starting Varsity Field Hockey player and playing Varsity Basketball at Bryn Mawr. I am part of SAAC, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee for the NCAA. I am enjoying my first semester at Bryn Mawr!" Congratulations to Holly on being named to the 2011 Centennial Conference Sportsmanship Team. It's a huge honor!

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BOB ALBERTSON '45

'HE WAS FRIENDS.'



Betty and Bob Albertson at Fall Fair.

By JOHN GAMBLING '69

Bob Albertson had a magical gift. He knew how to help people accomplish things they didn't ever realize they could or even might try. At Bob's memorial service in September, held at his treasured Westbury Meeting house, attendees, family, friends, business associates, students and people Bob had met along the way, all told heartwarming stories of how Bob had taken them and helped, cajoled, and mentored them. Every story told brought the life of Bob Albertson to a sharper point for all.

Bob was a Long Islander. His family tree goes back to the beginnings of Long Island. He and his best friend, wife Betty, loved nothing better than just walking the North shore with the rest of the family or with the "Wesers's", a band of friends that periodically mapped out routes that took them never too far in miles, but took them very far as friends. Bob was an incredibly successful businessman. His investment strategies are legendary, but also in the legendary column needs to be his commitment, guidance and love for Friends Academy.

I first met Bob when he asked me to join the FA board in 1981. I was but a pup. I was beginning a career, two babies, no money to speak of; I didn't think I would be long for the board. I lasted 30 years, 19 of those as Co-President and all of it because of Bob Albertson. Like most of the people in Bob's life I too was mentored and I never knew it. Only after the fact did I realize, with complete clarity, that my doubts of what I might be able to accomplish, were realized years before by Bob. He had the magic.

Friends Academy would not be the incredible



Bob Albertson, Bill Masland, Ted Lapham, Fred Willits and Ted Withington.

school it is today if it were not for Bob. When Bob began his tenure on the Board, Friends was a sleepy little day school – the one I graduated from in 1969. Bob and the board and Head Ted Withington put FA on a course to greatness. Bob knew too that the secret of FA was its Quaker foundation.

He never wavered when it came to that, and I learned that our collective Quakerism is the fuel in the educational furnace and it was, and would be, the one thing over time that will keep FA the place Bob wanted it to be.

Bob Albertson was the gentlest of men. He always smiled; he always wanted to listen to your story and wanted to know how you were doing. His family, Betty, Kim and Jill and their extended families were his sustenance, and Friends Academy was his passion.

I would not be the person I am today if it were not for Bob, and I know all who knew him feel the same way. As members of the Friends family; we were blessed to have had Bob Albertson.



Bob Albertson, Ted Withington and Bob Masland inspect an architectural model of the Friends Academy campus.

More reflections about Bob

Thank you for your note on Mr. Albertson – I fondly remember him, well, truthfully, I was a little scared of him as a student – he WAS Friends. He was a giant of a man to me then, a true Quaker, and as a teenager, someone to be both respected and revered (in that, "wow, he is super serious" kind of way). Now, as a Friend myself, and having raised my kids as Quakers, and quite frankly, now also "old," I realize he was one of the many who truly inspired me there, who I will never forget. Both he and Ted Withington made huge impressions on me, whether or not they ever realized it.



Betty and Bob Albertson.

– Marja Brandon '79

Bob Albertson was kind enough to help me with my senior ISP back in 1982 ... I ended up pursuing a career in investments and on Wall Street right out of college, thanks in part to the counsel I received from him.

– Gina Galgano Hoagland '82

Lynn Chapman-Adler '56: Pilot, Hall of Fame parachute jumper

Lynn Chapman-Adler (nee Linda Chapman) passed away peacefully on November 30, 2011 at her home in Kilmarnock, VA after a six-year battle with cancer. She was 73, the oldest of 10 children of Dr. Asher Chapman MD and Marcia Lynn Drew of Huntington, NY. At Friends, Lynn was an honor student, multi-sports athlete and cheerleader. After graduating, she worked in advertising in NY. In 1970, Lynn married Don Grant, a naval officer, whose career required frequent relocations around the USA. She therefore continued her education at several colleges and universities in various states, working during breaks as instructor, packer, and ski patrol in Aspen, Colorado. A self-described "experience freak," her CV ranges from extreme sports to fine art to business management. She graduated from San Jose State College CA in 1976 with a BA in art and Spanish.

