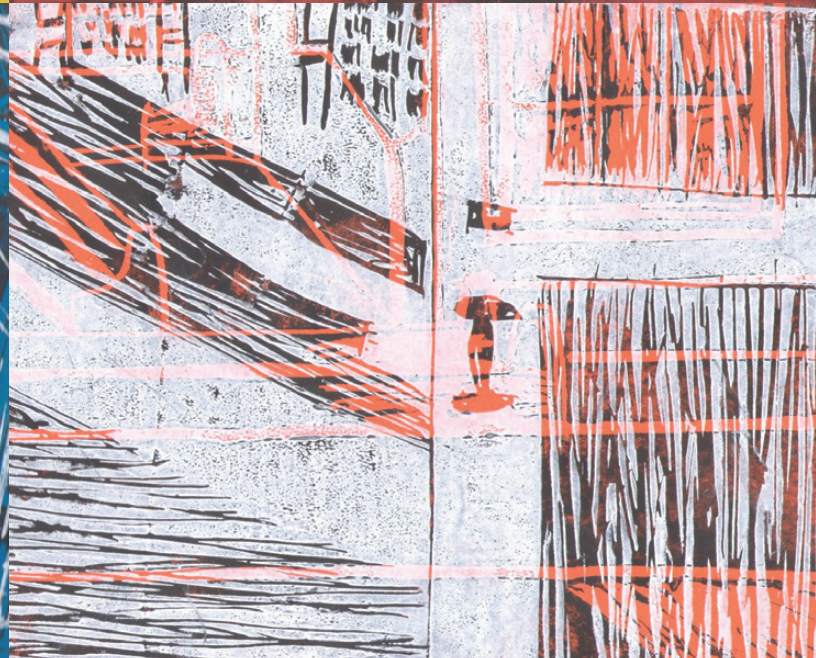


# THE MEETING HOUSE

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STRONG MINDS.  
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## The Friends Academy Mission

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 776 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

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Friends,

**T**he striking art work of Matinecock Meeting House from our eighth graders on the cover of this issue of *The Meeting House* and in the feature article about the creation of the new Quaker Life Student Center offer powerful visual prompts to reflect upon how we breathe life into our core values and beliefs. Will we walk through doors that take us to places where we must think about ourselves and the world differently? Will we allow our eyes to scan the many windows that open to vistas of the joys and challenges life presents each day? Will we find a place to sit in contemplative silence so that we can hear that “still, small voice within” that impels us to take moral and ethical action? Will we “walk the talk” in honoring the Quaker testimonies that have been foundational at Friends Academy since 1876 – simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and service?

In framing our school theme for the year, Upper School students must have had in mind the messages within the art work: “A Call to Action – to summon each of us as individuals and as a community to put our Quaker principles into action.” As I read the articles contained herein, I recognize compelling stories about students, faculty past and present, and alumni/ae taking action. The creative

work of Michael Fox '91 to foster social change, the “soup” service of Paul '68 and Bunny Hand, and the adventure-some spirits of Clint '66 and Adair Bush to sail the world to experience the rich diversity and shared humanity of our planet, all reveal the many ways we can respond to a call to action.

These alums understand that making a difference requires initiative, vision, resilience, courage, patience, and passion, qualities that we seek to instill in our students each day as we help them develop Strong Minds and Kind Hearts.

The moving testimony by Jennifer Briggs Stanley '88 about former FA English teacher Frank Brogan highlights the subtle ways our teachers have a lasting impact on students. As you read

about the remarkable work of four of our students in science and technology, the New York State Championship for Boys Soccer and the success of other fall teams, the captivating and fun performance of a Shakespearian play, or the ways in which our students are becoming global citizens, you will see the imprint of latter-day Frank Brogan.

I trust that each of you has fond memories of how individual teachers and the enduring values of Friends Academy have helped shape your life and that those memories will call you to action in 2014.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES: DID AN FA TEACHER INSPIRE YOU TO TEACH?



Left, English teacher Edward Herscher guides his students through Hawthorne's classic, "The Scarlet Letter."

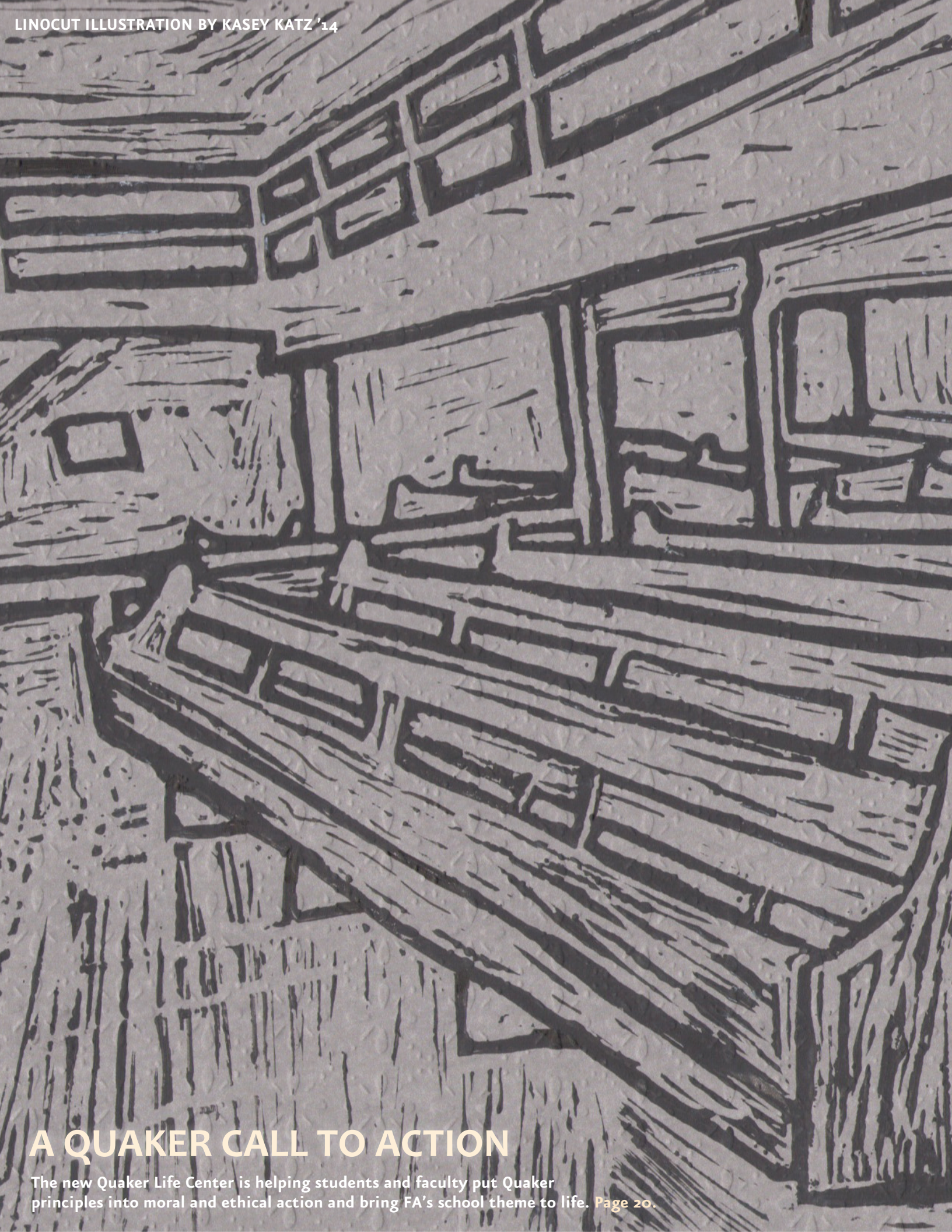
Above, English teacher Jean Stubbs guides her students through a lesson.

Chalk diagrams. Animated group discussions. Out-of-the-classroom experiences. SmartBoard lessons. We've heard from so many alumni over the years how Friends Academy teachers changed you for the better, gave you direction and strengthened your self-confidence. Now we'd like to seek out those of you who were inspired to literally walk in their footsteps.

**Were you were inspired by your FA teacher to become a teacher yourself?**

If so, we'd love to hear from you for an upcoming story. Please contact [Kathy\\_Fox@fa.org](mailto:Kathy_Fox@fa.org) or call (516) 465-1796.





## A QUAKER CALL TO ACTION

The new Quaker Life Center is helping students and faculty put Quaker principles into moral and ethical action and bring FA's school theme to life. [Page 20.](#)



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**AN ILLUSTRATION OF QUAKER VALUES.** Eighth graders created linocut prints of Meeting House scenes. From the top left: Robert Carroll, Federico de Geronimo, Ciaran Bardong, Anna Pappas, Ellis Collier/Federico de Geronimo and Alexandra Zucker/Elizabeth Chatpar.



# MEETING HOUSE LETTERS

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

## The hand of fate – from a flowering tree to a school in the Grenadines

On the opening page of the Spring/Summer 2013 *Meeting House* is a photo of the Upper School with a flowering tree in bloom in front of the building. It was planted by the class of 1933 as a gift to FA.

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While at Westbury Friends Meeting one Sunday in the early 1990s, a visitor spoke of meeting an FA alum, Rene Hill, whom he'd met by chance, when he arrived with his boat at the small island of Bequia in the Grenadines.

He told of a little elementary school, with a Quaker philosophy of education, that she, Rene Hill (Ruth Mary Hill), was struggling to establish and fund.

Her efforts were in contrast to the island's British-run school on Bequia that still used caning as corporal punishment.

While Rene received some occasional help from Canadian Quakers of her acquaintance, her real need was for someone from a Friends school to go to Bequia to train her part-time teaching staff of four women and two men.

Rene's elementary school was housed in a former bakery... dirt floor, open walls, a few basic needs, and a piece of construction slate as a blackboard.

Several of the children were handicapped, with varying degrees of hearing loss, due to an outbreak of measles in past years.



The flowering tree was captured in an unearthed 1960s video, which was featured in the 2013 Spring/Summer *Meeting House*. It also triggered a storied memory for former Early Childhood teacher Doris Paillet.

The children had no books, nor writing materials and the teacher manuals were all outdated. All but a few children were from low-income island workers.

Learning the story of Rene Hill, who'd graduated from FA in 1933 (my birth year), it seemed to be fate that FA was to help.

Proposed to Ted Withington, headmaster at the time, he was eager to assist and send someone to Bequia to take any supplies FA

could spare and help Rene establish her tiny school. (As Bequia had no airfield, it could only be reached by private boat or by a pack boat sailing once a week from St. Vincent.)

FA sent me, bearing whatever we could gather for the children in her school, and allowed me to stay with Rene over FA's spring break for two weeks to help train her staff.

Rene's little school became ongoingly popular with the Islanders because of her efforts to demonstrate the loving Quaker approach. She continued to get assistance from Canadian Friends and other sources, offering most of the children a free Quaker-style education.

Rene passed away a few years ago, but before she felt she had to retire, she left her best teacher in charge of continuing in the Friends philosophy of education at her school.

– Doris Paillet

*Former Early Childhood teacher and  
Board of Trustees Vice President*

## SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES

*We want to hear from you! To send a letter, respond to an article or share a memory of Friends Academy, please e-mail Andrea Miller at [andrea\\_miller@fa.org](mailto:andrea_miller@fa.org).*

## WHAT FA TRADITIONS DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember a special tradition, custom or event that occurred at Friends during your school years or your children's years?

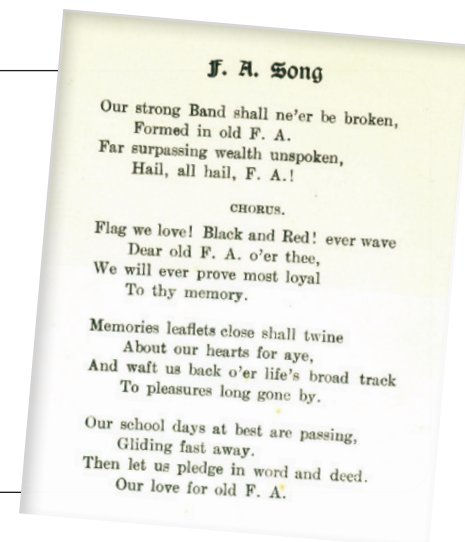
Perhaps it was dressing up in costume as your child's Mystery Reader in Pre-Kindergarten...

Perhaps it was the first time you braved Pharaoh's Fury at Fall Fair...

Or, perhaps it was singing the Friends Academy Alma Mater song together at Convocation, Founder's Day and Commencement each year...

We are collecting traditions of past and present for an upcoming story for *The Meeting House* and would love to include any and all that you remember.

PLEASE SEND MEMORIES AND PHOTOS  
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## The Lost Ring – the Sequel?

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# The story of a ring that was buried, found, then forgotten; and when returned... united two special people

By NATALIA PORCELLI GOOD '93



**O**n a sunny afternoon on a beach in California, a young college student named Jeanne uncovered a beautiful gold and onyx school ring buried in the sand. Soon after she found it, she decided that she would try to return the ring to its rightful owner.

After dusting off the sand, she was able to decipher the Friends Academy insignia with the initials J.I.B. '36. However, she had a difficult time figuring out what to do next. She proceeded to see if anyone knew where the school was located or had ever heard of it, but to no avail.



The crest of Janet I. B. '36's ring.

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## JOHN ELLIS '67: HOW A BURIED RING BROUGHT TWO STRANGERS TOGETHER



John Ellis '67, son of Janet I. B. '36.

Before the advent of the internet, it was nearly impossible to contact anyone regarding the ring without first knowing where Friends Academy was located. Since Ms. Rouse did not know what else to do, she placed the ring in a jewelry box that contained jewelry that her grandmother had given her. Over the years the ring remained in her possession, but forgotten.

Some 15 to 20 years later, Jeanne Rouse came upon the ring in the jewelry box after the box had traveled with her from California to Seattle to Anchorage and finally to Portland, Oregon, where she now resides.

Upon rediscovering the ring, Ms. Rouse racked her brain trying to figure out where it had come from. She remembered finding the ring on the beach in California, but couldn't remember exactly when.

This time, Ms. Rouse was intent on returning the ring and had the internet as a resource to help her do so. After a few searches, she was able to match the Friends Academy logo that was inscribed on the ring with the logo that was on the Friends Academy website. Noting that the school had been around for over a century, she was pretty sure that she was on the right track and then sent an e-mail to the Alumni department at Friends.

Unfortunately, it took three weeks for the e-mail to go through because she sent it during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Eventually, Ms. Rouse received a phone call letting her know that the school was able to locate the son of the woman whose

ring had been lost.

The story does not end there. Ms. Rouse continued on with her quest and directly contacted John Ellis '67, the son of Janet I. B. '36, the woman whose initials were inscribed on the ring. After speaking on the phone together for an hour, Mr. Ellis was so deeply moved that Ms. Rouse had gone to such trouble to return his mother's ring. Since then, they have kept in touch, sending each other family pictures and correspondence.

When I spoke with John Ellis, he recounted the story of the ring and the mystery surrounding how the ring washed up on a beach in California. To his knowledge, his mother had never been to California. At the time that Ms. Rouse contacted him, Mr. Ellis was quite ill. Having a complete stranger reach out to him during that time really moved him.

As he told me, the fact that Ms. Rouse "had a heart big enough to take on the challenge [of finding the owner of the ring] was mind-boggling to him." While they may never figure out how the ring ended up in California, the real essence of the mystery for Mr. Ellis was that Ms. Rouse took the time to do the right thing and "take the road less traveled."

Mr. Ellis and I also spoke about the strong bond he had formed with his classmates from Friends Academy and how special the school was to him. When he lost everything during Hurricane Katrina, his classmates got together and sent him a check to help him get back on his feet. He was "beyond touched" that his friends would do that for him.

Last fall, he was further reminded of the generosity of his classmates when he traveled from his home in New Orleans to New York to attend his 45th reunion. He was so touched that his classmates took such good care of him by getting him a car from the airport to take him to the reunion. Due to his poor health, he was in a wheelchair, making it difficult for him to attend the reunion had his classmates not been so thoughtful and generous.

For Mr. Ellis, the reunion was a "magical evening" spending time with the "family of '67." While he had always known how much his classmates had meant to him, he never realized how important he was to them.

I really enjoyed speaking to both Mr. Ellis and Ms. Rouse and hearing their perspectives on the story of the lost ring. According to Ms. Rouse, she felt that she was just "doing the right thing" and that it didn't take very much effort on her part to return the ring to Mr. Ellis. From Mr. Ellis's point of view, Ms. Rouse is a truly remarkable person for ensuring that she returned the ring to its rightful owner. That Ms. Rouse went to such trouble for a complete stranger touched his heart in a deep and meaningful way.

In recounting this story, I am reminded of the lessons that I learned at Friends and what I would like my children to always remember: that seemingly simple acts of kindness, which we can so easily do on a daily basis, often have a much deeper impact on others and can make the world a better place. What a beautiful message this story conveys.

Janet I. B. '36's initials were inscribed on the inside of her ring.

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*Editor's Note: Ironically, we received this e-mail right after the Spring/Summer issue of The Meeting House went to press. Similar to the story of John Ellis and the search to reunite an FA ring with its rightful owner, it involves a ring, but the author is looking not for its owner, but the school from which it originated. Read on to see if you can help!*

**S**o far as I know, the ring was never lost. Found it among possessions of my grandparents. Looks like a young lady's school (senior?) ring. Since my grandparents met at Friends University, and since "two out of three" isn't usually a bad thing, here goes:

The ring has what I would call a "tent" pentagon. Instead of the top being flat, (since the bottom is V-shaped), what would normally be flat at the top is "bent" upward in the middle.

There are two lines of text still marginally visible. Presumably, there was a crest or some other design at the top,

which has been worn away. In the middle of the ring, three letters are visible.

There may have been more. Since the first is an "F," and the last seems to be an "A," looking for possible schools made yours seem reasonable.

If your name has been altered somehow in the past 100 years or so, it might be a perfect match.

"FQA" are the three letters. (Hence, the "two out of three" reference.) The first and third letters could be, but probably aren't something else. The middle letter is unmistakable.

