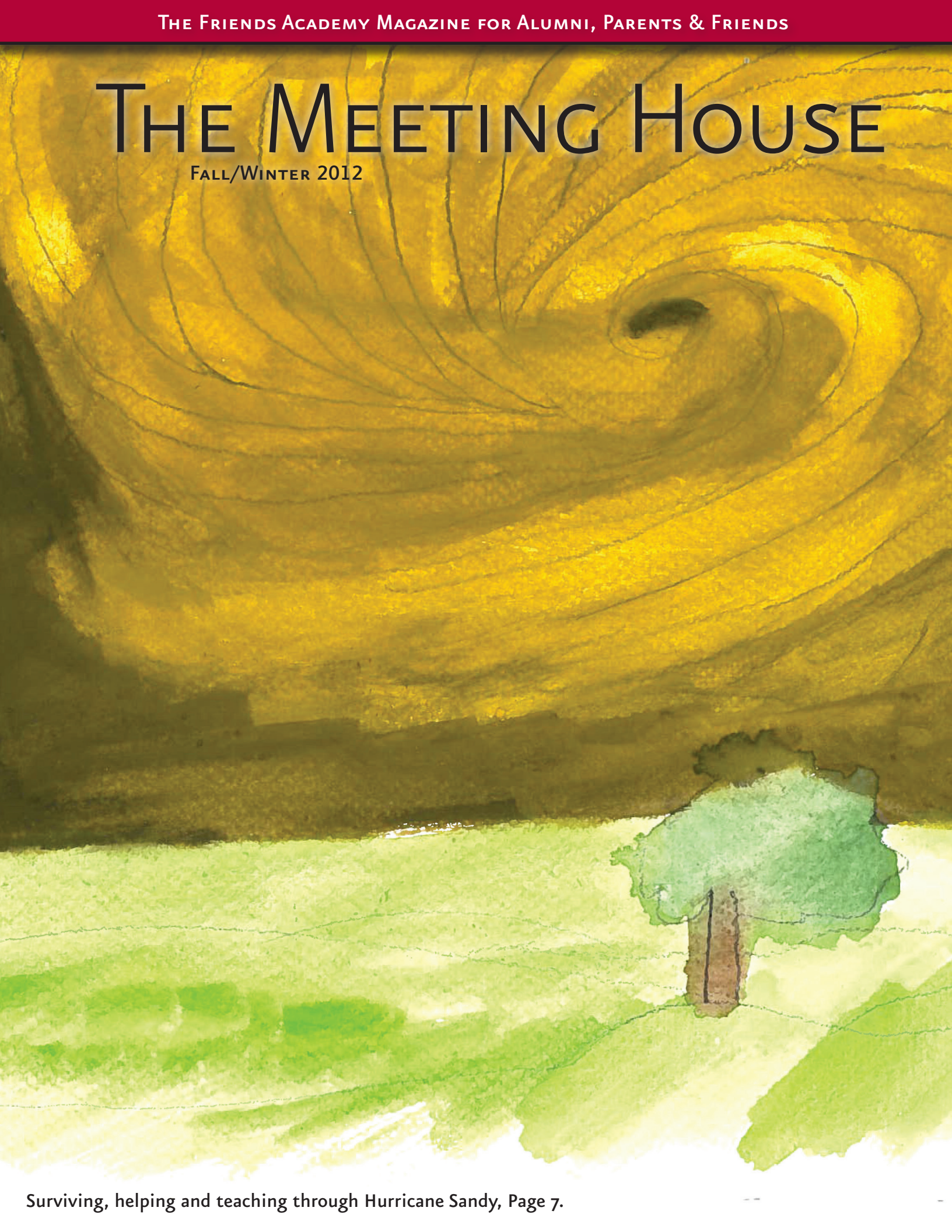


THE MEETING HOUSE

FALL/WINTER 2012





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KIND HEARTS.

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Founded in 1876 by Gideon Frost for “the children of Friends and those similarly sentimented,” Friends Academy is a Quaker, coeducational, independent, college preparatory school serving 780 students from age three through twelfth grade.

The school’s philosophy is based on the Quaker principles of integrity, simplicity, patience, moderation, peaceful resolution of conflict, and a belief that the silence and simple ministry of the “gathered meeting” brings the presence of God into the midst of busy lives. Friends Academy is committed to developing a diverse community whose members value excellence in learning and growth in knowledge and skill, a genuine commitment to service and ethical action, and a realization that every life is to be explored, celebrated, and enjoyed in the spirit of the Religious Society of Friends.

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

WILLIAM G. MORRIS JR.

Friends,

The cover art of 8th grader Nicholas Sequino vividly captures the swirling forces that all of us experienced in the closing months of 2012.

Even if you do not live in proximity to the northeast, it is impossible to evade the emotional toll of events like Hurricane Sandy and Sandy Hook, which have literally and figuratively dislodged our sense of normalcy.

Our empathy makes our hearts beat as one with those who have lost so much and who are experiencing such intense personal pain. And while January 1st ushers in a new year and the passage of time creates some space between us and these tragedies, we all feel the lingering effects of Sandy, the enduring sadness about innocent lives lost, and the collective obligation as members of the FA community to do better in caring for the most precious gift of life – children.

My New Year prayer is that we can live with hope, embrace peace, work for justice and equity in the world, and recognize the overwhelming beauty and possibility of life. Our support and love of each other and our resilience in living affirmatively each day opens the way to cast out darkness and bring Light

into the world. This must be our response to challenge and tragedy.

Such affirmation occurs daily at your school as the faculty work tirelessly and selflessly to support students in expressing the goodness and best within.

Watching the faculty and students engage in this joyful dance of learning and character development buoys my spirit and underscores the importance of FA's Quaker mission in a troubled world. As you read this issue of *The Meeting House*, I hope that you share my sense of optimism.

Within the stories about our teachers and children, you see commitment to service, community, and fulfilling individual promise (and having fun!). The testimonies about Meeting for Worship remind us that the power of reflection in gathered silence shapes our lives long after graduation.

The courage of Melissa Moody '69 and the memorials to Fred Smith, Charles Melniker '69, and others are examples to all of us of embracing the promise of life no matter the circumstances. Indeed, all of the news of our alumni/ae shows that we have many blessings to celebrate within the FA family, and my hope is that those multiply for each of you, and our world, in 2013.



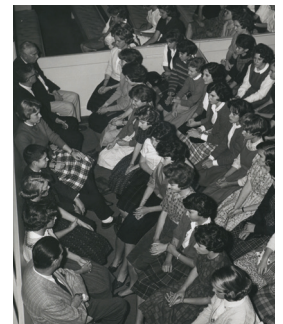
FROM THE ARCHIVES: 1800s – MEETING FOR WORSHIP



COURTESY OF FRIENDS ACADEMY ARCHIVES

Walking a wintry path to the Matinecock Meeting House, circa 1800s.

FA Reflections



Meeting for Worship can be both powerful and personal. Did you have a special Meeting experience? Please write us with your memories and reflections.

E-mail your response to alumni@fa.org. Selected responses will be published in the next issue.

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on the cover

REMEMBERING SANDY. Eighth grader Nicholas Sequino's watercolor rendering of superstorm Sandy was one of four paintings chosen as covers for the FA Sandy Relief Charity Postcards. The cards raised \$3,500 and helped fund a shipment of 44,000 pounds of Island Harvest goods and supplies to area food pantries.

MEETING HOUSE LETTERS

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

FA Trivia Contest Responses



In 1989, the staff of the Lamp Yearbook wrote, "You have given us the great gift of knowledge, and have encouraged us to voice our thoughts freely. You have touched our hearts with your kindness and concern. For all this and more, we thank you." Who am I?

Answer: Roger Erickson

What follows are some of the correct responses we received:

Encouraged me to think for myself

Roger Erickson, one of my top 5 favorite teachers while I attended Friends, and a great & encouraging influence on this teenager in the tumultuous 70s! I am forever grateful that I attended Friends when Roger Erickson was there as a teacher extraordinaire! He truly challenged my thinking, encouraged me to think for myself, and instilled in me an excitement for learning!

– Laurie Bruckner Bastis '78

Inspirational English teacher

The picture in the FA Trivia Contest is Roger Erickson, dedicated and inspirational English teacher.

– Mary Craig

Truly great teacher

A truly great teacher, Mr. Roger Erickson, Upper School department of English.

– James T. Dirkes '71

Kind and caring

The person pictured on page 2 of the Spring/Summer issue is Roger Erickson. Without having yet checked my "Lamp" the quote may very well be from my senior year – 1968. Certainly the picture is close to my senior year! The quote is quite accurate as he was one of the best, kindest and caring teachers I had the pleasure to experience.

– Willy Merriken '68
"The Friendly Class"



Friends Academy English teacher Roger Erickson in his classroom.

He loved teaching

That's Mr. Roger Erickson, my English teacher. He was one of the best teachers at FA. Great enthusiasm for his subject and truly loved teaching. I can still see him running laps around the track!

– Alice Wade '78

My favorite English teacher

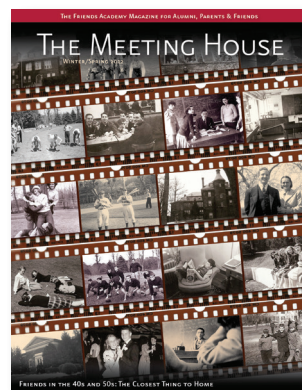
Roger Erickson – my favorite English teacher.

– Lesley Graham '68 "The Friendly Class"

Other correct responses:

Kay Diaz '81

Arianne Levitt Golub '81



Spring issue brings back memories of Chemistry class antics

I particularly enjoyed the spring issue of the alumni mag discussing the events of the '45-'47 era. It has a place on my coffee table.

Tell Fred Laing '46 that I was standing next to it when Jack Kennedy '45 did his little "thing." It was phosphorus that is stored in oil. When it is put in water it releases hydrogen and HEAT. Jack used a tall beaker with a small amount of water. It released a large amount of hydrogen before it got enough heat to do the trick! Fire was dripping from the ceiling and glass flew in all directions. Needless to say, Mrs K. was NOT pleased with her son or those of us who participated.

– Henry Palau '46

Bravo Meeting House issue!

As usual another wonderfully done issue of *The Meeting House*! Kathryn "Fluffy" Abbe would be so proud!!!

– Willy Merriken '68
"The Friendly Class"

We welcome your letters and memories of Friends Academy, past teachers and experiences. Please send reflections, memories and other letters to Kathy_Fox@fa.org.

HURRICANE SANDY



COURTESY OF SHARON ZERELLI

On November 10th, a day after school reopens, the Commons is packed with students, parents and faculty during a special Quaker Life-sponsored Sandwich Making Project. Volunteers prepare 2,500 sandwiches and pack 6 cars and 1 school van with needed supplies, which is driven down that day and distributed to Long Beach Sandy families.

“WHERE THERE IS SEEING, THERE MUST BE ACTION.”

*The lessons we learned – and taught –
from superstorm Sandy.*

By ANDREA MILLER
Director of Communications

“On the night of the storm, it sounded like a lion roaring, so I put on the TV to help me not to hear the wind, but the wind got stronger, as if it were saying, ‘Don’t ignore me.’ So I raised the TV. ‘I don’t care,’ shouted back the TV, as I raised the volume. The TV really said that.”

– FA third grader

On Monday, October 29, 2012, superstorm Sandy made landfall – and history – on Long Island. Flooded streets, destroyed homes and businesses, and hours-long gas lines framed the days of the following two weeks.

When Friends finally reopened on Friday, November 9th, many FA families were still without power or had been forced to relocate.

Out of these hardships however, something quite powerful and transformational was born – a sense that community was needed, and needed now.

A mere 24 hours after school began, over 100 students, faculty and parents packed the Commons during a special Quaker Life-sponsored Sandwich Making Project.



COURTESY OF EDEN MOREY

Destruction in Long Beach shortly after Sandy hits. “At home, my street was the only street that didn’t have power,” writes an FA second grader, after returning to school.

Nearly 2,500 sandwiches and a fleet of supplies-laden vehicles made their way to stricken south shore families.

By Monday of that next week, a new committee of concerned students, faculty and parents, united under the umbrella of the FA Sandy Relief Task Force.

Conceived by Upper School Spanish and

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Sandy Fact:

Friends Academy closed for nine days due to power outages.

HURRICANE SANDY: TEACHING, LEARNING AND HELPING

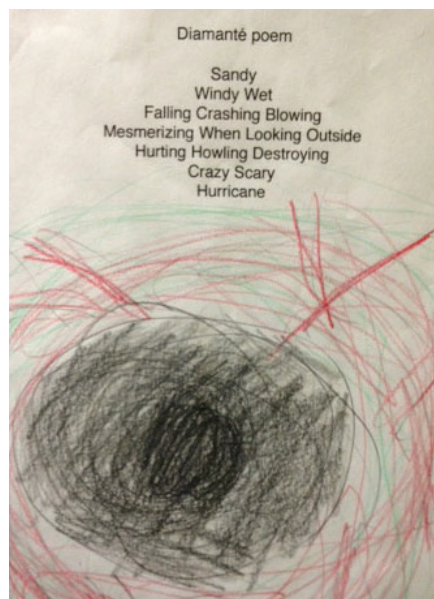
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community service teacher Rachel Hall, the committee set about organizing donations to Island Park, delivering supplies to Long Beach and Freeport, cleaning daycare centers in Far Rockaway and homes in Bayville, and networking with sister Quaker schools, in order to quickly aid neighboring Long Islanders.

"The Task Force was organized as a way of involving all members of our community – students, parents, faculty, staff and even some alums – in helping to meet both short and long-term needs of some of the south shore communities devastated by Sandy," said Hall. "Given that the road to these communities' recovery is a long one that requires many resources, we recognized that effectively helping required the efforts of many over a long period of time," she added.

Within a couple of days, the Upper School Social Space was transformed into a food and supply pantry and by the next week's end, Friends had embarked on a partnership with Island Harvest to raise \$5,000 and 44,000 pounds of food.

Alongside the Task Force, students in each division sponsored their own donation drives – from Thanksgiving baskets and book collections with personal notes



STEVE RUBENACKER/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Sixth graders reflect on Hurricane Sandy through original haikus and illustrations.

in the Lower School; to cleaning Bayville streets in the Middle School; to bake sales, basketball tournaments and a holiday toy drive in the Upper School.

Apart from the hands-on service experience that touched many in the FA community, there was also a need to cope individually and personally. Even before students returned to school, Middle School students were encouraged, if they could, to journal their feelings.

"Hurricane Sandy represented a significant challenge to all of our teachers in providing continuity and educational value during a time that was disruptive for so many," recounts Middle School Principal Steve Rubenacker.

"Not knowing how many children were impacted and to what degree, our English teachers gave the students one simple directive. 'Write. Journal anything,' they were told. Emotions, feelings, observations and more, all in an effort to record these memories and hopefully turn them into learning experiences in the subsequent weeks," said Rubenacker.

Out of this work, 6th grade teacher Deb Alber initiated a project that captured some of these ideas in the form of Haiku, which students also illustrated with original sketches.

*Calm night
The brown outs begin
Morning calm
A light rain and the final scramble
Who knew there would be two weeks
In shambles*

With Art Department head Joy Lai, eighth graders explored Sandy through partnering and painting. "As artists, we look for inspiration from the world

FRIENDS ACADEMY SANDY RELIEF | A TIMELINE

Oct. 29

Friends Academy closes.

Nov. 9

Friends Academy reopens after 9 days without power.

Nov. 10

A special **Quaker Life-sponsored Sandwich Making Project** draws over 100 students, parents and faculty. 2,500 sandwiches are made and delivered to Long Beach, along with six vehicles of other supplies.

Nov. 12

Sandy Task Force (students, faculty and parents) established, coordinated by FA Community Service teacher Rachel Hall. Serves as a conduit for various school and religious organizations to connect to projects we have been supporting on the South Shore.

MID-NOV.

Parent Council places check-in calls to all FA families. **WATCH** sponsors a food drive, **Soles-4Souls** a shoe/sneaker drive. Sandy Task Force creates



Upper School students organize a supply drive to Far Rockaway.

campus drop-off bins and establishes a food and goods pantry in the Frost Hall Social Space.

Nov. 17

Faculty group delivers goods to Far Rockaway church. Cleans Group Family Day Care Center.

Nov. 19

Lower School delivers Thanksgiving Baskets to St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove, Task Force delivers Thanksgiving baskets to Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club.

Nov. 20

Sandwich-making event at FA yields over 2,300 sandwiches. **Theater Dept.** delivers food/donations to Full Tabernacle Gospel Church, Far Rockaway. **Lower School** delivers school supplies to P.S. 43 in Far Rockaway with student-written personal cards.

Nov. 21

FA delivers a shipment of sandwiches, cleaning/school supplies, cans, paper goods and water to Island Park, Long Beach, Far Rockaway, Inwood and Freeport.

HURRICANE SANDY: TEACHING, LEARNING AND HELPING



STEVE RUBENACKER/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Middle School students help clean the streets of Bayville as part of a weekly community service project.

around us and in this case we had plenty to think about,” said Lai. “The first task was to hear each other’s stories. Each student was paired with a partner and given a set of questions titled, ‘The Sandy Memories Interview.’ Students were asked: ‘What did you see? What did you hear? What was something that you saw or heard that shocked you? Describe one positive thing that you experienced or witnessed.’ It was important to me that the students had a chance to share with each other their own experience of

the hurricane so that we could learn the true scope of what had happened and its significance to our lives,” explained Lai.

From there, Lai guided students through watercolor experimentation. “As we worked with the watercolors, we made observations and connections to what we hoped to depict from our stories,” she said.

In Lower School, Kindergartners wrote short letters of inspiration and hope to Sandy-devastated Far Rockaway students at P.S. 43. “We talked about how different

people were affected,” said Kindergarten teacher Sara Weinstein. “At P.S. 43, they lost everything. Sixty kids crammed into a classroom with no desks.”

On the day they returned, third grade teachers gave every student the chance to talk – and listen. “We kept it very peaceful the whole day,” said third grade teacher Lillian Shulman. “We sat and talked on the carpet for a long time and shared our experiences. And then we wrote about it.”

Students wrote personal narratives of their fears and resolutions and after viewing scenes of Sandy devastation along the south shore, wrote letters to Long Beach students. “I didn’t know that sand could be so damaging,” one student remarked.

“In the end, we wanted them not to forget,” said Shulman. “Within a short time they are children and they are back in themselves.”

As Long Island continues to piece itself back together, Sandy relief efforts at FA continue, including a new partnership with Island Harvest and plans for a more permanent food pantry at Friends. “There is still a tremendous amount of people who still need help,” said Baskind. “And it’s a two-way street. We may need their help in the future.”

VISIT THE SANDY RELIEF PROGRESS PAGE AT WWW.FA.ORG/SANDY_RELIEF FOR UPDATES.

**Nov. 24**

Small work crew of students/parents/faculty help clean and remove appliances from Bayville-damaged home.

Nov. 28

Middle School joins Town of Bayville with weekly clean-up efforts.

Nov. 29

Student Library Book Drive shifts from Long Beach to Island Park schools.

Nov. 30

Upper School students hold bake sale at basketball game to support matching \$5,000/44,000 lbs. of food FA/Island Harvest effort.

DEC. 2-4

Sandy Springs Friends and Sidwell Friends schools send food as part of Student Life/Quaker School Task Force partnership.

DEC. 7

Student-run Basketball tournament to support Island Harvest.

DEC. 10

Sandy Relief Holiday Cards, featuring FA 8th grade artwork go on sale to support Island Harvest.

DEC. 12

Parent Council Breakfast features special holiday shopping event. Proceeds to PC and Sandy Relief. Upper School sweatshirt drive delivers 200 sweatshirts to Long Beach.

DEC. 13

Over 1,500 elementary school books delivered to LB schools.



After raising \$5,000, FA delivers 44,000 lbs. of Island Harvest food and supplies to Island Park schools.

DEC. 14-15

FA delivers 44,000 lbs. of Island Harvest food to Island Park schools.

DEC. 17

Penn Charter drives up goods to FA for distribution.

DEC. 19

10th/11th grade Holiday Toy Drive delivery to Far Rockaway.



Kindergartners collect leaves on the Quad during a joint Science/Spanish/Writing project.

Think they're just collecting leaves? Guess again!

They may not have realized it this fall, but Kindergartners put their Spanish, science and writing skills to the test all at the same time during a new interdisciplinary project.

Using both outdoor and indoor "classrooms," Lower School science teacher Meghan Stott, Spanish teacher Fina Cassara and Kindergarten teachers Sara Weinstein and Maressa Tesoriero helped the children learn weather vocabulary in English and Spanish, take outdoor observations and write up their findings.

"It was a model lesson and I am so proud of the teachers and students for doing this work," commented Principal Deborah McCrimmon.

Lower School writing partners celebrate sharing

As part of the new Lucy Calkins Writing & Reading Workshop in the Lower School, older and younger students paired up to share their writing with each other. Kindergarten/fifth, first/fourth and second/third graders read and told their stories within this new format. Ice cream treats capped off the afternoon event!

2012 CANstruction



Members of the Upper School Engineering team stand behind their completed structure, which won "Best CANcept" from the CANstruction judges.

'United, We CAN'

For second consecutive year, FA community donates over 5,000 cans to help end hunger on Long Island.

For the second year in a row, it was all about cans this fall for the FA community, as another 5,000 cans were donated to support the Upper School Engineering CANstruction team's sculpture.

"We are so thankful that this is held prior to Thanksgiving," said advisor Mary Ann Vaschetto. "With Hurricane Sandy, this was even more meaningful," she added.

This year, students helped to collect cans of Bumblebee and Starkist tunafish, Green Giant vegetables and Hunt Tomatoes. The team wanted to use only healthy foods in their sculpture, entitled "United, We CAN."

"This was not just about construction of the sculpture, but about how you promoted awareness as well," CANstruction team liaison Ellen Talley told the team.

A national design/build competition that helps fight hunger in local communities, the Long Island chapter began six years ago. Not only do students gain an awareness of hunger issues across Long Island, but also nutrition and networking.

"Our kids were collecting cans at supermarkets and educating others about our program," said Upper School Principal Deb Schoman.

This year, the stars-and-stripes entry won Best CANcept. "The jurors were really impressed with your sculpture and thought it made a bold statement. Especially how you used labels to illustrate the stars and stripes," remarked Talley.

Following the competition, all cans were donated to Long Island Cares and The Harry Chapin Food Bank.



Top, packing up the 5,000 cans for delivery to RXR Plaza. Middle: CANstruction team members begin the sculpture. Below: An interview with MSG Varsity.



Challenge advisors Matt Davison, Jen Newitt and students Stefan Sayre, Tyler Newitt, Jake Hawkins, Jake Silverman and Leah Ansel pose with the host of the MSG Varsity Challenge.

The Friends Academy Challenge team returns to prime time

The Friends Academy Upper School Challenge team returned to prime time with their incredibly close match and subsequent win against Solomon Schechter, 295-270, on October 23.

The team did well with categories such as novel settings, number crunching, math letters, US history, cells, and The Who. The match aired Sunday, November 18th at 6:30 pm on MSG Varsity iO channel 14.

Each year there is a lottery to determine which schools will participate in *The Challenge*, the televised academic competition sponsored by MSG Varsity.

Friends has competed several times over the years, though not every year.

"This year we were selected to participate, so we sent a team of students (Leah Ansel, Jake Hawkins, Nick McNeil, Tyler Newitt, Stefan Sayre, and Jake Silverman) into film studios in NYC to compete," said advisor and Assistant Upper School Principal Jen Newitt.

Following their win, the team will compete in Round Two action later in February ... so stay tuned!



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

In mid-September, beneath bright blue skies, over 200 Lower School children, their teachers and parents gathered for a formal opening and ribbon cutting for Friends Academy's new Lower School playground and Early Childhood playground. For the past two years, a small task force of parents, FA administrators and teachers have worked diligently to research, choose and fund raise the new playground. Sporting a futuristic look, the new equipment features a plethora of collaborative and team-building facets that combine to strengthen agility, balance, dexterity and overall well-being. Dozens of ropes, platforms, gyrators, swings and slides have become the new favorites of many of the students.



A screenshot from the Edmodo live chat. Students posted their own follow-up questions.

Eighth graders debate each other – live – during Presidential Debates

At Friends Academy, learning doesn't stop at 3 p.m. During the presidential debates, eighth grade students participated in online, real-time discussions while they watched the debates at home.