After college she worked as a printmaker while continuing her outdoor sports interests as a very competitive middle distance runner and dedicated backpacker. In 1962, she became attracted to flying and also to the then-infant sport of parachute jumping.

Over the following 15 years she earned her single-engine pilot's license, became a licensed parachute rigger and instructor, presidential assistant at Parachutes Inc., and later a test jumper for experimental parachutes, for which latter work she was honored and inducted into the Parachuting Hall of Fame in 2010. Lynn made her 650th jump in February of 2010 to celebrate that event.

In 1978, Lynn divorced and relocated east, where she worked for several years in personnel placement as a Kelly Services Branch Manager. This experience gave her an invaluable perspective for defining her own career objectives. She left Kelly to become an Account Executive and Industry Consultant at AT&T, and later moved on to CitiCorp NA as Credit Officer and Marketing Program Manager.

In 1988, Lynn married Michael Adler in Guilford, CT where the couple resided till 2002, during which period Lynn moved from CitiCorp to Yale New Haven Hospital where she remained for 10 years, earned her MS degree in Recreational Therapy at Southern Connecticut State University, served five years at Yale NHH as Resident Recreational Therapist in the psychiatric ward, and retired in 1997. She then took a fulltime position with CVNA – Connecticut Visiting Nurse Association – as their Community Outreach and Publicity Director until 2002.

During this period Lynn, who always believed that a balanced life must combine inner spirituality with healthy physical activity and

community service, served as Director on the North Branford, CT Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President of the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling, Chairperson of the AARP Community Service Committee, and several other community organizations. Lynn – an animal lover all her life – also found time to attend an animal grooming school and obtained her license so she could work part-time as a groomer "just for fun."

Lynn was a sportswoman and competent sailor, had lived full time aboard her own powerboat, then a large sailboat, in the New England area from 1980 until 1988 when she and her husband acquired a lakeside property in Guilford, CT and moved ashore.

Switching briefly from sailing to sports cars, they restored a 1963 Austin Healey and with it toured the Northeast and the Canadian Maritime Provinces.

The couple bought their Kilmarnock property in 1996, retired "for good" in 2002 and left CT for Kilmarnock VA, where they have lived on Henry's Creek with their cruising sailboat – named Prudence after Lynn's long-departed sister – at their dock.

In 2005, with her bucket list rapidly dwindling, Lynn realized another goal by first swimming with dolphins and later volunteering

in a massive dolphin rescue operation in Key Largo, Florida. In recent years Lynn has been deeply involved with the local chapter of Quaker Meeting/American Society of Friends and has been volunteering at the Interfaith Council facility in Kilmarnock. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the Rappahannock River Yacht Club.

Since her cancer diagnosis in 2006, Lynn has been constructing an ongoing account of the illness and its impact upon her life and perspectives. She and her family invite interested friends to visit it at www.lindalater.blogspot.com (also note the "Older Posts" button at the bottom).

Surviving are her husband Michael Adler, her sisters Maria and Charlotte, her brothers Asher, John, George, Christian, Daniel and Richard, and numerous nieces and nephews residing in several states. A celebration of Lynn's life will be held sometime after the holiday season, details to be announced.

The Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock is in charge of private cremation services. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Hospice of Virginia or The Quaker Society of Friends at RWC.



In recent years, Lynn became deeply involved with the local chapter of the American Society of Friends.

WE REMEMBER...

Jay W. Jackson '36
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Juliet Stein '56

Arts aficionado and free spirit

It is with devastating heartache that we write to inform you that our sister, Juliet Stein, died on July 10th after a heroic battle with cancer. Her e-mail address was "funjuliet," but the last eighteen months, in particular, were not much fun for her.

For over ten years, Juliet managed the family lumber business on Long Island, and after it was sold, she moved to Mill Valley, California. At the age of 70, Juliet graduated with a degree in Art History from Sonoma State University – an achievement of which she and all of us were so proud. Shortly thereafter, she returned to live in New York City, where she worked at the Museum of the City of New York.



She appreciated the arts – whether it was painting, sculpture, music, or dance. She particularly loved the Blues and Aretha Franklin's rendition of "R-E-S-

P-E-C-T" and the inspirational choreography of Alvin Ailey.