At the bottom are numbers. If they represent a year, the "1" is worn away, the

"9" very clear, and a "1" seems probable. The fourth number seems to be rounded: "0" or "6."

The main question is whether or not "FQA" ("Friends Quaker Academy???) fits in with any of the things we know about that was going on 100 years ago.

My grandmother would have been 16 in 1910, and got married in 1919, so this is a loose fit for a high school or for a college ring.

The main question is whether or not "FQA" ("Friends Quaker Academy???) fits in with any of the things we know

about that was going on 100 years ago.

Can you help? If not, I can still thank you for reading this.

– Courtney Wood



## Lower schoolers learn how to grow up – globally!

“Let’s do some thinking about how we are connected in this wide world,” invited Homa Sabet Tavangar, author of “Growing Up Global,” and a presenter this fall at the Lower School.

For approximately 45 minutes, Tavangar questioned, answered



Homa Tavangar used music, photographs and stories to teach students how to think globally.

and stretched the global horizons of young Lower schoolers, who surprised her when they wished her hello in Spanish, Mandarin, German, French, Italian and Japanese.

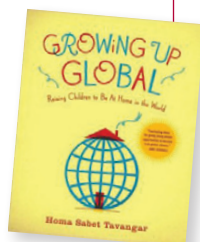
Through a series of anecdotes, photographs and songs, Tavangar

taught students the importance

of being a global citizen in their own neighborhood. “You don’t have to travel around the world to be a global citizen,” she said.

Tavangar linked global citizenship to friendship, a topic about which the students knew plenty. “We may not know what it means to be a global citizen, but we know how to be a friend. And everyone around the world thinks of being a friend the same way.”

Tavangar presented to all students, and spent time teaching Lower School faculty how to incorporate global lessons into everyday curriculum.



Homa  
Tavangar's  
book

## UPPER SCHOOL SCIENCE HONORS

# Research garners national, local distinctions

*Young scientists explore robotics, genetics, environmental studies and physics.*

Four Upper School students have collectively gathered an impressive load of science distinctions this past fall and winter.

Senior Nate Hogg was one of a handful chosen as Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory’s “Partners for the Future.” The program offers students interested in biology and genetics, “a taste of the real world of biomedical research.”

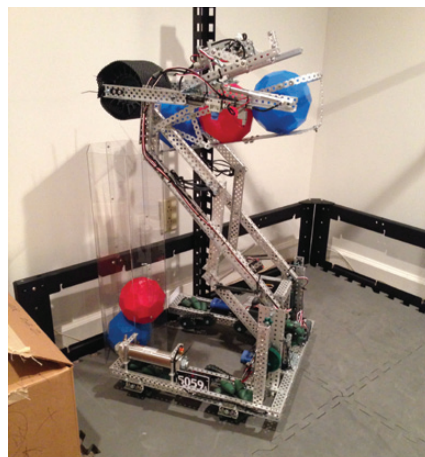
During the upcoming year, Hogg plans to investigate if there is a possible link between serotonin, a neurotransmitter, and impulsivity – and conversely, patience.

In November, the FA Robotics pair of junior Zach Salzman and senior Erik Loscalzo both advanced to tournament play in VEX Robotics. Salzman’s robot won the finals, 72-24, an FA first.

Also in November, senior Ian D’Silva was chosen as one of 331 semifinalists in the 2013 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology for his research paper, “A Thorough Systematic Error Study of the Effect of Coherent Betatron Oscillations in the Muon g-2 Experiment.” While D’Silva’s research was based at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Particle Physics, the senior was inspired by an FA Honors Physics class he audited as a junior.

Finally, in early January, Loscalzo was selected as a 2014 Intel semifinalist for his work in environmental studies.

Loscalzo’s project, “The Most Environmentally Effective Method of Eliminating Spilled Oil from the Oceans”



One of the FA robots that competed at the VEX Robotics competition earlier this year.



From the top, clockwise: Senior Erik Loscalzo has been selected as a 2014 Intel semifinalist; junior Zach Salzman’s robot won the VEX Robotics competition for the first time in FA history; senior Ian D’Silva was selected as a 2013 Siemens semifinalist and senior Nate Hogg earned a spot as one of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory’s prestigious “Partners for the Future.”

earned him an award of \$1,000 and the chance to vie for the finalist round in Washington, D.C. March 6-12.



STEVE RUBENACKER/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Middle School students use robotics kits in the new after-school program.

### Lego robotics serve up challenges to Middle School boys and girls

For teams of Middle School boys and girls this fall, problem-solving took on 3D qualities in the new Lego after-school program.

The class joins an expanded after-3 p.m. list of offerings, including chess and Latin.

The program is officially part of the Lego League, which entitles students to enter the February Lego League competition. Practice competition started in early December.

"This program is all about challenges," explained Middle School Principal Steve Rubenacker. "Part of it is about the kids designing certain tasks with robots, in addition to a research component," Rubenacker added. Middle School technology teacher Clare Nesfield heads up the program.

Additionally, students will explore programming in the after-school class. Elements of programming are also offered in the 7th grade Robotics class. The after-school program is open to the whole school and does not require a pre-requisite.



FRIENDS ACADEMY

Friends Academy freshmen create bonds of trust and friendship during the annual Outdoor Education trip to Great Hollow Wilderness in Connecticut. The trip is held each year at the start of school year to help welcome new students, build new relationships and explore existing ones.





STEVE RUBENACKER/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Middle School students experiment with a memory grid to test mental skills.

### Brain-based games and fun tests challenge MS students' memories

Remember that memory game you played when you were in Kindergarten? That and other brain-busting activities have made an appearance in the Middle School this year.

The team of 8th grade teachers have been collaborating with each other and students with brain-based activities. Memory games, tests on memories and multi-tasking have challenged students this fall and sharpened their gray cells.

"We are just starting to work with students on these skills," said Steve Rubenacker, principal of the Middle School. "So, the effects are going to be more self-reflective and we won't see a tangible outcome yet."

Lessons on multi-tasking and collaboration have framed the brain-based curriculum. "This has all been against the backdrop of kids working with each other," finished Rubenacker.

### 3RD ANNUAL DIVERSITY NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

# Reaching across faiths, backgrounds



ADAM WEBER/FRIENDS ACADEMY

President-elect of the Islamic Center of Long Island Dr. Isma Chaudhry explains the cultural customs and traditions of the Islamic Center's Prayer Room. Students and families were invited to observe an Islamic Prayer service. Over 100 from the FA community attended.

On Monday, September 30, 2013, the Friends Academy community gathered at the Islamic Center of Long Island in Westbury for the third Annual Diversity Night at the Museum – a reception and celebration honoring our diverse, multicultural community.

Over 100 students (from all three divisions), parents, trustees, faculty and staff engaged in a fun, reflective evening of fellowship, worship and prayer.

The International Potluck Buffet was overflowing with a wide variety of ethnic and cultural sweet and savory treats, and attendees young and old(er) enjoyed playing a variety of cultural games from around the world. A highlight of the evening was the opportunity to observe the Islamic call to prayer and sit in silent worship in the prayer room.



Emma Daniels and Angelina Cherenfant enjoy a potluck meal at Diversity Night at the Museum.

"To have the chance to interact so much with the [Islamic community] at the Mosque in a true interfaith way was very meaningful," said Head of School Bill Morris.

Shanelle Robinson, Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, said of the night's event, "There is strength in diversity, and our community was made that much stronger this evening."



# Opening international eyes

## World Languages & Cultures Department plans five different trips abroad

This year Friends Academy will sponsor five different international travel and exchange programs with partner schools in Shanghai, Paris, Martinique, Normandy and El Salvador. The programs include homestay, school visits, community service, arts and travel.

Every year, the World Languages & Cultures Department coordinates homestay and exchange programs, which run on alternate years, with Americans hosting a given school group one year and traveling to that school the next. Typically, the homestays last for ten days to two weeks, but the global connections continue through e-mail, Skype, Facebook, Edmodo, and snail mail.

This year, two more international experiences have been added. As part of the newly launched Global Studies Scholars Program in the Upper School, students will travel to El Salvador during President's Week to tackle global problem-solving. And in June of 2014, students from Friends and Portledge will travel to the beaches of Normandy to perform a tri-lingual international peace play to help celebrate and mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day (*see page 18*).

"Each exchange has its own variation and emphasis," explained Polly Duke, Head of Friends Academy's World Languages & Cultures Dept. "The Shanghai trip includes language classes in the morning at our partner school as well as afternoon cultural outings in Shanghai and trips to nearby cities such as Hangzhou, Suzhou, and Nanjing; the French trip will have its maiden voyage in April 2014 but will follow the Chinese model, with language learning at our partner school and trips to nearby cultural sites such as the museums of Paris, Giverny, and the beaches of D-Day and the American cemetery; the Martinique program includes a total of four days of service learning at an orphanage, a food bank, a food pantry, and teaching English to high school students at our partner school in Martinique's capital, Fort-de-France," said Duke.



Above, Friends Academy students spend time with children in El Salvador during a past February service trip. Center, a classic vista from Shanghai. At the bottom, Friends French students play games with orphans in Martinique. In 2014-2015, Friends will return to Malaga, Spain in a program that spans alternate years. "This was a big hit with our community and is a long-standing culture," said Polly Duke, head of the World Languages and Cultures department.





STEVE RUBENACKER/FRIENDS ACADEMY

An anonymous dropbox allows students to submit notes of kindness and unkind acts.

### 'Kinder than necessary'

Middle School students took this year's school theme, "A Call to Action" to heart when they adopted their own theme this year, "Kinder than necessary."

"We got tired of focusing on negative bullying and wanted to celebrate kindness," said Middle School Principal Steve Rubenacker.

In advisories, students used one-to-one cooperative activities to build trust. "They've been studying a lot of Quakerism in their advisories and writing their own Queries," said Rubenacker.

Following the theme of kindness, the school established an anonymous dropbox, where students can drop off notes of kindness – and unkindness.

"We announce random acts of kindness every morning," said Rubenacker. After two weeks, the box had collected 50 notes.

Rubenacker has also been more deliberate about making kindness part of the curriculum.

In a diversity class, there has been focus on inclusion and stereotypes and a 6th grade tolerance class toured the Glen Cove Memorial and Tolerance Center to discuss social conflict in a global context.

### FCNL: HOW TO CREATE CHANGE

# Quaker lobbying organization speaks up about speaking out

"How can you put your values into action as a community?" asked Jim Cason, Associate Executive Secretary for the Friends Committee on National Legislation to over 400 Upper School students and faculty.

A former international journalist, Cason joined the 70-year-old Quaker lobbying organization, based in Washington D.C., after covering news events in Africa and Mexico. "I thought being a journalist was the greatest job in the world and I met lots of people who were changing the world," said Cason. "But the fabulous part of this process is that you can help change your own government."

The Friends Committee on National Legislation is a Quaker lobby in the public interest that was founded by members of the Religious Society of Friends in 1943. It is governed by a General Committee that includes representatives of 26 Yearly Meetings and Quaker Organizations.

Credited with facilitating major legislative change over the last few decades, including the creation of the Peace Corps in 1961, the Americans with

Disabilities Act in 1990, the creation of the Atrocities Prevention Board, which works to prevent genocide and mass atrocities in 2012, and rekindling the Climate Change Action in 2013, FCNL has consistently pushed for peace, equity, "a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled," and "an earth restored."

This year's school theme at Friends Academy is "A Call to Action," and Cason offered students practical tips about community action and lobbying to help bring this theme to life. "You can take your values and you can have

an impact on federal policy and then, it can make a difference," said Cason.

Cason urged students to come to consensus about their particular Call to Action goal, then connect and possibly persuade students at other Friends schools to unite around a similar goal, and finally lobby local, state and national elected representatives in order to bring about change.

"Together, maybe you could have political power... maybe you could move politicians... maybe you could change public policy," concluded Cason.



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Jim Cason, Associate Executive Secretary for the Friends Committee on National Legislation addresses the Upper School students and faculty at an assembly.





COURTESY QUEENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Vessel" by Liz Di Giorgio illustrated the Queens Historical Society's invitation to a new exhibit featuring FA voices reflecting on modern Quakerism, which runs through May.

### FA voices used in Queens Quaker exhibit

On Sunday, September 22, Friends Academy voices joined a new exhibit at the Queens Historical Society, "Practicing Equality – Quakers in Queens."

This past spring, Collections Manager Richard Hourahan spent a few days interviewing more than a dozen Friends Academy Quaker students, faculty, parents and trustees in order to capture their thoughts and reflections of what it means to be a Quaker in the modern day.

The exhibit combines archival imagery and history with Quaker-infused artwork and contemporary sound slides from Hourahan's interviews. "It's a quiet and reflective room," Hourahan said in describing the exhibit's space. "The artwork consists of big pieces, but quiet pieces that are simple and quite lovely," he added.

During his interviews with the Friends Academy community, Hourahan noted the elevated level of listening. "It was almost like a democratic process," remarked Hourahan, who added, "Listening and being self-conscious of what one is saying and how one is saying it; and being fully aware of your beliefs at all times."

## PRINTING PAIRS



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Second graders and Upper School Drawing 2 students collaborated in a three-part art project that involved collecting samples in nature, such as leaves, acorns and pine cones, observational sketches and then a final print-making workshop. Art teachers Allison Doherty, John Regan and Mary Jo Allegra collaborated to create the joint-divisional project.



Junior Alexis Tole  
and a friend.

FA parents help out  
at a booth.

A face-painted rider  
mounts his pony.



Carnival rides, culinary delights from around the world and cheering crowds were front and center at the 49th Friends Academy Fall Fair on Saturday, Oct. 5th.

A community-wide event, the Fair offered something for everyone from arts and crafts to a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, a mechanical surfboard, and of course, rides.

This year, Gideon's Attic featured an enormous selection of brand-new designer shoes for adults and children for bargain basement prices. Also new this year – "The Alumni Boutique" offered interesting items from fashion accessories to personalized children's T-shirts. Upper School students raised awareness and funds for various causes with club booths that featured games, edible potions, merchandise and more.

In Homecoming games, the FA Boys JV Soccer team routed Glen Cove HS, 6-1, while the Boys Varsity Soccer Team gave a strong showing against their Glen Cove HS rival, 4-1. The Girls Varsity Field Hockey team beat Sewanhaka HS, 2-0 and the FA Girls Varsity Soccer tied Valley Stream South, 1-1 in an exciting match. Finally, the Varsity Football team was narrowly edged out by Roslyn HS 18-22.



Bill Morris takes an opening spin around the carousel with fifth grader Ashleen Hughes at the 2013 Fall Fair.



**SCENES FROM  
FALL FAIR**  
OCT. 4-6





Sophomore Merek Glover controls the ball at the JV game.



Shoppers browse Gideon's Attic.



Face painting at Fall Fair



Taking a smiling spin on the Dragon roller coaster.



Junior Grace Covelli mixes a drinkable potion at the Upper School Quidditch booth.



Lower schoolers ponder a game of life-sized chess on the Quad.



FA parents help and shop at the Mums booth.



Sophomore Jaliyah Daniels keeps his eye on the game from the sidelines.



Junior Javana Clark and classmates raise awareness and funds at an Upper School booth.



A brilliant bonfire caps FA Family Night.



## THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA – 80s STYLE!

The full cast gathers  
for an ensemble  
number.



AMANDA FISK PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY

# FER SURE' IT'S LIKE AWESOMELY, MAJOR SHAKESPEARE-O-RAMA!

*Here's bettin' you've never seen this version of Shakespeare's first play...*

Valentine,  
(senior Parker  
Huseby) brings  
metal glam  
to life as he  
falls hard for  
Silvia, the  
Duke of Milan's  
daughter.



BY ANDREA MILLER  
Director of Communications

**“W**elcome to the Jungle. We've got fun 'n' games. We got everything you want. Honey we know the names...”

Somewhere between iambic pentameter and the lyrics of '80s classics of “Love Will Tear Us Apart,” “You Give Love a Bad Name,” “Sister Christian” and “Jessie's Girl,” fell this year's Upper School production of William Shakespeare's “The Two Gentlemen of Verona.”

Set atop Rubik's Cube brightly colored platforms, performers writhed and gyrated to Bon



Jovi, Heart, Michael Jackson and other rocker bards as they brought to life what is considered Shakespeare's first play.

For director Andrew Geha, the choice to use the '80s as a backdrop evolved gradually. "I actually approached *Two Gentlemen* with a few modern songs in mind. But I was a quarter of the way through the script and realized those ideas wouldn't work," recounted Geha.



Junior Brooke Gardner as Speed, Valentine's fast-talking servant.

"Somewhere in the style of the play – the characters' choices, the way the story twisted and turned – it began to scream 1980s to me. So I started diving into '80s music, going through songs I remembered, songs I had never heard before, and somewhere along the line, I remembered

The Proclaimers, "I'm Gonna Be (500 miles)," and knew this was the right direction," said Geha. Ultimately, Geha chose 17 rocker ballads to guide the audience through the emotional highs and lows of the play.

Friendship, infidelity and the bad decisions one makes when in love, hurl their way through this romantic comedy, which pits Proteus (Ryan Dobrin '14) and Valentine (Parker Huseby '14) against each other as they vie for the love of the Duke of Milan's (Cameron Hellerman '15) daughter, Silvia (Carina Goebelbecker '14).

The play starts off innocently enough, as Valentine tries to convince Proteus to accompany him on a road trip to Milan.

Proteus, besotted with Julia (Sierra Fisher '15), initially refuses, but then is forced to make the trip after his mother obliges him to the Duke's court in Milan.

In Milan, a whirlwind romance ensues when both Proteus and Valentine fall for Silvia, who is promised to Sir Thurio (Sam Riese '14). Julia, disguised as a boy, follows Proteus to Milan in order to reunite with him, but discovers he has

swapped her favor for Silvia's. The betrayal continues as Proteus plots to oust Valentine and make Silvia his.

For Geha, Shakespeare's first play presented a unique challenge. "This play isn't one of Shakespeare's stronger stories. His characters make erratic and sometimes unjustified choices. For the story to work, the audience needs to fall in love with the characters who have poor judgment and ultimately forgive a character, who has made some incredibly damaging choices," said Geha.