This was made possible by using Edmodo, a social media website designed specifically for schools.

For two hours during each debate, students went back and forth discussing and commenting on the issues addressed by presidential nominees Mitt Romney and Barack Obama.

By the end of the night, hundreds of comments, questions, and observations were exchanged, and many students exclaimed that the night's activity was "the best homework assignment I have ever done!"

"What was most gratifying was seeing the students' tangible enthusiasm as they discussed politics and current events," commented 8th grade history teacher Rob Waller.

Both Edmodo and *Huffington Post* posted articles profiling Waller and his current events experiment.

WIGGLE YOUR ARMS, SHAKE YOUR LEGS...

Now you're ready for public speaking

Middle and Upper school students spend day learning the ins and outs (and ups and downs) of how to address an audience



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Upper School students in the Admissions Club learn some invaluable presentation skills from workshop speaker Michaela Hall, who spent the day with various groups of Middle and Upper School students.

“Question: *I'm a public speaker ... what is my instrument?*
Answer? *My whole body.*”

And with that statement, public speaking expert Michaela Hall proceeds to take dozens of sixth graders through a series of physical exercises designed to get them ready to address an audience.

The students stand and start to warm up tongues and stretch their jaws; shake arms and legs; create small, tight faces; and sound out high and low notes. Finally, they're ready.

Currently, the sixth grade is working on a collaborative team project about an island that they must ultimately present to their entire class. Teams of four must create a brochure about their

island, a map, provide the history and answer why someone would want to visit. And they are looking for ways to improve their final delivery.

"People would prefer to be entertained," explains Hall. "But how do we inform *and* entertain?" asks Hall. "We can add fun facts and interact with the audience."

Students learn to create a story with their presentation, which includes an intro, middle and conclusion. And most importantly, they learn how to be an audience.

"Use eye contact, not eye tag," cautions Hall, which tends to speed up speech. "You need to be in a sincere relationship for a whole phrase or idea before everyone feels included."



According to Hall, there are only three ways of expression: via face, voice and body.



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Returning the face-painting favor at the 2nd annual Diversity Night at the Museum.

An international feast, gathering at 2nd Diversity Night at the Museum

On Monday, October 1, 2012 nearly 100 parents, students (from all three divisions), trustees, faculty and staff Friends Academy community gathered together for the 2nd annual MOSAIC of our community: Diversity Night at the Museum. This year's event was held at the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County, a state-of-the-art facility and the only museum of its kind on Long Island.

Director of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs, Shanelle Robinson, and Head of School, Bill Morris, spoke to the all-school theme of community. "This event is one that truly reflects Friends Academy's energy and enthusiasm for diversity," said Robinson. "Tonight serves as a reflection and reinforcement of our commitment to building a community that values inclusiveness." Robinson also introduced Dr. Sarah Cushman, Director of Youth Education at the Holocaust Museum, who spoke of the importance of not being a bystander within a community, and standing up and speaking out against injustice. "Education without morality is dangerous to society... There were many in the Nazi regime who held Ph.D.s, but lacked humanity," said Cushman.

Guests were also invited to "tweet" about the event and reflect on the evening's theme of unity and diversity on the FA Twitter page.

FINDING CONFIDENCE & CAMARADERIE



FRIENDS ACADEMY

Above, ninth graders take a photo-op break during their four-day Outdoor Education trip to Great Hollow.

Middle, enjoying some canoeing during the sixth grade trip to Ashokan.

Bottom, seventh grader Grace Sands navigates the zipline (and the treetops) during the 7th grade Outdoor Ed trip to Greenkill.



SCENES FROM FALL FAIR OCT. 19-20

AMANDA FISK PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY

It's the return of Pharaoh's Fury!

Friends celebrated its 47th Fall Fair and Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 19th and Saturday, October 20th. 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 Shelly Flicker and Katie Schneider co-chaired this year's Fair, which drew over 600 people. Attractions included the return of Pharaoh's Fury (a perennial favorite), a mechanical surfboard, stilt walking on the Quad, pony rides, Gamin Ride – a mobile interactive entertainment center, churros, and lobster rolls.

On Friday, the skies opened up just enough to celebrate FA Family Night, co-chaired by the Trovato and Lostritto families, who cooked up hamburgers, hot dogs and fun!

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



Senior Molly Sullivan dons blue butterfly wings in honor of Spirit Week.



Fifth grader Billy Duke waves his support for Friends with Lower School classmates.



At FA Family Night, hundreds gather for the annual bonfire and BBQ.



Left, Liam Bardong charges down the field.
Below, riding the Dragon at Fall Fair.
Look Ma, no hands!



Below, Head of School Bill Morris takes a dunk for the team.



Top, Cade Huseby dons red and black at the Spirit Week pep rally.

Left, FA parents volunteer at various food booths during Fall Fair.



Stilt walkers make quite the entrance on the Quad at Fall Fair.



Far left, Football head coach Ron Baskind gives Cam Constance some field advice.

FA parent volunteers are all smiles on Fall Fair day.



At the all-school pep rally, FA teams were greeted by whistling, screaming classmates – and fans!

THE UPPER SCHOOL FALL PLAY



AMANDA FISK PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Vice Principal and judge Douglas Panch (senior Nick McNeil) opens the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

AND YOUR WORD IS ...

S-T-U-P-E-N-D-O-U-S!

BY ANDREA MILLER
Director of Communications

Take 13 quirky angst-ridden adolescents, throw in four unsuspecting audience “volunteers,” add over 100 SAT words, toss in one winner-takes-all competition... and you’ve got yourself the makings of this year’s fall play, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”

A comedic Tony-award winning musical, “Spelling Bee” introduces us to a motley group of middle school characters, all vying for the ultimate title of county bee champion.

Meet Leaf Conebear (junior Parker



Spelling Bee cast members belt out a number from this Tony-award winning musical, performed Nov. 15th - 17th.

Huseby), who adorns himself in South American ponchos and hats. Supported by his entire family (eager Lower and Middle School volunteers who occupy the front row of the theater), Conebear seems plagued by South American-sounding entries. Boy Scout Chip Tolentino (junior Ryan Dobrin) is returning champion.

Over-achiever Marcy Park (senior Kira Sanchez) has mastered six languages, lettered in rugby and hockey and does not cry.

Double-braided Logainne Schwartz and Grubbeniere (sophomore Morgan Rielly) is the youngest of the spellers and maintains a pit crew of two dads.

Finally, William Barfée (senior Tyler Newitt), who can spell only with the help of his “magic foot” and Olive Ostrovsky (senior Olivia Youngwall), shy

and reserved, round out the cast of major characters, as they face off in spelling – and romance.

Performed over three nights, the



From top: senior Tyler Newitt performs with his magic foot; Parker Huseby entertains the audience; Olivia Youngwall sings to her dictionary; and math teacher Tammy Clark is bookended by know-it-all Kira Sanchez and Sara Silverman.

fast-paced musical treats audience members (and volunteers) to a host of multi-syllabic enigmas, as well as the aches and pains of each character along their journey, both spelling and otherwise.

While the play tested the expected comedic boundaries of all the actors, ultimately, it taught the cast more important lessons, after superstorm Sandy delayed opening night for two weeks.

“As a teacher, I started this fall thinking I would be teaching one set of skills ... comic timing, character development, etc.,” said Director of Arts Tracey Foster. “Instead, over the last few weeks, we worked on an entirely different set of skills: How to overcome obstacles, how to pull together with your community, how to reinvent yourself in your work after your time and attention

has been pulled away – how to renew your creative spirit.”

And, well ... that’s how we spell, “F-R-I-E-N-D-S!”

THE 2012 HONORS CONCERT



Upper School students perform at the 5th Annual Honors Concert.

On Thursday, October 11, 2012, the Friends Academy Music Department presented the 5th annual Honors Concert. The concert featured 18 music and vocal students who have excelled not only in FA ensembles, but also as soloists at festivals, competitions, and other venues. Featured soloists played the piano, violin, flute, clarinet, bassoon, and some sang arias and art songs.

Some of these students study at Juilliard’s Pre-College Division, Manhattan School of Music Saturday Program and participate in the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra. Some have performed at Carnegie Hall and others have attended summer camps such as the Tanglewood Music Center in Massachusetts.



MICHAEL GUNSELMAN FOR FRIENDS ACADEMY

*“True silence ... is to the spirit what sleep is to the body,
nourishment and refreshment.”*

– WILLIAM PENN, 1699

‘A Place of Peace’

A PLACE OF PEACE: FA QUAKER MEETING

BY ANDY MENZIN '81 AND STEVE FORTUNA

In the aftermath of our recent “perfect storm,” I felt like I needed a bit of time to decompress and my wife suggested that, it being Sunday morning, I attend Meeting for Worship. And so off I went...

As I walked up to the Meeting House, I already felt the calm that overtakes me and has for the past 40 years whenever I find myself near this place. I can't recall what I thought about Meeting when I was a student. I don't know if at some point as I moved from Lower to Middle to Upper School if I seemed to get it...or not. But, I do know now that the Meeting House offers me a refuge from the world at large; it is a place where I can sit in simple silence. At times, my mind ponders, and, at others, it wonders. The world slows down inside the Meeting House, and this lets me catch up. I don't go to Meeting asking for anything. I seek only a place of peace. What comes of that is whatever it is.

I settle in to a place on one of the plain benches that seem oddly comfortable without the intention to be so. As I begin to try and quiet my thoughts, my eyes wander over the scene inside this simple structure. I am taken once again by the sea of gray – the walls, the benches, the ceiling.

Continuing to explore, I find patterns but also asymmetry that I had not seen before. The windows, with their 16 panes, are spaced unevenly, but provide a view to the world outside at once clear and blurred as if looking through a lens. I recently learned of the differences between the two sides of the Meeting House, and the historical significance of various structural elements to the building. The more I now look the more I see, remarkable in such a sparse canvas. Even with but a few in attendance, the place still feels full.

But now the power of the quiet takes over and my mind feels free of whatever it was that I was thinking on my way here.



Quakers have been worshipping in Matinecock since 1671, and the Meeting House itself rests today on the same hill where it was first built in 1725. The Meeting House is a religious sanctuary and place of worship, where, consistent with the Quaker tradition of inclusiveness, all are welcome.

Everyone who attends Meeting for Worship, whether during the school week or on Sunday morning, is an active participant in the silent reflection that is both an individual and a collective experience.

Though often one turns inward with one's thoughts during Meeting, some are moved to share their reflec-

tions so as to offer something meaningful to those present.

The silence in a Meeting for Worship isn't something that happens between these messages – the silence itself is part of the worship; it provides a space for people to detach themselves from the pressures and events of everyday life and to get closer to God and each other.

This “most important appointment of the week” creates a place to gain a deeper level of personal insight.

The Meeting House, through its simplicity and its permanence, has and continues to serve as a guidepost for those who have gathered within.



“We approach the Meeting for Worship confidently, listening to the still, small voice within. Each worshipper is a listener. In active waiting, we strive to disassociate the mind from distractions and to focus inwardly...”

– New York Yearly Meeting,
Faith and Practice



Facing page: Lower schoolers take their seats at the Matinecock Meeting House for their Thursday Meeting for Worship. Top, Upper school students descend into meditative gathered silence. Above, second grade teacher Rita Downs rises to speak.

YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT AN FA QUAKER EDUCATION

Quaker Reflections

A year ago, FA Quaker-In-Residence John Scardina wrote to the Friends Academy community to collect reflections from parents, students and faculty – present and former – that speak to their experience at Friends Academy as a Quaker institution. What follows is an excerpt of these responses, which will ultimately be compiled into a booklet for those curious about our mission.

These submissions are illustrated by Katrina Garry '14 Honors Arts Project photographs, entitled "Reflections."

My feelings about a Friends education are perhaps now best reflected in my choices with my children. I have three little ones and the first began Kindergarten (last year). Not only was it a school she was drawn to at the discriminating age of 4, but she is now very happy. In fact, she has a brightness that seems new.

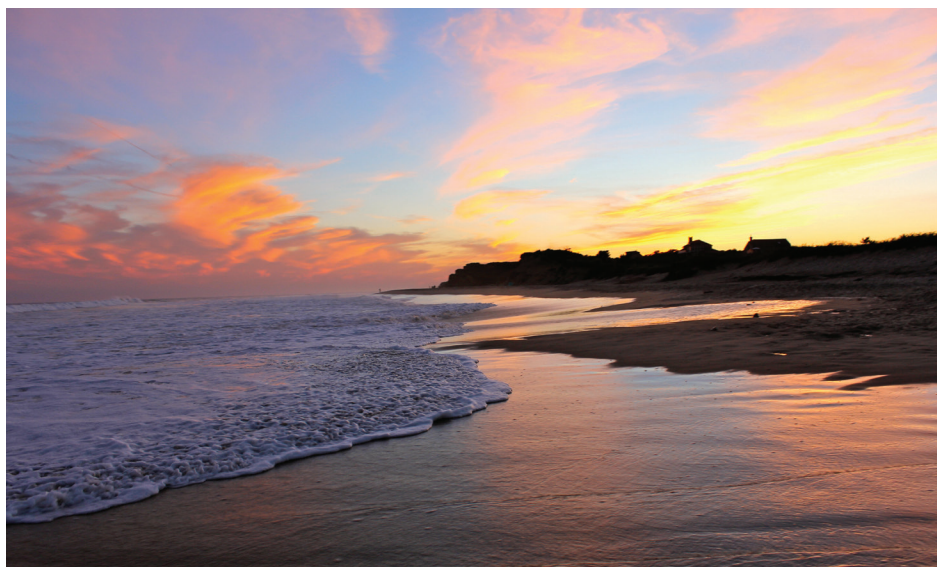
We chose a Friends school.

I feel the values I got in my own Friends experience were just what I most wanted for my children – that a school is not a race to the finish, it's a place to slow down, to reflect and to connect. What's the use of a great education if all you do is race around and never notice those around you, as well as the quiet rhythm of your own breath?

I adored my teachers; I had a wonderful time on the soccer field and in the musicals. But amidst it all, the Quaker Meeting House stood so simply and profoundly as a symbol of what the school stood for and wished for us students. I will never forget that and I will offer it to my children as one of the beautiful and meaningful things I found in my lifetime.

– Melissa Errico-McEnroe '88

I remember when the Meeting House had a big fire (around 1984 or 1985), a crew of TV reporters had congregated out in front. Our class had gone over there prior, to survey the damage. When a reporter asked me what I



KATRINA GARRY '14/FRIENDS ACADEMY

"If I could choose one place to be I would choose Montauk. I would choose Montauk because that is my home. It is my home because the ocean is my home and the ocean is there. My family is my home and my family is there and because my friends are there and friends are home. May 19th, 2009."

thought, here is what I replied that was the soundbite on that evening's newscast.

It went something like this, "The Meeting House is not a House unless there are people inside to make it special. Even though the Meeting House will be rebuilt, it will always be special because the people that use it are special."

I guess what I was trying to say was that it was the wonderful time of sharing among students and faculty that made the moments of Quaker Meeting so impressionable for me. I realized the gift of silence is really an amazing thing.

It was not the extensive length and rambling on that made Quaker Meeting interesting, but it was the "Aha" mo-

ments of a quick thought or reflection on a caring moment that stood out.

It was the simplicity reflecting back that made things memorable.

What I truly appreciate is that we learned to speak about salient topics with meaning. It helped me later on as I worked in media, being able to speak well impromptu with a clear relevant terse message.

In an age of Twitter ramblings, I miss the sacred peace and gift of silence of the Quaker Meeting. I miss the way we could all just be at peace being together under one roof with the gift of silence and inner light.

– Roberta Koeppl Foss '88

I often look back on my years at Friends Academy (2001-05) and question how those experiences shaped my values and my aspirations today. Lucky was I to grow up in that time. While my earliest days in high school were met coping with the national tragedy of 9/11, it gave me the perspective at a young age to look to a new community for comfort, and for answers.

It's hard to sum up four years of classes, growth, experiences in just a few paragraphs, except to say that I may not have been the best student, but I did mature and grow and come to experience how valuable an education can be.

There were times when I worked my hardest and times where I did not. I was a late bloomer. I think it comforts me now to acknowledge that. I do owe my gratitude to the faculty who pushed me to reach those types of conclusions in high school. Self-awareness as a teenager is not always the easiest concept to grasp.

I'm glad that my challenges in high school were met with both failures and rewards. Having the chance to give something a second try, or attempt, builds character. I needed a lot of character back then because I felt early on that I looked to others on how to make my decisions and never really listened to myself.

If only I had the opportunity now to speak to the 15-year-old freshman, I would explain that things do eventually work out, that being a late bloomer and maintaining a curiosity in the academics eased my transition into college where I was able to succeed further. I tried new things, worked and connected with people I never thought I would have and embraced every moment of it.

— Richard Grasso '05

Although I never graduated from Friends, I know that this Quaker school really influenced my life.

I have a unique viewpoint as my parents were both teachers at Friends and I lived my first 13 years on the Friends Academy campus.

We lived in the white house facing the street in the first years of my life. When father became Headmaster, we moved to the Headmaster's House at the entrance to the campus.

We went to Quaker Meeting on Sunday and I remember sitting there as a child with my mother as the sexes at that time were separated. I remember my Mother telling me the first time she went to Meeting a member came up to her and said, "Thee is sitting in my seat." Of course we quickly moved to another spot. I remember sitting there for long periods of time hoping that someone would finally be "moved" enough to say something.

We did have one Meeting where no one spoke. I also remember a time when five people spoke at great length.

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"It was sad like deep sad and sad like we did not know why we were crying we just were.
April 26th, 2010."



"I have realized life is beautiful you just have to look at it the right way."
— Nov '22nd, 2012

BEHIND "REFLECTIONS," A PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY

Growing up in a Quaker family, it's no wonder that junior Katrina Garry has developed her own sense of reflection. During her middle school years, Katrina began to explore photography and for the past 5½ years has been chronicling her life in a series of journals.

Inspired by an exhibit that combined text and photos to create a powerful connection with viewers, Katrina decided to pursue a similar theme for her Fall 2012 Honors Arts Project.

After re-reading all of the entries from her five journals, she pulled out and paired poignant quotes with a collection of photographs (taken over five years, which had "laid dusty on her hard drive") that froze scenes of beach sunsets, raindrop-dappled asters, streaks of lightning flashing the night skies and tattered prayer flags waving in the wind.

The result was "Reflections."

Some of her photographs are being used with the accompanying piece featuring submissions from alumni, former parents and faculty to help illustrate their personal experiences of peace, calm and the power of silence they experienced at Meeting for Worship during their years at Friends Academy.

To view more of Katrina's project, visit 5yearsoflife.blogspot.com.

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"It's amazing how fast time can change things. Jan. 20th, 2011."

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Obviously, as a young child, these were things that made a big impression on me. In any event, I learned that I was to sit quietly and do a lot of thinking to keep myself in the Quaker frame of mind.

While I attended the lower level, we would also go to the Meeting House on Friday mornings. I really enjoyed these times as it was a wonderful time to regrow and relax.

Friends Academy was very unique and very influential in my life. The feeling that you needed to contribute to the community and to others was paramount. Service before self is one of the most significant lessons that I have retained from receiving the education I did at Friends Academy.

– Marcia Haughton Nybakken,
former student and campus resident

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that I have retained.**

Loving every Monday morning for the 30 years of teaching at Friends Academy, I could not have had a more delightfully professional experience, even though I'd come from years of teaching before arriving there.

Every September became a personal adventure in pleasure.

FA's dedication to the realization of a top-drawer educational, emotional, social and creative life for all students inspired

teachers to explore the best one had to offer.

Parents' discovery that their children adored school and regretted the end of the day was a tribute to the school's efforts and its supportive encouragement to expand into imaginative ways to reach and teach.

Colleagues chosen for values commensurate with the Quaker philosophy, expert skills and rewarding life experiences humbled and privileged me. Being

at Friends Academy will always be one of the gifts in my life.

– Doris Paillet,
Quaker, former parent, faculty and trustee

I remember so well the weekly Friends Meeting in the beautiful, antique Meeting House.

I remember walking to Meeting in all kinds of weather, crossing the street, approaching the building and appreciating that quiet, gray exterior.

Once inside, the rather dim light was punctuated by the small windows with wavy glass providing only a glimpse of the outdoors. Years of fidgeting through a Quaker Meeting taught us how to be quiet, how to reflect, how to listen carefully and without judgment to those who speak and how to take a mental and physical break from all the stresses and realities of day-to-day life.

With the entrapment of Meeting, comes the freedom to reflect, daydream and gaze at the cute senior on the facing bench.

With the wise counsel of faculty who had to listen to sometimes impassioned teen complaints about Meeting, came some level of understanding why the school required us to do this.

Interrupting the life of a teenager with quiet, peace and restfulness, but not sleep, is such a rare occurrence.

Friends gave me and all of us a true gift. I still appreciate to this day the special and unique experience of attending a Friends school. – Amy Davis '72

When I was in 7th grade at Friends, like most 7th graders, I was mostly concerned with, well, MY friends. We put time into our clothes, wrote notes to each other about who we had crushes on and loved being at school, mostly laughing. Come Thursdays, we all sighed a little – couldn't wear slacks that day (even in the

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bitter cold), and then there was going to be that hour where we had to sit – in silence – together and not say a word.

While we all understood Meeting for Worship (and admittedly some of my best friends had been lifers at Friends – been at Friends since

Kindergarten), it was still hard for us not to talk to each other. Our very patient and wonderful faculty (who knew us only too well), would put a hand on our shoulders as we walked over to

the Meeting House and say, “Girls, remember SILENT meeting for Meeting for Worship...” How could we be busted when we hadn’t done anything yet? Truthfully, we made it through every Meeting without talking for our whole time there through senior year – every Meeting that is, except for one.

On this particularly chilly November day, we had huddled together on our way into the Meeting House, knowing it would once again take all of our collective strength not to talk to one another (and we usually accomplished this by not looking at one another) when Susan whispered, just as we crossed the threshold, “Oh my gosh, I forgot to spit out my gum!” Now gum was, in the first case, forbidden at school, but to have it in the Meeting House, of all places, felt like a crime punishable by death (had it not been a Quaker Meeting House) to all of us.

You could see the blood drain from all of our faces as we moved to our bench and scanned the area around us for the nearest faculty – how close were we to being caught, to losing Susan to our imagined corporal punishment?

Thankfully the closest faculty was several rows up, and we all settled in and relaxed back into what we hoped

would just be our regular lesson in self-management. The Principal, Tom Cardilicchio, was on one of the side benches facing us, but we were midway in and as long as we kept it together, and Susan didn’t chew, I knew we were in the clear.

Somewhere mid-Meeting, I admit I was lost in thought (as often happened – one of the subtle ways in which Meeting works its magic), and I was elbowed in the ribs.

It was Susan, who very slowly and subtly, poked the gum out of her mouth, in and out, wagging it at both me and Leslie (each on one side of Susan). It was such a ridiculous sight, this tiny wad of gum dancing about her mouth taunting us, and her with a perfectly straight face – that of course, we both lost it suddenly and quite obviously at the same time – and burst into laughter.

It was too late. Even as our hands came rushing over our mouths, the deed was done and all eyes were upon us. As pale as we had turned when we found out Susan had the gum walking into Meeting, we were now quite the opposite shade of red.

Mr. Cardilicchio rose from his side bench – I couldn’t believe it. I had never seen the man stand in Meeting before and he moved toward us. He

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KATRINA GARRY '14/FRIENDS ACADEMY

“Opportunities are endless. Dec. 27th, 2009.”



Middle school students and faculty approach the Matinecock Meeting House.

Rediscovery and reconnection

We asked alumni if after graduation they had either continued or reconnected with Quakerism. Here is a sampling of those connections.

JOANNA PARKER EVANS '77

I remain connected to Quakerism. My husband and I were inspired by Quaker wedding traditions when we planned our own wedding back in 1982. Then, in 1995, we joined Bloomington (IN) Monthly Meeting.

We have both been clerks of many committees, and he just stepped down as clerk of the meeting. Our twin sons are associate members of the meeting.

Although my sister has never joined a meeting, she met her husband when she attended a Quaker Meeting in Austin, TX.

The Quaker influence has been very strong in our family!

PETER KLINGE '55

We moved around a lot during the early years, until settling down in Ithaca, NY for 25.

When in NYC we tried New York City Friends. I found its international flavor interesting, but it was not really great for our kids, and the huge arena style was not appealing.