Juliet loved life, was a free spirit, and influenced everyone who was in her company. She leaves behind her loving family – her mother, Helen F. Stein (her father Harry B. Stein predeceased her in June 2001); her children: daughters Deborah Salee and Linda Perrella and son-in-law Michael Perrella, her son Steven Salee and his husband Ira Kustin; her sisters and brothers-in-law Nina and Irwin Wolf and Susan and Martin Danoff; her grandchildren Sam and Joe Perrella and Isabelle and Aaron Kustin-Salee; her niece Jennifer Danoff; and nephews Douglas Danoff and Michael Bernstein and his wife Veronica and their son Lucas.

– Susan Stein Danoff '60
and Nina Stein Wolf '64

Correction

In the Spring 2011 issue of *The Meeting House*, within In Memoriam, Lanie Garvan's full name should have read Lanie Garvan Collins.

Please send announcements and memories to Kathy Fox at kathy_fox@fa.org or call (516) 465-1765. Feel free to include a photo with your message.

Leo Filippone

Dedicated FA Groundskeeper

It is 7:20 in the morning and the garage door goes up in the maintenance area of Friends, and there is that familiar face saying good morning as he welcomed Bobby, Rod, Joe and me to work.

Leo loved working on the grounds of Friends Academy, and if you knew him you can still picture him on his orange mower cutting Mario's island in front of Frost Hall. Leo touched so many at Friends, especially me.

He was my best friend, coworker and the older brother I never had.

Leo was an uncle to my kids, and boy, they teased him about being a Ranger fan. Leo lived life every day with a passion for his work and



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love for his wife Gina and daughter Sabrina. Leo would do anything for anybody.

His time was cut much too early, but I know he watches over everybody he touched at Friends and in his life. I really miss him.

– AJ Congero

Anne Louise Schwiebert '59: Fabric and textile designer

Anne Louise Schwiebert '59, Lady Anne de Bivalve to her close friends, died on November 3, 2011 after a year-long battle with lung cancer. Anne was attended by family and East End Hospice at her home in Southold, NY. Anne's family is forever indebted to the wonderful East End Hospice staff, to Ana Chiarella, and to Dr. Lloyd Simon for the excellent care and attention she received during her final days.

Anne was born in Jamaica, NY on May 4, 1941. She attended school in Roslyn Heights and then at Friends Academy, Locust Valley, NY, from which she graduated in 1959.

Her class at Friends was known as the "Master Class" and remained close throughout the ensuing years and life's challenges. Anne graduated from Skidmore College in 1963, having majored in art. Following graduation, Anne received a Fulbright Scholarship and studied textile design and weaving in Helsinki, Finland. Anne loved her time in Finland and made several lifelong friends during her stay there.

Following her return to the United States, Anne worked in New York City for several years as a fabric and textile designer for Cone Mills before opening her own business and a shop in Port Washington under the name Needlepointers by Anne Louise, Ltd. Anne reveled in teaching new students – whether young or old – all things needlework related. Her favorite people were children, with whom she could be childlike herself.

When her parents died in the late 1990s, Anne closed her business and moved to Southold. There, Anne made wonderful new friends, through the Embroiderers' Guild of America – Peconic Bay Chapter, Metropolitan Region, EGA – and the Horton Point Lighthouse.

Art was Anne's vocation and she rendered museum quality designs in three-dimension. Her butterflies and blossoms literally hovered over the canvas. A significant part of Anne's focus in recent years was the Lighthouse, which Anne viewed not only as an important piece of local history, but as a symbol of community and friendship.

When asked shortly before her death why the Lighthouse held such importance to her, she said "because of the people who believed it is worth saving."

While Anne faced the end of her days, she often was heard organizing some function or fretting over a detail that needed tending. Her family assured her that others were taking charge and all would be well.

In addition to her work at the Lighthouse, Anne was involved in CAST (Community Action for Southold Town), Caps for Kids, and providing meals for disadvantaged residents in the area.

Anne is predeceased by her parents, Edward H. and Mildred V. Schwiebert. She is survived by her brother, Edward V. (Van)'63 and his wife Lauren, her niece Kea (and her husband Sean Magnuson and two boys, Ethan and Hunter), and her nephew Erik (and his wife Catherine, and three children, Andrew, Rebecca, and Justin).

Anne's mantra during her illness reflected what her family shared with her – "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Anne now is at peace beside the still waters she cherished.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in honor of Anne to: Horton Point Lighthouse c/o Southold Historical Society, P.O. Box 1, Southold, NY 11971.





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