"But for me, that was kind of the draw. How many of us have made poor choices? How many times have we used incredibly bad judgment when pursuing a romance," he added.

Shakespeare is intentionally built into the theater rotation and is offered every other year. As Geha explains, far from being stuffy and academic, this type of production offers FA student-actors not only an awesome challenge, but also an incredible reward. "Shakespeare's lan-

guage is antiquated and dense, and feels nothing like English at first. But once you unlock it, once you wade through the vocabulary and adjust to the iambic pentameter, the world that reveals itself is endless. Shakespeare takes his characters on deeply personal

journeys that still feel relevant today. The way they face and express their fears is incredibly human and we see ourselves reflected in their struggles. I hope we're doing our part to convey what's fantastic about it."



Junior Cameron Hellerman as Silvia's father, the Duke of Milan.



1. The romantic trio of Silvia (Carina Goebelbecker '14), Valentine (Parker Huseby '14) and Proteus (Ryan Dobrin '14). 2: A cast off Julia (Sierra Fisher '15) is consoled by inn keeper Eva Mullarkey '16. 3: Proteus' servant Launce (Perry Gordon '15) with his canine scene-stealer Crab (Ryder Gordon). 4. Sir Thurio (Sam Riese '14) plays for Silvia's affections. 5. Freshmen Freya Goldstein and Olivia Constantino nail The Proclaimers, "I'm Gonna Be (500 miles)."



# A chance to finally heal?

*Friends Academy and Portledge unite in tri-national peace play to be performed on Normandy beaches for 70th D-Day anniversary*

It was a day that went on to forever capture America's consciousness – in history books and on the silver screen.

This June, thousands from France, Germany and America, along with dignitaries like President Obama and Queen Elizabeth, will gather on the beaches of Normandy to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

And with them will be a small troupe of Friends Academy and Portledge students, bent on slowly healing emotional rifts between three nations and, just perhaps, charting a course for future peace.

Since mid-October, 12 FA students (seniors Ryan Dobrin, Carina Goebelbecker, Parker Huseby, Tolu Ojo and Cissy Shi; juniors Alex Nagel, Julia Newitt and Morgan Rielly; and sophomores Peter Bahr, Owen Collier, Olivia Fine and Will Schneider) and four Portledge students have been rehearsing a peace play written by French director Laurence Bohec that will be performed this June in Normandy.

For years Bohec had dreamed of writing a play that would unite students in France and Germany for the 70th anniversary and then realized it would be a shame to not include the Americans.

"The play revolves around forgiveness, reconciliation and curing the hurt and words of the past," Bohec said. "The challenge of the work was to find voices with whom everyone would be able to identify – both those of faith and atheists," she added.



June 6, 2014 will mark the 70th anniversary of the 1944 invasion. 2014 is also the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI.

Ultimately, Bohec integrated teachings from some of the world's greatest peace activists – Gandhi, MLK, Nelson Mandela, Père Lalande and the Dalai Lama – into her script.

A team of FA and Portledge teachers have been working with Bohec, both with translation (WLC head Polly Duke, French teacher Marge Bevad, Portledge WLC head Elizabeth Atkins), and on the artistic components (Director of Arts Tracey Foster and dance teacher Kimo Kepano).

Written in three languages, Bohec's play will ultimately unite counterpart French and German high school students, who are simultaneously rehearsing in their languages and creating choreography for each of the play's six scenes. When the three groups meet in France, they will have four days to pull all three plays into one final collaborative piece.

"This is huge for our students in terms of global connections," said Foster.

Despite the momentous nature of the undertaking, Bohec is calm. "Putting these three countries side by side, you have to take that leap of faith."

## THE 2013 HONORS CONCERT



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Friends held its 6th annual Honors Concert this October, which included all three divisions. Above Abigail, 8th, and junior Ethan Flicker perform Bach's "Concerto for Two Violins, 1st Mvt."; junior Sierra Fisher sings "O Mio Babbino Caro" from Gianni Schicchi; Peter Duke, 9th, performs "Andante et Allegro" on trombone; and Jasmine Carnevale, 5th, plays "Petit Bouree" on violin.

On Thursday, October 17, 2013, the Friends Academy Music Department presented the 6th 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 from all three divisions played the piano, violin (including a brother-and-sister duet), 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.



## THE 2013 WINTER CONCERT SERIES AND ART SHOW



The Upper School choir performs "Hallelujah" for their concert finale.



Members of the Middle School brass section perform at their holiday concert.



Above, fifth graders explore the art color wheel, exhibited in the tri-divisional art show.



Above, Lower schoolers on clarinet.

Right, Middle School students perform a holiday concert offering.



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Second graders have fun with "A Borboleta," a traditional Brazilian holiday song.



“A CALL TO ACTION”

# WALKING THE TALK

*New Quaker Student Life Center unites Quakerism, diversity, community service, global studies and student life under one roof.*

ILLUSTRATIONS BY FRIENDS ACADEMY 8TH GRADERS

BY ANDREA MILLER  
Director of Communications

The idea was to create a “Quakerism hub.” A sanctuary, of sorts, for students and faculty to not only find respite from the frenzy of their lives and reflect in a space that is both welcoming and charged, but also feel free to participate in and open to act.

The result? Friends Academy’s first Quaker Student Life Center, nestled on the ground floor of Frost Hall and embraced by the advisors of Quakerism, diversity, community service, global studies and student life.

“We are establishing this space as a priority,” said Director of Quaker Education Angie Martin. “We want the Quaker life at this school to be central.”

Inside the Center, Peace Week planning posters hang from each of the walls, as a fountain adorned with peace lillies bubbles from a corner. A working food and supply pantry flanks the open space. “I like the idea that this is a work in progress,” said Quaker-in-Residence John Scardina. “We didn’t want it to be a space that the adults created,” he added.

In four short months, the Quaker Student Life Center has become an active space, providing a place for Lower and Upper TASQUE weekly meetings; Quaker Life Committee gatherings; a 5th grade Lunch & Learn about inclusion and being welcoming; a Diversity

Brunch & Learn about stop-and-frisk procedures and meetings for the Pencils of Promise student club. In addition, the room is still being used by Upper School students as a Social Space.

“I’m really enjoying being down here,” commented Scardina. “This place of gathering is not allegorical anymore, but physical.”

Both Scardina and Shanelle Robinson, Director of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs, have offices in the Center and share and support initiatives with Rachel Hall (Community Service Coordinator), Marge Bevad (Global Studies Scholar Facilitator), Ron Baskind (Dean of Student Life), as well as with Angie Martin.

## Quaker connections

In her new role, Angie Martin sees this space as central to the idea of collaboration.

“We are so busy that it’s hard to get things done and sometimes collaboration can slow you down. Here we have something to grow in. I’ve already seen

that by simply spending time here as adults, we are naturally communicating more.”

One of Martin’s main goals is to connect more with Lower and Middle School, as well as connecting Friends with other Quaker schools. “How can we refocus and prioritize, instead of just doing more?” asked Martin.



LEILA SCANLON

## Simplicity

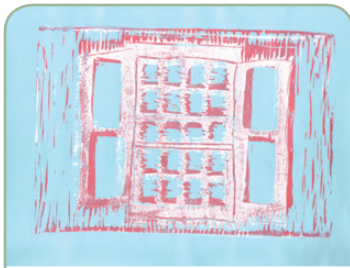
“The people were here first ... the work is happening. It’ll take a little time before people see it.”





AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Members of Lower School TASQUE meet weekly in the new Quaker Student Life Center. This year, TASQUE welcomed a record 25 students from grades 3 to 5.



EMILY JANE WAECHTER

## Peace

"A word that came up about this space is 'sanctuary.'"

"How can we do what we're doing better, and in a more interconnected way?"

### Diverse directions

This fall, Shanelle Robinson continued to evolve BRiDGE, a program for students of color in grades 7-12, which addresses the needs and social/emotional development of students of color at FA.

"In the past, the program had been only a day on campus, but we wanted more time to focus on different issues and the only way to accomplish that was as an overnight retreat at Camp De-

Wolfe," said Robinson.

In its 5th year, BRiDGE has evolved from a support system for Upper School African American boys into a full-fledged retreat for both genders and students of all color.

BRiDGE participants will reunite in March to follow up and view the recently released documentary, "American Promise," which chronicles the school experiences of two African American males at Dalton and raises the question: "How well does the independent school community embrace students of color and support them in succeeding as well as any other member of the community?"

Robinson is also interested in exploring issues of empathy and the role of the bystander with Holocaust curriculum. "I'd like to try and assemble training materials for Lower and Middle School teachers," she said.

Robinson also recog-



CIARAN BARDONG

## Integrity

"Our mission is collaboration and to have students see that – and us."

nizes the physical merit of the Quaker Student Life Center. "Our mission is collaboration and to have students see that – and us."

### Centralized community service

On the right side of the Center, shelves of food pantry donations and supplies line an exterior wall. Throughout the fall, Upper School students have been busy collecting and delivering these supplies to various organizations, under the coordination of Rachel Hall.

This fall, students collected food and cans for CANstruction, Rock Can Roll, LI Cares, the Glen Cove Interfaith Nutrition Network and the Hempstead INN.

As part of a long-standing program, students and faculty cook and serve dinner for the Glen Cove Homeless Shelter every Friday until Easter.

Well established after-school service programs continue to draw student support, including homework help for elementary and Middle School-aged children at the Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club; Music Therapy with AHRC; Sports Night and Art with Friends,

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ANNA PAPPAS

## Community

"How can we do what we're doing better, and in a more interconnected way?"



## "A CALL TO ACTION"



SHANELLE ROBINSON/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Students close the BRIDGE program, an Upper School Diversity initiative, with a reflective exercise on the beach.

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where Upper School students work with intellectually-challenged teenagers from SCO Family of Services.

In the Middle and Lower Schools, students launched a variety of holiday drives, including Thanksgiving food baskets, holiday toys, coats and mittens. Middle School students also regularly peer tutor at the Boys and Girls Club. *(For a comprehensive look at community service at Friends this fall and winter, head to page 23.)*

### Social action through global collaboration

Interdisciplinary collaboration will be at play in supporting the Upper School's new Global Scholar Studies program. "We are looking to advance a certain set of skills through coursework, including collaboration, cultural literacy, presentational speaking, sustainability, social justice and service that is connected to the curriculum," said Marge Bevad.

In order to provide a focused effort in giving students these strengths and

skills, Bevad knows that there this a "significant need for connections with everyone" in the Quaker Student Life Center.

The first GSS course offering, "Connecting with Communities in El Salvador" debuts this coming semester. Students will spend the first three weeks of the course learning about two specific communities in El Salvador and preparing for a 10-day service trip in February. On the trip, students will help with English classes at a local school, participate in the Alternatives to Violence Project Workshop at the Suchitoto Art Center for Peace and help with construction projects in San José Villanueva. Students are expected to journal and blog throughout the course and advocate for the communities with whom they



ALEXANDRA ZUCKER AND ELIZABETH CHATPAR

### Equality

"How well does the independent school community embrace students of color and support them ... as well as any other member?"

connect through final presentations.

Bevad sees advocacy and outside relationships as a crucial part of the program. "One of the things that students will have to do is reach out to mentors, sometimes off-campus."

### A lasting culture

Both Scardina and Martin are hopeful that as the Quaker Student Life Center continues to mature and evolve, it will become cemented into the academic and student life culture at FA. "People are getting the sense that this place is happening," said Scardina, who hopes more teachers will take advantage of the space. "We want it to be more visible and the community to sense that it is the heart of the school," he added.

A lasting culture is what is on everyone's mind and Ron Baskind believes Friends' unique Quaker roots will ensure this. "We are trying to help the school maintain its heart and soul. Other schools may dabble, but Quaker schools have always done this."



BENJAMIN BALSER

### Service

Students are expected to advocate for the communities with whom they connect.





## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### REGULAR SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

#### Upper School

MON/WED/FRI:

■ Glen Cove Boys

& Girls Club:

Homework help to elementary- and middle school-aged children

WEDNESDAYS:

■ SCO Family of

Services: Sports Night with intellectually-challenged teenagers

■ Glen Cove INN Soup Kitchen and North Shore Sheltering Program: Sandwich-making

THURSDAYS:

■ SCO Family of

Services: Art with Friends with intellectually-challenged teenagers

■ AHRC: Music Therapy with intellectually-challenged adults

■ North Shore Sheltering Program: Cooking for the Homeless program (late Nov. to April)

FRIDAYS

■ Food4Food: Weekly collections

MONTHLY

■ Internal service: On-campus projects by advisory

#### Middle School

FRIDAYS

■ Glen Cove Men's Shelter:

Baking activity to sell homemade cookies. Money will be used to buy and cook food for Men's Shelter in January.

■ Glen Cove Men's Shelter:

Provide paper goods through March

## SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6 - Oct. 23: All-School CANstruction: 3,000 cans donated for Harry Chapin Food Bank

13: Junior Class RockCanRoll.org grocery shopping

28: Family Comm. Service Sandwich making



## OCTOBER

Thru Oct. 23: All-School CANstruction: 3,000 cans donated for Harry Chapin Food Bank

3&10: Sophomore classs CANstruction collection

25: WATCH Food4Food delivery to LI Cares, Freeport

26: Family Comm. Service Sandwich making

30 - Nov. 15: All-School Coat Drive

Fall Fair unsold books donated:

Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club

Vietnam Veterans

Lupus Foundation

Local family victimized by fire

MS 6th grade Read-A-Thon

## NOVEMBER

Oct. 30 - Nov. 15: All-School Coat Drive

7: 9th grade advisory internal service; work with autistic children from Brookville Ctr. for Children's Services

7-8: YSOP Sophomore Trip (focused on poverty, hunger and homelessness)

8: LS Thanksgiving Food drive w/ St. Patrick's

21: Senior class advisories donate 18 Thanksgiving baskets to Finley Middle School

23: US Bake Sale for Toys for Tots

26-27: WATCH Food4Food deliveries to Hempstead INN

Nov. 26 - Dec. 17: All-School Mitten Tree & Toy Drive

MS Thanksgiving Food drive with CSAC Oyster Bay; students help sort and pack food

MS Peer tutoring with Boys & Girls Club

MS students sewing special pillows for breast cancer patients to use in therapy after surgery

## DECEMBER

Thru Dec. 17: All-School Mitten Tree & Toy Drive

14: Family Comm. Service Sandwich making

18: 7th grade Toy Drive for CSAC (Community Service Action Counsel) in Oyster Bay

19: 9th Grade provides gifts for nine families through St. Hugh's Church in Huntington (collect money, buy and wrap gifts as a class)

MS used eyeglass collection sent to Lions Club

11th grade:

GC B&G Club Holiday Toy Party/Toy Drive

Prepare/serve lunch at local shelter

Donate to NY Times Neediest Cases Fund

MS Delivers baked goods, chocolates, holiday treats to Glen Cove Men's Shelter

EC makes decorations for local senior center; first grade creates cards for the Glen Gariff Nursing Home.

{FALL 2013}



MIKE DAMM, ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

It was a season of **transformation**, **teamwork** and **can-do grit**. A third state championship, Long Island title, conference crowns and a 12-game winning streak helped define this year's Fall Sports season.



## FA 2013 FALL SPORTS

## Boys Varsity Soccer capture 3rd state title



FRIENDS ACADEMY

The 2013 Boys Varsity Soccer team following their 1-0 win over Lansing HS in the New York state championship.

## VARSITY BOYS SOCCER:

## TEAMWORK IS KEY TO TEAM'S SPECTACULAR SUCCESS

With grit, determination and all-out teamwork, the Friends Academy Boys Varsity Soccer team completed their quest for a third state soccer championship, defeating a tough Lansing High School, 1-0, in the New York Class C State Championships.

Both teams kept the game at a tight 0-0, until 20 minutes into the second half, when a throw-in from senior Patrick Moodhe (Manhasset) connected with the head of senior Jon Nierenberg (Sands Point) for the game's only goal.

The day before, Friends defeated Lake George HS with a convincing 3-0 victory in the semifinals. "Lansing came out with an excellent defensive game plan," said head coach Marshall Lindner. "They saw us play a very strong game

against Lake George and they made a major commitment to team defense."

Lansing also double-teamed Nierenberg, but was unable to contain his game-winning goal. "Their strategy was a brilliant move, but we continued

to push hard for a game-winning goal," remarked Coach Lindner.

While Friends enjoyed a successful regular season with 11 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties, Lindner admits that the team was still not ready for champion-

ship play. "We had an excellent regular season, but I think we understood that we really weren't yet a real serious play-off contender. And if you look at our season at the beginning, we were not a championship team," said Lindner. "We lost to an outstanding Carle Place team; tied another strong team, CSH, and

## TEAM AWARD

NASSAU COUNTY  
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Given to only 1 school out of the 55 in Nassau County. This award is voted on by the Nassau County Soccer Officials Association and represents the highest level of sportsmanship, fair play and conduct expected throughout the season.

only squeaked by Wheatley," he added.

Coach Lindner credits the team's seniors as pivotal in changing both the mindset and ability of the team. "The senior leadership was fantastic. These guys were driving everyone else," recounted Lindner. "They pushed everybody to do the drills better and they constantly said to the younger players, 'We have to play for each other.' They would say, 'You can't play for a trophy or a title – you need to play for each other.' There was this ethic that you went out there and played, not only team offense, but also team defense. We made the commitment to being an elite team," said Lindner.

For Lindner, this level of teamwork is what defined the 2013-14 Quaker championship team. "The championship teams of 2009 and 2010 had four Division I players on the field at once. We're not a school of 2,000 kids. To have four at the same time... that doesn't always happen. We have some very fine players, but this was a team that was much more team-oriented. We passed the ball beautifully. And while we didn't have four D-I players, we made up for it by playing like a team."

In the end, playing for each other is what made the difference and turned this start-of-the-season okay team into a team that will forever be a state champion. "If guys are willing to sacrifice for each other and play as a team, you can achieve a tremendous amount," finished Coach Lindner.