In Ithaca, there was a small group that met in a classroom at Cornell. Again, the atmosphere of Friends was missing.

I have returned to Friends Meeting several times ... and now can find peace by placing my spirit there.



Upper school students and faculty take their places on the pale gray benches.

KIMI PUNTILLO '75

Being introduced to Quaker Meeting has been the best legacy I received from Friends Academy. The religion's genuine acceptance of others and doctrine of pacifism has guided me again and again.

When I happen to find a Quaker Meeting House in a town or city, I always find myself eager to go inside and relish a moment of peace, first discovered during weekly meetings at Friends Academy.

MELISSA ERRICO-McENROE '88

While I have many thoughts on silence, I reconnected with Quakerism (last year) while choosing a school for my first daughter. She entered Kindergarten last September.

Luckily she loved the school also, but right from the beginning, I hoped to replicate my experience in a Quaker school and offer it to my family. I wished to bring the Quaker experience to my children.

And now, I attend meetings weekly, as a parent, watching my 6-year-old sitting on the bench with her peers, exploring the quietness. I can't think of anything more meaningful to offer a developing young soul.

She even goes up to her little twin sisters at home and says, "Let's play silence!" And she wants them to sit quietly as a game at home.

Sitting in the Meeting House, I realized how much I missed it myself! I am so grateful for my education at Friends and I'm delighted we have found a Manhattan Friends school.

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pointed to the three of us and pointed to the door. We were being told to leave Meeting – in the middle of Meeting. I was mortified.

We got up and went to the Meeting House porch and he told us to wait. We looked at each other. All I could think of is whether or not Quakers really believed in the death penalty. I had never known of anyone else removed from Meeting. We were the worst kids ever. How could that be??

At the end of Meeting, Mr. Cardilicchio came out first and walked us to his office – silently. It was the longest walk of our lives. Once there, we were told our parents would be called and all of us apologized profusely (for the record, we had never been in any kind of trouble before, were considered "good kids," and he was "shocked and appalled that we would do this").

For me, beyond being publicly humiliated, by being asked to leave Meeting, and having my mum called was frightening. My mum had adopted Quakerism in college and wanted us desperately to go to a Quaker school. I had no idea how she would take this, not to mention that both my older brothers were like rock stars at the Upper School, so I knew somehow this was going to be a tough night at home.

Once I got home, I was met by both

my mother and brothers waiting for me. My mother told me how disappointed she was, and my brothers told me I was a "blot on the family escutcheon." I didn't even know what

an escutcheon was, but I knew somehow being a "blot" was not a good thing. It took weeks before I felt back in the good graces of the Principal and community (not because of their actions, more really because of my guilt!).

I have told this story many times – mostly at the Quaker school I later taught at – where I was the only Quaker faculty. Yes, that's right. I formally joined the Society of Friends shortly after college and have since raised all of my kids as Quakers.

So while I used to run from Meeting as a kid, I now run to it as an adult. There are so few places in this world, at this time, where we have real si-

lence, and uninterrupted, focused time to go inward – Meeting is that time. Of course, in 7th grade, it was hard to see (although in retrospect I realize, it happened whether I knew it or not), I value it now more than ever.

My times at Friends taught me so much – both in and out of the classroom and I truly value them. And Mr. Cardilicchio, I truly am sorry for my actions, but not for the lesson I learned.

– Marja Brandon '79

Our Thankful Song

We are thankful for so many things. Let us close our eyes and spend a moment in silence.

Thank you stars.

Thank you moon.

Thank you pillow in my quiet room.

Thank you mother.
Thank you dad.

Thank you heart for feeling glad.

Thank you sun.
Thank you rain.

Thank you snowflakes on my windowpane.

Thank you kittens, puppies too.

Thank you clouds and skies of blue.

Sung in Early Childhood classes.

YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT AN FA QUAKER EDUCATION



KATRINA GARRY '14/FRIENDS ACADEMY

"I'm moving forward but bringing the memories with me. May 1st, 2011."

In my busy professional life, I often think of Meeting for Worship and the Meeting House with fond memories and realize how fortunate I was to have that peaceful time. Daily class assignment, college applications, sporting events, or whatever was on your mind, were rightly placed into perspective each Thursday when silence and order reigned, at least for a while.

The physical experience of being in the Meeting House and spending time together there was special too. Its beautiful simplicity, framed by sunlight pouring through windows, creaky floor and facing bench is remarkable.

It was not always easy to clear your mind to try and form a relationship with the divine. I confess I was not always good

at it. But no matter the outcome, you could count on equal measures of peace, reflection and balance that gave us all inner strength. The Meeting House helped shape who I am today.

– Luke Cass '96

Although I was there for only two years, my memory of that time is still very clear to me. The teachers and students, who were there at that time, left an indelible impression upon my mind, my heart and my soul.

I remember having to work and study very hard while I attended Friends. I really did not mind the late hours that I needed to put into my studies because, for the first time in my life I really felt challenged.

There are four learning lessons which I have carried with me through the years from my education at Friends.

1. Write or speak succinctly, never using more words than are necessary to express what you wish to communicate.
2. One's writing can only be interesting if it tells the truth.
3. Always search for what is true and good.
4. Inspiration and meaning do come from quiet contemplation.

I realize now how helpful my teachers at Friends Academy were to me. Teenagers are seldom truly appreciative of their teachers. I certainly was no exception. I wish that I had taken the time then to thank them for their dedication.

– Diane Stanley '63

{FALL 2012}



This season, **Friends Academy athletes** defined themselves on and off the field. While some returned to exciting playoff action, others found strength in spirit, teamwork and pure grit.

2012 FALL SPORTS

Girls Soccer returns to states



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Alexis Toles, Jessica Babicz, Krystina Iordanou, Eva Valcic, Olivia Meszaros, Heather Maierle, Lindsay O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Shibley, Tolu Ojo, Claudia Ratner, Marissa Tidona, Isabel Andolina, Maddie O'Brien, Katarina Heffron, Kasey Katz, Gloria Fortuna, Jennifer Keogh, Sloane Hughes and Danielle Ramsay.

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER: LONG ISLAND, REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

It was a season that started out as “not meant to be,” but ended with gritty and heartfelt wins at the Long Island championship and Regionals – and ultimately a historic return to the state championship.

“These girls never gave up and never stopped believing,” said Coach Gail Baker, last year’s Coach of the Year. “We had a lot of obstacles, including low numbers for both the JV and Varsity, but we were still able to make it to the state semifinals and compete against our co-champion from last year, Hoosick Falls.”

A number of early season injuries challenged this new blend of younger players and remaining seniors. Required to field 11, the Quakers battled through most of their season with only 14 players. Coach Baker credits the team’s tenaciousness to the leadership that the team’s older players exhibited. “It was much more challenging to keep the girls positive this year, but this core group of veterans never stopped believing,” said Coach Baker. “They not only showed the younger girls how you are supposed to work on the field, but also how to carry yourself.”

A pivotal turning point came in FA’s game against rival Cold Spring Harbor, who they played on their home field. “I remember the feeling – it was almost like a championship game,” said Baker. “There were so many people on the sidelines and after we beat them, we pushed ourselves into first in our division. It made us feel like we could

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY – KRYSTINA IORDANOU

ALL-CLASS – HEATHER MAIERLE,
ALEXIS TOLES

ALL-CONFERENCE –
MARISSA TIDONA, JESSICA BABICZ

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE –
MARISSA TIDONA

**CONFERENCE PLAYER
OF THE YEAR** – KRYSTINA IORDANOU

ALL-LONG ISLAND TEAM –
KRYSTINA IORDANOU

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2012 ROSTER: Isabel Andolina, Jessica Babicz, Gloria Fortuna, Katarina Heffron, Sloane Hughes, Krystina Iordanou, Kasey Katz, Jennifer Keogh, Heather Maierle, Olivia Meszaros, Madeline O'Brien, Tolulope

Ojo, Lindsay O'Sullivan, Danielle Ramsay, Claudia Ratner, Elisabeth Shibley, Marissa Tidona, Alexis Toles and Eva Valcic. Manager: Rose Morabito.



MIKE DAMM/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Stephanie Gherlone is on the offensive.

County
champions ...
again and again**VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY:
CLINCH 8TH STRAIGHT WIN**

The Varsity Field Hockey team finished the regular season with a record of 9-5. Three of these victories came from impressive overtime victories.

The team also highlighted the regular season with a dominating performance over Massapequa to become co-conference champions. In the playoffs, the team had an exciting and hard fought game against Oyster Bay. They won, 1-0 in the second overtime period to clinch the program’s eighth straight county championship.

Although they fell short to a talented Southampton team in the Long Island Championship, the girls once again showed the determination and resiliency they exemplified all season, as they continued to play hard the entire game, even coming back from a 1-0 deficit.

“This season I was proud of the team’s

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Girls X-Country Conference champs

**VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY:
BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS
FINISH 1ST IN DIVISION**

The 2012 Cross-Country team had a very successful season. The Girls' and Boys' teams both finished 1st in Division IVB. The Girls team won the Conference IV championships and the Boys finished 2nd.

Both the Boys and Girls teams qualified in Class C for the New York State Championship meet in Buffalo. Based on regular season competition, thirteen athletes received All-Division recognition. Seven athletes finished in the top 20 in the Conference championships and received All-Conference honors.

The team continued its tradition of holding a Fall Fair 5K Benefit Run. "We were pleased to have over 30 participants and we raised almost \$400 for "Light One Little Candle," said Coach Louisa Garry.

With the disruption of Sandy, the County championship meet was cancelled but many of the runners sought out other opportunities to continue racing at the Junior Olympic qualifier meet, a Thanksgiving Day Turkey trot, or other local races.

"It is very gratifying to see that a true 'running culture' has developed at Friends Academy," said Coach Garry.

Nine seniors, and nearly half the team, will be graduating this year. "They have



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Senior Krystina Iordanou heads in a goal.

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challenge the other teams and that we had a real shot at this."

Friends went on to beat Port Jefferson, 3-2 in the Long Island Championship and then S.S. Seward in the Regional game. "That Regional match was an outstanding game," said Baker. "Even though the wind was against us during the first half, we held their best player scoreless. We knew where each other were." Scoreless after the first half, FA rallied for a 2-0 final score, exhilarated by the reality that the 2011 reigning state champions were heading back to defend their title. Unfortunately, crucial injuries prevented the Quakers from advancing to the final round and capturing a second state championship.

For Coach Baker, this 2012 team represents the end of an era. "I have so many memories of this team," she said. "These girls have played with a lot of emotion and I have a very special bond with them. Our younger players really grew and a lot of them were put into positions that they thought they weren't really ready for.

But they listened to their coaches and improved. The older girls on this team have really set the standards ... the highest in my 21 years. They brought team spirit and heart to this program - and they were the role models for this team and will be missed."



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Harmony Grodsky competes in a 5K cross country race at Bethpage State Park.

contributed enormously to the overall spirit and camaraderie of this group as well as the success of the team during the last four years," added Coach Garry.

2012 ROSTER: Patrick Crowley, William Duke, Katrina Garry, Harmony Grodsky, Zachary Kriesberg, Emily LeoGrande, Erik Loscalzo, Domenica Lostritto, Glenn Lostritto, Margot Mangiarotti, Sahil Massand, Kara McNelis, John O'Brien, Katherine Pappas, Isabella Pascucci, Arman Salem, Maureen Sullivan and Cole Valentino.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-DIVISION - GLENN LOSTRITTO, EVAN SAYRE, PAT CROWLEY, SAHIL MASSAND, JOHN O'BRIEN, WILL DUKE, ISABELLA PASCUCCI, KATRINA GARRY, HARMONY GRODSKY, MOLLY SULLIVAN, SUNNY LOSTRITTO, KATIE PAPPAS

ALL-CONFERENCE AND ALL-COUNTY CLASS C - GLENN LOSTRITTO, PATRICK CROWLEY, WILL DUKE, ISABELLA PASCUCCI, KATRINA GARRY, HARMONY GRODSKY, KARA MCNELIS, SUNNY LOSTRITTO

ALL-COUNTY - ISABELLA PASCUCCI



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Erik Loscalzo nears the finish of the cross country 5K at Bethpage State Park.

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Liam Bardong slips through two defenders.

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BOYS VARSITY SOCCER: CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

It was an exciting and successful season for the Friends Academy Boys Soccer team, who won the conference championship with an overall record of 11 wins, 1 loss and 3 ties. In conference play the Quakers were undefeated with 7 wins and 3 ties.

For Coach Marshall Lindner, the highlight of the season included a thrilling 4-3 home victory against Carle Place, which sealed the division title. "The season was especially gratifying due to the unselfish team play displayed throughout the season," said Lindner.

"Passing the ball was clearly the strongest element of our game. This concept of team play was also displayed by the fact that 14 different players scored goals for us during the season. A 'team first' attitude, and a great work ethic helped make this group of boys a joy to work with," Lindner added.

2012 ROSTER: Paul Asadourian, Liam Bardong, Rani Bendary, Samer Bendary, Struan Coleman, Kyle Dineen, Maximilian Heffron, Nathaniel Hogg, Timothy Ingrassia, Kevin Isernio, Joseph Moodhe, Nicholas Moretto, Oliver Muran, Kevin Naughton, Jonathan Nierenberg, William Sands, Jordan Schuss, Harrison Seideman, David Sher, Mark Slotnick, Andrew Stingi, Jonathan Weinberg, Dillon Wilensky and Brandon Yaraghi. Managers: Brielle Habberstad, Danielle Soviero.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-CONFERENCE – JON NIERENBERG, PAUL ASADOURIAN, DAVID SHER, MAX HEFFRON AND HARRISON SEIDEMAN

ALL-COUNTY – KYLE DINEEN, KEVIN NAUGHTON

MVP OF THE LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP – MAX HEFFRON

CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR – KYLE DINEEN

ALL-STATE – KYLE DINEEN

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS: CONFERENCE FINALIST

This season the Girls Varsity Team finished as a finalist in the Conference 2 Championships (Class B equivalent) losing to Great Neck South 4-3.

The girls finished the regular season with a record of 8-4. Once in the playoffs, the girls went on the road to defeat two higher seeded teams en route to the finals. In the Quarterfinals, the Quakers defeated Cold Spring Harbor 4-3 (a team that beat them twice in the regular season/defending champs).

In the semis, the girls defeated #1 Southside 4-3, winning at 3rd singles in a long three setter.

"Individually, we had two doubles teams (4 girls) selected to compete in the Nassau County Individual Championships over the weekend at Eisenhower Park. Julia Ciardullo/Devika Kedia and Sydney Menzin/Frances Hilbert each won two rounds before losing to higher seeded teams from Syosset and Port Washington," said Coach Brian Baxter.

2012 ROSTER: Margaret Brennan, Jeanne Budd, Carolyn Cahill, Julia Ciardullo, Ariana Farahani, Marielle Goebelbecker, Frances Hilbert, Hannah Juhel, Danielle Kahn, Devika Kedia, Augusta Mayer, Sydney Menzin, Carolina Mocerrea, Alana Pascucci, Nikki Simon and Dominique Wojnarowski. Managers: Alek Kucich, Dwayne Taylor



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Sydney Menzin returns a shot.

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Varsity Football: Varsity Team Returns to Field

The 2012 football season was a successful one in many ways. “The coaching staff could not be any more proud of the young men who took the field and honored the game with hustle, determination, and fighting spirit, which was shaped by the senior leaders on the team,” commented Coach Ron Baskind.

The season was an exciting one that concluded with a 4-4 record, and was characterized by some timely and extraordinary performances, which led to last-minute victories.

“This fall was a victory in many aspects,” said Coach Baskind. “We were able to field a varsity team, which we have struggled with over the years. It is a bittersweet moment especially for our seniors who have endured and persevered, and they have done it with grace,” said Baskind.

They have left their mark on this program and helped get FA football back on the map.

2012 ROSTER: Nicholas Chapman, Alfred Constants, Nicholas Croce, Andrew Feinstein, James Hawkins, Liam Kearney, Brian Lightcap, Griffin Nesfield, William O’Kane, Tyrone Perkins, Peter Picoli, Bill Rechler, Austin Rossi, Alexander Schneider, Kellan Sehring, Keyonne Session, Brendan Sherlock, Zachary Sideris, Jake Silverman, Spencer Sklar, Dwayne Taylor and Skyler Zaken.



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Keyonne Session lines up at the line of scrimmage.



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The Girls Quad competes at a recent regatta.

Varsity Crew: STAYING STRONG AT FALL HEAD RACES

FA Crew competed at three head races this fall. The fourth and final race, at home in Oyster Bay, was cancelled due to the storm. A head race is a 5,000-meter race following the winding course of a river.

The team headed off to Philadelphia three times this season to compete in regattas: King’s Head Regatta, Navy Day Regatta, and the Head of the Schuylkill, the largest fall event held on the Schuylkill River. Some rowers raced in different boats at each race, changing from singles, to doubles and quads.

Freshman Gabrielle Nagel did very well in a single all season while the girls’ captains in the quad (Captain Olivia Schmidlapp, Captain Adina Grodsky, Bel Evans, Captain Emma Brown) placed higher at each race as well as this season’s girls double Eva Mullarkey and Julia Searby, who had never raced before.

The boys’ team went through a few different combinations but really pulled together in the second half of the season. Captains Matt Lieber and Stefan Sayre raced the double at each regatta, taking



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Nicholas Marchese captains a single.

3rd at King’s Head, while Captain Chris Sawicki switched between a single and a double with Ethan Flicker.

The boys’ quad of Jack Zarelli, Mack Hoyt, James Morgan and Peter Bahr finished the season strong with 3/4 of them joining during the season.

2012 ROSTER: Peter Bahr, Emma Brown, Mabel Evans, Ethan Flicker, Adina Grodsky, Matthew Lieber, Nicholas Marchese, James Morgan, Eva Mullarkey, Gabrielle Nagel, Christopher Sawicki, Stefan Sayre, Olivia Schmidlapp, Julia Searby, Julia Vascotto and John Zerilli.

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JV BOYS SOCCER:
RECORD-ANNIHILATING SEASON

With an official record of (14-1) and overall record of (17-2), the Boys Junior Varsity Team obliterated a number of records established going back more than two decades.

This remarkable group of 28 players worked hard and unified as a team to earn every victory they achieved this season.

"We broke our own records two years running by scoring a colossal total of (62) goals and holding (8) shutouts against the opposition. In addition, we had (2) extraordinary and historic wins against our long-time rival Carle Place H.S., a JV team whom we had not won a single contest against in my 18 years tenure as a coach at Friends Academy," said Coach Edgar Posada.

What the coaches enjoyed the most about this group was their competitive spirit, yet classy demeanor, in which each of their 28 players represented the best of FA pride.

"Opponent coaches and players alike commented on our team fair play and utmost sportsmanlike mentality on the pitch. This team truly proved to be the best Junior Varsity Soccer Team I have ever coached," said Posada.

"Their achievements this season will be celebrated in FA records books as the BEST all-around Junior Varsity Team for what I think will be a very long time," added Coach Posada.

2012 ROSTER: Jason Baskind, Samer Bendary, Nicholas Campbell, Jonathan Cangemi, Struan



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Staying focused down field.

Coleman, Owen Collier, Anthony Cortese, Pierce DellaFera, Matthew DeMatteis, Thomas Frey, Joshua Goldblatt, Andrew Greene, Scott Gulbransen, Andrew Habberstad, Stephan Herard, Theodore Ingrassia, Michael Kliger, Scott Kriesberg, Tyler Leon, Christian Mandrakos, Patrick Margey, Marcus Menzin, Oliver Muran, Harry Nicolas, Brandon Rosenbaum, Kole Rossi, Tyler Sehring, Alexander Smith, Matthew Tidona, Jesse Wilensky

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

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ability to rise to the challenge placed before them," said Coach Christine Botti. "They demonstrated the ability to rise to the challenge and did an excellent job of working together," she added.

Coach Botti foresees continued momentum into next year. "I am looking forward to seeing what the girls are capable as they continue to work in the off season. I believe that we will have another successful season."

2012 ROSTER: Sydney Banks, Morgan Bauer, Marianna Cuomo Maier, Sara DeCicco, Gabrielle FitzGerald, Julianne Florez, Chloe Friedman, Brigid Gahan, Charlotte Gelfand, Stephanie Gherlone, Alix Heffron, Alexa Landow, Natasha Makowsky, Emily Mara, Julia Newitt, Sarah O'Kane, Taylor Quinland, Katy Saltz and Caroline Sgaglione. Manager: Lydia Graham.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL COUNTY – CHARLOTTE GELFAND, ALIX HEFFRON

ALL COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION – EMILY MARA

ALL-CONFERENCE – KATY SALTZ, CHLOE FRIEDMAN, ALEXA LANDOW, SARAH O'KANE, CAROLINE SGAGLIONE

ALL-LEAGUE – STEPHANIE GHERLONE

EXCEPTIONAL SENIOR, SCHOLAR ATHLETE – BRIDIE GAHAN

UNSUNG HERO – SARA DECICCO

NYS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
– CHARLOTTE GELFAND,
CAROLINE SGAGLIONE



Corey Goldglit looks to pass.

JV FOOTBALL:
COMMITTED PLAYERS ALWAYS
SHOWED DEDICATION

This was truly a challenging season. A group of sixteen players always out-numbered and oversized practiced and played like a team of thirty.

A bright side is that the sixteen who joined the team were very dedicated and

definitely wanted to play football. The team earned the respect of our coaches and others we played against.

We congratulate our team on working hard toward a successful season.

2012 ROSTER: Michael Bernardini, Jalijah Daniels, William Gavin, Corey Goldglit, Cyrus Holder, Ryan Kelly, Constantine Pappas, Peter Psyllos, Jesse Rabaglia, Elijah Rechler, Tyler Riese, Nicholas Schneider, William Schneider, Nathaniel Shepherd-Tyson, Maxwell Sutherland and Cameron Wang.



Left to right: Nolan Kucich, Greg Spatola, Peter Boisi, Rob Abney, Brian Alessi, Taylor Morabito, Nate Lape, Billy Sawicki, Wes Morabito, David Weitz, Jeremy Koufakis, Jon Boisi, Harrison Hefe, Alex Petrosian, TJ Hefe. Not pictured: Clay Siegert, Erin McCann, Jeff Daniels, Andrew DeNatale, John Sirus, and John Koenig.

STEVE HEFELE/FRIENDS ACADEMY

SHOWDOWN!

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

The Friday after Thanksgiving the annual Friends Academy Alumni Basketball Game was held and there were a record number of returning letter winners competing.

Three teams were assembled that represented different eras. We had the pre-millennium group plus 1, the new millennium, and the more recent grads competing against each other in a round-robin format. It was quite spirited and an excellent level of play was demonstrated by all, but the camaraderie was what made it special.

The game has become a great event with alums from different age groups getting to know each other and do a little networking.

From my own perspective, it is great to see and catch up with all the guys, but especially rewarding to get to meet

the wives and children of some of the players I have coached when I was at a similar phase of life. I see my kids, who are now alums, playing with their heroes of days gone by.

Etched in my brain is Harrison and TJ pretending to be their heroes when playing basketball on their Little Tikes indoor hoop, "I'm Renault," "I'm Kwasi." (It was the NBA strike-shortened year and the names of Michael, Magic, and Larry never came up!) Special stuff!

Thanks to all you guys for taking the time to come back and bring back those special memories for all of us. Enjoy the Holidays and hope to see you again next year.

— Coach Hef

THANK YOU COACH HEFELE!

The Old School (with some help from Harrison Hefe '09) once again dominated the hardwood in the Quaker dome. The young guns



Coach Steve Hefe

must still be stunned by the talent and energy that was brought to the gym

this year. You all have a year to prepare for 2013.

This is one of the great Friends Academy alumni traditions and it shows the respect and gratitude we all have for Steve Hefe.

Year in and year out, this event grows in numbers, and it speaks to the bond that Coach Hefe has built with his players on and off the court and thru the years.

Thank you Coach for another great Alumni Thanksgiving Game and thanks to Clay [Siegert '92] for always getting the ball rolling.

— Andrew DeNatale '95

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JV GIRLS TENNIS: HIGH TURNOUT, SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Girls JV tennis season began on August 27th with a tremendous turnout for try-outs, with many new players joining a handful of players from last year's team. The challenge matches were very competitive and the girls did a great job of handling the pressure of playing a full slate of matches in a very short period of time.