**2013 ROSTER:** Liam Bardong, Jason Baskind, Samer Bendary, David Binler, Jonathan Cangemi, Anthony Cortese, Joe Como, Thomas Frey, Scott Gulbransen, Maximilian Heffron, Timothy Ingrassia, Kevin Isernio, Michael Kliger, Tyler Leon, Joseph Moodhe, Oliver Muran, Harry Nicolas, Jonathan Nierenberg,\* Gabriel Patino, Steven Petrocelli, Brandon Rosenbaum, William Sands, Jordan Schuss, Harrison Seideman, Mark Slotnick, Andrew Stingi,\* Matthew Tidona and Jesse Wilensky. (\* Captains)

## FA 2013 FALL SPORTS

## Girls earn Long Island championship title

**GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER:  
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS**

The Girls Varsity Soccer team may have narrowly missed their third return to the state finals, but it wasn't for a lack of all-out effort.



Coach Gail Baker earned Conference Coach of the Year.

"It came down to a 4-3 intense shootout against Haldane," said Coach Gail Baker. "It was thrilling and well played by both teams. We fell a little short, but we represented our school," added Coach Baker.

The team stepped up in a competitive season, in which they finished with 11 wins. "No game was easy," said Baker. "Every game was a 2-1 score or a tie. Every game was hard fought."

By mid-season, the Quakers had a few strong players out from injuries, but were

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

**ALL-STATE (2ND TEAM) – ALEXIS TOLES**

**ALL COUNTY – ALEXIS TOLES**

**ALL CLASS – KRISTINA KIM, KATARINA HEFFRON**

**ALL CONFERENCE – SLOANE HUGHES, DANITZA LEON, MISSY CIPOLLA**

**PLAYER OF CONFERENCE A4 – ALEXIS TOLES**

**SCHOLAR ATHLETE – KRISTINA KIM**



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Members of the Girls Varsity Soccer team congratulate each other on their Long Island championship.

able to persevere and win their conference championship.

"This was a season of strong leadership," recounted Coach Baker. "A lot of older girls role modeled their commitment to soccer and expertise. We passed exceptionally well. It was impressive how we were able to control the midfield," added Baker.

Coach Baker sums up the team's philosophy: "We play for our teammates, our

teammates who become true friends. When you win together and lose together, you build trust. You learn that sports is more than training your body."

**2013 ROSTER:** Isabel Andolina, Melissa Cipolla, Gloria Fortuna, Katarina Heffron, Sloane Hughes, Julia Kavan, Kasey Katz, Jennifer Keogh, Kristina Kim, Danitza Leon, Olivia Meszaros, Madeline O'Brien, Lindsay O'Sullivan, Tolulope Ojo, Shekinah Pettway, Danielle Ramsay, Sydney Themelis, Alexis Toles, Eva Valcic and Ryan Weight.

**JV FIELD HOCKEY: TEAMWORK BONDED AND BANDED PLAYERS**

The Friends Academy JV Field Hockey team worked extremely hard this season. Throughout the season, this team of 12 talented girls worked hard to improve their skills and blend together as a team.

The season was filled with determination, dedication, exciting games, and lots of fun. "Being low in numbers never seemed

to get this team down," said Coach Amanda Serif. "This just meant each player would have to work that much harder and each teammate did exactly that," she added.

Even in the toughest times, these athletes banded together to prevail. "The most admirable trait of this team was their

teamwork. Every practice and every game, these girls were there for each other, supporting each other," added Coach Serif.

**2013 ROSTER:** Daniella Auerbach, Danielle Dellaquila, Ranait Denihan, Lily Drosch, Katherine Emlock, Danielle Katz, Sofia Patino, Colleen Marshall, Charlotte Murphy, Katerina Sanoulis, Nina Trovato and Arielle Warren.



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## Boys and Girls: Division champs



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Freshman Elizabeth Quick

### GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS: 3RD PLACE LEAGUE FINISH

The Girls Varsity Tennis Team completed a successful 10-6 record, 3rd place league finish and quarterfinal playoff loss to North Shore.

Friends was the only team in Conference 2 to defeat conference champion Locust Valley. Julia Ciardullo, Morgan Wilkins, Elle Simek and Marina Hilbert were selected to compete in the Nassau County Individual Championships against 30 of Nassau County's best doubles teams, each winning a round before losing to opponents who went on to represent Team Nassau at the NY state HS tennis championships.

To our seniors, thank you for being part of a two year run as conference finalist and for all your help getting the younger players to understand what TEAM, Accountability and Commitment means. To our younger players, continue to work on improving your fitness and game as a lot is expected of you next year. To our captains, thank you for taking on a leadership role that isn't always as easy as it looks, I definitely appreciated the help. And finally to Coach Lewis, thanks for your help with the team.

**2013 ROSTER:** Margaret Brennan, Victoria Broderick, Carolyn Cahill, Julia Ciardullo\*, Gabrielle Cron, Sabrina Farahani, Jessica Friedman, Marina Hilbert, Hannah Juhel\*, Danielle Kahn, Devika Kedia, Sasha Levin, Alana Pascucci, Elisabeth Quick, Elinor Simek, Nikki Simon, Morgan Wilkins and Amanda Yaraghi. Managers: Rose Mangiarotti and Jacqueline Korren. (\*Captains)

### VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY: GIRLS WIN CONFERENCE

The 2013 Cross-Country season will long be remembered for a number of reasons. This very small team of 7 boys and 7 girls is composed of 7 seniors and 5 juniors. Three of the seniors have been running cross-country for the last four years and one runner just returned from a 5th trip to NY State Championships.



Junior Glenn Lostritto

This group of seniors has been the heart and soul of a very successful team. They have inspired their teammates to train in the off-season and to set new goals every year.

Members of this team have not only run 5K races (3.1 mile), but have competed in half-marathon races, sprint triathlons, and the World Age-Group Triathlon Championships in London.

The 2013 Girls' and Boys' team finished 1st in Division IVB. The Girls team won the Conference IV championships and

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL-DIVISION IVB – ERIK LOSCALZO, SAHIL MASSAND**

**ALL-DIVISION AND ALL-CONFERENCE – GLENN LOSTRITTO, PATRICK CROWLEY, ISABELLA PASCUCCI, KATRINA GARRY, HARMONY GRODSKY, KARA MCNELIS**

**ALL-COUNTY CLASS III – GLENN LOSTRITTO, PAT CROWLEY, ISABELLA PASCUCCI, HARMONY GRODSKY, KATRINA GARRY**

**ALL-COUNTY ALL-CLASS – ISABELLA PASCUCCI**

**ALL-STATE CLASS C – ISABELLA PASCUCCI, HARMONY GRODSKY**

**NYP SHAA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – KATRINA GARRY**



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Senior Kara McNelis

qualified in Class C for the New York State Championship meet in Queensbury, NY. Unfortunately, the Boys team missed qualifying for the State meet by one point, but we still had four talented boys qualify for the NY state meet as individuals.

The Girls team had a successful showing at the state meet and finished 7th out of 11 teams and all the boys and girls ran personal records or within 10-15 seconds of their best performances.

"This is not easy for runners to do when they are surrounded by a high level of competition in a high stakes race. It was a great finish to the cross-country season," said coach Louisa Garry.

The team continued its tradition of holding a Fall Fair 5K Benefit Run, which this year included members of the Boys Soccer and Girls Field Hockey teams.

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

**2013 ROSTER:** Mary Burns, Patrick Crowley\*, Pierce DellaFerra, Katrina Garry\*, Harmony Grodsky\*, Erik Loscalzo, Glenn Lostritto, Nicholas Marchese, Sahil Massand\*, Kara McNelis, Katherine Pappas, Isabella Pascucci, Nicholas Sequino and Catherine Sullivan. (\*Captains)

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Junior Juliane Florez drives the ball down field, evading a defender.



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

## Masterfully played semi-finals

### Varsity Field Hockey: Turning it Around

The Friends Academy Varsity Field Hockey team marched to the Nassau County finals after an 8-4 season.

The season opened with a loss against Carle Place, who became the girls' biggest contender throughout the remainder of the season. The team faced a few unforeseen bumps in the road along the course of the season, but came together with the attitude that they would not accept less than what they were truly capable of.

At what seemed to be a turning-point in the season, the girls pushed themselves through to an overtime victory against Oyster Bay – a win that was echoed in their masterfully-played county semi-final game, with a score of 4-1.

Though the season ended with a loss in the Nassau County Class C Championship, the team's drive and performance in the final game surpassed their earliest game against the same team. "The county Championship ended our season with a 1-goal game," said Coach Christine Botti.

"It was lost with only 30 seconds remaining in the first overtime – a testament to their growth and to how hard this final game was fought."

**2013 ROSTER:** Sydney Banks, Morgan Bauer, Javana Clark, Marianna Cuomo Maier, Sara DeCicco, Gabrielle FitzGerald, Juliane Florez, Chloe Friedman\*, Charlotte Gelfand, Elizabeth Gherlone, Stephanie Gherlone, Lydia Graham, Alexa Landow\*, Emily Mara\*, Julia Newitt, Sarah O'Kane, Jessica Ozer, Taylor Quinland, Caroline Sgaglione and Caroline Wilson. (\*Captains) Mgr. Natasha Makowsky

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL-COUNTY** – CHARLOTTE GELFAND, EMILY MARA

**ALL-CONFERENCE** – STEPHANIE GHERLONE, GABRIELLE FITZGERALD, CAROLINE SGAGLIONE, SARAH O'KANE

**ALL-LEAGUE** – ALEXA LANDOW

**EXCEPTIONAL SENIOR** – CHARLOTTE GELFAND

**UNSUNG HERO** – JULIANE FLOREZ  
*Unsung Hero awards are presented to those athletes who work hard behind the scenes, but whose contribution might otherwise go unrecognized.*

### GIRLS JV TENNIS:

#### 3RD CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASON

The Girls Junior Varsity Tennis season began on Monday, August 26th. The team had a tremendous turnout that included many new first year players joining a handful of players from the previous year's squad.

After a week of very competitive challenge matches with players vying for both singles and doubles positions, the Lady Quakers rounded out their team to a group of 16 players. They followed that with a week of preparation that included conditioning drills, match-play and match-play strategies, to ready themselves for the first week of play.

The team got off to a quick start, recording four wins in the first six matches of the season, with a number of strong wins against some very solid opponents. The girls maintained an excellent level of competitive play in the second half and managed to come away with an overall record of seven wins and five losses, which solidified the team's third consecutive winning season in a row.

"Team chemistry and camaraderie was terrific, as the girls did a great job of rooting for and cheering each other on during their matches," said Coach Gino Uterano. "The team's chosen motto 'All in!' surely was a good fit!" finished Coach Uterano.

**2013 ROSTER:** Keara Cahill, Amelia Cardone, Chelsea Crane, Ruthie Fritz\*, Kaitlyn Hardy, Lauren LeoGrande, Kelsey McEvoy, Victoria Nastasi, Kanan Patel, Elana Pinto, Samantha Podell, Sarah Richter, Casey Rosen\*, Andi Simon, Emily Wachtler\* and Christina Yanello.



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Junior Elana Pinto



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The Quaker defense is primed at the line of scrimmage against rival Great Neck North.

## VARSITY FOOTBALL: FIRST NIGHT GAME CAPS SPECTACULAR WIN

The 2013 fall Varsity Football campaign was truly a special and unique season. Their roster consisted of 19 courageous young men who relished and exceeded the role as David vs. Goliath.

Ending the season with a 4-4 record, the squad had much to be proud of. With wins over Cold Spring Harbor, Great Neck North, Great Neck South, St. Dominics and Jericho, Friends garnered the respect of their opponents.

Often outnumbered 2:1, the Quakers managed to hold their own against top-notch teams.

Season highlights included:

- Three shutouts..... no easy feat
- A double-overtime loss to Port Washington... which ultimately defined the team's character and talent!
- Seniors coming out for the first time
- Heart and spirit that was not matched by any opponent they faced
- An experience of a lifetime
- Friends' first-ever night game in the history of the school, which was a truly

spectacular event... a 62-36 win over Great Neck South under the lights.... the support from the entire community that was truly inspiring.

The defense was a force to be reckoned with as well, having held three teams from scoring a single point.

"We were fortunate to have 10 seniors who helped pave the way for imparting leadership, guidance, and love of football. They have etched their legacy in our program," said Coach Ron Baskind.

**2013 ROSTER:** Kevin Baskind, Max Botwinick, Nicholas Chapman, Alfred Constants, Jalijah Daniels, Louis Durante, Matthew Feinstein, Andrew Feinstein, John Forlines, Benjamin Freund, William Gavin, Corey Goldglit, Stephen Graham, Stephan Herard, Cyrus Holder, Robert Izquierdo, James Morgan, Griffin Nesfield, Christopher Nishimura, Christopher Paniccia, Constantine Pappas, Tyrone Perkins\*, Christopher Petrocelli, Bill Rechler\*, Elijah Rechler, Tyler Riese, Austin Rossi\*, Alexander Schneider, Nicholas Schneider, William Schneider, Nathaniel Shepherd-Tyson, Brendan Sherlock, Zachary Sideris, Maxwell Sutherland, Cameron Wang, Brandon Yaraghi and Skyler Zaken. (\*Captains) Managers: Jacqueline O'Brien and Paige Sklar.

## GIRLS JV SOCCER: SMALL TEAM NEVER GAVE UP

Throughout the season the Girls JV Soccer team progressed as a unit to develop their ability to work together and to cultivate individual skills.

"Their hard work, determination, and positive attitude made the year successful," said Coach Allison Barth.

Though a few JV players were pulled up to Varsity, the team pulled together as team members offered to play different positions while still maintaining a positive attitude and high level of play.

According to Coach Barth, other teams and referees always commented on how well the girls worked together as a unit as well as their tenacity to never give up.

"It was a pleasure coaching such a positive, motivated and respectful bunch of young women," said Barth.

**2013 ROSTER:** Julianne Cottone, Hannah Goldblatt, Sarah Hickerson, Emily Horne, Caroline Hoyt, Jenna Koufakis, Catherine Lori, Misha Macy, Stephanie Rothberg, Lauren Russell, Julia Savasta, Elizabeth Stein, Mary Stingi and Sydney Themelis.

## BOYS JV FOOTBALL: CORE GROUP SHOWED HEART

The JV Boys Football team showed great commitment and dedication throughout the 2013 season.

"Though just a small group, they all showed great heart, and this core group of players will surely help keep the Friends Academy tradition of great football alive for years to come," said Coach Mike Damm.

"Whether it was helping the Varsity in practice, or getting playing time during the first-ever night game in FA history, each player showed great improvement throughout the year as a result of their hard work," added Coach Damm.

**2013 ROSTER:** Kevin Baskind, Louis Durante, Matthew Feinstein, Benjamin Freund, Robert Izquierdo, James Morgan, Christopher Nishimura, Christopher Paniccia, Christopher Petrocelli, Tyler Riese, Nicholas Schneider, William Schneider, Nathaniel Shepherd-Tyson, Maxwell Sutherland and Cameron Wang.

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### Varsity Crew: Medals in 7 Events

This year's team sported a lot of freshmen faces as the team raced in Philadelphia three times this season before their home finale on Oyster Bay.

Throughout the season, the rowers overcame numerous injuries. This required greater cooperation and teamwork, as the crew had to adjust while their teammates were recovering. Despite these obstacles, everyone raced multiple times and had a good season.

At King's Head, nine boats competed with three finishing in the top 10 of their event. Navy Day showed more promise with the girls really stepping up their performances.

Bel Evans earned 3rd in the single while both Girls' doubles came in the top 10. Head of Schuylkill was next with some tough competition as the largest event of the season.

Captain Adina Grodsky and Gabrielle Nagel pulled their way to 8th place in the Girls' double in this 5,000-meter course. FA Crew ended their season at Long Island Frostbite – a 1,500 meter sprint.

Senior captain Sam Lerner set the tone for the day by placing first in the men's single.

The girls followed suit with a first-place



COURTESY OF THE ZERILLI FAMILY

FA Boys doubles teams prepare to leave the dock for their races.

finish in the Lightweight double by Evans and Nagel, and third-place finish in the Varsity double by captain Emma Brown and Grodsky.

Not to be outdone, the Boys' captains, Lerner and Ethan Flicker, sprinted to 2nd place in the Varsity double.

The novices wanted some hardware as well and earned their own in the quads as they gave FA Crew medals in seven events, before the race was discontinued due to

inclement weather.

The team looks forward to the spring sprint season and bringing more medals home to Friends Academy.

**2013 ROSTER:** Peter Bahr, Gabrielle Bauer, Emma Brown\*, Gerard Eastman, Mabel Evans, Ethan Flicker, Adina Grodsky\*, Mack Hoyt, John Lawrence, Nathan Lerner, Samuel Lerner\*, Daniel McCooey, Gabrielle Nagel, Elizabeth Panacciulli, Peter Psyllos, Julia Searby, Faris Shikara and John Zerilli.

### ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME ODD-YEAR ALUMS WREST TITLE

“Friends Academy alumni took some time out of their busy schedules over the Thanksgiving holiday to stop back in at the FA gym for the Annual Alumni Basketball Game.

A strong turnout provided some excellent entertainment and a spirited game saw the odd-year graduates get the best of the even-years. Special thanks goes out to Clayton Siegert '92 for helping to put the event together.

It is great to see warriors from the past still getting after it on the court. Just as great is seeing their families and talking about old times at the academy. Thanks to all those who were able to make it and those that couldn't attend were there in spirit, I'm sure.”

– Coach Hefe



Front row, from left: David Sher, Dwayne Taylor, Alek Kucich, Joe Dolisi, Frank Dolisi, Jeremy Koufakis, Matt Kuczmarski, Andrew Schlenger, Brian Alessi, Jeff Daniels, John Siris. Back row, from left: Coach Steve Hefe, Kevin Afshari, Rob Abney, Alex Petrossian, Bryan Judge, TJ Hefe, Harrison Hefe, Taylor Morabito, Wes Morabito, Bennett Felder, John Koenig, Mike Cox, Billy Sawicki, Coach Bill Williams and Coach Tim Clouser.



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The Boys JV Soccer team celebrates their Conference Championship. After starting the season with a tie and loss, the team went on to dominate the season with a 12-game streak.

### BOYS JV SOCCER: 12-GAME WINNING STREAK TRANSFORMS SEASON INTO MAGICAL JOURNEY

The Boys Junior Varsity Soccer Team had a very precarious start to the 2013 season. After tying their cross-town rival, Glen Cove, 2-2, with a poor performance on the opening non-league game, the team followed that draw with a loss to their conference rival, Wheatley, 2-1.

But, something magical and transformative happened after that loss at Wheatley, recounted Coach Edgar Posada.

"It would be the very last time we would experience the bitter taste of defeat this season," said Posada. "We became a team, a force to be reckoned with. We went on a 12-game winning streak, ending the season with an official record of (12-1-1). This was an incredible feat on its own, but the success attained during this extraor-

dinary winning streak far exceeds any expectations the coaching staff could ever imagine," he added.

For the third year in the row, the Quakers broke their own established records by scoring an astonishing total of 63 goals and holding 9 shutouts against the opposition.

All of this while allowing just 7 goals the entire season. Not only did the Quakers defeat teams, they dominated possession and kept consistent attacking pressure on opponents.

"We were able to move the ball up and down the field at will," said Coach Posada. "Our attacking players terrorized defensive lines and our entire team earned respect from opposing players and coaches alike. We secured the best record in the confer-

ence and are once more, Junior Varsity Conference Champions!"

A season started under turmoil, turned out to be a true dream season that featured historic record-breaking achievements. "Coach Gonzalez, Coach Reilly, and I congratulate our players for another remarkable season and we thank their parents for their devoted and enthusiastic support," finished Coach Posada.

**2013 ROSTER:** Christian Barakat, Nour Bendary, Jacob Broxmeyer, Nicholas Campbell, Owen Collier, Joseph Como, Matthew DeMatteis, Trevor Dineen, John Doran, Merek Glover, Joshua Goldblatt, Andrew Greene, Andrew Habberstad, Theodore Ingrassia, Arman Kibria, Scott Kriesberg, Christian Mandrakos, Patrick Margey, Marcus Menzin, Reed Mullen, Christopher Petrocelli, Kole Rossi and Adam Spector.



## FORMER FACULTY NOTES



Proud mama Liza Talusan-Vega, proud friend Abby Hertzmark, proud papa Jorge Vega, and the superstar, Joli, at the TEDx event.

Ten-year-old Joli Vega, the oldest daughter of **Liza Talusan-Vega** (head advisor, psychology, ACES program) and **Jorge Vega** (theater, physics, technology) was recently invited to give a TED talk at TEDxMosesBrown in Providence, RI.

Jorge writes, "Abby Phyfe (aka **Abby Hertzmark**), former FA English teacher now chair of the English Department at Moses Brown, had heard Joli speak before and passed her name along to the selection committee. Joli's talk, called 'Normal,' was about how having a prosthetic eye has taught her to appreciate the beauty of being different.

She delivered it to an audience of over 800 attendees and, in this humble dad's opinion, SHE ROCKED IT! Got a standing ovation!"

**Scott Baytosh**, Director of Studies from 2002-2005, now serves as Head of Alexandria Country Day School, a K-8 independent school in Alexandria, Virginia (acdsnet.org).



Scott Baytosh, former FA Director of Studies

His son Seneca is in first grade at ACDS and his son Zach, who attended PK and K at FA, is in ninth grade at The Field School.

Scott's wife, Katy, teaches English as a Second Language at George Mason University and offers creative movement classes in the community.

## FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & MILESTONES

Upper School science teacher **Casey Reed** has been accepted into the Quaker program, "Spirited Practice and Renewed Courage" (SPARC). A two-year program, SPARC includes a series of four retreats, which use a variety of sessions of reflection and group work to focus on teaching and renew a sense of self and purpose.



Middle School Spanish teacher **Lanessa Davis** recently completed her Masters in Spanish, focusing on literature at St. John's University. As part of her studies, Lanessa spent a month in Spain during the summer of 2011.



Upper School History department chair **Christine Kulke** has been accepted into the NYSAIS (New York State Association of Independent Schools) Emerging Leaders Institute for 2013-2015. Christine joins 19 other faculty from New York independent schools. The two-year course of study engages faculty in a host of seminars, conferences, readings and webinars that cover strategic planning, communicating under pressure, fiscal management, conflict resolution and more. Participants also work alongside experienced school leaders and develop a customized program to meet their own personal goals and objectives.



Upper School Art Department Chair **Joy Lai** spent two weeks this summer on a residency at the Künstlerhaus Worpswede in Lower Saxony Germany. The Künstlerhaus, consisting of a series of studio apartments, was created in 1971 by Graphic Designer Martin Kausche, and was the first of its kind in the Federal Republic of Germany. Kausche's idea was to "provide artists with an opportunity to work undisturbed in tranquil surroundings for a certain period of time." Joy spent her time sketching, carving linoleum, printing, looking out the



A view from Joy Lai's artist's residency in Germany.

window observing the horses and riding her bike into the moorlands. At the end of her residency, the locals came by for open studios and she was able to share her linocut materials with them.

In May 2013, Quaker-in-residence **John Scardina** joined three other board members from the international Quaker Bolivia



Link (QBL), as they visited 11 different projects in Bolivia to monitor how well they are working. The QBL is an international, non-sectarian

development organization guided by Quaker principles and dedicated to reducing poverty among the indigenous peoples of Bolivia. As a result, there are now over 500 families growing healthy vegetables in their QBL greenhouses, and 55 villages have QBL water supplies.

John also gave a workshop in October at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry entitled, "Developing Self-Regulation in Ourselves and Our Students" at the Westchester Association for the Education of Young Children.



Food Service Manager **Keith Kopeloff** retired after 28 years at Friends Academy. Keith is now dividing his time between Long Island and Vermont and enjoying retirement.



# from the president

PETER STEIN '79

Dear Fellow Alumni,

The fall of 2013 was, as usual, an eventful time on our beautiful Locust Valley campus! While it was back to school for the current students, the fall also featured lots of alumni activity.

Homecoming Weekend 2013 provided exciting times for many reunion classes ending in 3 and 8. The Class of 1953 gathered for a very special 60th year reunion highlighted by a sunset dinner at the Creek Club. The Class of 1963 celebrated their 50th Reunion, starting with a Friday luncheon of their own at the Jackson House. There, classmates were able to catch up in person as well as via Skype (for those unable to make the trip). And speaking of making the trip, check out page 41 to read about how Hardin Davis rode his bicycle all the way from Utah so he too could be part of his 50th Reunion! Following lunch, the 50th reunion class had a tour of the campus, which was alive with Spirit Week activities.

During Fall Fair, alumni spanning seven decades gathered at the Alumni Tent to reminisce. The party then spilled over to the Jackson House backyard for the first FA Alumni Tailgate Party! It was a great way to watch a varsity football game and enjoy refreshments with fellow alumni. If you missed it, make sure you check it out next year!

October 25th was the first ever FA Friday Night Lights Football Game! The football field was well lit as our varsity team overwhelmed their Great Neck rivals "under the lights" in the first night game in FA history. It was a memorable evening for all involved and featured a

halftime alumni reunion with the introduction of over 20 former FA gridiron greats!

Our second annual 1930s and 1940s Holiday Luncheon was held on December 11th at the Jackson House. From tales of a death-defying toboggan enjoyed on snowy school days to visiting classmates' homes during World War II, with food ration tokens in hand, priceless memories were shared as alumni reminisced about the 'good old days' at Friends Academy.

Inside this issue of *The Meeting House* you will read about some extraordinary fellow alumni: from the seven-year sailing adventures of Clint Bush '66 featured on page 40, to Michael Fox's '91 new mobile entertainment/social justice venture Urthworx on page 42 to Paul Hand '68, featured on page 43, who with his wife, makes and delivers more than eight pots of "Bunny's Chicken Soup for the Soul" to the homeless in his neighborhood 52 weeks a year.

As we move on to 2014, it gives us a chance to not only look back, but also ahead to what is in store for the New Year. It's never too early to put the annual NYC reunion on your calendar. On June 2, join over 200 FA alumni and faculty at the Princeton-Columbia Club for an evening of cocktails, friendship and networking. Also, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the FA Fall Fair and Homecoming the weekend of October 17-19, 2014. There will be special alumni events and exhibits in honor of the milestone year. All classes ending in 4 and 9 will be celebrating reunions with details to follow.

I wish you and your families all the best in 2014!



PETER STEIN '79,  
FRIENDS ACADEMY  
ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT

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### 2 Connect by website:

FA's password-protected\* Alumni Community: [www.fa.org/alumni](http://www.fa.org/alumni)  
Click on **ALUMNI DIRECTORY** to search for classmates by last name, maiden name, class year and profession.

### 3 Are you on Facebook?

If you love Friends, like us! Head to [www.facebook.com/friendsacademyNY](http://www.facebook.com/friendsacademyNY) for more campus life photos, alumni updates and behind-the-scenes stories and videos.

\*If you do not know your username and password, e-mail Kathy Fox in the Alumni Office: [alumni@fa.org](mailto:alumni@fa.org).

## MICHAEL FOX '91



COURTESY OF MICHAEL FOX

# CREATIVE IMPACT

*Alum creates new genre of gaming to promote social change*

BY JENNIFER RYAN WOODS '99

Michael Fox '91 always knew he wanted to make a positive mark on the world, but in a creative way.

With a lot of hard work and imagination – plus a little help from fate – these days he is doing exactly that...and so much more.

Fox is on the cusp of launching what could be a new genre of entertainment, which he calls impact entertainment. And the best part: it's designed to educate and inspire children to play an active role in

making the world a better place.

A “lifelong do-gooder,” Fox traces his journey back to his days at Friends Academy, where he attended from first to twelfth grade.

“I came to Friends predisposed to be a do-gooder,” Fox says, “But the focus on community service and even the course work on Quakerism and Quaker Meeting itself, really helped foster and channel everything I wanted to do.”

By the time he graduated, Fox was intent



Michael Fox from the 1991 Lamp yearbook.



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on becoming a human rights lawyer. He attended Georgetown University followed by Columbia University School of Law. However, once he got to law school his plans changed.

"I got there and realized that [being a human rights lawyer] wasn't what I wanted to do," he says. "I wanted to have a creative career, so I started writing screenplays. At the time, I wasn't sure how I would make a positive impact, but at least I knew I would be happier than being a lawyer."

He decided to pursue entertainment law as a traditional step. After graduating law school he worked as an entertainment attorney for Franklin, Weinrib, Rudell & Vassallo, P.C.

The problem was, Fox was miserable. He still wasn't doing what he had set out to do – make a difference.

Then, on a cold, rainy night in New York City during the fall of 2000, fate stepped in.

Through a series of serendipitous events, Fox became engaged in a conversation with a homeless man named Billy Rorie. Rorie had been homeless for 15 years but this particular day was his worst yet; and it wasn't getting any better as the bad weather had prevented him from earning enough to afford a room for the night.

Fox gave Rorie \$20 to pay for a room with a little leftover. He didn't know at the time that this gesture would change the direction of his own life.

Fox visited Rorie often after that, sometimes taking him out to eat. He even opened an account for Rorie to start saving money.

"We ended up becoming friends. I started learning about his story. I didn't know what it was, but I knew there was some reason I was meeting this guy."

A few months later it became clear.

After running into each other in another chance encounter, Rorie gave Fox a gift to thank him for all of his help: his notebooks.

"He gives me these two notebooks [full of poems]. As I'm reading them I keep hearing music in my head. By the end of that night I had the idea to take real stories of homeless people and have them performed by stars to raise money for homeless."

And that's what he did.

Fox created a non-profit organization called The New Life Project, through which he put together a concert with A-list performers such as Kanye West and Common, who performed original songs based on the poems and stories of people who had

experienced the realities of homelessness.

"It was through this experience that I

learned how to fuse cause and creativity," he says. That's when his concept of impact entertainment was born.

In the years that followed Fox continued to develop digital media projects for commercial and non-profit applications.

His most acclaimed project during this time was an online video campaign that he created on behalf of Barack Obama leading up to the 2008 presidential election.

Using clips from Rocky, Fox superimposed Obama's head on Rocky Balboa's body. He e-mailed the video, "Baracky" to 50 friends, but soon it became an internet sensation that was lauded across the board from major news and entertainment publications. Soon Fox had five No. 1 viral videos under his belt.

Through these experiences Fox had seen the impact that using entertainment as a medium for transmitting social message could have. But he still hadn't figured out the most effective way to do it.

Until, that is, he was commissioned for another project by the lead singer of Pink

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"Impact App" is pop culture with a purpose.



Michael Fox works on segments on an online video, "Baracky," on behalf of Barack Obama's 2008 presidential bid. Initially e-mailed to just 50 friends, the video ultimately went viral and became an Internet sensation.

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Floyd. The project was originally intended as an online video but soon took on a life of its own. The end result was a combination video/game that incorporated animation and sent powerful messages about causes he was passionate about.

This was a major breakthrough for Fox, who realized that a gaming format – an app – could be the key to using entertainment to promote change.

Fox created a company called Urthworx and began working on the “Impact App.” Slated to debut in the first quarter of 2014, the app combines animation, interactivity and gaming to raise money and awareness for causes.

As Fox likes to say: it’s pop culture with a purpose.

He also enlisted the help of three Friends Academy alumni to sit on Urthworx’s advisory board – Chris Milk (Mertens) ’91, Todd Jacobson ’93 and Joshua Sussman.

Fox believes the Impact App could be the beginning of a whole new genre of entertainment.

“This is a 21st century storytelling device,” Fox says adding, “What’s great about this is that it combines everything I love...It’s an animated T.V. show and a game and it does good for the world.”

Fox expects Urthworx to eventually venture into other media channels including films, books and toys.

“We are hopefully on the verge of releasing the next big, family entertain-



Michael Fox with Kanye West and Chris Milk '91 at The New Life Project concert. After receiving a book of poetry from a homeless man he befriended, Fox convinced A-list performers to put the poems to music at a benefit concert to raise money and awareness about homelessness.

ment franchise,” says Fox, who likens the success potential to animated phenomena such as Toy Story and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Fox says his ultimate goal “is to cultivate and mobilize generations of globally-engaged kids.”

While the road here hasn’t been easy, Fox believes this is where he was meant to land all along.

“It’s hard to do something innovative

and new. It takes a long time, it takes a lot of work and it doesn’t always work out.”

However, he adds, “So far everything I’ve done has been a step along this path and this feels like the culmination.”

*Anyone interested in learning more about Urthworx and the Impact App can contact Michael Fox at [mfox@urthworx.com](mailto:mfox@urthworx.com) or [www.linkedin.com/in/urthworx](http://www.linkedin.com/in/urthworx).*



### What is an Impact App?

A disruptive mobile product, the Impact App combines television, books and gaming into a series of interactive appisodes that ultimately generate funds, awareness and action for causes around the world.

### How does it work?

Geared toward kids ages 7-11, each appisode is comprised of 10 minutes of animation and 10 interactive challenges. Users learn about global problems and 10% of each appisode purchase is donated toward a non-profit partner. Head to <http://vimeo.com/70968890> to find out more.





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



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Establishes rural clinics to treat patients with chronic kidney disease; uses organic farming to educate others about sustainability



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

**2010: SUSAN STEIN DANOFF '60** –

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



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**2009: JOHN GAMBLING '69** –

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



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## PAUL HAND '68



COURTESY OF PAUL AND BUNNY HAND

Paul Hand ladles "Bunny's Chicken Soup" out of his car parked at the end of his San Diego street. Paul and his wife, Bunny, serve soup to the homeless, every Thursday, 52 weeks a year.

## *Paying it forward – one bowl of chicken soup at a time*

By KATHY FOX  
Alumni Affairs Coordinator

In the spring of 2007, Paul Hand '68, Senior Director of Customer Advocacy in LG's mobile devices division, and his wife Bunny joined St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in their home town of San Diego, California.

They were introduced to their fellow congregants in what Paul calls that "stand-in-front-of-the-crowd embarrassing moment" and spoke about the community outreach they had done in their former church, St. Alban's in El Cajon, CA.

At St. Alban's the Hands had been instrumental in growing the ministry by feeding the homeless. Paul expressed his hope of starting a similar mission at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea. At first his fellow congregants

were skeptical of undertaking such a project, and as Paul explains, "It took time, patience and, more importantly, acceptance." But before long, the church community was busy every Tuesday feeding the local homeless.

The rector at St. Andrew's, The Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring, explains the church's mission in the academic journal *Ecclesiology*, "In the words of the couple that pioneered the ministry at St. Andrew's, 'It all began with soup.' No longer able to reconcile themselves to seeing people digging around their condo dumpsters for food, they began to make soup and offer it to those who were



Paul Hand from the 1968 Lamp yearbook.



## PAUL HAND '68: CHICKEN SOUP FROM THE HEART

hungry on the boardwalk by their home. The meal became big enough to move to another location, first to the library park across from our church building, then to the sidewalk, then the church sanctuary, and finally to the church hall."

Today, week by week, people gather in St. Andrew's church hall to share a Tuesday evening meal. Some of them are homeless, many of them are wandering, and all of them are hungry.

On one hand, none of what happens those Tuesday evenings represents a ground-breaking innovation in the context of church outreach work. "It is a nascent ministry that has begun to change the conversation that we are having as a parish church about the nature of our relationships with one another in our local community," said Paul.

Paul and Bunny did not stop with the successful mission at St. Andrew's where more than 80 homeless were being fed every Tuesday. They took this one step further.

Noticing that no local homeless were being fed on Thursdays, they began to feed the homeless Bunny's homemade chicken soup at the end of Diamond Street, where they live. And for the past two years you can find them there 52 weeks a year, every Thursday, rain or shine (although, it rarely rains in southern California!)

The mission on Diamond Street began as a two-person operation but has quickly grown to a team of about 10. It has become a community effort – neighbors chip in to help, sometimes making soup in their own homes; the local bakery delivers day-old bread, which Paul and Bunny heat and butter. Another neighbor decided to expand the menu and hands out bananas.