After solidifying our roster we began a week of uptempo practices that included conditioning drills, match strategy and match-play. The girls worked extremely hard to prepare for the first week of team matches. The team faced some very tough competition in the first week and although they started off the season 0 and 2, rebounded extremely well to finish the year with an impressive record of 8 wins and 4 losses.

The girls did a terrific job of supporting and cheering each other on and also gained some valuable match-play experience and adopted the "team first" concept. This will serve them well going into next year.

2012 ROSTER: Victoria Broderick, Isabella Burrus, Keara Cahill, Chelsea Crane, Emily Dixon,



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Sabrina Farahani returns a volley.

Abigail Dorsey, Sachi Dulai, Sabrina Farahani, Jessica Friedman, Ruthie Fritz, Simran Ghool, Sarah O'Sullivan, Casey Rosen, Caitlin Rubin, Emily Wachtler, Mackenzie Williams, Christina Yannello and Amanda Yaraghi.



AL QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Isabel Andolina controls the ball down the field.

JV GIRLS SOCCER: CHEERING CROWDS KEEPS TEAM POSITIVE

Although the Girls JV Soccer team finished their season with a 1-5 record, most of the games were played a man down having only 9 or 10 players.

Faced with much adversity I commend the girls for their hard work and dedication to becoming better players. Although we were low on numbers the players came to practice every day ready to go always keeping a positive attitude. Though the season ended with a loss, our final game was very exciting.

We were able to play at home in front of a cheering crowd and felt supported by everyone. I know the team really appreciated this and I congratulate them on their dedication to the program throughout the season.

— Coach Jackie Smith

2012 ROSTER: Isabel Andolina, Riley Denihan, Sierra Fisher, Sarah Hickerson, Katherine Hom, Emily Horne, Devon McCann, Jacqueline O'Brien, Tolulope Ojo, Lindsay O'Sullivan, Elana Pinto, Danielle Ramsay, Julia Savasta, Elisabeth Shibley

JV FIELD HOCKEY: STRENGTH OF SPIRIT STAYED ON FIELD

The Friends Academy Junior Varsity Field Hockey team never seemed to lack team spirit or heart. During the season, this team of 12 talented ladies brought their all to every single game they played. Being low in numbers never seemed to faze this team.

Ultimately, the players had to work that much harder and they did. "Even in games where we did not have enough field players, the team battled through with all their might," said Coach Amanda Serif.

Every practice and game, the team worked hard and had each other's backs. "The shining aspect of this team is their teamwork and commitment to each other. The ladies practiced together, laughed together, supported each other, and succeeded together," said Serif.



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Staying in control of the game.

2012 ROSTER: Sydney Banks, Morgan Bauer, Javana Clark, Danielle Dellaquila, Ranait Denihan, Brooke Gardner, Colleen Marshall, Victoria Natasi, Julia Neisloss, Paige Sklar, Nina Trovato and Rebecca Viener.

FORMER FACULTY NOTES

Matt Bradley reports very exciting news: “The Wenner Bradley family will be returning to Long Island after a 12-year hiatus, as I will be the next Head of East Woods School as of July.

In addition to the many, many reasons that we are excited about joining the East Woods community, a great added benefit is the chance to reconnect with friends of ours who are still on the FA faculty and families that we remember so fondly.



In the meantime, life continues to treat us well here in Pennsylvania. Ellie, our oldest, is a sixth grader at Westtown School and is enjoying having Melinda as her history and Quakerism teacher. James (3rd) and William (K) continue to thrive at West Chester Friends School.”

Thomas Woehrle reports that he and his wife Donna have recently moved. “Our new residence is Luther Manor, a senior living community where some meals and other services for the aging are provided. We are enjoying the new environment.” Thomas can be reached at twoehrle@copper.net or 4535 N. 92nd St., Apt T401, Wauwatosa, WI 53225-5419. (Pictured below in 1986).



Susan Young writes, “I am teaching at Wakefield School in the Plains, Virginia. I love the school and the area. I send my thoughts to everyone suffering as a result of the storm.”

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lower School Principal **DEBORAH McCrimmon*** spent her summer in Chicago at a four-week intensive workshop co-sponsored by the NEH Institute and The History Makers, entitled “Political History of African Americans from Reconstruction to the Present.”



McCrimmon, along with 23 other educators selected as NEH scholars, worked with professors from Yale, University of Chicago, NYU, as well as Pulitzer Prize winner Leon Dash, learning how to use autobiographical oral history archives as primary documents, Common Core Standards to develop lesson and unit plans and geospatial education.

According to the Institute, the workshop designed the program to “enhance the teaching, study, and understanding of African American history and culture. African American politics is an overlooked and frequently misunderstood part of the black experience.” Out of this experience, McCrimmon has created and will be teaching a unit on The Great Migration this spring in the Lower School, as well as working with teachers on the Common Core Standards for Language Arts.

English Department chair **ELIZABETH PHILLIPS*** and History Department chair **CHRISTINE KULKE*** and their teams are working together to create a more interdisciplinary and global curriculum.



Elizabeth Phillips



Christine Kulke

A 9th grade English course will align more closely with the themes and chronology of History 9. A new 10th grade course, “Global Literature in English” will give sophomores the broad literary-historical perspective that they need to begin to understand the place of their language, their stories, and themselves in the global community. A revised ninth- and tenth-grade world history curriculum will offer students enhanced opportunities to develop skills in historical research and analysis, written and oral communication,

and collaborative problem-solving.

A new program, “Cityscapes and Cultural Enrichment” will offer a series of optional, informal first-hand experiences that uses New York City as a backdrop for the students’ ongoing appreciation of the “life” of history and literature outside the classroom.



Library Assistant and Textbook/Yearbook Coordinator **LAURIE FLEMING*** completed her Master’s in Library Science from Queens College in mid-December.



One of Allison Doherty’s paintings published by Still Point Arts Quarterly.

A collection of Upper School Art teacher **ALLISON DOHERTY’S** paintings have been published in the Fall 2012 issue of the prestigious Still Point Arts Quarterly, as



well as an online exhibition sponsored by Still Point Art Gallery, entitled, “Spirit of Home, Spirit of Place.”

Doherty, in addition to two other artists, were chosen as “Artists of Distinction.”

Doherty’s paintings are partly based on the notion of images absorbed on a journey (as one might glimpse from a car or train) and partly on images imagined about the compelling history of the region and resultant spirit of place.

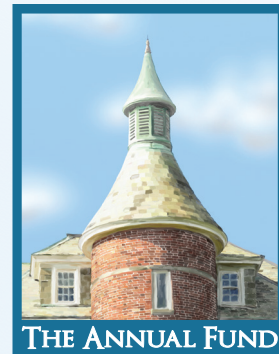
“My digital photographs are aides-memoires for the initial composition but as I allow each piece to communicate its direction, landscapes and other elements of the composition are re-invented (like memories themselves) in order to communicate a sense of spirit, history or mystery of place.”

* Friends Academy helped support their academic studies/professional development.

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from the president

PETER STEIN '79

Dear Fellow Alumni,

In the class notes section of this issue of *The Meeting House*, Charlie Jameson '59 writes, "Our time together as friends brought to mind the following wisdom of the philosopher Epicurus: 'Of all the things that wisdom provides to help one live one's entire life in happiness, the greatest by far is the possession of friendship.' And what better way to have gained such friendships than to have attended Friends Academy as members of the 'Master Class.' Through all the fifty-two years since our graduation, our band of friendship remains unbroken, and the lamp of learning and respect for others instilled in us by 'dear old FA' continues to shine brightly."

As alumni of Friends we are all blessed, whether we are from The Master Class ('59) like Charlie, The Friendly Class ('68) or any other class from 1876 to the present; and we all hold that light, which Charlie speaks of, in our hearts. That's why events such as Fall Fair and Homecoming and class reunions are so special. They give us a chance to reconnect with our friends and reminisce about 'dear old FA'.

This past October, the Class of 1962 celebrated their 50th Reunion Weekend. Events included a luncheon at the Marion Jackson House – complete with a poetry reading by classmate Andrew Merton whose book of contemporary poetry *Evidence that We Are Descended from Chairs* was recently published, dinners at the Soundview Restaurant and The Creek Club, and Meeting for Worship. Members of the Class of '62 were greeted and cheered by 780 students as they walked the

gauntlet at the all-school pep rally. All agreed that it was wonderful to be back on campus, but the best part of the weekend was rekindling old friendships.

Other classes too reunited at various reunions around the area and more than 150 alumni stopped by the Alumni Tent during Fall Fair and Homecoming. And this year we had our inaugural Homecoming Cabaret, where we were treated to tunes from Diana Dickson-Witmer '67 and her husband Dennis as well as from Liam Collier '12. We plan to make this an annual event, so start practicing!

FA hoopsters reunited once again at our annual Thanksgiving Alumni Basketball game. Thanks to the efforts of Clay Seigert '92 and Coach Steve Hefe, we had a record turn-out this year with alums from different eras.

It is not just through such events that we stay connected to each other and to FA, but also through the efforts of our class representatives. Class reps are the glue that holds our classes together. As you flip through the pages of this issue you will notice that the class notes section of our magazine rivals any you may find! I would like to thank our class reps – I am so grateful for all you do to keep your classes connected.

Quaker Meeting is another way we are all connected, and in this issue alumni and others in the Friends community share reflections and thoughts about what makes Meeting for Worship so meaningful.

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and a new year filled with peace.



**PETER STEIN '79,
FRIENDS ACADEMY
ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT**

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Click on **ALUMNI DIRECTORY** to search for classmates by last name, maiden name, class year and profession.

3 Are you on Facebook?

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A CALL FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATIONS

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.

2012: BARBARA BOYLE WEANER '73 – Establishes rural clinics to treat patients with chronic kidney disease; uses organic farming to educate others about sustainability

2011: PETER GALBRAITH '56 – Leaves dental practice and private sector to answer Quaker-inspired calling in public health

2010: SUSAN STEIN DANOFF '60 – An inner-city family court judge with a heart and mind continually open to service

2009: JOHN GAMBLING '69 – An unparalleled devotion to Friends and its values and a longtime member of the Board of Trustees

2008: THOMAS CARTER '59 – Dedicating his life to working with economically struggling communities as they strive to improve their conditions



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

2006: PETER DARBEE '71 – A career distinguished not only by achievements but also by a commitment to values, faith and ethical conduct

2005: WARREN TITUS '44 – A dedicated supporter of Friends Academy and longtime trustee

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

2003: KATHLEEN CATAPANO '95 – Giving children the tools to change their own world through The Books for Africa Program

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 28, 2013.

MELISSA MOODY '69

Alum teaches powerful self-healing skills to others

BY NATALIA PORCELLI GOOD '93

Melissa Moody '69 is a happy person. That may seem like a simple statement, but in recent years there has been significant scientific research to understand what truly makes people "happy," how people achieve happiness and the characteristics of happy people. In 2011, Ms. Moody was featured in a documentary film entitled "Happy," which follows the stories of 14 people from around the world, exploring the basis of one of humanity's most sought after emotion.

Perhaps the most powerful segment of the film is the one in which Ms. Moody appears. In 1992, Ms. Moody was run over by an SUV while visiting relatives at her family ranch in Texas. The accident left

her disfigured, causing her to undergo 30 reconstructive surgeries. Massive injuries included a crushed face, brain injury, broken ribs, punctured lung, double vision and many musculoskeletal problems.

Ms. Moody's struggles were compounded by a rear end collision four years later, where she suffered a ruptured disc and a herniated disc in her neck.

Although she went through a terrible depression after the accident, Ms. Moody now considers herself to be a "walking miracle;" the embodiment of a happy person. While I was deeply impacted by her story in the documentary, beautifully written and produced by Academy Award nominated director Roko Belic, it was nothing compared to the feelings I had during our phone conversation. The positive energy and genuine happiness she emits is truly remarkable. Ms. Moody has such passion about sharing her story in order to inspire and empower others to achieve happiness in



COURTESY OF MELISSA MOODY

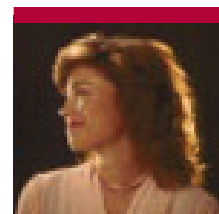
spite of a traumatic event such as the one she faced.

It took many years for Ms. Moody to reach the place where she is now. As she told me, she was injured, disabled and a "non-person" in so many ways. Yet, she persevered through her incredible will to live not only for herself, but for her children. Through the intense, integrated therapy she has received, she now lives without pain, both figuratively and literally. Ms. Moody went through CranioSacral and SomatoEmotional Release Therapy ("CSSET") under the guidance of the late Dr. Upledger, which helped reduce her physical pain and PTSD (Post Traumatic Syndrome Disorder) symptoms.

In 1997, after years of physical therapy



Melissa Moody from the 1969 Lamp yearbook.



Melissa Moody '69 calls herself a "walking miracle" and a "deeper human being" and has brought that same passion of self-healing to others.

MELISSA MOODY '69: TEACHING POWERFUL SELF-HEALING SKILLS TO OTHERS

and more than 26 reconstructive surgeries, Ms. Moody still suffered constant chronic pain, limited movement and double vision. After learning about The Meir-Schneider School for Self-Healing in San Francisco, she gained hope that she could further improve her quality of life. As the school's website explains, Self-Healing is comprehensive and integrated, combining movement education, therapeutic massage, self-massage, passive movement, gentle movement exercises, breathing, visualization, and vision training.

Although Ms. Moody has made incredible progress in terms of her pain management and emotional healing, she still feels a pang of sadness when she sees her face in photographs. Despite her countless surgeries, she still considers herself to look deformed and disfigured.

For her, beauty was a part of her identity – people stared at her because of how outwardly beautiful she was. After the accident people stared at her for different reasons. While this broke her heart, she showed compassion towards them rather than anger. She told me that one of her dear friends from Friends Academy came to visit her and was in complete shock when she saw her. After spending about an hour together, Ms. Moody explained that she saw the “inner me.” Her physical beauty may have changed, but her inner beauty has blossomed.

I asked Ms. Moody whether she was angry about what happened to her. Ms. Moody responded by telling me that people are conditioned in life to think that if they are “good enough, terrible things happen to other people.” But as she herself knows first hand, life is completely unpredictable. It is important for her in her healing process to accept what happened to her and embrace those feelings, whatever they may be. We also discussed whether she turned to religion for guidance and strength. “Without some facet of deep spirituality, it would have been impossible to really heal without bitterness. I am grateful for who I am today. I am a deeper human being.”

Ms. Moody also recounted that after the

accident occurred she had a near-death experience. During her transition back to consciousness, she described an intense emotional state of being. “During the tran-

sition, I felt cradled by a living tangible love and I saw an image of the earth, with various characters of mankind in cartoonish image, attempting to ‘ascend.’ Some were climbing ropes, some climbing mountains, etc. and this same living tangible love that was cradling and embracing me was embracing the globe and mankind. This feeling of being cradled in living love stayed with me in the hospital for nearly a month.” It was then that she knew she would be okay.

Ms. Moody feels like she has been given a second opportunity to live and is fulfilling her mission of helping others by taking the trauma she experienced and transforming it into a career that helps others with their healing process. Ms. Moody initially started volunteer work at the School for Self-Healing, but she mentions on the school's website, “as I grew stronger, I worked more full time. I even improved from the residual effects of my brain injury. In 2003, I became the Education and Development Director at the School for Self-Healing. In 2004, I passed the vision test for my California driver's test unrestricted! I am a Self-Healing practitioner and a natural vision improvement educator. I love being able to help others now...Except for minor disfigurement in

my face, no one would have a clue of what I have been through. And I engage in favorite activities like gardening and cooking, impossible a few years ago. Whereas

in 1999 I could not even plan a dinner party, and I was in so much chronic pain I could not hold a garden hose for more than 5 minutes at a time; today I can garden and even dance.”



COURTESY OF MELISSA MOODY

Melissa Moody before the accident, shortly after and following multiple surgeries.

Ms. Moody feels like she has been given a second opportunity to live and is fulfilling her mission of helping others by taking the trauma she experienced and transforming it into a career that helps others with their healing process.

Ms. Moody's profile on the School for Self-Healing website also states that she was a founding Board of Director charter member of

Ophoenix, www.ophoenix.org. In 2009, Ms. Moody started ongoing Self-Healing vision care classes “Take Care of Your Eyes” at Stanford University through Stanford's HIP program. Ms. Moody moved back to her family ranch in Texas where she intends to turn the property into a center for self-healing. She also does speaking engagements and is working on a book about her story.

Today Ms. Moody lives each day in the moment. With this genuine “seize the day” spirit, she is grateful for where she is in her life. She calls this a “softening to life.” “I am a ‘walking miracle,’ trauma transcended and transformed. It has taken patience, motivation and work, but I never dreamed the quality of my life could be what it is today.” Because of her amazing perspective and approach to life, there is no doubt in my mind that Ms. Moody is one of the happiest people I have ever had the chance to meet.

MELISSA ERRICO '88

*Actress, singer
and advocate
—for
2,000 mothers*

BY HAYLEY KUCICH '03

For years now, in each Meeting House Editorial Board meeting, I have been secretly hoping to be asked to interview Melissa Errico, and it looks like good things happen to those who wait! I was like a kid in a candy shop who felt like she could just

“dance all night!” upon agreeing to conduct this interview, because little did anyone know that I was a huge fan!

While rehearsing for each play during my four years at Friends Academy, it was exciting just

knowing that not too long before me, Melissa, now a big star, was starring on stage at FA as well.

But I have learned now that Melissa is not just Eliza Doolittle, or Cosette, or Anna Karenina, but she is a wonderful mother and philanthropist, amongst much more...



Melissa Errico from the 1988 Lamp yearbook.



COURTESY OF MELISSA ERRICO

Melissa Errico '88 grew up in Manhasset, Long Island, where she remembers herself as “a little hippie girl playing in the stream until it was so dark no one would be able to see me. My eyes would adjust in the evening light. My Mom would call me up from the woods, and I always felt I was in my element out in nature. It was the best of suburbia, I suppose. I also had a roof outside my bedroom window and would climb out onto it to read Goethe and dream. Those are the great memories of my childhood.”

Melissa attended Friends Academy in the 6th grade and stayed throughout high school. “I loved it. I went there because my elementary school, Buckley, ended in 8th grade but my brother had already shifted to Friends, so I decided to join him. And I also attended Friends Academy’s summer camp, and loved that. I learned a lot of songs under the tree, those hand jive songs that girls do, passed down mysteriously through generations.”

While at Friends, Melissa was involved in a little bit of everything; she played soccer and did track, along with giving

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field hockey a try, “but didn’t care for the speed of the ball, however. Lacrosse scared me even more, as the ball was closer to my face!” Melissa explains how she did not do theater until the 8th grade, “and I believe it was the 9th grade musical that I had a chance to co-direct *The Boyfriend* with Michael Grunwald, who was a dear friend and a brilliant student. I loved two productions especially – a straight play, *David and Lisa* and the musical *Bye Bye Birdie*. Both of those experiences solidified my passion for theater. They drew on two sides of me; *David and Lisa* was sad, and personal, fraught and sensitive, and made theater entirely raw and confessional. The musical *Bye Bye Birdie* was so melodic and playful, so delicate and charming, a true escape into the magic and sweetness of classic American musical theater.”

Upon graduation from Friends, Melissa continued with her studies at Yale University, where she spent the first semester driving back and forth to Manhattan for theater auditions, when she received her first role in Rhode Island’s Theater by the Sea production of *George M*. “While auditioning, I was spotted in the hallway by another director who was casting *Les Miserables*. He called me in for *Les Miz* and I was cast to star as Cosette. And he said, ‘Can you start in 10 days?’ I said, ‘I have to ask my parents!’ and then I used a payphone, asked my Dad if I could drop out of Yale, and the rest is history.”

Melissa did eventually return to Yale after 15 months of touring in what many would certainly consider one of the greatest musicals of all times. She played Chicago, Boston, Detroit and Baltimore, in majestic theaters in the Premiere National Tour.

During her time at Yale, Melissa was involved with theater and then more theater. “I was always in a play or studying. I didn’t have time for many tailgate parties. I didn’t like drinking, still don’t, so that rules out a certain amount of college life. I found the theater and fine art nerds and I was very content there. I was in a production



Melissa Errico with husband Patrick McEnroe and daughters Victoria, Diana and Juliette in 2010.

“I will never forget the values of Quakerism. I am sending my children to a Quaker school. I want them to feel those feelings that I felt – being asked to reflect, slow down, step away from the din and listen to the silence of community.”

of *Cabaret* and I remember wearing crazy wigs and bright green nail polish to some pretty serious lectures. I was always on the way to a rehearsal, and didn’t really mind if I looked bizarre.”

After college, Melissa was admitted to the Yale Graduate School of Drama, but dropped out when she was cast to star in *Anna Karenina* and then *My Fair Lady* on Broadway – in the same year! “That was an amazing time of life. I had to decide to learn on the job.”

Presently, Melissa is an actress, singer and recording artist. She has three daughters and runs a charity called “The Bowery Babes,” which serves 2,000 mothers and families, offering support and education

in parenting. “I am so grateful for everything, especially my husband and my children. Victoria is age six and the twins just turned four this month – Diana and Juliette.”

Friends Academy has played, and continues to play a huge role in Melissa’s life.

“I will never forget the values of Quakerism. I am sending my children to a Quaker school. I want them to feel those feelings that I felt – being asked to reflect, slow down, step away from the din and listen to the silence of a community. Then a chance to hear anew. I love it.

And I am still very good friends with lots of people from FA and I am committed to keeping those connections. Jenny Koppelman has a radio show so we connect sometimes through the showbiz channels. She’s still as dazzling and creative as ever. Leslie Peirez, Ramit Kreitner...so many amazing friends still in my life. I live for facebook, which helps connect us more.”

It’s fair to say that Friends helped ignite Melissa’s flame for theater, but more importantly her desire to help those around her.

Where I knew of Melissa as a Broadway star, I now know her as a role model, as well as an inspiration to women – working mothers, women who fulfill their dreams and do not sacrifice anything along the way because they don’t have to. So, I believe it’s fair to say, “By George, she’s got it!”

And you can see Melissa next in February 2013, where she will be playing Clara in the NY revival of *Passion*, the musical by Stephen Sondheim.

In addition, Melissa’s latest CD, “*Le-grand Affair*,” is available for purchase and is a must-buy! The album is an exciting collaboration with multi-Oscar winning film/jazz/pop composer Michel Legrand, one of Melissa’s musical idols, who conducted, arranged and wrote new material for Melissa with Alan and Marilyn Bergman, produced by the legendary Phil Ramone.

1934

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1940

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Florence Elizabeth Milyko Skinner just celebrated her 90th birthday with 38 people in attendance. Her singers from all over the United States came to help her celebrate this great milestone in her life. Florence is still active not only as a singer, but even more as a teacher of singing. She is entering her 36th year of teaching which still excites her. She is still active in every area! Florence teaches all the arts of stitching: needlework, petit point, embroidery, English crewel, initialing, and monogramming. She would love to hear from her classmates and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukah.

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1946

We mourn the loss of our class rep, **Evelyn Broglio Diefendorf**, who passed away peacefully on September 8, 2012.

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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I am sorry to report that very few of our classmates responded to my solicitation for current news. However, I am in touch with **Dick Henderson** quite often and can tell you that he is still practicing his profession on a limited basis. He currently lives in Apple Valley, California, and travels periodically to his second home in West Yellowstone,

Montana, which is right at a Park entrance. I spent a wonderful five days with Dick about four years ago, touring Yellowstone and the Tetons. Spectacular. Of course, Dick knows the parks very well and is full of information on their origin and development. For those of you wishing to correspond with Dick his email is dr.r.henderson@gmail.com. **Clare Coss** writes, "The New Federal Theater presented a first reading of Clare Coss' new play, *Dr. Du Bois and Miss Ovington*, starring two splendid actors, Kathleen Chalfont and Kent Randolph Smith. Set in 1915, *Dr. Du Bois and Miss Ovington* meet each other unexpectedly at the NAACP office on a Sunday morning. He is determined to submit his fourth and final resignation letter. She is determined to change his mind. Stay tuned for news of a production. Clare's "lawfully wedded one," Blanche Wiesen Cook, is closing in on her biography, *Eleanor Roosevelt, Volume III*. They celebrated their 43rd year together in June." We all wish you much success with this play. Yours truly also continues working as a consultant to the financial services industry (banks), although as I tell my friends, the phone does not ring as much these days, as it used to. All of my clients are in Latin America, which requires constant traveling to that part of the world. Some health issues in the middle of this year prevented such travel, but now back on track. When I am not working, Maggie and I are devoted to breeding and racing thoroughbred bloodstock on our farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Finally, I found **Fernando Coll** in Caracas. He was a university professor for many years; now retired and living not so peacefully in Caracas under the oppressive regime of Hugo Chavez. He was happy to see me and reports good health. I hope I can hear from more of you in the future. Best wishes for the coming year and hope to see you all at our 60th reunion! – **Bruce Nichols** (charterbcn@gmail.com)

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!