On occasion, guests at a neighboring beach hotel will ask Paul how they too can help, some lending a hand, others making a contribution towards the purchase of ingredients: chicken, vegetables, and pasta. "Stewardship," explains Paul, "is the opportunity for each of us to offer our time, talent and/or treasure to support our church, its' ministries, our local community and ourselves." Paul continues, "With

economic times where they are today, it is more and more difficult for some of us to increase our pledges [treasure], but there is always room to provide more time or talent to the equation of stewardship."

Personal vacations require some planning ahead. When Paul and Bunny go away, they make sure Bunny's chicken soup is still distributed at the end of Diamond Street – neighbors take the helm.

Paul added an extra stove in his garage where he and Bunny prepare 8-10 pots per week... from scratch. That way they don't have to battle with carrying soup down a few flights from their kitchen.

Every Thursday about 75-85 homeless are fed at the end of Diamond Street. Mindful of their neighbors in this beachfront community, the supper guests are asked to pick up all of their trash and disperse, once they've

eaten. The whole production lasts about 45 minutes.

Paul and fellow FA classmate Lesley Graham would often talk about the kind of influence Friends had on them. Paul recalls that at Friends there was "lots of reflection" and one learned about "peace and understanding."

"This is pay it forward stuff," says Paul, and every once in a while Paul will witness a great success story, like the man he recognized working in a local restaurant... "It's because of you I have this job." Another one of Paul and Bunny's supper guests sums it up: "It's not just the soup you give us. It's a sense of belonging some-

where, a feeling of respect, a good night's sleep, but most of all... hope."

*If anyone wishes to contact Paul and Bunny, they can be reached at [bunnys.soup@gmail.com](mailto:bunnys.soup@gmail.com).*

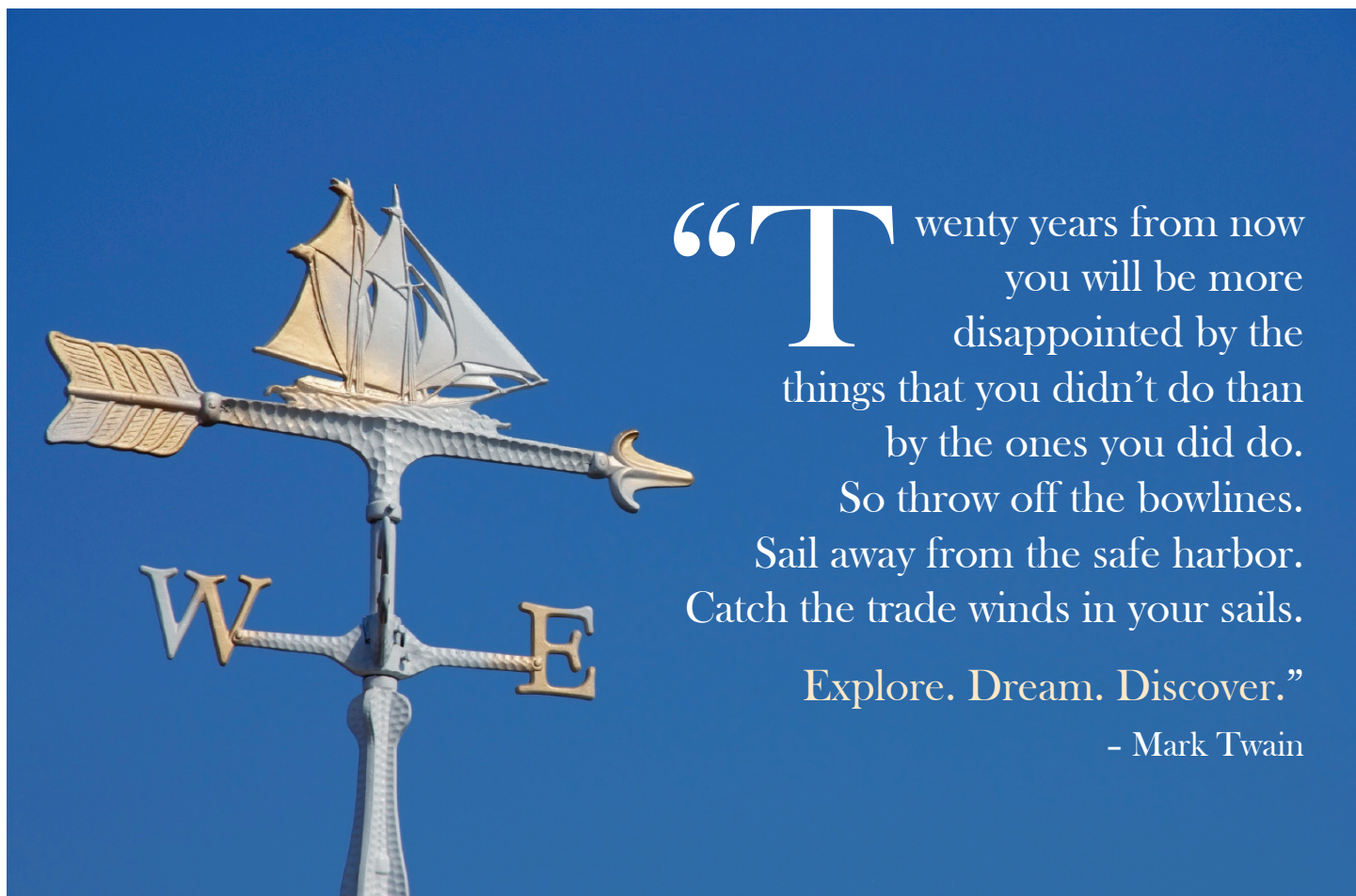


*"It's not just the soup you give us... It's ... hope."*



Paul and Bunny set up shop with neighbors for their weekly chicken soup dinner.

COURTESY OF PAUL AND BUNNY HAND



“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”  
– Mark Twain

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## *7-year-trip teaches alum and his wife valuable lessons about themselves and the world*

BY NATALIA PORCELLI GOOD '93

*A circumnavigation of the world spanning 40,000 nautical miles across vast oceans and seas, spending nearly 7 years visiting 61 countries aboard a 47-foot sailing catamaran, sounds like a truly awe-inspiring adventure – one that most of us could never dream of doing. For Clint Bush, class of 1966, this was his reality beginning in the winter of 2005 through June of 2012.*

At the age of 57, after having attained great success as an orthopedic surgeon in Gainesville, Florida, Clint and his wife, Adair, decided to leave their respective careers and embark upon the trip of a lifetime.

Adair originally came up with the idea of a circumnavigation three years prior to their departure, and Clint committed to the idea 12 months before they left.

“We originally guessed that it would take us about three years to do a reasonably relaxed circumnavigation, but we quickly realized that at least half the adventure – perhaps the predominant part – was in exploring the various places we had sailed to,” said Clint. “To really dive into each place might have taken us twenty years, but we played it by ear and were ready to be home by the time we returned seven years later,” he added.



Clint Bush from the 1966 Lamp yearbook.



## CLINT BUSH '66: 7-YEAR-TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

The Bushes sailed from Florida down to the Caribbean, through the Panama Canal to the Pacific Ocean, including Australia and New Zealand, transiting the Indian Ocean, and through the Red Sea, the Suez Canal, and the Mediterranean, crossing the Atlantic Ocean to the Caribbean, and returning to Florida. The longest they stayed in one country was nine months in Australia and seven months in New Zealand. They also spent one full year in Southeast Asia in various countries including Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore.

Years of sailing, including a trans-Atlantic race, when he was 18, gave Clint the foundation to undertake such a monumental voyage, and one in which the majority of the trip (30,000 of the 40,000) was under sail. The son of avid sailors, Clint had some knowledge of rigging, engine repair, electrics and electronics. However, the vast majority of the arcane skills he and his wife (who comprised his crew), needed, they simply “figured out along the way.”

Clint and Adair came to rely on each other immensely and the trip brought them closer than ever. At certain points, they were crossing the ocean for three-week stints, during which someone had to be awake 24/7, so it was imperative to be able to rely upon your mate as a “survival system.”

Weather and piracy put the Bushes at the greatest risk. They weathered a few storms, the worst of which was an unforecasted storm gusting to 60 knots in the Bay of Bengal. “Good seamanship and a seaworthy boat got us through that one,” Clint said.

With respect to piracy, “there is piracy all over the world, and in 98% of the world

this is less of a threat than driving on the interstate highway. But, there is a higher concentration of piracy in the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Aden, and it was especially bad for small boats like ours when we passed through in February 2011,” said Clint. “We were unscathed, but in retrospect doing that particular passage was a mistake.”

Recounting their trip Clint emphasized, “there were just too many highlights during his trip to mention,” but if forced to live outside the USA, he would choose New Zealand. According to Clint, the

topography, the friendliness of the people and the wildlife there is simply “amazing.”

In addition, he realized along his travels that living in an English speaking country was invaluable. Not knowing the native language in a particular country made it difficult to truly connect with the people there. Clint explained, “You miss the subtleties and the humor” that make meaningful connections possible.

Nevertheless, there were few places they visited that were “devoid of detectable Western influence” and in the majority of countries they visited,

people spoke at least some English.

“Other than a few spots like the remote eastern portions of Fiji, the Islanders, in even remote archipelagos like Vanuatu, are already getting cell phone service. Almost by definition: If we could visit them as Westerners, they were accessible to us and therefore already influenced by the rest of the world.”

Throughout their expansive travels, the Bushes found commonalities and differences.

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## ALUM BIKES TO HIS 50TH FA REUNION ... FROM SALT LAKE CITY

It was a simple enough question that Hardin Davis '63 asked himself after watching the Tour de France: “Can a 68-year-old in reasonably good shape ride 100 miles a day for three weeks straight?”

His 50th Class Reunion this past October provided the perfect excuse to head east from his home in Salt Lake

City, Utah – and find out.

For three weeks, Hardin travelled the road by bike, mostly by himself, for most of every day. “There wasn’t any adventure involved,” claimed Hardin. “It was just get up in the morning, go for a bike ride, find a motel and do it again the next day.”

While Hardin faced no bad weather, “no desperate encounters, no trials, troubles or tribulations ... and no meals were missed,”

he was reminded of the value of the trip.

“It was simply a very slow way to travel and I enjoyed the scenery,” he said.

Ultimately, Hardin biked to Washington, D.C., met up with fellow classmate Ted Keefer and drove the remaining miles to Friends. So the answer to his question? A resounding yes!



Hardin Davis in 1963 and this October at his 50th Reunion.

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## CLINT BUSH '66: 7-YEAR-TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

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"Virtually everyone was welcoming and friendly, even in places you might not expect: North Vietnam, Yemen, Egypt. There is corruption in every country and racism/tribalism in every country," recounted Clint. "Our observation was that we have less racism, less corruption and less religious intolerance in the USA than in any of the 61 countries we visited. The times we felt the greatest distance between ourselves and the native population were usually in countries with theocratic governments – usually Muslim," he added.

While the Bushes were away, in total, for nearly seven years, they decided early on that it would be best for them to get home about every six months to see their parents, children, and grandchildren. So this meant some very long flights from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Singapore, etc.

"It was a very good plan, and we kept in good touch the rest of the time via onboard e-mail (via single sideband radio), satellite telephone, and cell phones when we had them. Other than the times we were back in the USA, about two months per year, we lived on board our boat full-time," said Clint.

Reflecting back upon their voyage, the Bushes took away some important lessons, including these two:

First, it is only when you leave your home base that you realize how important it is to feel like you truly belong to a community that "nourishes" you as a person. Now that they are back in Florida, Clint and his wife are members of a variety of community organizations like the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and their local church, to name a few.

On their trip, the Bushes averaged a brand new country once a month. They certainly met some great people along the way, but then it was time to move on. As such, they didn't belong to any one community for nearly seven years.



COURTESY OF CLINT AND ADAIR BUSH

Clint Bush and his wife Adair aboard their sailboat. Much of their 40,000-mile trip was spent under sail.

Secondly, in traveling to so many countries and spending a good deal of time in each one, he and his wife had the chance

**It is only when you leave your home base that you realize how important it is to feel like you truly belong to a community that "nourishes" you as a person.**

to interact with the people of different cultures in a way that most people never have the opportunity to do.

Through daily interactions, getting to know people and talking about the problems a particular country faces, both he and his wife came away with a real sense of

patriotism, a feeling that the United States is worth supporting and loving.

"When you listen to the news media in the United States, you hear a steady stream of stories about violence, corruption and mismanagement of government; essentially a litany of what is wrong with America... while, yes, there are problems in America, such as racism, we saw more of it in virtually every country we were in... Americans beat up on themselves, but we always strive to be better."

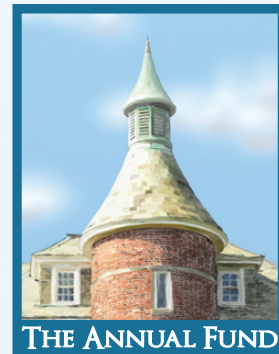
At 65 and too young to retire, Clint is back in Florida living on his boat in Key Biscayne, doing non-surgical orthopedic medicine, where his wife also has a veterinary house call practice. And they are happy to be back in the United States with their children and grandchildren, belonging to a community once again.



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**FRIDAY NIGHT:** Class gatherings

**SATURDAY:** Fall Fair, including the Alumni Art Show and Alumni Homecoming Cabaret, followed by the Homecoming Reception on campus for all alumni.

**SATURDAY NIGHT:** Reunion Dinners off campus for classes ending in 4 and 9.

**SUNDAY:** Meeting for Worship in Matinecock Meeting House

Volunteers in classes planning special reunions will reach out to classmates soon. More information will be posted on the alumni pages of the FA website: [www.fa.org/alumni](http://www.fa.org/alumni). Contact Kathy Fox in the Alumni Office with questions: [alumni@fa.org](mailto:alumni@fa.org) or 516-465-1796.



## 1934

We mourn the loss of our dear friends from the Class of 1934, **Jean Tompkins Fort**, who passed away on February 11, 2013 and **Walt Wilson** who passed away on August 1, 2013 on his 97th birthday.

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**Sheila Morrissey Potter** reports, "In March, 2014, I will have been at my Independent Living home at Rockridge in Northampton, MA for two years. The staff here are so caring and the activities so much fun that I'm very content with my lot. Mah Jongg, Bridge and Scrabble keep my brain active. There are concerts and plays to enjoy in this 5-college area as well. I will greet a new great grandchild in mid-February to add to the other two, who are 7 and 9. Love to the class of 1945!"

## 1946

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David Fox '53, Clare Coss '53, Rebecca Pacchiano '07, Timmie Buck Wiant '53, and Kate Campbell Tebodo '53 at the alumni tent.

We are delighted to welcome our newest class rep, **Henry Palau**, into the fold. Fellow 46ers should send Henry any news or old reminiscences – he would love to hear from you!

## 1947

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

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## 1949

**Barbara Metzger Demlin** reports that she still has her antique shop after 30 years, "Barbara Demlin Antiques," which she runs on the ground floor of her 200-year-old house in Springfield Center, NY, 10 miles up the lake road from Cooperstown. She has fond memories of Friends and sends her regards to the class of 1949.



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The weekend of October 5th (Fall Fair and Homecoming at the school) was a big event for the class of 1953, when we celebrated our 60th anniversary of graduation. The class



Jim and Timmie Wiant, Kate Campbell Tebodo, Clare Coss and Blanche Cook

had five returning members with spouses, and two others who tried to attend: **Steve Fisher** was not able to attend as his wife had health issues and **Bruce Nichols** could not return due to health issues. Classmates came from far and wide: **Dick Henderson** came from California with his friend Tracey. Dick now resides in Apple Valley. **Kate Campbell Tebodo** arrived from Hilton Head, Georgia. Kate was special, as none of us, except **Timmie Buck Wiant** had seen her since graduation. She has lived in Argentina, Saudi Arabia, and most recently, Puerto Rico. Several years ago her husband died suddenly, and she moved permanently to the U.S. Dave Fox came from Providence. **Timmie Buck Wiant** and Jim Wiant came from St. Louis, and **Clare Coss** and Blanche Cook from New York. It is reported that the weekend was a great success – catching up with each other and reminiscing. The dinner was held at the Creek Club in the beach restaurant, thanks to arrangements by **Penelope Wylie Mayer '75**, daughter of **Barbara Booth Wylie '54**, who also

attended the dinner with her husband. The group was seated on the deck, overlooking Long Island Sound to Connecticut. It was a delightful evening with a wonderful meal. Everyone enjoyed it. **Dave Fox** has suggested that instead of waiting for the next 5-year anniversary, we plan to assemble once again in two years. I think that is a great idea, and hope the class agrees. I wish you all happy holidays this year, and hope that next time I will be able to participate. **John Hiatt '58** sends his thanks for all the notes sent to his sister, **Jean Hiatt**. John writes, "The response has been terrific. If my count is correct I have received eleven responses. Since Jean has macular degeneration, she doesn't read very well; so I have read the notes to her. They elicited "Yes, I remember him/her," some smiles, and some laughs. In short, the notes have done just what I hoped they would." Best wishes from the writer. – **Bruce Nichols**

## 1954

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

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**Peggy Foster Anderson** writes that life remains interesting and busy. She is taking an online course in Spanish grammar (her text is on her iPad), volunteering at a local food bank, is active in activities of the Renaissance Society for retirees run out of Cal State Sacramento (seminars, foreign films, etc.), and has even tried a Meetup.com conversational Spanish group. **Jim Graham** reports that his Army officer grandson returned from Afghanistan this summer and tied the knot in North Carolina near T.J.'s home. Naturally the two families spent a pleasant evening together, with Chef Craig – the youngest of wife Gael's five sons – helping out with the meal. Later in the summer he, Gael, and some grandchildren ventured back to Ireland to visit her distant cousin (and the Family Pub). They again stayed in the house where Gael's grandfather had been born, quite the lesson in family heritage. Jim adds that he won't be visiting his father's home town in Sicily for a while, because Mt. Etna is acting up again.

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The Class of 1953 dining at sunset.



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



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Hello once again, "partial" classmates. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer season. Some of us are bracing for winter, while you who are in the warmer climes are spared the cold weather. **Linda Kimbrig Nadler** checked in recently. "Bob and I have been enjoying our retirement in Dunwoody, GA. I have been reading, traveling a great deal, gardening, keeping up with friends, and playing in Mahjong groups. In December we will celebrate 50 happy years of marriage with our family in the NC mountains. Five grandchildren are the icing on the cake. As for Friends, I remember a very cute pair of 7th grade boys, **Peter J.** and **Artie Darby**, laughingly making mischief. Somewhere in this house are 16mm movies that my father took on Field Day in the 4th grade. One can see **Michael Bliss** and me in a race in the same burlap potato sack. Does anyone remember what we did to the 8th grade Latin teacher? Every time she turned her back we inched our desks closer until we were almost on top of her. I can guess who the instigator was. Therefore, when I worked briefly as a substitute teacher, I never turned my back." **Dick Jones** remembers the night watchman. "...I spent a lot of time with the boarders on the men's side of the Main Building. Many will remember 'Sleepless.' Nice guy and harmless, but I always wondered, if some emergency occurred, how he would muster up sufficient energy to spring into action." Adding to Dick's memories of 'Sleepless,' his real name was John Levy. He lived in a small room in the Laundry Building, behind the Main Building. He was the first person on campus to get a television – a very small black-and-white. On a Saturday afternoon, when I was looking for and couldn't find my dad, it was not uncommon to find him sitting on Sleepless's bed, watching a Hopalong Cassidy movie or a Brooklyn Dodger baseball game. Ah, the memories..... If any of you have news or interesting FA tidbits, please send them to me for the next issue. It is fun to reminisce. – **John**



Sam Sugden '59 with his family on the island of Mustique

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**Abbie Freedman** says hello and sends her best to all her FA classmates, and is "looking forward to knowing what everyone else is up to." **Gerry Bocian** reports BIG NEWS from Palm Springs, CA: "As you all know, in the past two years I have built a clinical research business. We just moved into new and larger offices with a high-tech industrial look – quite different from anything in the desert. I am being kept young by the staff who are in their 20s and 30s and really don't feel my 72 years. Great energy and inspiration keeps me going. We are able to bring alternative medical treatment not only to the general population here but also to under-served communities across the valley. I feel I am "doing good" in my fifth career." Gerry plans to come east for Thanksgiving to visit his daughter and grandsons in Connecticut. He says if anyone is going to be in the New York City area at that time and wants to get together, please let him know. His cell is 415.595.1314. **Shirley Sanders Warrick** now has three children in college: Her daughter Alanna is on a soccer scholarship at UT Chattanooga and is now a sophomore on the Dean's list. Son Jesse is pre-pharmacy at Ole Miss and is a freshman. Son Chris is now a sophomore at UT Martin and is serving in the Army Reserves in Memphis. Her younger daughter, Shea Grace, is a sophomore in a private high school in Brighton, Tennessee, not far from Shirley's home, and was the representative for the homecoming court for her class. Shirley says her parents and grandparents have all been college grads, and encourages her children to keep to tradition. Shirley reports that she and her husband have reduced their horse herd from 22 to 2, "and are taking

it easy these days. All my kids are happy and healthy. I am truly blessed. We have been very healthy...thank goodness." Shirley sends her best to all her classmates, and says she has great memories of all of us. She encourages us to write her at [tnlegacyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:tnlegacyfarm@gmail.com). **John Wenger** reports that this year he and his wife Sally celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by spending a week in Paris and five days in London. In Paris they spent all their time on the Batobus, cruising the Seine from one place to another, eating great food and seeing the sights. "In London, we stayed at a hotel near the theater district and went to see three plays, including "The Mousetrap," the longest running play in the history of the world, now celebrating its 60th year of continuously running at one theater! Regarding the quality of food in the UK, John reports that "the good news is that with EU up and running, French chefs can now work in London, and that means you can now get great food there. Yay!" John relates that last January he and Sally attended a Mathematics Conference in San Diego. John has been retired for eleven years, but still likes to "go and see what's up." "We had a great trip, which included seeing Sally's cousin, one of whose sons is a potential mathematician, who for some odd reason thought it a good idea to memorize the decimal expansion of  $\pi=3.14159...$  to 100 places!" John was suitably impressed. John and Sally have been to Tucson several times this year to visit their older daughter Susan, and are within driving distance of their younger daughter Karen and her family in Dublin, Ohio. John and Sally continue to live happily in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park, Illinois, where they go to plays, movies, the orchestra, "and every restaurant that will take our money." John says he thinks about mathematical things in his spare time, and usually plays tennis five times a week. "Life is good." **Judy Reeve** writes that "Fall 2013-Summer 2014 brings 6 of 8 grandchildren and 4 of 6 children and/or spouses to living near us in Hanover, NH. Lots to keep up with and follow in sports, schools, and various activities. My mother is very much still with us – she's amazing, living in Connecticut at age 97." Judy reports that she and her husband, Ken, traveled to France in late July "for Ken's professional conference at INSEAD in Fontainebleau and, for me, fun and background preparation for a class I taught in Dartmouth's ILEAD program about development of impressionism and 19th century horticulture and gardens." **Bob Pickels** and wife Nancy took a cruise to Antarctica to see the penguins. "It was great fun, but didn't smell so great." Bob writes, "I



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Kelly Kammerer and his wife at home in Provence, France.

have begun a new endeavor this year. We place non-healing wounds – mostly diabetic – in a hyperbaric chamber. We give them pure oxygen at three atmospheres of pressure for 90-120 minutes. Miraculous cures! Helps too with people with radiation damage after cancer treatments.” Bob trusts that all is well with the Master Class. **Kelly Kammerer** checks in with photos of him and his wife at their home in Provence, France, with olive trees in the background. They have lived there 11 years, and before that 4 years in Paris. Kelly says, “We were in Tucson in May and paid a surprise visit to my 9th grade FA roommate, **John Froehlich** and his lovely wife Carol. John and I traded tall tales, and our wives pretended to believe them. It was a lovely visit – John looks as fit as he did at FA.” **Marty Livingstone McDermott** says she is having an eventful time trying to sell her house following Tom’s death in March. “It’s an old house and I’m finding that it’s not worth the money I thought it was. Busy sorting and throwing away and calling for pickups and trying to keep the refrigerator from falling through the kitchen floor...just realized that the beam supporting that part of the floor is itself only supported by a splintering 1X4!! Why haven’t we noticed this stuff while living here 50 years? I’m trying to pick up on the things I was doing before Tom got sick. I’ve been elected Associate VP of the Adirondack Mt. Club, a 30,000-member organization and the largest conservation organization in New York State. I think it’s going to be a lot of work and fun.” Marty says she is slowly getting back to her painting, and that the local Rotary Club, where Tom was a very active member, has made her an honorary member for a year. “I am planning to move to a Quaker adult community in Pennsylvania, nearer my own family.” Marty also writes that she is looking forward to our next FA reunion. **Carol Tabb** reports that she is enjoying her retirement: “On June 7, 2013 I finally retired after working 38 years as an elementary school instructional assistant. Those years proved rewarding, wonderful and inspirational. I’m



Terry Finn '60 and Rob Lisle '61 reunite after many, many years.

subbing and volunteering in the Marin County schools because I love helping kids learn. A big event for my family is my grandson’s bar mitzvah, which takes place June 7 next year. I have the privilege to work with him to help him reach his goal.” **Sam Sugden** writes, “Over the years Diane and I have developed a very comfortable rhythm in our lives. We basically divide our time between our homes in Tuxedo Park, New York in the warm months and here in Mustique in St. Vincent (Eastern Caribbean) in the cold months. As such, we feel we enjoy the best of both worlds and will continue as long as health permits. With respect to health matters, I have had prostate cancer during the last two years – but a combination of surgery and radiation therapy at memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the expert care from Diane have worked their magic and I seem to be fine. Our two boys are married and living in Atlanta and Bozeman, Montana. We have been blessed with two grandsons in Atlanta who keep us fully energized. If any of you happen to be near us at the right time please call. We would be happy to see you. Tuxedo Park 845-351-2334; Mustique 784-488-8789. **Wendy Stone** checks in from her home in Scottsdale, Arizona: “Everything is pretty much the status quo. She continues to play excellent golf (10.8 index) and enjoys her grandkids. Wendy says she stopped working recently to do even more golf, zumba and ripped workouts. She has three sweet rescue dogs, and an awesome life in Arizona. **Bruce Burrows** checks in with a grandchild report: Sarah is a senior at U.C. Santa Barbara majoring in anthropology and working at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. the last

two summers. Jake is a senior at Loudon Valley High School. He is first in his class, an Eagle Scout, debater and volleyball player. He has applied to Princeton, Virginia, Stanford and Colorado. Bruce’s wife, Gay, is busy as President of the Tuscaloosa Symphony and enjoys playing tennis, while Bruce is teaching 80 students on the history of England. Mrs. Stubbs would be shocked! **John Froehlich’s** reports: “Just returned from San Carlos. It is so ‘us’ and we love it there. So does our female Aussie, who gave us quite a scare when she spotted a cat and jumped off our second story balcony in hot pursuit. Next year we are planning to go to South Africa, definitely the stuff of dreams and at the top of our ‘Bucket List.’ Travel aside, we are both finally past a few health issues and smiling from within.” **Dave Seeler** is planning a return visit to Cuba, I’m planning a visit to my basement to continue working on my 12’x20’ train layout, while **Dave Warden** continues his battle with cancer. Let’s keep him in our prayers.

## 1960

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**Bob White** finally surfaced. He admitted to keeping a low profile over the years while moving through a variety of occupations. Currently he has a pecan farm in Ocala with horses and “about twenty dogs and cats.”

**John Heller** has recently retired from the auto glass industry and is trying to adjust. Hang in there, John. Next thing you know, your



calendar will be full and you're wondering where all the time went. **Andy Dott** reports that he now has seven grandchildren and another on the way. "Total of seven boys and one girl!! We are lucky. Everyone lives here in Atlanta within 10 miles of our house. Sometimes, I think I am running a kibbutz. Still working and delivering babies. Our group will deliver over 2000 babies this year!!! Lots of future taxpayers to cover our social security...." As for myself, still writing and flying, although no one's paying me to do the latter. Besides gliding, lucky to be flying some historic airplanes for the local museum, including a replica 1911 Curtiss pusher. Did raise my hand to be our class rep, so keep the news – even the non-news "all is well" coming in (vigihawk@cox.net, cell: 757-201-5525). Last reunion took two years to make happen. Let's start now for 2015 in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

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We had a wonderful reunion weekend and had a pretty good turnout: **Hardin Davis** [olsonsandi55@hotmail.com] rode his bike from Utah to Washington, D.C. and drove up with Ted to join us! (Read about his trip on page 43.) Also in attendance were others who travelled more conventional ways: **Diane Olding Stanley** [dianest@optonline.net] and her husband Mel, **Sally Hicks** [petvetp@aol.

com], **Kathy Laemmle Garren** [klgarren@gmail.com], **Elin Mainwaring Richards** [e.richards@live.com], who was a first-time reunion attendee, driving all the way from West Virginia. Elin spent many years in the Minneapolis area and relocated to West Virginia to be near one of her daughters and her two grandsons who are 5 ½ and 4. She used to work in educational testing. **Arno Finkeldey** [arnofinkeldey@yahoo.com] and his wife Jennifer, **Peter Dott** [peter.dott@nmfn.com] and his wife Jennifer, **Tom Waldes** [twaldes@cs.com] and his wife Regina, **Van Schwiebert** [elschwieb@gmail.com], (Van's wife Lauren was unable to attend at the last minute), and they shared information about a wonderful global health outreach project in Ghana that they have been involved with since 2007. E-mail Van for further details. Also in attendance was **Earl Kabnick** [twostate@aol.com] and his wife Francine, **Bob Darbee** [omni@infohouse.com], **BJ Brundige** [bjbrundige@aol.com] and her husband Jim, **Paula Howe** [phowe0612@comcast.net], **Steve Lapham** [lapham.s@gmail.com], and **Ted Keefer** [frused!@yahoo.com. **RB Peelle** [rbpeelle@aol.com], who attended FA in the second and third grade, also attended the Friday luncheon and Sunday brunch. He and his wife Susie, a well-known local artist, are neighbors of BJ and Jim. **Arno Finkeldey** was a first-time attendee and it was great to see him and to meet Jennifer. He reported on the wonderful work he has done over the years with rain forests in Costa Rica, among other things. **Julie Lowell** [julie.lowell@uni.edu] and **Jane Johnston McCabe** [jane.mccabe@tiscali.co.uk] could not attend at the last minute due to Jane breaking her hip (she is now out of the hospital and recovering well in the UK). **Bruce Birkett** [btbirkett@gmail.com] was also not able to attend at the last minute. He lives in Portugal. He sent us a current photo and looks forward to seeing any of us if we get to Portugal. He uses Skype a lot as well. **Bill Sugden** [sugden@oncology.wisc.edu] won the Alumni Association Award and joined via Skype from his office at the University of Wisconsin. He was acknowledged for his on-going teaching and research work in Oncology, especially with the Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) which causes several different cancers in people. Though many chose not to attend for varying reasons, we did make contact with a record number of alums – many of whom had not been heard of since graduation. **Marcia Seaman Wrixon** [marciawrixon@

gmail.com] wrote from Ireland. She reports that after college she worked for a short time teaching language and literature...No doubt thanks to Betty Gordon and her ooh-la-la enthusiasm for all things French! After marrying she moved with her husband to Ireland where she has lived for 40 years enjoying a country-lifestyle, complete with becoming an Irish citizen, and obviously losing touch with her high school past. **Cathy Powers Corum** [catherine@corum.org] wrote that she and her husband were on their way to Nairobi where they teach at the International School of Kenya (she is the secondary librarian). They had just returned from a two month vacation to the northwest and Wisconsin, where their fourth son was married and they saw all of their children and grandchildren. They may decide to retire after this year, perhaps to the southwest, but are having almost too much fun to stop. **Jane Johnston McCabe** has lived in the UK for many years. **Julie Lowell**, who also would have been a first reunion attendee, wrote the following about both of them: "I want to let everyone know that one of our lost classmates, Jane Johnston, has been found. She and I had maintained contact for years, but lost touch some 25 years ago. Around that time she was moving from Cambridge, Mass. to England with her husband, Bernard McCabe. Jane had taught at Harvard, and Bernard, who passed away several years ago, at Tufts. In 1986, I finished up my doctorate in Anthropology at the University of Arizona and headed off to Pakistan for an archaeological project. I then took a job teaching at the University of Northern Iowa, met my now husband, Jay Lees, and have been in Iowa ever since. I've recently retired. (Yeah!)" Paula finally tracked down **Bill Eider-Orley** [eiderorley@aol.com] and he responded: "I certainly have some of my fondest memories from the FA days. I have retired from Hyatt Hotels after 34 years. Life is great in Scottsdale, AZ, and the horses are a big part of our lives. We've been raising Arabian horses for 30 years and most of our horses trace back to the first mares we started with. Hope things are well with you, BJ, and so many others that I remember well. I am looking forward to staying in touch." **Lee Cronbach** [ceelee123@msn.com] has moved from Seattle to the Philippines. Paula just received an e-mail from Lee that he lives about 200 miles north of where the typhoon just hit and he and Rodel are safe. Music has always been a big part of Lee's life and he continues to teach piano and to play in a church as he did in Seattle. He has performed with jazz bands and produced several CDs, one of which I own. Lee has written many long



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## CLASS OF 1963 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2013



The Class of 1963 celebrates its 50th Reunion. **Kathy Laemmle Garren**, **Arno Finkeldey** and his wife Jennifer, **Barbara Shoen Brundige**, **Peter Dott** and his wife Jennifer, **Mel Stanley** (husband to Diane Olding Stanley), **Van Schwiebert**, **RB Peelle**, **Paula Howe**, **Bob Darbee**, **Diane Olding Stanley** and **Sally Hicks**.



**Paula Howe**, **BJ Shoen Brundige**, **Peter Dott** and his wife Jennifer



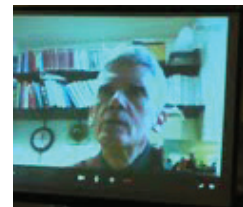
Jim Brundige with **Hardin Davis**



A funny thing happened on the way to the 50th – with **Kathy Laemmle Garren**, **Van Schwiebert** and **Earl Kabnick**



**Brandt Rising '65** and **Bob Darbee**



**Bill Sugden** joins his reunion via Skype.





Piecing the past together. The Class of 1964 will celebrate its 50th Reunion on Oct. 17-19.

notes and just a bit is in this issue. **Mary Ann Engle Jenness** [maj1028@comcast.net] was also not able to attend at the last minute but sent some wonderful photos. She is married to Steve Jenness as of the summer of 1992. Mary Ann mentioned that **Jeff Warner '61** and **Gerrett Warner '64** are also nearby in the Portsmouth, NH area. Jeff does a presentation every year at a school where Mary Ann works sharing music and history with the kids. **Toni Naren Gates** [tonigates@aol.com] was unable to attend but sent a nice e-mail. We published many e-mails in a book we handed out at the Saturday night dinner. The arts are Toni's passion, and her two children have also chosen that path. **Tom Newman** [sartac@verizon.net] was sorry not to be able to attend. He and his wife Leila have been married for 45 years! He has three children and five grandchildren. He retired in 2003 and lives in Richmond, Virginia. **Trip Willis** [cewillisiii@aol.com], who lives in Vermont near Van, sent his best wishes and a photo. He looks forward to being at our 60th! At our Friday luncheon we had a moment of silence for our classmates who have passed away: **Bob Trent, John Warden, Pete Suda, Tom Hubbard, Edye Crary, Jerri Vlasak, Will Glenn, and Charlie Hokanson**. Some others did send news, but this will have to wait for a future issue. The school has set up a Shutterfly Share site for our class to share photos and other news [faiclassof196350threunion.shutterfly.com]. This way everyone can see the pictures and order copies directly from the Shutterfly site. You must set up a subscription to Shutterfly (which includes setting up a Shutterfly password, which is then used to logon to this free site), and then

you just follow the instructions. Those of you for whom we have an e-mail have received a note about this and hopefully there will be reunion pictures posted soon. If you prefer, send your photos to Kathy Fox in the alumni office and she will post them for you!