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(Background) Emily Hawkins '10, with her father Tom Hawkins '78 and grandmother Joan Konvalinka Hawkins '55; (foreground) Brandt Rising '65 and Vincent Van Brunt '62 at Homecoming 2012.

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John Claude Aubourg has mobility issues, but is well enough to travel, including a visit to the west coast of Florida in August. **Sondi Conklin Wright** wrote that she was deeply involved with the Obama campaign in Colorado. Whatever your political persuasion, we can all admire her initiative. **Steffie Giardino Dobrinin** reports that she and Maurice are well and happy, and in Florida for the winter. They live in PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens and just love it. They're in the phone book, but 516-747-7010 should work whether they are there or in Garden City. Earlier this year they took a New England Coast cruise with American Cruise Line, and enjoyed good food, good weather, and interesting people. This provided Steffie's latest "water fix," a recurring need since she misses the summers she used to spend on the waters of Shelter Island. **Jim Graham** reports that he and Gael have two great-grandchildren, a 4-year-old and a 1-year-old who are both Eagles fans. Gael has had some surgery over the past few years, and now has two new knees and, as of September, a new right hip. **Naomi Johnson Dempsey** reports that Hurricane Sandy wasn't as bad as Irene in Madison, CT: their power was off for only five days instead of seven, but luckily they

have a generator. Being on high ground with no large trees around the house, they are at low risk of structural damage or flooding. Sandy and **Peter Klinge** write that they had three grandsons graduate from college this year. Their oldest grandson graduated two years ago from DePaul University in Chicago, where he is now employed by a Catholic church as choir director and cantor (he sings the mass). Two graduated from Florida State University in Tallahassee and one from State University of New York, Oswego. Moreover, they all have jobs! Next year Kelsi Klinge, 20, graduates from FSU and will go on to graduate school. That just leaves the nine-year-olds, Peter Klinge III (Trip) and Skyeler Klinge, mentioned a year ago in this column in connection with the 3-generation adventure to Mt. Dora, Florida. They are just as full of life as ever and excellent students. Skyeler is quite the gymnast and really enjoyed the



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Additional funds from the Class of 1955 gift were used to landscape the front of the Kumar Wang Library.

Olympics, and Trip sang and danced in a musical at the civic auditorium in Salt Lake City. Finally, Sandy's space odyssey about life after death, *The Infinity of Being: In the Beyond*, was published in October and is available at Amazon (paperback and Kindle editions, sample pages online) and on other digital platforms. **Sarah Leonori Pusey** recently returned from a month in Italy, stopping off to visit a 100-year-old aunt and ending with a 2,500-mile drive across "this huge, beautiful countryside of ours."

1956

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Bill Jones writes, "Dear Class of '56, I also have ignored the many requests for news and for that, I am sorry. However, I enjoy reading the news from others. After graduating for Lehigh University in 1960, I went to work for New York Telephone and held many interesting and challenging positions during my thirty-year career, primarily in Manhattan. My final position was Managing Director of Corporate Planning for NYNEX (now Verizon). I retired in 1990 when I was only 50. Since golf did not take up an entire day, I tutored high school and college students in math and English as well as standardized tests, such as, SAT, ACT, GRE and LSAT. In 1995, I became concerned about how major corporations were beginning to reduce and terminate promised and earned benefits such as healthcare. That led me to gather some like-minded retirees; together we founded a retiree advocacy corporation, now named the Association of BellTel Retirees Inc. We are still working at it seventeen years later and have 128,000 members, websites, newsletters and manned offices in a number of states. In 1996, we formed a lobbying organization called ProtectSeniors.Org. The single purpose of this organization is to pass legislation that will prevent corporations from reneging on the provision of healthcare benefits for retirees. We have a bill in Congress today called The Earned Retiree Healthcare Benefits Protection Act (H.R. 1322). This group consists of retirees from almost 400 different companies, 95 government and municipalities, and 47 unions and union locals. My wonderful wife



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Anne Wauchope Smith '56 and Morley Smith '56 under the alumni tent.

of fifty-three years, Gail, is busy with her independent college placement business when she is not playing golf or bridge. Most of her clientele is located on Long Island, New Jersey, Westchester and areas near Baltimore and Washington. She earned her undergraduate degree, masters and PhD from Stony Brook University. She majored in German and Russian literature. We have two children (if you can call 50-year-olds children). Lonnie Ann graduated from Bucknell University and Catholic University Law and is a partner in a Washington DC law firm. She has two children ages fourteen and nine. Our son, Andrew, graduated from Arizona State University and is a Vice President of Design and Construction for a firm that builds casinos and hotel towers. He lives in Dallas with his wife, our grand-dog and grand-cat. We now live in Easton, Maryland on the DELMARVA peninsula. When I am not working, I am on the golf course."

1957

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From Dallas, Texas, **Steve Sundgaard** writes that "Life is good, aside from a bad hip and pinched nerve in my lower back, which have me using a walker." Steve's two daughters and grandkids, a boy (3) and girl (11) live in Dallas, and he sees them regularly. Steve is part owner of a condo on South Padre Island. He spends as much time as possible there enjoying the sea breeze and the sound of the surf. Steve had a nice visit with **Shirley Sanders Warrick** in Dallas last December, and also visited **Tom Carter** the same month. He also has been in touch with **Abbie Freedman**. **Martha Livingston McDermott** reports that Tom, her "miracle husband," is alive and totally cancer free three years after having had the relatively new procedure "Radio Frequency Ablation," resulting in removal of abnormal tissue growth. Tom's treatment has been so successful that his Sloan-Kettering physician is using his case as a teaching tool for the method. Tom is still very handicapped with Lyme disease, however, and he and Marty are "both pretty much stuck at home." Marty keeps busy with teaching oil painting twice a week and monthly trips to Lake George and environs for meetings of the Adirondack Mountain Club's executive committee. "The Adirondacks," writes Marty, "are my other world." Marty was quite involved with **Anne Schwiebert** in the last months of her life. They had resumed their friendship after our

40th reunion at **Dave Seeler's** home. Marty says it was good to see **Bob Seaman** at Anne's memorial service at her beloved lighthouse on the sound. **Dave Seeler** reports that he had a great trip to Cuba last February for art and architecture, as well as a summer week in England for the opera. Dave is tentatively considering hosting a "major reunion" of the Master Class next March, and solicits your feedback. He can be reached at dseeler@thebayberry.com. **Judy Reeve** reports that her two new knee joints are working well. Last winter she visited **John Froehlich** and **John Wenger** in Tucson, Arizona. Judy's husband, Ken, is still enjoying teaching at Dartmouth. She spent the summer with her eight grandchildren and traveled to Paris and Provence in September "to learn how to paint." Judy's mom is almost 96 years old! Judy mourns the loss of several friends this year, including **Anne Schwiebert**. **Tom Carter** writes that he is still working at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). His son is working with his law school roommate to set up a business in Davidson, N.C. Tom's older daughter is working and preparing to take the Medical College Admissions Test, while his younger daughter works as an editor on the revival of Dallas. **Shirley Sanders Warrick's** oldest son, Tom Jr., is a police tactical officer and Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. Her second son, Wesley, operates a landscaping business, does radio broadcasts for the Memphis Grizzlies pro basketball team, and does a radio program at Elvis's Graceland. Her daughter Melissa continues to teach kindergarten and seems to love it. Shirley's grandson, Chris, is in Army Special Forces and seems to thrive on Army life, while her granddaughter Alanna plays soccer on a scholarship at UT Chattanooga. Her two other grandsons are a freshman and senior in high school, enjoying playing sports and being in plays. The senior boy also manages the girls volleyball team (!?) Shirley writes, "Doesn't that make you think of something my brother Roger might do given the opportunity?" Shirley reports that she and her husband had dinner recently with **John Finn** who lives in the Atlanta area, and that they talked about all of the Master Class. Shirley also has been in touch with **Alice Fisher** and **Carolyn Kohler**, both of whom are "doing great." Shirley gives her best to all her FA Master Classmates and urges everyone to get in touch with her. Shirley's e-mail address is tnlegacyfarms@aol.com. **Wendy Stone** is enjoying the good life in sunny Scottsdale, Arizona. She has four grandchildren, is a "10.1" in golf and plays a lot. She is married

CLASS OF 1962 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2012



The Class of 1962 celebrates their 50th Reunion. Front row: **Tom Wenger**, **Chip Malcolm**, **Gerry Schwarzenbach Schulz**, **Adele Rand Bennett**, **Jane Wenger**, **Melissa Fox**, **Randi Reeve Filoon**. Back row: **Geoff Mayo**, **Vincent Van Brunt**, **Caroline Meirs**, **Pete Schulz**, **Andy Merton**, **Fred Ingraham**, **Gary Licht**, **Inge (Ines) Hohner Mahon** and **Ann Raymond Montague**.



Friends memorabilia and brightly decorated tables await the Class of 1962.



Above, 1962 classmates mingle and reunite at the Jackson House on October 19th.



Andrew Merton gives a poetry reading at the 50th Reunion Luncheon from his book of contemporary poems, *Evidence that we are Descended from Chairs*.



Far left, **Gerry Schwarzenbach Schulz** and **Pete Schulz**, our 1962 FA couple.

Left, **Inge Hohner Mahon** and her husband **Bill**.

to husband Ronnie, whom she met on the golf course 21 years ago. Wendy says that her health is great and that she feels like she's 16 most of the time. She still loves competing in tournaments, and has fun with Zumba and R.I.P.P.E.D., "a combination of weights, kick boxing and hard aerobics set to music for an hour. Killer!" Wendy misses her Master Classmates and hopes that everyone is doing well. She sends her love to all and encourages us to come visit her in Scottsdale.

John Froehlich reports from Tucson: "Not much uplifting news from this end. Carol (John's wife) did battle with Endometrial Cancer last spring, and I had my right knee replaced in May. Did real well for six weeks and then not. Unfortunately, they have to do a redo, but not before removing the old one, determining the nature of the infection, killing it, and replacing the prostheses. While age is a tyrant, I have no one but myself to blame for all the wear and tear. If I had a dollar for every pound I pulled and pushed I'd be a wealthy man." **Dave Warden** reports that he has undergone aggressive therapy for lung cancer, and that repeated PET scans have shown no trace of that dread disease. A couple of weeks ago, **The Seal**, **Dave Warden** and I visited **Bruce Burrows** at his beautiful home in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Bruce and his wife, Gay, are in good health and both are very active in their church and in the University's program providing continuing learning for oldies like us. We attended three events: (1) a lecture by a UA professor on important works of Russian literature from the 18th through the 20th century, (2) a presentation by a U.S. Department of Energy official discussing the pros and cons of various energy alternatives, and (3) a beautiful concert of several works by Debussy performed by extremely talented UA students. We also visited one of the premier art museums in America, featuring a breathtaking collection of American fine and decorative arts. During the evenings we engaged in discussions ranging from the upcoming presidential election to fond reminiscence of our years together at FA. Then our visit was cut short by hurricane Sandy and we went our separate ways, thanking Gay and Bruce for their warm hospitality and looking forward to our next get-together. Our time together as friends brought to mind the following wisdom of the philosopher Epicurus: "Of all the things that wisdom provides to help one live one's entire life in happiness, the greatest by far is the possession of friendship." And what better way to have gained such friendships than to have attended Friends Academy as members of the "Master Class." Through all the fifty-

two years since our graduation, our band of friendship remains unbroken, and the lamp of learning and respect for others instilled in us by "dear old FA" continues to shine brightly. — **Charlie Jameson**

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Phil Lustig reports that rotary has kept him even busier this year than last. From Hilton Head Island for 8 days for a nominating committee meeting to Brantford, Ontario where he represented the President of Rotary International at a District Conference for a district that has 335 clubs in Western NY State and 35 clubs in Western Ontario, to Grand Cayman where he was one of the faculty. November and December will be filled with "local" meetings up and down the east coast of Florida. In January Phil will be in Orlando for a couple of days and later in the month San Diego for training.

1962

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The Class of 1962 celebrated their 50th Reunion Weekend this October. Thanks to the efforts of **Randi Reeve Filoon** and **Melissa Fox** the reunion was a huge success. The celebration began with a luncheon at the Marion Jackson House on October 19th where classmates shared stories, memories, and were treated to a poetry reading by classmate **Andy Merton**. In attendance were **Gerry Schwarzenbach Schulz** and **Pete Schulz**, **Nancy** and **Chip Malcolm**, **Tom Wenger**, **Andy Merton**, **Randi Reeve Filoon** and her husband **Fred**, **Melissa Fox**, **Jane Wenger** and **Richard Butler**, **Inge (Ines) Hohner Mahon** and **Bill Mahon**, **Adele Rand Bennett**, **Diane** and **Gary Licht**, **Caroline Meirs**, **Vincent Van Brunt**, **Ann**

Raymond Montague and **Dan Montague**, **Fred Ingraham**, and **Geoff Mayo**. Joining later were **Wendy Colyer Fisher** and her husband **Ron**, **Marty Dawkins**, and **Fred Ingraham's** daughter, **Sarah**. Classmates donned their FA Class of '62 caps, as they walked the gauntlet at the all-school pep rally before touring the campus. It was wonderful to see the many exciting changes that have taken place at FA, but of course the best thing about the weekend was reconnecting with old friends.

1963

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We survived Sandy and the Nor'easter that followed. Lights out for 11 days but thank goodness for generators and natural gas heat. So many neighbors will take months to recover. Thank you **Pricilla Newell Terry** for giving a call to check on how we made out in the storm. Spoke to **Dr. Rick Barr** who is writing his second book. We spoke for about an hour and agreed that he and his wife will just have to come to our next class reunion which will be in 4 years. Brandt



KATHY FOX/FRIENDS ACADEMY

1967 classmates Toby Coverdale, Bill Wesp, Sherry Emmanuel, Ed DiBenedetto, Alison Bankes, Diane Murphy, Linda Hesselman, and Peter Lyman enjoy Homecoming and Fall Fair.

and I visited Carey and **Betsy Gordon Kirk** in historic Stoddardville, PA on the Lehigh River. We hiked and searched out interesting mushrooms. Betsy and Carey visited their daughter Mimi who is working in Singapore for a year. Betsy also returned from Uganda working with Diane Stanton, director of Uganda Partners. Spoke with **Bill Young** and **Pam Piffath Still** about the sad passing of Fred Smith. Brandt and I went to the fall fair in hopes of trying to energize a plan to memorialize Fred in some way...stay tuned.

—Sandy Lotowycz Rising

1967

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The Class of 1967 celebrated their 45th Reunion on October 20th with a wonderful dinner at The Creek Club. In attendance were **Bill Wesp**, **Todd Graham**, **Sherry Lyon Emmanuel**, **Fred Moreno**, **Doug Simes**, **Diana Dickson-Witmer**, **Brad Lovette**, **Alison Van Ingen Bankes**, **Linda Hesselman**, **Bill Wicker**, **Fernando Moreno**, **Diana Williams**, **Ed DiBenedetto**, **Andy Black**, **Jim March**, **Peter Lyman**, **Miles Coverdale**, **Robert Palma**, **Steven Silberling**, **Diane Williams Murphy** and **John Ellis**. Earlier in the day classmates gathered at the alumni tent and were treated to a beautiful rendition of "All I ask of You" from *Phantom of the Opera* sung by Diana Dickson-Witmer and her husband Dennis at our inaugural Homecoming Cabaret.



The announcement of Dr. Diana Dickson-Witmer's appointment lights up the city streets of Delaware.

1968

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Deborah Gianelli reports, "I had some ballet training many years ago. I loved it, but I never thought of dancing professionally. Then some years ago, in advance of my 50th birthday celebration at the Rainbow Room, my husband and I signed up for some dance lessons. We didn't actually become very good just from those few lessons. He lost interest; but I was hooked. I now enter pro-am competitions with my partner, Kostadin Bidjourov, who was my first teacher at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Upper Montclair. He is a five-time national professional champion in the theatrical division, so I feel very fortunate to have him as a partner. We have competed in three divisions: American smooth, international standard and theatrical ballroom. In October 2005, I won a national competition in the theatrical ballroom division. One of the things I love about this sport is that, if you are in good shape, you can do it forever. In fact, the greatest competitors are in my age bracket. A ballroom dance competition is really a fun place to be, with all the people cheering you on. For me, it is also a



Deborah Gianelli '70 is dazzling at a pro-am competition.



The Class of 1972 celebrates their 40th Reunion this past August in Glen Cove.

vehicle to express myself. My husband comes to all of my competitions, but I would have to say that my mother is my greatest fan. She lives in Montclair and never misses a competition. It's really adorable. I actually compete as Gina Gianelli. I entered an early competition with that name as a joke, and now I find it useful to help me create a whole new persona."

1971

Many thanks to **Craig Kronman** who is stepping down from his role as class rep. If anyone from the Class of 1971 is interested in taking over the reins, please contact us at kathy_fox@fa.org. We would love to hear from you!

1972

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Did we have a blast or what? Three days of renewing old friendships and creating new memories! That's what I love and already miss about our class; 40 years did not diminish the friendships. What a special treat to see **Roger Erickson** and **Peggy Bruccia**! After 40 years and countless students, Roger remembered our names. Roger is an extraordinary teacher who has left an indelible mark on so many of us. Thank you **Jim Kane** and your mom for the use of the beach house once again. The weather and setting could not be more perfect! Also thanks for setting up the deal with the Glen

Cove Mansion. It was a terrific 'home base' for us to gather. Thank you, **Jim Beby**, for organizing the food and caterers. It freed us up to spend time with one another. Thank you, **Bill Finlayson**, for bringing 'the flag!' Oh and let's not forget the re-enactment of Halloween 1971! How cool (and funny) was that! Thank you, **Jill Johnson**, for lending us your photographic talents and capturing many memorable moments during the weekend. A Very Special Thank You to the 26 classmates and spouses/families that attended the reunion! It was so much fun reconnecting after all of these years. For those unable to attend, we are going to hold another reunion in five years! Why wait until we are 68, when we can party when we're 62! (yikes!) **Larry Mauer** writes: "Wow, 40 years since graduating from F.A.! 36 years married to Barbara, 4 children, 2 married and 2 grandchildren. We're both retired NYS teachers, empty nesters, who hit the open road RVing during the summer. We own a small nursery business specializing in native perennials (L & S Lawn and Garden) which keeps us busy during the spring and early summer. My newest adventure is being a trapper at Orvis Sandanona in beautiful Millbrook, New York. Barbara and I hope to see you next reunion! P.S. Kerry...I'm taking you down next time." **Clare Laemmle Bridge** writes: "Greetings Classmates! Tracadie, Nova Scotia still proves to be a wonderful move for my husband, Alexander, our four kids, and me. I'm totally immersed in my jewelry designing/creating. I received the Jurors' Choice Award for a bracelet I created for the TITANICA exhibit in Halifax this past August; one of 25 various disciplines chosen from around the Atlantic Maritimes. Our doors in Tracadie are always

open – come visit! c.bridge08@gmail.com" **Francie Bush-Brown Thompson** writes: "My husband, Bob, and I just returned from a lovely two weeks in Europe. We got back home in time for his rotator cuff surgery yesterday. The operation went well, and Bob hopes to start training into NYC next week! (He's not a patient patient...so wish me luck!) Such fun was had at the reunion. Look forward to next one." **John McGrane**: "After 30 years at Morgan Stanley I recently retired to catch up with the rest of my life. With a little breathing room under my belt I decided to go back to photography school at ICP in Manhattan. Our daughter Alanna is studying abroad this semester in Italy. She's loving it and traveling weekly! Did we have this opportunity at FA? I guess I need to reflect on the Mark Twain memory quote. My wife Diane and I just returned from 2 weeks in Milan, Florence and Venice and visited her for a few days. Bellissimo! We topped it off with a train ride up to Munich and the end of Oktoberfest where we stayed with Katie and **Gene Hamilton** for 2 days." **Amelia Erickson**: "Karen and I are leaving in the morning for a short (5 day) trip to the BVI – nothing but beach, snorkeling and umbrella drinks. I will celebrate my 58th B'day there – I know – I'm so young! I want to extend my most profound wishes for healing and safety to all those who have lost homes or suffered other traumas from Sandy. My brother Frank would still not have power unless he had a fireman and an electrician living in his neighborhood that fixed their transformer. It just reinforces my belief that I am soooooo blessed. Love to all the FA gang." **Tricia Brink** – "I have concluded my 'Parenting Years,' i.e., caring for parents, each with a form of dementia, for

the past 10 years (the last, my Dad, passed away at 94 at home with me on Christmas morning 2011). I find myself in a little inland town of Connecticut, wondering what to do next!!! I guess I am "becoming," as Maurice said. I'm compiling and writing a family history, for any of my family who cares, and I just returned from my first little spot vacation in 9 years at Watch Hill, R.I. – which I consider the most beautiful beach on the East Coast. During this transition time, I've kept incredibly busy, mostly with my gardening, which I love, and I have a million ideas for the future. During this past post-professional work life and while caregiving, I earned my Master Gardener certification from the U. of Connecticut, and have been volunteering in that field, most recently at the Hollister House in Washington, CT, and for The Garden Conservancy. Having worked for 10 years in D.C., I still keep close to politics, though I become more and more disillusioned every day! My sweet kitties – Emma and Bo Jangles (yes, he'll "dance for you!!") – supervise my every step, and my nieces and nephews keep me in the loop with the latest styles, trends and music (though I still believe OUR generation had the best music ever!). Again, sorry I missed the fun but I look forward to the next reunion in 5 years!!!” **Sarah Hollett Hossfeld** – “All is well here. We have just survived Hurricane Sandy here at home with 5 days of no power and then a November snowstorm which took out the power again. Now I wait to find out how many days of school have to be made up.”

Jim Neville writes that he “and wife Tayler live happily in Port Washington with two cats. Hope you’re healthy and happy!” **Jonathan Rapp** – “Nothing particularly exciting going on in our lives. Since we bought our idyllic rustic camp on the lake in Maine we haven’t been the world travelers we once were. Toni & I get up there as much as we can during the summer and fall but it never seems enough! Our careers (mine in real estate and Toni’s in estate and antique jewelry) keep us in beautiful Bucks County, Pa (near New Hope for those who know the area) most of the time which isn’t too shabby either. We’ve got 24 acres overlooking the Delaware and we never tire of the views. Our favorite pastimes are kayaking, hiking, sailing, cooking and cocktails! And trying to age with some grace!” **Kevin Glynn**: “I think my own situation was somewhat self-apparent: wife, two kids, tuition, mortgage, work. To be frank, to my great astonishment given initial expectations, I’m neither rich nor famous, but certainly humbler for that realization which, to some, might have been



Kevin Glynn, Gene Hamilton, Jim Beby, Larry Mincer



Susan Schulman, Betsy Wood Bigler, Philippe Bennett



John McGrane, Diane McGrane, Roger Erickson, Karen Spero Albers, Jim Neville

the point after all... However, I’m still trying and haven’t had myself fitted out at the local mortuary yet. However, pleased to say, I’m happy regardless, more so for seeing how well my classmates turned out.”

Maurice Kerins writes: “Steady as she goes here...teaching Business Ethics at a small liberal arts college in Dallas.” **Mike Della Ratta** writes: “Konnichi wa, Classmates! As you and others planned and held the 40th anniversary, I was lurking in the ether from afar. Knowing that I could not attend, I declined to insert unsolicited comments, despite my jealousy of all those 58-year-old men who still have their hair. It has been quite a while since I submitted snippets of my life to *The Meeting House*. For the curious, LinkedIn provides a partial history of my life in the exciting world of sportswear in Japan. Happily, my work-life balance is pleasantly tipped towards the “life” side. My weekdays are fully occupied with the various tasks required to keep a billion dollar business from screeching to a halt

due to some logistics snafu. Last year was a thrill a minute, thanks to the earthquake which affected our lives as far south as Tokyo. We were reminded once again how fragile society is, and how dependent we are on a complex web of technologies that require a finely tuned condition in order to function. I suppose Sandy did the same for many of you this October. The weekends see us at our house at the base of (the soon-to-erupt, we are told) Mt. Fuji. I am pretty much fully Japanese now; the only decision left is to decide if I should retain my American citizenship or not. I am married to a Japanese nurse of many talents and much love, no kids, one cat, one car, one mortgage, pondering the next step after I hit the mandatory retirement age of 60. Dial back and live near Mt. Fuji, breathing fresh air and hiking? Or stay immersed in the roiling Tokyo lifestyle, where restaurants of every ethnicity beckon for my attention? Special note to **John McGrane**: I am ready to guide you up Mt. Fuji as I did in the Wind River Range! C’mon out!” **Claire Sieberg Hribar** is still enjoying life as a doting grandmother of twin boys. On a recent trip to San Francisco to baby sit, she met up with **Susan Johnson Banta** for lunch. When she is not jet setting to San Francisco to spend time with them, she is at home enjoying life with her husband, George. She recently recertified as a Physician’s Assistant. As for me, I’m still living in eastern WA with my husband John and enjoying life on ‘our terms.’ Keep connected with class news on Facebook - “FA Class of ’72 News.” – **Karen Spero Albers** (klalbers@charter.net)

1973

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Sandy hit the east coast with a vengeance as we were gathering news. I appreciate all who took time to send news! **Barbara Boyle Weaner** in West Virginia reported they were 15 days without electricity; their county was hit hard. “Our farm sustained damage, but only lost fences and many, many trees, rather than buildings. It is humbling to see one’s work swept away, but even when our lives themselves are swept away, life goes on. We have good neighbors that have been very kind.” **Christine Rising Turner** and her husband enjoyed another good camping trip to Cape Breton this summer. Our net zero

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CLASS OF 1997:

(Top row) Sayre Flynn, Kerim Aydaqul, Jackie Ryan, Nick Bevad, Josh Cohen, Mina Agarabi, Pam Foschi Danbusky, Kirsten Isaksen Benjamin, Matthew Bonanno.

(Middle) Devon Broderick Carroll, Damian Gutierrez, Heather Barnard Herman, Elizabeth McCally Keating, Wynn Payackapan, and Devon George.

(Front) Sasha Bruno, Jarret Orenstein



Dan Lax '98 with his wife and new baby and sister Chelsea '07.



CLASS OF 1962: Melissa Fox, Ann Raymond Montague and Randi Reeve Filoon don their class of 1962 caps.



CLASS OF 1972: Jim Neville, Matthew Stevenson, Kevin Glynn, Larry Mincer, Bill Finlayson, Larry Mauer and Jonathan Rapp in a recreated scene from the 1972 yearbook.



George Hawkins '54, Brandt Rising '65, Joan Konvalinka Hawkins '55 and Barbara Shoen Brundige '63 under the Alumni Tent at Fall Fair.



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1987 at their 25th reunion. Front row: **Benjamin Schwartz, Mark Busching, Gennifer Geller, Elisa Rosenberg Martinez, Christina McGovern Constantino, Emily Beiles Kaufman, Allison Heaney, Toby Zacks, Elizabeth Roberts Lewtan, Michael Gallo and Recardi Wallace.** Back row: **John Scola, Rashid Walker, Eric Covington, Douglas Martocci, James Pagett, Jesse Rines and Colin Van Exel**



Alumni Association Award recipient
Vincent Van Brunt '62



CLASS OF 1982: Michael Poloukhine and Leslie Oren



CLASS OF 1992: Members of the class pose at Soundview Restaurant in Glen Cove for their 20th Reunion.



CLASS OF 1972: Jane Dillof Mincer, Jamie Bergford and Amelia Erickson



CLASS OF 1962: Adele Rand Bennett and Melissa Fox.



CLASS OF 1987: Emily Beiles, Kristina McGovern, Elizabeth Baum, Douglas Martocci, Gennifer Geller, Colin Van Exel and Recardi Wallace.



Nancy and **Chip Malcolm '62** join their reunion classmates for a pep rally entrance.



Math teacher Maxine Lifshitz and former math teacher Ingrid Kupka reunite at Fall Fair.

photo voltaic array produced many more KWH in our first year of operation than expected. "I suspect that that may have been an anomaly." As many know, the south shore of Long Island was clobbered by Hurricane Sandy. We made our way a few days after to assist with a huge clean up at my mother's home in Brightwaters. The surge was most inconvenient! Still we count our blessings that Mom still has a home. We will be back down to celebrate Thanksgiving with quite a few family members and friends. We have much to be grateful for this year. Stay well everyone! **Nick Seamon** is still living on the family farm in western Mass. with wife, Barbara, and 13-year-old son Caleb. Their older 3 children are off and working and in grad school. They raise sheep, golden retrievers, and horses, grow vegetables, cut cordwood, tap maple trees, and are hunkering down for the post-petroleum economy. He just bought a new fiddle and hopes to make time to take some Irish fiddling lessons. **Jim Boorstein** has completed several years of work at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston installing 10 period rooms from the US and Europe and is back in New York working on more local conservation and art projects. **Cliff Gardner** is enjoying life in California, "One son is a junior in college, another is a sophomore in high school. Both are doing well, as is my wife, Julie. Professionally, my practice is still a great deal of fun – I am still representing clients on death row here in California and in several other Western states. I have had some high profile cases this year, resulting in some fascinating contact with the press. I had dinner with **Ray Goodrich** a few weeks ago, which was a blast, and have been in touch with **Kris Horvath** a great deal over the past year. And Julie and I are having our usual big Thanksgiving celebration this year (25 to 30 people), but with the added benefit of having as a guest George's son Ian – who lives here in San Francisco – for the festivities. I traveled with Ian last year in Africa, and he is an absolutely wonderful kid." **Scott Boege** is living in Huntington, practicing as a chiropractor for the past 32 years with wife Eileen. The nest recently emptied from 2 daughters Kristen and Leigh. Both recently graduated college and played lacrosse. "While my career in lacrosse at friends was unnoticeable, my oldest daughter won 3 Division 1 National titles at Northwestern University which was a great thrill. I see **Ray Goodrich** from time to time. He is still married to Dawn and also lives in Huntington. Nora and **John Silbersack** were asked to give a joint parent talk at Friends commencement last June when the last of their three Friends

author's corner

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

MICHAEL GRUNWALD '88:

The New New Deal. In a riveting account based on new documents and interviews with more than 400 sources on both sides of the aisle, award-winning reporter Michael Grunwald reveals the vivid story behind President Obama's \$800 billion stimulus bill, one of the most important and least understood pieces of legislation in the history of the country. Grunwald writes how the stimulus, though reviled on the right and the left, helped prevent

a depression while jump-starting the president's agenda for lasting change. As ambitious and far-reaching as FDR's New Deal, says Grunwald, the Recovery Act is a down payment on the nation's economic and environmental future, the purest distillation of change in the Obama era.

KATINA MAKRIS '76:

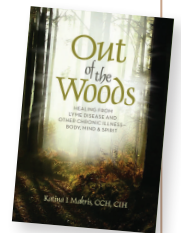
Out of the Woods. Katina Makris' new book, *Out of the Woods: Healing Lyme Disease – Body, Mind & Spirit* offers a ray of hope to everyone in the rapidly growing Lyme community. Part recovery memoir

and part resource guide, it provides Lyme sufferers with vital integrative medical information as well as emotional and spiritual support. Rooted in personal recovery experience, a deep understanding of alternative medicine and a poetic connection to nature, *Out of the Woods* transcends the boundaries of any one disease to reaffirm the power of hope for anyone grappling with life-shattering chronic illness.

Makris, a Classical Homeopath, struggled for five years with a misdiagnosed case of Lyme disease before forging her own path to wellness by combining the best of Western and Complementary Alternative Medicine (CAM). "Our present-day, health care system has proven itself ill equipped to diagnose—much less cure—the hundreds of thousands of Americans who suffer from this devastating disease. It's time for a paradigm shift," Makris says, "And that means educating patients, doctors, and those holding the purse strings alike."

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children graduated and went off to college. **Nichols '06** graduated from the University of St. Andrew in Scotland and Oxford University (M.Phil.). **Johanna '10** is a junior at Duke, currently doing a semester abroad at University College of London, and **Catryn '12** is a freshman at Rice University. John lives in Sands Point and is a literary agent representing the Isaac Asimov and Frank Herbert estates, *Vampire Diaries* author L. J. Smith, historians Tom Carhart and Gregory Feifer and President Obama's Official Inaugural Committee. When he is

not reading he is sailing and John has been Fleet Captain of the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club Frostbiting Fleet for ten years and is a trustee of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRA-LIS). **Jim Robinson** is moving back to Dallas by January after a year in Austin. His son, Bond, will be heading to flight school after graduation in May from US Naval Academy. **Jill Johnson's** career as a photographer is a jumping. Check out her website below, then again in a few months when her new website is up with gobs more photos. "Hope all is well with you

and that all coastal easterners survived the hurricane w/o much ado. Xoxo Jill" www.JillJohnsonPhotographyNewYork.com.

Bill Dudjoc has been working for SolarCity since August of this year as a field energy advisor, on site at Home Depot. "I finished my riding up this year by completing the Peak Season Century (100 miles) in Lake George last October. That made 4 century rides for the year. I really want to thank the class of 1973 for all of the support they gave me on the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Challenge ride. I did this ride in memory of Brian Cressey's daughter, Kabrina. Together they helped raise \$1,800 (Thanks **Jim Boorstein** for the last donation). I have set my goal this year to raise \$10,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society / Team in Training. In addition to the Lake Tahoe ride in June, I intend to complete a total of 5 century rides. I am sure I can count on our class to step up and help. Cindy and I survived Hurricane Sandy (lost power for 18 hours) with no damage. My heart went out to those on LI who are still without... From what I have heard the damage was horrible. **Scott Burkhardt** writes: "Last fall I sold my interest in the collection agency. I couldn't take the negative environment any more. My wife & I had previously started a laser body sculpting company. So with my retirement in hand, I started working full time in the new company. It has grown/morphed into alternative health care/wellness clinics. We have incorporated supplements, whole body vibration and non-invasive laser to address pressing issues in our broken health care system. We focus on keeping our clients well, and not letting them get sick. Our services now include: body sculpting, weight management, pain management, nutritional counseling, and age management via bio-identical hormones. We have special programs for Parkinsons, MS, Diabetics and Osteoporosis. Next spring we are going to start a non-profit research group to continue exploring unusual combination of organic supplements, non-invasive laser, whole body vibration and acupuncture. Other than that, we still go sailing in the BVT's when we have a chance. We are looking to moving from Denver to Las Vegas next spring. It's time for a change. News from **Susan Nappa Cocke**: Phil and I are living in Greenwich, CT – both working hard on our prospective businesses. My fashion accessories business continues to grow, thankfully. I have opened a boutique within a friend's home design store in Cos Cob, CT. Lulu and Ian came to spend some time with us in the aftermath of Sandy as we got our power back soon after. We can't believe we will be celebrating 40 years!!! **Jill**

Johnson will be contacting class members via e-mail or snail mail in regards to reunion plans. If you have not been receiving e-mails, please let me know and I can pass along your info to her; it would make keeping in contact quite a bit easier! Thanks! I know the class of '72 had a great reunion in August!

1974

Many thanks to **Evette Beckett-Tuggle** who is stepping down from her role as class rep. If anyone from the Class of 1953 is interested in taking over the reins, please contact us at alumni@fa.org. We would love to hear from you!

1975

Tilde Mariani Giacché

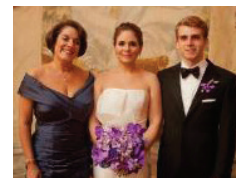
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Tina Erardi writes: As you know, now that both of our kids have flown the coop, Greg and I spend half our time at our house in CT and the other half at our Apt. in Gramercy in the city. Greg reverse commutes 1 or 2 days a week and I still have a few small design projects going on, as well as classes at Parsons. Nick (27) is in D.C, getting his MBA at Georgetown and Kat (24) is a photo editor at Men's Journal magazine, living in the W Village. Both are happy and healthy, after Nick's full recovery from Guillian-Barre a few years ago. I am currently trying to raise awareness and funds for this debilitating syndrome. It's been great catching up with FA friends in the city or on FB, etc. Vicki and Matt sailed through our town this summer and we had fun hanging out on their beautiful sailboat. I've seen Wendy and Lynn (although not often enough) and you [Tilde] seem to be the Italian glue that holds the NYC reunions together, even if they are spur of the moment in the midst of snow storms! Maybe we can try for another one this winter? **Drew Diaz** reports "that he is going through some changes." **Robin Beckhard** writes, "My daughter, Claire, was married on March 31 to Ethan, her beau of nine years, in a lovely, lavish wedding here in NY. Both my kids and their respective partners are happy and doing well, which absolutely delights me. In January, I lost my job with Fort Hill, the consulting firm I'd been at for five years. In October, I joined Merryck &



Tilde Mariani Giacché '75 (far right) with her brother Lorenzo, her brother Augusto '72, and her sister Angela (who attended FA until 10th grade) in Italy.

Co, a firm which offers peer-level mentoring to CEOs and other senior business leaders, as SVP Business Development. The job is brand-new but already feels like a good fit. And after 6+ years, my partner Tim and I are no longer a couple, though we remain close friends. So 2012 has been a year of ups and downs, of endings and new beginnings. I am grateful to my friends and family who have been there for me in good times and difficult ones. News from **Daphne Hagan**: "It has been a very busy year since I saw you [Tilde] last winter. Kyle got married to Erin Kelley on May 12th in Indianapolis. They are living in Williamsburg, NY. Jenny left her job in May and has moved to Charlottesville, Virginia where she is attending Darden for her MBA. Kevin's mom passed away in early June while up in Vermont. It was a bit sudden, but she did not suffer, thank God. Jenny, Kevin and I travelled to Tanzania on a safari. My family all got together in July to celebrate my Dad's



Robin Beckhard '75 with daughter Claire and son Alex

birthday. He turned 80! Love to all, rah rah. **Jill Fowler Dragiff** writes: "Matthew and I are down to having only one child (9th grade son Caleb) living at home this fall as our fifth has gone for her freshman year at Liberty University in Virginia. Katie is loving the change of weather and being in the mountains. Our oldest son, Malachi, became engaged to his lovely girlfriend (another Katie) and we look forward to their marriage next year. Meanwhile we had a lot of trips this year trying to connect with all six of our children and aunts, uncles and wonderful grandmother who is thriving in Quechee, VT. Lots of fun memories being made these days. **Allison Bannister Benabdallah** writes: "This past year

has brought a great deal of joy to my family. Our eldest son, Adam (30 years old), was married this past May in Newport, RI and we are so happy to welcome our new daughter-in-law, Sara, into our family. After living in Stuttgart, Germany for the past few years, they are finally returning to the states this coming November, settling in Washington, DC. He works for the Dept. of Defense. Our son, Justin (28), has begun his second year as a Resident Physician, specializing in Urology, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I am crossing my fingers that when he is done in 3+ years, he returns and opens a practice in the Boston area. Our youngest, Hannah (24), is working for JWT, an advertising agency in Manhattan, and loving life in the big city. She lives on the Upper East Side and I hope to catch up with old friends when I visit her in the near future. I am so happy that I will have all 3 of my kids on the same continent!! My husband and I are, for the first time, truly experiencing what it means to be empty nesters. As soon as we figure out how to enjoy it, we'll let you know! We are still living in Natick, MA, just outside of Boston. He works as the Director of Global Business Development for Tyco International and I am still working in Framingham, MA as a 6th grade teacher (Language Arts and Social Studies) as well as running the theater arts program at my middle school. Next summer we both plan on traveling a bit to Italy and Turkey. Tilde, I want to plan the timing of our trip to Italy for when you are there. It would be so incredible to connect in Florence or San Torenzo!! I just love keeping up on everyone's news through Facebook. I'm looking forward to the next reunion, hopefully in NYC! Next time, I will make it there!!!! **Linda Relli** reports: "I am working at a very busy equine veterinary clinic in Virginia. I live on a small farm with two horses, a burro and three dogs. So I stay very busy! I just got my mom settled in Florida with my sister. **Kimi Puntillo** writes: "I'm headed to Washington, DC for a conference and to run the Marine Corp Marathon, this Sunday, October 28th. That will be marathon number 23 – I think; I lost track. Anyway, between training and races I've run enough mileage to circle the earth! Currently, I'm a Professor at St. John's University in NYC teaching Multimedia Communications – truly coming full circle from our days at FA. News from **James Peterson**: "Everything is well here. My family is fine. Carmela and I celebrated our 25th anniversary in May. My son, Chris is now 11 and in 6th grade. Of particular note is that in April I was elected Vice Chairman of BAFT-IFSA, the international banking arm



Steve Mills '77 with President Barack Obama.

of The American Bankers Association in Washington, DC. I have been on their Board of Directors for 8 years now. My regular job as Managing Director of Northern Trust International Bank continues to be both enjoyable and challenging. I am leaving on Thursday for 10 days of work in Osaka, Japan. The travel continues to be heavy, but it is still interesting. I am working more these days with Italian banks (despite the credit challenges!), so I'll have to let you know next time I am over in your neck of the woods. Hope all is well with you and the family." **Vicki Chesler** is thrilled to announce that she and her husband Matt are finished paying college tuition! Daughter Kelsey graduated in May from Northeastern University with a degree in Biology, Cum Laude. She is currently looking to work in wildlife conservation in the Boston area, so send any leads you may have! Melissa, who graduated three years earlier from BU with a degree in Film and Television, has been gainfully employed in NYC ever since, working in music video and television production. Matt and I have been doing a lot of sailing out of Stamford, and met up with **Tina Rose Erardi** and her husband Greg last summer at the Sunset Grill on the Norwalk waterfront. We also met up with **Penelope Wiley Mayer** and **Chris Mayer** for dinner in Oyster Bay a couple of times when staying overnight in the harbor there, right off Center Island. Brought back memories of sailing on **Peter Flint**'s Shields in those waters! We are heading down for our annual Caribbean charter in January, to spend ten days in the Grenadines. Also looking forward to a ski trip to Lake Tahoe in March. Our marketing business, Highpoint Ventures, has been taking us into the city regularly to see clients,

and several real estate projects upstate keep us busy as well. I look forward to our next FA reunion whenever and wherever it may be! It's always great to be able to keep up with so many of our classmates via Facebook, too. **Robert Holtermann** writes: "Tari and I just got back from a sweep through California (Tahoe, Yosemite, Napa/Sonoma and SF) and in the process got to hang with **Phil Sih** who just became a dad on 10/24. I also had a great visit with **Cathy** and **Terry Chermak** in Montauk back in the summer (seems so distant). All's well here otherwise. Hugs back!! PS there are some FA lifers in the class of 75 who just celebrated 50 years of friendship...you know who you are. As for me, I'm still working at the Intl. School of Florence as a Kindergarten teacher and absolutely love it! My oldest Jennifer (26) just got promoted to Catering and Banquet Sales at the Saint Regis in NYC, Josh (24) is a junior at John Cabot University in Rome as a history major, Oreste (20) is a sophomore at City University in London as a sociology/media relations major, and Vienna is a 10th grader here at the International School in Florence. My ex-husband Gianni moved almost a year ago to Florida where he manages a restaurant in West Palm Beach – we're all going to visit him over the Christmas holiday which should be lots of fun for sure! I really will miss our annual holiday dinner with friends in NYC but if anyone is coming over this way, PLEASE let me know, it's so much fun seeing you guys in my neck of the woods! – **Tilde**

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In fall 2012, the class of 1982 enjoyed a stellar 30th reunion, with a number of our classmates showing up to celebrate. It was great to see everyone at the October 20th Fall Fair, at the alumni cocktail reception, and then at our dinner celebrating our “How can this be true?” 30th reunion! The evening was full of laughter, reminiscing, poring over yearbooks and photos, and more than a little emotion as we reconnected and marked a milestone in our class history. We thank our classmates **Heather Johnston** and **Susan Peirez** for spearheading and organizing this wonderful event. We are happy to report that attending our 30th reunion were **Anil Kamat**, **Ed Balazs**, **Matt Bloom**, **Rich Thatcher**, **Elizabeth Davis Eichner**, **Laura Solinger**, **Sharon Bradford Franklin**, **Heather Johnston**, **John Corcoran**, **Leslie Oren**, **Paola Martino**, **Michael Poloukhine**, **Nancy Stein Woolf**, **Olivia Parry**, **Chip Sealy**, **Kristina Sywolski Newman**, **Jane Newkirk-Brady**,



The Class of 1982 celebrates their 30th Reunion.

Susan Peirez, **Kate Seligson Friedman**, **Claudia Kulesh**, **Gina Galgano Hoagland**, **Chip Garner**, **Ed Dimonda**, **Joanne Maisano**, **Jim Hummerstone**. Also spotted were **Lisa Gathard Thaman**, **Jen Hellman Pomroy**, **Mike Dreizen**, and **Evan Myrianthopoulos**. Our 30th reunion was also marked with great sadness, however, as we learned of the passing of our classmate, **Louis Fortunoff**, just the night before. We were to learn that Louis received a diagnosis of advanced pancreatic cancer only weeks earlier, and though we all remember his competitive spirit and drive, he was unable to defeat this very tough opponent. Louis left us all too young at the age of 47, and we send our most heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. In Louis' memory, a donation will be made on behalf of the FA Class of 1982 to the Fortunoff Video Archives for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University. As for the rest of our class news, **Michael** and **Leslie** continue enjoying life in Los Angeles, with Michael's business, ReSquare Architecture and Construction, continuing to grow, and Leslie's PR firm, Babygrande, Inc. enjoying representing clients in the TV space. Michael's children, **Chloe**, 20, **Nick**, 18, and **Nina**, 16, continue to thrive in their college (**Chloe** and **Nick**) and high school (**Nina**) studies. **Susan Peirez** writes: “I am currently working as Director of Special Projects at the New York State Council on the Arts, an amazing opportunity to stay connected to personal passions: theater, dance, music, literature, museums, film and visual arts. One of my responsibilities is producing the Governor's Arts Awards 2013, which is like our state's Oscars. My sister **Leslie '88** and I have just formed our own company, Foxhole Productions working

to develop our own film and TV projects. And I am excited to be working as a consultant on a fascinating collection of group panorama photographs called *The Big Picture* written by **Joshua Sapan**, President and CEO of AMC networks with a foreword by acclaimed photographic critic and essayist, **Luc Sante** published by Princeton Architectural Press this fall 2012. Thank you **Leslie** and **Michael** for launching our class Facebook page and connecting all of us. As I write this, I am about to visit with **Ricky Losada** who is in town from California. **Ned Walpin** writes: “I live in Santa Fe, NM, with my wife **Cynthia** and daughter **Alexandra** (7 years old). I've been teaching at St. John's College for 14 years, and have been Dean of Students (known here as Assistant Dean) for coming on three years now. We love this part of the country, although we get back to NY often, as my whole family is still there.

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Turk and **Kara Vassel Lewis** have left the local Friends Academy scene and headed south, prior to Hurricane Sandy, and are living in Palm Beach. Both still involved in private schools: Turk is Assistant Head for Advancement at the Benjamin School and Kara is teaching 4th grade at a charter school, Bright Futures Academy. Kara reports that she is trying to get them hooked on the Lucy Calkins (Columbia Teachers College Writing Guru) philosophy. She says life is pretty easy compared to the recent weather here in the north. Golf courses are everywhere along with the beaches in the Palm Beach area, which makes life easier, according to Kara. Their favorite part is letting her dog off the leash at the beach where her dog is learning how to bodysurf. Her two kids are adjusting well. For us, left in Long Island, the recent weather has made us appreciate the simple things in life, like electricity, gas and a powered refrigerator. The support for our south shore brethren has been amazing. Some neighbors and I tried to bring supplies down to Long Beach and the Rockaways but because of the devastation we could only drop the goods off at the local firehouses. They were so appreciative and we were glad to help. Things are just getting back to normal at Thanksgiving; it was a trying time but we have really learned how supportive, strong and generous our communities can be. Other than that, my wife, Heather and I are busy with 3 kids doing exactly what the Winns and Doyles do with their time, read below. The 1986 Facebook page was developed to help with these "Class Notes" but has not helped at all. Please visit and 'like' the Facebook page at FRIENDS ACADEMY, CLASS OF 1986 and let us know what you are up to so that

we can keep our class informed. If we get some good participation, it will enable us to get together and relive some of the great FA memories. For now, we can only tell you about who we contact regularly... **Tricia Hanley Winn** is living in Wellsley, MA. She has three children, two boys and a girl. They are all athletes, so Tricia and her husband spend their weekends driving to and cheering at games. **Valerie Miller** is living outside of Geneva, Switzerland. She works for Ralph Lauren. She is in charge of events for all of Europe for them. She has two children, and comes home every summer to hang out on Long Island. Her kids are getting a taste of Friends Academy at the summer camp. **Jane Goldstein Welch** is living near Tricia in Newton, Massachusetts and has two boys. Jenny (Killian) and **Brian Doyle** are living in Brian's hometown of Sea Cliff. They have three kids, all athletes, and they too spend their weekends on the sidelines cheering them on. **Brett Gering** is married and living in NYC. **Dr. (Dentist) Rob Schmitz** and his wife Erika have survived the storm in Lattingtown with their 2 daughters. He was in the middle of construction when the power went out. Surviving on partial generator power and cold showers, he had a full house generator ready to go but did not have it hooked up in time. **Kevdog McCusker** and his wife Nancy live out in Greenlawn with their two kids. Stop by if you want an update on Kevin's work. He can provide extreme detail on the orthopedic medical devices that he provides on emergency basis all over Long Island. Please write with your news! I know it was over a year ago already, but we had so much fun at our 25th reunion! It was really fun seeing everyone and finding that we are all so much the same. Come out next time.

— **Kara and Chuck**

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The Class of 1987 gathered at the home of **Allison Heaney** and Joseph Panacciulli to celebrate their 25th Friends Academy Reunion.



Recardi Wallace, Kristina McGovern, Allison Heaney, Michael Gallo, Elisa Rosenberg at their 25th Reunion.



Gennifer Geller, Elisa Rosenberg, Benjamin Schwartzberg, Elizabeth Baum at their 25th Reunion.



John Scola, James Pagett, Benjamin Schwartzberg, Mark Busching, Toby Zacks, Michael Gallo at their 25th Reunion.

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Greetings and apologies to all members of the Class of 1988... it's been a while since you've seen any notes for our class. No good excuse – I just got a little tired around the 23-year mark. And it's not like you guys have been exactly stellar when it comes to submitting news – I KNOW you have news to share. I mean, there are at least a couple of you who have written a book or two, or twenty (**Michael Grunwald**, *The New New Deal*, a *New York Times* best seller; **Jennifer Briggs Stanley** – prolific author of several mystery series: cozy-mystery.com). And I know at least one who has her own radio show and a wickedly funny blog (**Jennifer Koppelman Hutt**, "Just Jenny" on Sirius/XM Stars; jenniferhutt.com). And another who recently debuted at Below 54 "Broadway's

Nightclub” (**Melissa Errico**). And what about the guy who was named Director of Education for the National Association for College Admission Counseling who also helped develop CollegeSnapps, a mobile app that leads students through the college application process (**Don Fraser**)? And the other guy who was named Newspaper Photographer of the Year by Pictures of the Year International, co-founded ShootForGood.org, serves as Director of Photography for The Purpose Project, got married and became a dad (**Stephen Katz**)? **Hank Hamm**, **Amy Lyon** and **Jennifer Naddell** have also all recently welcomed newborns and expanded our extended Class of '88 family – congrats to all! I could go on – Google and Facebook are awesome. But this is really supposed to work the other way. You're supposed to SEND me news! To make it easier for us to stay connected and up-to-date, I (finally) started a Class of '88 Facebook group. If you're on Facebook and we're connected, you should have received an invitation to join. If you're terrified of Facebook and what it could do to your career/political aspirations (insert name here), don't worry – just make sure I have your current contact information, especially as we start planning for our 25th reunion in the Fall of 2013. **Blake Wynot** has selflessly offered to organize everything which is great since only a handful of you showed up for the one I organized five years ago. Just kidding, he said I had to do it again and that it better be good this time. Stay tuned for details... and pleas for help! Again, please forgive the sparse entries over the last few issues. I hope that you are all happy, healthy and living life to the fullest wherever you are. You needn't win any awards or receive any nominations to send in news of your life – it's a gift to simply know we're all still connected.

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Hello Classmates! I am happy to report that **Alison Pace** has a new book out called *You Tell Your Dog First* which is a great non-

alums in the arts

ARI FLIAKOS '90, a principal actor in the wildly creative and internationally known NYC-based Wooster Group, participated in the Wooster Group's collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare Company in London during the Olympics.



The project had the Wooster Group performing Shakespeare's *Troilus and Cressida* as Native Americans.

The Royal Shakespeare Company selected them to represent the U.S. in the arts festival during the Olympics. Ari has been with the Wooster Group for more than 10 years. He started there as an intern and then stood in for Willem DaFoe when DaFoe left the group shortly before they were scheduled to take a show to Columbia, South America. He's been a member of the group since.



fiction series of essays about her life with dogs and her love for dogs. It has received outstanding reviews and is a very enjoyable read. I highly recommend it! I also had the pleasure of running into **Nicole Petallides** today who was headed home from Fox Business. Nicole looked stunning despite a long day at the studio and radiated her usual friendliness and joy when talking about her sons and husband who are all doing well. Hopefully more updates from our classmates next time! All the best, **JoAn**

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If anyone from the Class of 1990 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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Hello everyone. This report comes after a very successful 20th Reunion celebration in October for the Class of 1992. After taking in the fun, games and sporting events of Fall Fair, about 20 of us (plus spouses) met at the Soundview restaurant in Glen Cove for dinner and drinks. It was a great turnout and lots of fun to see people after all these years. Thanks to the reunion committee, which included myself, **Jon Dreizen**, **Angela Tomlinson Tassie** and **Michele Smith Harlan** for all their hard work in pulling it together. Angela and Michelle were our fearless leaders and did a fantastic job of coordinating things. It was a truly great event. Alumni/ae in attendance were: **Nyree Thorne**, **Jay Benjamin**, **Trina Smith Coviello**, **Michael Schwartz**, **Jamie Guggenheim Shiner**, **Matthew Henry**, **Emily Sussman**, **Eliano Vessali**, **Patrick McGillicuddy**, **James Coe**, **Jeffrey Orenstein**, **Rebecca Mai**, **Kristin Brennan Shapiro**, **Randy Johnson**, **Matthew Henry**, **Kelly Berkell Mamaysky**, **Jonathon Lambert**, **Clay Siegert** and **Jonathan Dreizen**. **Michal Schwartz**, who traveled all the way from San Francisco, CA, won the award for longest distance traveled. (Mike is a software engineer in the Bay Area where he lives with his wife and two kids.) Here is a quick update on what people are up to... **Angela** and **James Tassie** were scheduled to attend reunion, but had to cancel when their daughter came down with an ear

infection. Angela and James, you guys were missed! She wrote in with the following update from Atlanta, "James and I, and our daughter Blake, are doing well and living in Atlanta. James is working for FedEx Office as a Center Manager and Angela is working for Levy Restaurants as the Regional Director of Marketing. Due to my job, the whole family gets to travel to various sports and entertainment events on the East Coast. As a result.....Blake has been to NFL games, basketball events and multiple concerts. Our daughter Blake is almost 2 years old, in school full time and is a total pistol!"

Michelle Smith Harlan, who is a director at Credit Agricole in the financial industry in New York City, let me know that after our 20th reunion dinner, "I celebrated my daughter's 1st birthday, and then I headed out for a cruise to the Caribbean with my two children and husband to celebrate our 10 year wedding anniversary." Hope you had fun on the high seas! After attending reunion **Matt Henry** took off for three weeks of hunting in Northern and Southern Utah, and Northern Wyoming. As Matt wrote, "Whitetail is delicious!" Matt runs a property management company in the Midwest, where he lives with his wife, Valerie, who is wrapping up a degree in animal science at Utah State. "She is way smarter than I am...better looking too!" **Nyree Thorne**, who attended reunion with her husband, Carlos, said, "My husband and I live in a suburb of Winston Salem, NC, and have 2 sons, Bishop (2) and Deacon (1). We have been here since 2007 and have acclimated to Southern living...easy, slow and quiet. I work as a gastroenterologist at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. We enjoy what little free time we have together at home." **Emily Sussman** arrived at reunion fresh off of her wedding to her beau, Chad, who works at ESPN. Congrats, Emily! She is a senior producer at the Superfad production company in New York City. **Jon Dreizen** reports that he lives in Connecticut with his wife and three children. He is a litigation associate at Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz. When I asked Jon for more details, he wrote, "I tried to give you 2-3 sentences, but bored myself to tears..." I'm with you, brother... **Sarah Calderon** could not attend reunion, but had a GREAT excuse: She gave birth to a nearly 10-lb. baby boy named Aaron! Sarah and her husband Joe are extremely excited to welcome the new addition to their family. That means Sarah is on a very welcome maternity leave from her role as executive director at Casitas Maria Center of Arts and Education in Manhattan. **Jeffrey Orenstein**



Mike Schwartz, Emily Sussman, Matt Henry and Jon Dreizen pose for a photo during their 20th reunion at the Soundview Restaurant in Glen Cove in October 2012.



Randy Johnson, Todd Kraska, Jay Benjamin, Jeff Orenstein and Clay Siegert pose for a photo during their 20th reunion at the Soundview Restaurant in Glen Cove in October 2012.



Rebecca Mai, Kristin Brennan and Matt Henry at their 20th Reunion in October 2012.

lives in the Washington, D.C. area with his wife and four daughters (Jeff's assessment: "Yes, I have been very busy..."). He is an attorney at Reed Smith LLP. **Kristin Brennan Shapiro** lives in Jamaica Plain in Boston with her husband David and two boys, Brennan and Jack. She works at uAspire where she does financial aid advising for Boston city high school students to help them find affordable paths to college. Also, I can speak from experience when I say that she is a crack candlepin bowler up here in the Boston area. **James Coe** lives in Lexington, MA, with his wife and three children. He is a Chief Patent Counsel for Schneider Electric. (For all those that have not heard, James added an "e" to the end of his last name because "James Co" got him added to a bunch of business-related junk mail lists in the early 2000s. He believes he has saved lots of trees...) **Patrick McGillicuddy** lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Mink, and 2-year-old daughter, Mia. Pat is the founding principal of East

Brooklyn Community High School. Pat asked me to forward along the message that he is looking for a law firm(s) that would be interested in volunteering with his school's moot court program. Anyone with any ideas/contacts can contact him at pat.admin@ebchighschool.org. **Rebecca Mai** lives in New York City with her husband David, and three children. She is a psychologist with a private practice and specializes in helping school-aged children with learning disabilities.

Eleanor Vessali teaches chemistry at Stratford High School in Texas, where she has been living for a number of years. **Jay Benjamin** is doing very well as Chief Creative Officer at the Leo Burnett agency in New York. **Trina Smith Coviello** and her husband, Jeff, recently moved from Manhattan to Long Island with their two little girls to enjoy some much needed space! And finally, for my update, I am still with XL Hybrids, the early stage company I co-founded a few years back. I live in South Boston with my wife, Deirdre, and our two daughters, Ruth (4 yrs) and Eleanor (2 yrs). Have a great New Year's everyone, and let's keep in touch on any new developments in 2013. — **Clay**

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As I wrote on our Facebook group post, I hope that those of you who live in the New York/New Jersey area are all safe and that you are getting back to your normal lives. Now that the power is back and the trees are being cleared, Adam, Julian and I have returned to our daily routines, yet we remain mindful of those who suffered losses and whose communities were devastated. It is during these times that we get to see the best of people and we have been thoroughly impressed by the outpouring of support from the Friends Academy community to those most in need. In exciting news, Adam, Julian and I welcomed Landon Porcelli Good into this world! He was born December 3 at 7:07 PM. Landon weighed in at 7 lbs. and is 21.5 inches tall. This has been an incredible journey for our family and we



Adam and Natalia Good with their sons, Julian and newborn Landon.

couldn't be more thrilled that our miracle baby has finally arrived. Julian is so excited to have a baby brother and can't wait to share the stories of his trip to Toledo waiting to bring him home. Thanks so much to all of you for your love and support throughout this process. We look forward to all of you meeting Landon over the coming months. **Danielle Valenti Smith** writes, "Believe it or not, we have started planning our 20-year reunion. It seems like yesterday that we were hanging out in the courtyard or in Mr. Baskind's office. There will be an evening event following Fall Fair next year. If you are interested in helping Natalia and me plan, please reach out to us. I am still living in Manhattan and my children Siena, 7, Luca, 5, and Marco, 3, are keeping me very busy. **Sandy Lyon Mare** recently visited me in NYC after not seeing each other for 5 years. Of course, it seemed like it was just 5 days before that we had seen each other. I've included a picture of Sandy with Siena and Luca." Speaking of Mr. Baskind, his son is in 2nd grade with my son Julian, which I'm sure is stranger for Mr. Baskind than it is for us, but well, we're all grown up and he has A LOT of kids! It's always nice to run into **Jim Gillies** and his wife around town... just recently, we both had the same idea of celebrating being back at home after



Sandy Lyon Mare and Luca and Siena Smith

Sandy with a dinner at Barneys in Locust Valley. On the topic of celebrations, **Todd Jacobson** got married at the end of September at Bridgewaters in Manhattan. We had a great time with **Aditya Mattoo**, **Amanda** and **Jesse Laserson**, **Jesse Shafer**, **Josh Sussman**, **Jay Palmer** and **Shaleen Patel**. While seeing everyone was great, the highlight may have been watching former NBA great, Dikembe Mutumbo do the Hora! **Bill Varrichio** writes: "We are having a blast with our 3 kids. I just finished coaching Luke's flag football team, which was a ton of fun! Luke just turned 7, Olivia is 5 and Avery just turned 3." **Jennifer Berliner** sent me an update as well "We have a beautiful baby girl named Madison Rian. She's 4 months old and such a joy. We are having so much fun with her and our son Scott who turned 2 [in October]." **Katie Howe Bruno** tells me that she and her husband Joe welcomed their first child into the world on August 27, 2012. "His name is Samson



Katie Howe
Bruno's '93 son
Samson Tobias
Bruno

Tobias Bruno, and he is the love of our lives! Sam brings us such incredible joy!" Adam and I saw **Tony Gismondi** at the Fall Fair. He and his family are doing well and it was such a treat seeing his adorable son enjoying himself at the crafts table. Next year I hope to meet more of your children! As always, it's

terrific hearing from you all so please keep the news coming. And, Danielle and I hope you will make it to the reunion next October. We promise it will be a blast!

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We hope that our FA family in the affected areas recovered safely and quickly from Hurricane Sandy – our thoughts and prayers were with you. For some good news, our own **Sameer Sayeed** and his wife, Caroline, welcomed twin boys who were born in the middle of Sandy's wrath on Tuesday Oct. 30. Carl Eric weighed in at 6 lbs. 1 oz. and 21 inches and Philip Adam was 6 lbs. 3 oz. and 20 inches. Big brother Oscar is already



Sameer Sayeed '96 and his wife, Caroline welcome twin boys Carl Eric and Philip Adam

very attached. We wish Sameer and the family all the best on the newest additions to his clan. Congratulations also to **Patrick McGlinchey**

who was married on June 23rd, 2012, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. The reception was held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Friends of Academy was well represented!



Friends from Friends at Patrick McGlinchey's '96 wedding. Pictured are Brett Jacobson '96, Peter Speranza '96, Christopher Monge '95, Kevin Monge '96, the groom – Patrick McGlinchey '96, Micah McGlinchey – the bride, Christopher DeNatale '96, Ryan Porter '96, Andrew DeNatale '95, and Crispin Thielen '95.



The Class of 1997. Top row: Sayre Flynn, Kerim Aydaqul, Jackie Ryan, Nick Bevad, Josh Cohen, Mina Agarabi, Pam Foschi Danbusky, Kirsten Isaksen Benjamin, Matthew Bonanno. Middle: Devon Broderick Carroll, Damian Gutierrez, Heather Barnard Herman, Elizabeth McCally Keating, Wynn Payackapan, Devon George. Front: Sasha Bruno, Jarret Orenstein.

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After 15 years, the class of 1997 reunited for an evening of laughter, reminiscing and recapping of many years gone by. For some classmates, they had not seen one another



Three generations of Bevads: Nick '97, Marge and baby Nicholas

in 15 years, yet not all that much had changed. People have moved away, built amazing careers, gotten married, had children, and been on incredible adventures. It gave everyone a chance to reconnect

with the promise of being better about staying in touch. It was certainly a night to remember. Everyone looks forward to the next opportunity to get together to celebrate 20 years...if not sooner! Congratulations to **Nick Bevad** on the arrival of Nicholas Edward Bevad born September 9, 2012 and weighing in at 7 lbs. 1oz. and 22 in.

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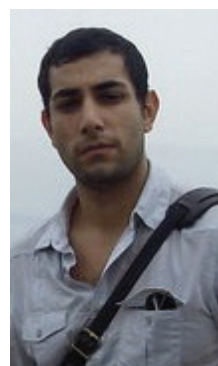
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Kayvon Afshari: In 2007, Kayvon graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies. Upon graduation, Kayvon worked as a special reporter for *The New York Sun*. The next year Kayvon joined NY1 News where he conducted on-camera



Kayvon Afshari

interviews throughout New York City. In 2008 Kayvon was hired by CBS News as a Broadcast Associate, and was promoted to the position of Freelance Producer for CBS in 2010. At CBS, Kayvon coordinates foreign crews for breaking news including the

Haiti earthquakes and various terrorist attacks. He also shoots, edits, and produces pieces for CBSNews.com. Kayvon has also pursued continuing education since receiving his Bachelor's degree. In the summer of 2010, Kayvon attended a Persian language class at Tehran University's International Center for Persian Studies. From 2010-2012,

Kayvon attended New York University and graduated with a Masters in International Relations in the Department of Politics. While at NYU, Kayvon was heavily involved in various organizations. He served as an editorial board member for *The Journal of Political Inquiry*, and also as Vice President for the International Relations Association. In 2012, Kayvon joined the German Academic Exchange Service, where he participated in an academic field research project with the German government on combating human trafficking in the Western Balkans. In this program Kayvon focused on politics in the Middle East, US-Iran relations, counterterrorism, and international cooperation. For his thesis, Kayvon created a decision theory model for Israel's choice on Iran's nuclear programs. **Chris Hagedorn:** After graduating from Bowdoin College in 2007, where he majored in History and Film Studies, Chris started working as a



Chris Hagedorn

copywriter for ML Rogers Agency, an advertising agency in Manhattan. During his time at ML Rogers Agency, Chris wrote radio, television and print ads for various clients. Having spent three years working in advertising, Chris began working for Scotts Miracle-Gro as a Marketing Manager in Port Washington, New York. In September 2011, Chris got married to the lovely Meghan Horman on his family's farm in Reading, Vermont. Chris is currently living in Sands Point with his wife Meghan and their miniature schnauzer, Klaus. He serves on the board of Farms for City Kids, an organization that educates inner city kids about nature and sustainable agriculture in Vermont. He is an avid skier, movie buff, traveler, and adventurer. **Jessica Jakobson:** Jessica graduated Lehigh University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Religion Studies, and a minor in Asian Studies. While at Lehigh, Jessica continued her love of community service through her involvement in various organizations. For four years she served as a tour guide in the "Campus Keys" program, where she supervised large groups of prospective students and gave tours of Lehigh University's campus. She was also an active member of the "Association of Student Alumni," where she helped plan

campus-wide events and activities for current students as well as alumni. In addition, she served as the Class of 2007 Representative on the prestigious "Community Outreach Board" from 2004-2007. In this role, Jessica



Jessica Jakobson

became heavily involved in planning campus-wide fundraising events including a Hurricane Katrina fundraising benefit and also the September 11th Memorial Project fundraiser and rally. After graduating Lehigh, Jessica pursued her career in the nonprofit sector and worked in the Development Department of The Salvation Army's Executive Headquarters where she learned various aspects of Development. Through this experience, she further realized her true calling lay in planning events for nonprofit organizations. In 2008, Jessica was hired as the Special Events Associate of The 92nd Street Y. While at The 92nd Street Y, Jessica helped plan and successfully execute large scale special events, fundraising events, and donor cultivation events. She was also able to use her love of English in this role by writing and designing invitations, event programs, and event-related publications. Two years later, Jessica joined Hadassah as their Meeting Planning Specialist where she planned and managed diverse meetings and conferences, including the annual convention consisting of 1,000 attendees. In 2011, Jessica was hired by the Women Presidents' Organization, an international organization for women presidents of multimillion-dollar companies with locations on 4 continents. At the WPO, Jessica is the sole event planner responsible for planning and producing special events across the United States and Canada. Jessica attributes her passion for community service to the Friends Academy curriculum, since community service was such an integral part of it. **Haley Moss:** Haley graduated Wesleyan University in 2007 with a B.A. in Science in Society with a focus on Anthropology and Chemistry. She was planning on becoming a physician since childhood, so she began her pre-med curriculum in the beginning of freshman year of college. Following graduation, Haley immediately began medical school at the University of Pennsylvania School Of Medicine. As a medical student, she was

very involved in community outreach including serving as one of the student leaders of a clinic for Philadelphia's uninsured and homeless population. She was also the student coordinator of a Philadelphia-wide program called "Bridging the Gaps" which provided resources to over 150 health social service professionals who volunteer at a Philadelphia Metro Area non-profit. In addition, Haley was the Co-President of the University of Pennsylvania's chapter of the American Medical Student Association. This role allowed her to bring prominent speakers to the university to discuss health policy. Haley represented the school at national conferences including Physicians for Social Responsibility, Medical Students for Choice and Physicians for National Health Care. In addition, Haley organized health care rallies and lobby days in Washington D.C. and Harrisburg, PA for medical students to bring issues concerning health reform to government officials. Haley believes that a physician's white coat is a symbol of social justice, a tool to promote and maintain the health and well-being of individuals and their communities. As a medical student, she decided to pursue an MBA at the Wharton School with a focus on Health Care Management to help address the systemic problems facing patients and the healthcare system. To develop initiatives and programs to provide high quality and efficient care, Haley needed a thorough understanding of the economics, politics and managerial issues relevant to the health care system. During her time as a business student, she had the opportunity to work as a policy fellow at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. CMMI was created by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the 2010 U.S. health care reform legislation to test innovative payment and delivery system models to improve patient quality of care, while slowing the rate of cost. At CMMI, Haley helped work on health reform implementation and developed models of pay systems based on quality and efficiency. Haley graduated with a combined MD/MBA in the spring of 2012 and quickly began her residency as an OB/GYN at the NYU Langone Medical Center where she has the opportunity to work at Bellevue, the nation's oldest public hospital – a healthcare system that has historically provided medical care and social services to our nation's most underserved. On a clinical level, she has the opportunity to support women through life's challenges of family planning, childbirth, primary care and cancer. Once she completes her residency, Haley aims to develop systems

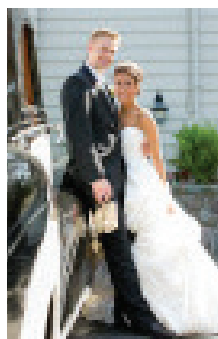
to improve the efficiency of the healthcare system through policy, research and public-private partnerships. Her hope is to develop successful policies that will ensure that women and their families, no matter race, gender or socioeconomic status, will get the most equitable and efficient health care available. **Romola Ratnam**: While attending New York University, Romola interned with the Heisman Trophy, NASCAR and the NBA in the Global Business Development group. During her junior year, she interned at the NBA and got hired full time senior year during which time Romola took night classes at NYU and worked at the NBA during the day. While at the NBA, she continued to work in the Global Business Development group, working with companies around the world who wanted to market through the NBA and to NBA fans. In this position, Romola worked on closing deals for the NBA with HP, Sears and Timberland. Over time, she switched to have an international focus working with NBA offices overseas to develop marketing programs with locally-relevant and international brands. In 2010, Romola began working with Madrid-based bank, BBVA to bring them on as the official



Romola Ratnam

bank of the NBA in the U.S., Europe and Latin America. In 2011, she left the NBA to start Foxrock Partners, a brand and business development agency focused on sports and entertainment, with the NBA's former head of Business Development, Peter Farnsworth. In her new position, Romola signed BBVA as a client, and now manages BBVA's NBA activation worldwide. BBVA was the sponsor of five international games this pre-season: one in Mexico and four in Europe concluding with Dallas playing against FC Barcelona in October. She also works on their US sponsorship strategy for their U.S. Bank (BBVA Compass) negotiating and activating deals with four NBA teams, Miami Heat, Dallas Mavericks, Houston Rockets and San Antonio Spurs. While at the NBA, Romola co-founded TopSpin, an organization dedicated to leveraging the visibility and influence of the sports industry to shed light on the education crisis in NYC. TopSpin has an annual event that raises money for education-based non-profits <http://www.topspincharity.com/>.

To date, TopSpin has raised \$750,000 over the past three years and seeks to surpass \$1 million with its fourth annual event held on November 13 in NYC. In addition, Romola is on the Board of Ubumwe Basketball, a non-profit dedicated to helping to unite Rwandan youth through sport including those bearing the burden of a segregated society in the aftermath of the 1994 genocide. Romola will be traveling to Rwanda in April and running in the Kigali Peace Marathon to raise funds to rebuild the basketball courts at Ecole Technique Officielle, the site of where 2,000 Tutsis



Cristina Vitiello Sheldon and her husband Wesley.

were abandoned and left to be murdered by the extremist militia (subject of the movie *Shooting Dogs*) and the site of the Ubumwe Basketball Unity Camps. Congratulations to **Cristina Vitiello Sheldon**. On May 26th, 2012, Christina married

Wesley Sheldon at The Sagamore in Lake George, NY. The couple met at Boston College.

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Maya Klauber recently graduated with her masters from Columbia University School of Social Work, specializing in clinical therapy with children and families. She currently lives in New York City with her fiancé John Ferrarone who just began his internal medicine residency at New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. The couple is starting to plan their wedding and recently adopted their new best friend - an adorable beagle mix named Penny!

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Spencer Wolf '08 with his friend Eliza Rudd, Brendan Dooley '08 and Ruchir Patel '08 along with Spencer's adorable cousin Ryan Verini.

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Shant Keskinian is currently living and working in New York City. He is working at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center working with cancer research, specifically lymphoma. **Dylan Pancer** is still down in Chile, working for the government as the director of Business Development for Start-Up Chile. **Laura Berke** is living in New York City and recently started a new job at Fuse TV. **Rebecca Parker** is living in Brooklyn and working at NCC Media. **Samantha Sharf** is working at Forbes.com in New York as an Assistant Producer. **Ally Phillips** recently moved to Washington, D.C. where she works in Financial Aid and Admissions for a vocational school, Technical Learning Centers. She is living in Arlington, Virginia, and absolutely loves it. She is really excited about exploring the D.C. area but misses Long Island and looks forward to seeing everyone at the Class of 2008 five-year reunion in June!

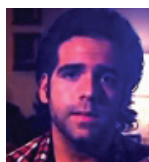
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Anthony Tedesco has become an overnight Youtube sensation with the release of his single "Long until Gone" which depicts the sacrifices our troops are making by serving and protecting our country. The video, filmed



in Long Island, has more than 1.2 million views, and the numbers are still growing. Anthony wishes to support the troops via his music. He plans to donate a portion of the proceeds from his new album, Exordium, to "Treat Any Soldier," an organization that sends care packages to soldiers serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Check out his video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C58CWk4J8T0>

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alumni in sports

Congratulations to Bucknell soph-

more **ALEX RYAN '11** who made the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.



Virginia rowing freshman **NINA VASCOTTO '12** competed for the United States

in the junior women's single sculls at the 2012 World Senior and Junior Rowing Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria this past August. In the preliminary heats, Vascotto finished third in a time of 8:00.97, before placing fifth in her quarterfinal race in 8:15.20. Vascotto competed in the "C" semifinal and placed third in 8:24.31 before finishing third in the "C" final in 8:10.93 to finish 15th overall out of 28 boats.



Swarthmore College freshman forward **ERIN GLUCK '12** was named the Centennial Conference Field Hockey Offensive Player of the Week in early October. Gluck capped a memorable day with the game-winning goal just 57 seconds into the overtime frame.

The freshman forward entered the contest with six points on the season and ended it with 12 points to move into the third-best scorer for Swarthmore (five goals, two assists). With Gluck's offensive effort against the Bullets, Swarthmore managed its first win over Gettysburg since the 2000 season.



Erin Gluck on the field.

FREDERIC C.J. (FRED) SMITH: 1937 – 2012

COACH, MENTOR AND FRIEND

By KATHY FOX

Director of Alumni Affairs

Beloved coach Fred Smith died on September 1, 2012 in Wilmington, NC, where he retired to a life of golf and good friends. Born on August 15, 1937 Smith attended Glen Cove High School where he lettered in three sports. He earned a BS in Physical Education at Cortland State (now SUNY Cortland) and later earned a Masters in Guidance from Hofstra University. His first teaching/coaching job was at Friends Academy in 1959, and in 1961 Smith became the varsity football coach, where he would have a profound, enduring influence on the young men he coached at Friends.

"Who I am today is in part a result of Fred Smith's teachings," said Brandt Rising '65.

Rising first met Coach Smith in the fall of 1959, when he was 12 and in the sixth grade. Smith was 22 and fresh out of college. From 1959 through the spring of 1965, Rising recalls the importance of his daily contact with Smith as a coach, educator and mentor.

"Coach Smith was a student of the human condition, particularly that of the young male. He understood how to get the best from his players and the importance of teaching them to strive in the face of adversity," said Rising. "His challenge to each of us was to do our best, which he would define and help us grasp. His method was measured, positive and grounded in reality," added Rising.

According to Rising, Coach Smith understood that to do your best in every endeavor and every time, "you had to have a plan – you had to be realistic, motivated and you had to believe in yourself."

Bill Wicker '67 also counts Smith as a major influence in his life. "More than anyone I have ever met, Coach Smith understood the difficult and intricate process by which boys become men," said Wicker. "The Coach taught physical toughness and mental preparation but *how* you played the game would depend on your character – and it was your character which would carry you through life," he added.

Coach Smith's guidance helped Miles "Toby" Coverdale '67 change from a Middle School goof-off to a serious student. Coverdale first met Coach Smith during baseball practice in eighth grade. In his typically direct but humorous fashion Smith said, "Coverdale, you're never gonna make it as a baseball player because you've got an arm like my mother, but you're fast, so how about coming out for track?" recalls Coverdale. "From then on he took an interest in me and provided a positive male influence at a time when I needed one. Fred was more concerned with preparing his athletes for life than he was with winning football games

and track meets. He was a master motivator who helped his boys get the most out of whatever ability they had, which was why we went three years without losing a track meet despite not having exceptional natural talent. His guiding principles (which have stayed with me to this day) were to have 'Pride and Desire.' He taught his athletes to take pride in whatever they did and to always give 100%," said Coverdale.



Coach Fred Smith, circa 1966

Coach Smith's wife Gini remembers the circumstances that led him to Friends and the impact that the school he loved so dearly had on him. "When we graduated from college, openings for male physical education teachers were scarce. Fred's high school principal thought Friends might have an opening and suggested Fred look into it. At the time Fred was disappointed. He wanted a position in a public school. But, fresh out of college with college loans and a desire to start his teaching career, he accepted the position at Friends," said Gini.

While at Friends, Smith had the opportunity to teach physical education classes and coach, which according to Gini, "was an absolute joy for him." Ultimately Smith was tapped to teach an elementary science class and that opened up another world for him.

"That was a different story," said Gini. "He came to enjoy working with the younger students and preparing lessons that he hoped would be interesting. In later years, I heard Fred say so many times that starting his career at Friends was the best thing that could have happened because it gave him the opportunity to learn so many different things that would not have been available to him as a young public school teacher."

At Friends, Smith became a jack-of-all-trades. He lined the fields and repaired equipment, drove athletes to games, and even studied up (from fellow Friends custodians) on how to correctly care for the gym floor.

According to Gini, Coach Smith loved every minute of his time at Friends Academy. "There was a special place in his heart where he kept all his memories from Friends and every so often he would bring them out," said Gini. "He loved working with the boys there, teaching them not only the game, but how to be good people. If it were possible and Fred could come back and start all over again I know he would want to do it exactly the same way."

"What I learned from Fred Smith was much more than football. He was a mentor as well as a coach who taught lifelong lessons about dedication and responsibility that made me a better person," said Steve Beslity '65. "Thankfully I had the opportunity to tell him this in a phone call before he passed away."

Following his career at Friends, Smith coached at Cold Spring Harbor for two years, and in 1969, began working at Locust Valley until his

retirement thirty years later in 1999. At Locust Valley Fred taught physical education and health, coached many teams including the varsity football team, and was Athletic Director. "In his retirement speech in 1999," recalls Wicker, "Fred talked about an early calling to enter the coaching profession. Because of this decision we are all in his debt."

To Ron Baskind, Head Football Coach and Director of Students at Friends Academy, Smith was more than a mentor. "I met Fred Smith years after he left Friends Academy, and before I even knew about Friends Academy. I was Fred's assistant coach at Locust Valley for four amazing years. As I look back now it is clear to me that Fred was teaching and modeling for me Quaker values that I embraced and tried to live throughout my career. Fred taught me to keep it simple, integrity in all situations, treat everyone with kindness and respect, and speak the truth. He valued his football teams not for winning but for the character in which they played," said Baskind.

Baskind has been Head Football Coach at Friends Academy since 1987 and coaching football since 1978. "An important highlight of my career came during a conversation with Marty Jacobson, Athletic Director, who shared with me that he had run into Fred and asked him a prophetic question: Did he ever wish to come out of retirement to coach again?" recalls Baskind. At the time, Smith was enjoying his retirement and told Jacobson that he would only coach again if he could join Ron Baskind to coach the Quakers. "It would be hard for me to put into words how much hearing this and then reuniting to coach together again meant to me. We shared our admiration and respect for each other many times including the last time we spoke just before his passing. I know that Fred's positive influence lives in the foundation of every success I have in life and I am so thankful to have known him and been his friend," said Baskind.

Over his 38-year varsity football coaching career, Smith garnered 202 wins, placing him third in Nassau County history, and fourth in Long Island history. Smith earned a total of nine Division or Conference Championships, three Nassau County Championships, one Metropolitan Private School Championship, and coached three undefeated seasons.

In 2007, Coach Smith was inducted into the Glen Cove Hall of Fame and Locust Valley High School dedicated its football field in his honor. In 2012, shortly before his death, Smith was selected as the inaugural member of the Locust Valley Athletic Hall of Fame, which was instituted this past October.

Coach Smith's memory will live on in so many. As Brad Lovette '67 explains, "He had an amazingly significant and continuing impact on my life long after I left Friends. I never realized how much that could be the case even while I admired him while I was there. A few people just have that magic. He was one of them."

Toby Coverdale echoes this sentiment. "Men like Fred Smith don't come along in everybody's life, and we were all fortunate to have known him and learned from him. He will be sorely missed."

Carl Kamphausen '50: Industrial engineer, skilled craftsman

Carl Kamphausen '50 died peacefully on October 22, 2011, having lived a rich, full life. Growing up, Carl's family owned and operated The Townsend Manor Inn in Greenport, Long Island, and it was there that his love of boats and sailing first took root; he built his first boat at age five!

After Friends, Carl attended Earlham College where he pursued degrees in economics and philosophy and then received an MBA from Indiana University. Carl worked as an industrial engineer in Indiana and Connecticut before opening his own business in New Haven, Connecticut. A skilled craftsman, Carl could build or repair most anything, from a 1716 saltbox in Southbury, Connecticut to his restored Model T Ford; he was happiest with a hammer and level in his hands.

Carl served in the Seabees in Bermuda where he repaired a Snipe sailboat. He brought the boat back to this country and raced for several years in Michigan with his wife as crew.

He retired to Maine where he could sail as he did back in his Long Island days. While there, he became interested in the Small Point One Design sailboats and enjoyed maneuvering around the rocky coast of Maine under sail.

Carl is survived by his wife of 54 years, Elizabeth (Ronnie) Kamphausen, and daughters Elizabeth (Liz) and Linda. Friends may remember Carl with a gift to the Phippsburg, Maine Fire Department.

Michelle Meyers '79 Advocate for equal opportunity

Michelle Meyers '79 died on October 29, 2012 after a lengthy battle with breast cancer. Known for her humor, her curiosity, her generosity and her search for justice, Michelle will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

After graduating from Friends, Michelle attended Dartmouth College where she was an art history major. She received her Master's in art history from Stanford University in 1988.

The former assistant director of equal opportunity at Dartmouth College, Michelle left Dartmouth in 2007 to form a consulting firm with women's studies professor Giavanna Munafo and became the director of the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs at Emory University in 2008. In 2011 she returned to Hanover to be near the Upper Valley she loved so much as well as for treatment at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. At Dartmouth, the flag was lowered to half-staff in Michelle's memory.



Louis Fortunoff '82: Father, husband, financier

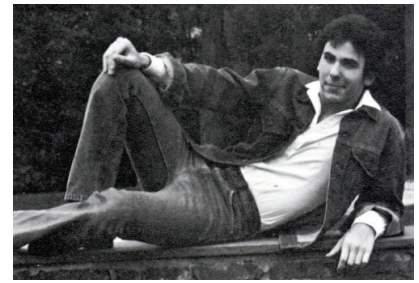
Louis Fortunoff '82, a former executive of the Fortunoff department store died of pancreatic cancer Saturday, October 20th at St. Francis Hospital in Manhasset at the age of 47. He worked alongside his father and cousins to



expand the family company, founded in 1922, throughout the tri-state area. Louis graduated from Yale University with an English degree and earned an MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business. He began

working at the company in 1988 and held roles in operations, finance, public relations and merchandising, before the family sold the business in 2005.

"After the business was sold, he actually spent a lot of time catching up on his family," his brother David '87 said (*Newsday*, 10/21/12). "He had sacrificed a lot for the



Louis Fortunoff in his senior yearbook photo from 1982.

business, and for the past couple of years, really focused on being the best father and husband."

Funeral services were held at Temple Sinai in Roslyn. Donations can be made to the Fortunoff Video Archives for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University or the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research.

Evelyn Broglio Diefendorf '46: Devoted mother, tireless volunteer

Evelyn Broglio Diefendorf '46 passed away peacefully at the Hospice Home in Pinehurst on September 8, 2012 after her loving and generous heart failed. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Monroe Diefendorf, her brother Lee Broglio (Iseult) of West Palm Beach, FL, her two children Martha Diefendorf (Robert Hogan) of Chapel Hill, NC and Monroe "Roey" Diefendorf Jr. (Christine) of Laurel Hollow, NY, her six grandchildren:

Ashley Howe (Steve), Jeannie Donovan (Jeremy), Katharine McGinigle (Peter Leese), Whitney Baran (Jason), Steven McGinigle, and Emily Higgs (Jeff), and five great grandchildren.

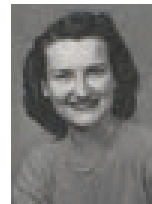
Born on December 25, 1928 in New York City, Evelyn was the daughter of Frank and Lillian Broglio, well-known restaurateurs on Long Island and owners of the Swan Club in Glenwood Landing. She graduated cum laude from Friends Academy where she played varsity basketball, field hockey, soccer, and lacrosse, and received the Gold Medal Award for scholarship and athletics. Evelyn attended Skidmore College. Later, she obtained the Charter Life Underwriter's designation and became financial officer in her husband's insurance agency.

Evelyn was the epitome of a devoted mother – a steadfast, unwavering supporter, taking on roles such as Girl Scout leader, Little League coach, and PTA president. She was equally devoted to her grandchildren and enthusiastically supported them in their education, activities, and interests. She took particular pleasure in her involvement with the Brookville Reform Church and the Pinehurst Community Presbyterian Community

Church, where she and her husband were faithful members. At Brookville she served as Sunday school teacher, Treasurer, President of the Women's Guild, Elder, and Chair of the Finance Committee. After their move to Pinehurst in 1989, she served as Chair of the Women's Association, Chair of the Mission and Outreach Committee, Moderator of the Presbyterian Women's Association, and Chair of Circle #5.

Through the years, she and her husband enjoyed traveling, both taking cruises in various parts of the world and making annual visits to her family's ancestral home in northwest Italy. An avid reader, a whiz at crossword puzzles, an excellent bridge player, she also enjoyed sports – particularly golf, tennis, and bowling, as well as the arts – taking up oil painting in her retirement. She will also be remembered as an enthusiastic collector of stamps, coins and shells.

Evelyn's family and friends cherished her distinctively sharp wit, quick mind, and wry sense of humor. Her greatest gifts were her generosity and supportiveness; and perhaps her greatest gift to the rest of us is her example.



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Coach Fred Smith

Charles Neil Melniker '69:

A remarkable knack for making people feel special

It is with great sorrow that I inform you of the passing of my best friend and dear husband Charles Melniker '69 who passed away March 13, 2012 surrounded by his adoring family after a courageous three-and-a-half-year battle with lung cancer. He was 60 years old.

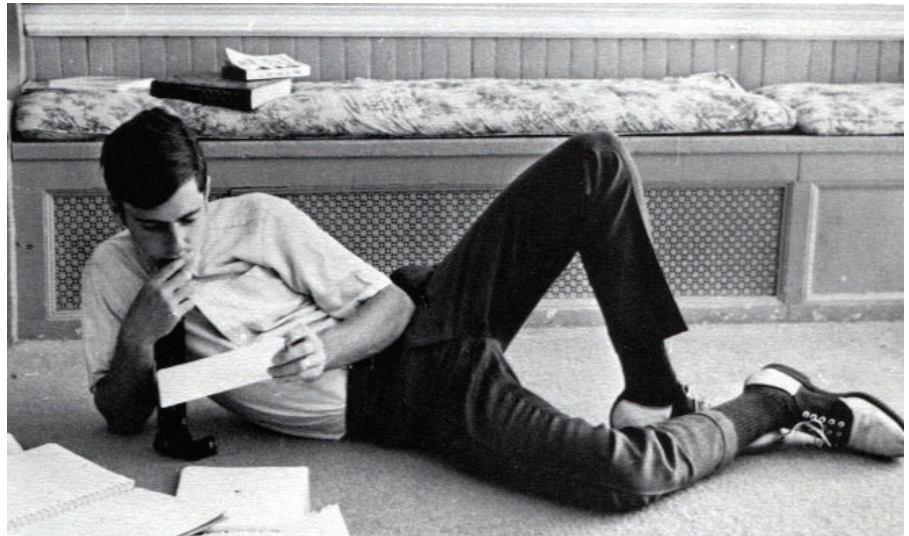
Charles was beloved by all of those who had the great good fortune to know him. While there is no way to articulate fully his deep love, generosity, optimism, and impact on those around him his entire life, I hope the below provides some insights into his life, family, remarkable career and his warm and dear recollections of his time at Friends Academy, what he often referred to as a precious and most influential time of his life.

Charles was born May 1, 1951, in Rockville Centre, NY to Benjamin, Shirley and big brother Harvey Melniker. It should have come as no surprise that I would hear from a Rockville Centre elementary school friend who said that he loved being Charles' friend and was eager to send me the sixth grade pictures of them winning a Rockville Centre town basketball competition. After elementary school, Charles attended Woodmere Academy on the South Shore through ninth grade until his parents moved to Roslyn Harbor, on the North Shore. Although he was new [to Friends] in tenth grade, he wasted no time making new friends, joining sports teams and becoming school president. One of his classmates told me that he added a unique vitality to the school that was felt by everyone who crossed his path. Charles' 1969 FA yearbook aptly captures him in high school years on the student lounge floor, fingers over his mouth (his "thinking" mode,) in his trademark saddle shoes, busily concentrating on pages he was reading. The caption below reads:

*Charles Melniker
"Charlie"*

*You've got to know him
To know the value of
His broad smiles
Or thoughtful looks
Or grievous unhappiness
Or loud comedy
Or the way he puts life into things.*

He lovingly mimicked the school Administrative Assistant answering the phone, "Friends Academy, Eva Cooper speaking." He spoke



Charles Melniker in 1969

adoringly of his English teacher Roger Erickson, as well as Mrs. 'G' (Lila Gordon) the great biology teacher. It gave him pause to think he might want to be pre-med in college, a notion that didn't last.

I was known as Deanie Brown, a Roslyn High School (1970) girl who frequently spent time at Friends with my neighborhood best friend since middle school. I came from a class of 400 in Roslyn. I much preferred and enjoyed the intimacy of her small grade of 40 students at Friends, most of whom I knew. I remember well first seeing Charles on the soccer field in tenth grade as the fierce, lithe goalie with eye black and his long skinny legs. He also stood out on the basketball court, number 24, with a stealth leftie outside shot...and again those skinny legs! We became friends with shared interests in sports and movies, occasionally water skiing off his parents' dock, but not much more. Subsequently, for college, Charles followed in his brother's footsteps and not passing up the opportunity to gain early admission, he committed to Tufts University in his high school junior year. As usual, he made many new and wonderful friends there with whom he maintained active and close relationships to the day he died. Charles graduated from Tufts in 1973 with a degree in Political Science. He spent a year as a paralegal at the law firm Proskauer Rose LLP in Manhattan before going on to become a second generation

Fordham School of Law (JD 1977) graduate like his Dad (JD 1934) and brother (JD 1974.) Sadly he was not here to hand our youngest daughter Lara her Fordham degree this past May. Charles was admitted to the New York Bar and was hired as an associate counsel in the legal department

of United Artists Corporation, a movie company then located in New York City. Again there per usual, Charles added colleagues as lifelong friends with whom he remained close personally and professionally for 30 years.

Charles and I met again two years after his starting at United Artists in 1979, at Judith Fox Javelly's (FA Class of 1969) wedding at the Plaza in New York City. In spite of the fact that Charles was busy chatting, surrounded by many of the FA now grown women, we exchanged numbers and promised to be in touch. About a month later, we had a dinner date that led to a marathon dating week after which he proclaimed we would be married. Although I generally resisted the notion of a quick relationship having been married, newly divorced and the mother of a one-year-old daughter (Avital born in 1978), Charles' warmth, sincerity and charm were hard to resist. We became an inseparable family unit and were married in his parents' back yard in Roslyn Harbor on August

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14, 1981 with four FA classmates in attendance. We quickly grew our family adding two more daughters, Sophie in 1982 and Lara in 1985.

In 1983, Charles moved our family to Los Angeles to work at International Creative Management (ICM) as a Business Affairs executive in the Motion Picture department and later at Columbia Pictures. In 1990, he opened his own management firm, Melniker Management, representing writers, directors, actors and producers. He joined Creative Artists Agency (CAA) in 2001. There, Charles enriched the worlds of all who knew him. He was known to fill the halls with sounds of laughter and the Rolling Stones, his favorite group. He was a generous mentor to countless people who point to him as an inspiration both professionally and personally. He was widely admired not just as a colleague and talented lawyer but as an inspiration. Especially after his diagnosis, Charles had relentless optimism, passion for his work, infectious love and devotion to his family and friends, each a regular reminder to us all of what it means to embrace and enjoy life. In earlier years, he relished taking our girls, along with the many beloved nieces and nephews, skiing, always up to the most challenging runs. Over the girls' college years, he traveled tirelessly from Los Angeles to New Haven to watch Sophie and Lara play Division 1 lacrosse over a 7-year span between them. He beamed with pride as he would recount their accomplishments on (or off) the field. He was lucky enough to walk two of our oldest daughters down the aisle after his 2008 diagnosis. We traveled to Australia in 2010 for Avital's Aussie wedding at a vineyard. Last winter, he got to hold Avital and our son-in-law's new baby, our granddaughter Zoe Berman. Last summer, against all odds, we celebrated middle daughter Sophie's August Hurricane Irene wedding where the Westhampton Beach Dune Road venue cancelled on us the day before the wedding. With no band or photographer, we punted and adapted, learning what it meant to be deft and change direction and count what was important in life. We found a close by mainland restaurant willing to accommodate the diminishing list of 200 people last minute. Our rabbi bent the rules to marry them on Friday night. We found a photographer and had a local radio station help procure a band. Although many guests could no longer make it, the diehard 124 wedding warriors who did, witnessed the bride and groom, wedding party and a hero florist all be shining stars at the waterfront restaurant Trumpets in Eastport for an unforgettably inspiring and stunning marriage against a gorgeous pink sky the evening before the hurricane hit.

Charles was never too busy to answer a question or offer advice. He had a remarkable knack for making people feel special. He delighted in being part of the entertainment industry and worked tirelessly to contribute to it. He approached life – and eventually death – with a sense of humor. Even through his difficult cancer treatments, he had a desire to put others at ease and leave them smiling. The outpouring of love and respect he received during his illness was a testament to how many people he had been able to touch. Charles taught us all how to be better, and he will be indescribably missed.

– Deanie Melniker



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