## 1964

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The Class of 1964 will celebrate its 50th Reunion on October 17-19. Not only is it the Class of 1964's 50th Reunion, it is also the 50th Reunion of Fall Fair and Homecoming! So put on your *Meet the Beatles* LPs, dust off your yearbooks, mark your calendars, and get ready to celebrate! Contact me with your news for the spring magazine and we will start getting organized for next fall! Also, all those willing to help organize our reunion events for Friday and Saturday nights, please contact me. — **Sue Melzig**



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We enjoy our reunions. Remember that we had "Anne's Reunion" in 2010 so that we wouldn't miss someone who might not make it all the way to the 50th. (**Anne Sykes Hoffman** had died earlier that year.) The 50th reunion is coming in two years, and we hope to see everybody there. There was, in fact, discussion at the 45th that we would drive around the country in an old school bus and kidnap reluctant classmates. Recently I have heard from several classmates. **Mike Bruce** in Durango, CO, still keeps in touch with the office, but really enjoys competing in rodeo events. **Lynn Barker Caruso** is happily retired from teaching after 43 years, and I don't think she keeps in touch with the office. **Angela VanRynbach** retired several years ago, and seems to be done with occasional returns for consultation. She is enjoying Shelter Island. **Eric Koster** left his law firm only to take another job, this with a long-time client. **Joe Williams** still seems busy, but sent along encouragement for our 50th. **David Pratt** sent a "hello" to all, noting – with appreciation – that classmates all have a part in shaping each other. I talk regularly with **Jay Tucker**

and **Brandt Rising**, and both are well. When listening to their voices, I can close my eyes and easily pretend that it is the early 1960s... I dare you to call another classmate and see for yourself! The website has a new front page and some new postings. Come visit us.

## 1966

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Adair and **Clint Bush** have spent the last year readjusting to life (mostly) ashore after their nearly seven years of sailing. "We're still living aboard, but not getting much cruising in as I have resumed an orthopedic practice, and Adair is back to veterinary medicine. We are docked at Key Biscayne, and life here is pretty hard to beat. If anyone is vacationing down this way, would love to see you." (*Read about their 7-year adventure on page 42.*) I had a lovely conversation with **Betsy Gordon Kirk**, who has retired in the Ashville area. She has promised to send me the book list from her two book clubs. I am updating my class e-mail list so e-mail me at hrising@aol.com.

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As always I appreciate any news from the class to report for *The Meeting House*. I never want the class of 1968 to be blank. I haven't edited much from your replies as this way the class can see what you all were thinking. Too bad we didn't have a 45th reunion but let's all stay healthy for the next five years and have a bash for the big 50th. **Cliff Dasco**: Lesley. Thanks again for doing this. It is a real mitzvah! Speaking of which, my middle daughter is getting married in a few weeks. She is now a dermatology pathology fellow in NYC and her squeeze is an engineer in Dallas. The wedding is



### Time Will Tell . . .

Mary will never change  
Betsy will be ever-young  
Steve will be awake  
Bobbie will be through editing  
Betsey will be in the pulpit  
Lexie will be an ophthalmologist  
Denny will be committed  
Pierre will be playing tennis  
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Wally will be where he belongs  
Jon will be past conceding

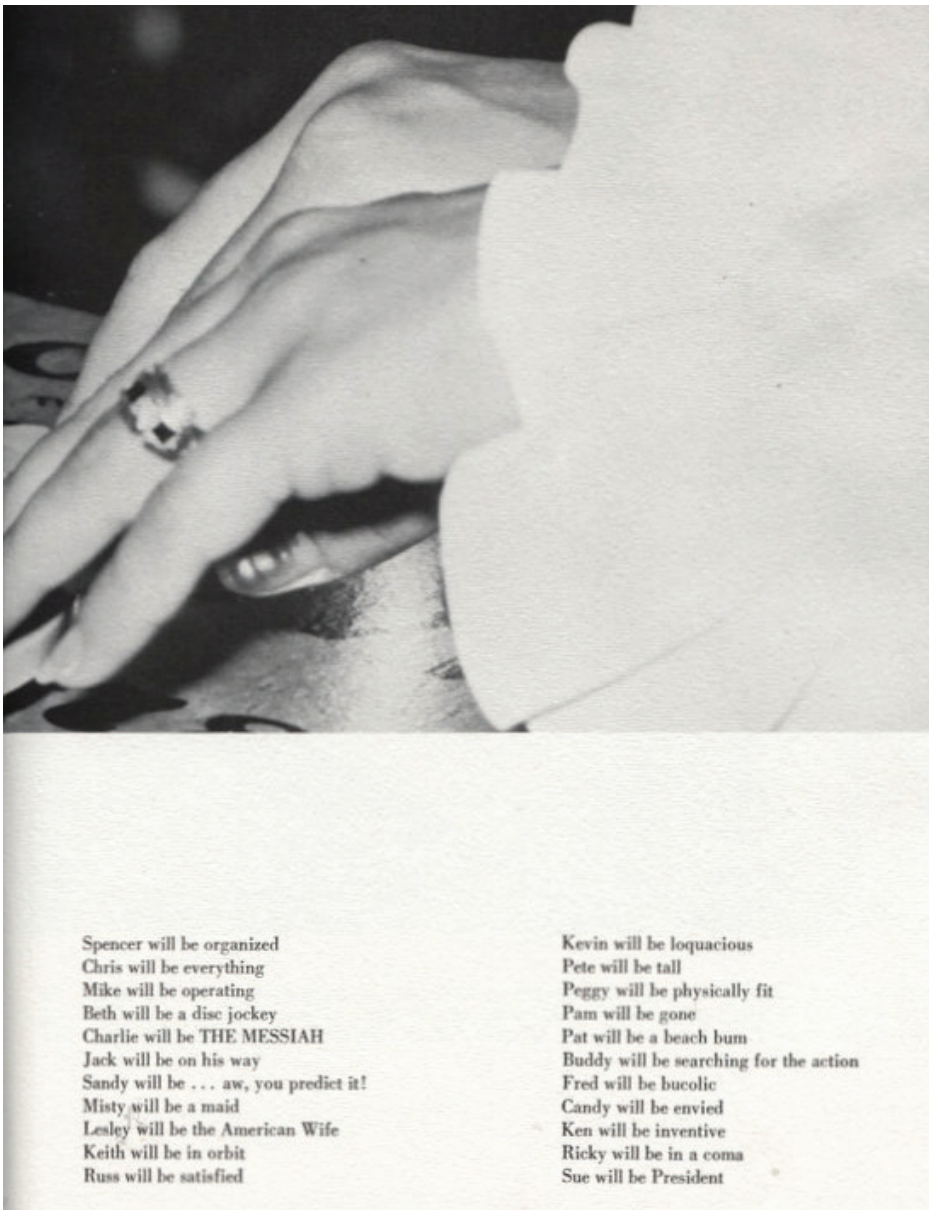
Jane will be the best in her field  
Judy will be earthy  
Jude will be talking  
Liesel will be meeting deadlines  
John will be up early  
Lucy will be an understudy  
Hawk will be reformed  
Peter will be a bone surgeon  
Chi Chi will be Christin  
Linda will be a surprise  
Liz will be dependently wealthy

In 1969 the ouija board predicts...

here in Houston and is going to be orthodox Sephardic. Organized religion and I have always maintained a balance of terror, so hosting a kosher wedding is quite the stretch. If that were not enough, Sheri and I are expecting a grandson by the end of the year, courtesy of daughter-in-law Premal Patel and son Matthew. Professionally, things are going well as Sheri's law practice continues to burgeon and I am embarking on some new areas of research. I cannot plan for the 50th reunion since I have decided to cease aging. I recommend that strategy – we could just have a party. **Paul Hand**: Hi Lesley, I think I wrote enough for the last edition of class notes. The only change is that I am older now. (*Read about Paul and his wife Bunny and their*

*community service on page 38.*) Hope all is well with you. **Jim Evans**: Lesley – There is not too much new to report. I continue to enjoy the life of a retired person. I am not surprised that there was not a lot of interest in our 45th reunion. I hope that as many of us as possible will be able to make it to our 50th. The suggestion to set up a Class of '68 Facebook page is a good one. It might be fun to create and maintain with anyone who might be interested in doing that. I am not "big" on social media, but do believe it would be a good vehicle to stimulate interest in our 50th reunion. I continue to expand my reading, which I now have time to do. The latest book is a chronicle of William L. Shirer's time as a journalist during WWII. It





And predicts... Were you right?

was written by a Newsday journalist. Hopefully, I will have more to say in time for the next class notes. Always fun to see **Anne Maher** on her Facebook page as well as **Bob Piro**. **Karin Neilson** shares she has been spending lots of time in NYC with her father and has many trips planned in the future for work. She hopes to have brighter news to share next time. **Kathy Attridge Anas** and **Greg Tarone** always stay in touch and share life is a-okay and look forward to our 50th. As for me, life remains tranquil in Joplin, MO. I did retire this summer after 32 years in the Executive Search business and will plan more travel and maybe something part time. Stay in touch and make sure we get

lots of news next time. Be sure to send me your most recent e-mail address for future correspondence. Have a wonderful holiday season and all the best for 2014!

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The Class of 1969 will celebrate its 45th Reunion on October 17-19. This weekend also marks the 50th Reunion of Fall Fair and Homecoming! So "Let the Sunshine

In," mark your calendars, and get ready to celebrate!

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## 1972

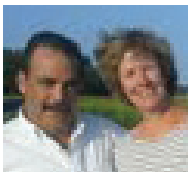
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**Sarah Hollett Hossfeld** writes: "All is good here on LI... John and I had a good vacation in the San Francisco area in August visiting with all his family, including **Mary Hossfeld '81**. Also spent some time with **Karen Hohner** and her husband while out west. After family time we headed up the coast towards Mendocino for a few days. Our son recently got engaged and will be married in September 2014. Nice group of first graders for me this year, and I still really love what I do." **Jim Neville** writes: "I became a certified, New York State Emergency Medical Technician in memory of my dearest friend, Fran Turner. I am now a volunteer EMT in Fire Medics Company Number 1 of the Port Washington Fire Department. I also opened a new law firm, Lumer & Neville, and we're located at 225 Broadway in Manhattan. My daughter, Ravenna, is a first-year law student at Boston University Law School, my wife Tayler is beautiful, and I love my two cats, Muriel and Nigel...Life is great!!" News from **Clare Laemmle Bridge**: "Life continues to be wonderful here in Tracadie, Nova Scotia. We just adopted a 20-month-old male Newfoundland from St. John's, NL. Apparently his owner thought that leaving a dog outside to roam the streets of St. John's



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was kosher. So after “Jigger” was picked up, he spent 3 weeks in a shelter, where we were notified due to working with the Atlantic Newf Rescue organization. In short, Jigger was flown from St. John’s to Moncton, NB; all expenses paid by the rescue league. He’s a gem (healthy, but way too thin), and our female Newf is quite the flirt. Other than that, my husband continues his writing and marketing, and I’m still focusing on my jewelry, and in the process of organizing an arts center. **Matthew Stevenson** writes



Maurice Kerins and Amy Davis at Amy’s home in South Carolina

“Hello everyone. I am still savoring the memories of our reunion. Thanks, again, to all who made it happen. I wanted to let everyone know my new book is out, *Whistle-Stopping America* (Amazon has

it), and there’s a chapter about **Maurice Kerins III** and my stop in Dallas. Best to everyone, Matthew.” Matthew’s book is getting rave reviews. “Matthew Stevenson’s wit and perception sparkle like his writing.” (*Simon Hoggart*, columnist, *The Guardian*). Watch your e-mail and Facebook in January as we start the discussion for a possible 60th birthday bash this summer (location to be determined, although I have it on good authority that two of our classmates can show us a great time in Las Vegas!) Wishing you and your families a prosperous new year filled with love, happiness and good health!



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August 8, 1974 – Richard Nixon announces his resignation; Gerald Ford becomes the 38th President of the United States; and the FA Class of 1974 packs their bags for



The class of 1974 will celebrate their 40th Reunion this coming fall.

college. Jump forward 40 years to the fall of 2014... it will not only be the 50th anniversary of Fall Fair and Homecoming, it will be the Class of 1974’s 40th Reunion! So, mark your calendars for the weekend of October 17-19, put on your dancing shoes and get ready to do the Loco-Motion with your old friends from Friends. And great news... after a very brief “retirement” Friends Academy is thrilled to welcome back **Evette Beckett-Tuggle** as class rep.

## 1975

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Lots of news from the Class of 1975! **Cathy** and **Terry Chermak** report, “Every summer we hold a treasure hunt in Montauk and invite all the neighbor kids for a fun time of crazy puzzles, goofy prizes, and a piñata filled with more goodies. This year I got a little carried away and became Peg-Leg Terry. While I did make them all walk the plank, all children were spared and invited to come back next year. In other news, Vanessa is now 10 and decided to play baseball. (No, not softball.) She’s loving it, and I really enjoy watching a game played for sheer joy... and the funny plays! Cathy and I have been busy remodeling our house. We are working on the fireplace, the kitchen, and floors. We have to remind ourselves that underneath the dust will be a nicer home! **Maurice Reid** writes, “It has been a while. My family and I are well, and Renee and I still enjoy seeing each other even after 32+ years of marriage. We are now adjusting to living kid-less as

our youngest has moved out on her own. Our oldest, Dr. Mitchell Reid, welcomed his first daughter to the world on September 27, and all is well with mother Sherrina and the new edition, Morgan Carter Reid. They reside in Richmond, Virginia, and Renee is looking for a new home for us, close to the baby. Since my last update I have moved to a small liberal arts college outside of Lexington, KY called Berea College, where I am the W. George Matton Professor of Business. It is a unique college in that all the students who are accepted receive a full tuition scholarship and are required to work for the college during their time as students – a very different model from the Big 10 (Ohio State), where I did my training. I hope to have my first book published next year, so stay tuned. It is the gripping story of the effect of logistics on the economies of the world. On the fun side, I am still an avid



Terry Chermak gets into character in Montauk this summer.





Penelope Wylie Mayer '75, Augusta Mayer '13 with her friend Sean Keller, and Chris Mayer '75 aboard Vicki Chesler's '75 boat.

motorcyclist and will mark my 6th year of being car-less this winter. I haven't had much opportunity to tour over the past year or so, but do make quarterly trips to Sarasota, Florida to see my mother and brother (**Michael '82**). That's the short update, I hope that all else is well and look forward to hearing others news. **Bob Levy** reports, "As for me..... I'm living in Westchester NY, with my wife Tracy and am down to one son at home. Thomas just started first grade and my stepson is a freshman at Boston College. My older boys are doing well: Tristan's in the music industry and Gavin with AT&T. Thanks so much for taking on the role as class Mom. It's truly appreciated." **Howie Klein** writes, "My news is that Lisa and I are now living in Manhattan again after 20 years in Westchester." News from **Daphne Riker Hagan** and her husband **Kevin Hagan '73**: Kevin is still working, and I am still involved with my garden club, golf, and paddle tennis. Jenny is in her 2nd year of her MBA program at UVA. Kyle is still working in NYC for the engineering firm Hatch Mott McDonald and has a great apartment in Williamsburg, Brooklyn overlooking the river and Williamsburg Bridge. Hope all is well with you and PLEASE call when you come visit your daughter, Jennifer. Love to all, Daphne (RAH RAH)." News from **Betsy Bober Polivy**: "Over the years, I was never one to write about myself, however, this year I feel that I have something of interest to share



1975 Class Rep Tilde Mariani Giacché with her children, Jennifer, Joshua, Oreste & Vienna

with the FA community. After living in Westchester for some 25 years and raising two wonderful kids, my husband and I chose to move back into the city. I sold my children's book business, and began a new journey. Not one to sit still, I needed to have a project. [Manhattansideways.com](http://Manhattansideways.com) started as a whimsical idea of crisscrossing the side streets of Manhattan to quickly becoming a highly regarded source that celebrates small businesses and introduces people to all that makes up a neighborhood. Through vibrant photography and videos alongside detailed

descriptions, I have pounded the pavement to provide information on boutiques, bars, restaurants, galleries, gardens, historic sites and more. I am passionate about this amazing city that we live in and hope that Manhattan Sideways will help to inspire other Friends Academy alumni to explore its side streets." **Valerie Taylor Hamilton** writes, "I am doing well. Nicole is a freshman at Georgetown. Gary, my son, returned to his high school for his third year as an assistant football coach. Gary, my husband, retired this year after 30 years as a Nassau County police officer. We are enjoying this stage of our lives and feel blessed." **Pam Walker McNamara** writes, "It is great to receive your greetings, and you are a wonderful advocate and cheerleader for our class!!! I have so enjoyed hearing the news of you and your family as well as from our classmates! Heartfelt thanks for keeping all of that news coming to all of us! Here is a short update from me – apologies if it's a bit cryptic, but each time I think I will take a more careful time to prepare an update and never get to it so hopefully this helps a bit. My professional journey has been a mixture of management consulting and being in operating companies, as an executive or board member. Most of my work over the last 20 years has been in healthcare, primarily around innovative products and technologies, getting them successfully launched and adopted by patients and medical professionals. I am currently involved in a mobile healthcare software startup, [www.trustedpatientcoach.com](http://www.trustedpatientcoach.com), as well as doing some consulting and teaching at the IXL Center and Hult International Business School. My husband, George, and I celebrated our 32nd wedding anniversary this month – cannot believe it! Our daughter, Casey, graduated from George Washington University in 2012 as a geologist, and is now doing geology fieldwork around the country for a Baltimore-based engineering and environmental company. Our son, Tim, just started his freshman year at Harvard as an engineering student; he also rows for Harvard and was fortunate to participate in his first Head of the Charles race this past weekend. Casey is also a rower. I wish we had had rowing at Friends Academy when we were all there – we have been immersed in it for the last 10 years! We live in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, now empty-nesters, with our three dogs. George works for the U.S. Navy's Undersea Laboratory in Newport, and I head up most days to Boston/

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## 2013 HOMECOMING WEEKEND

HELD OCTOBER 4-6, 2013



CLASS OF 1953: **Timmie Buck Wiant** and her husband, **Jim**.



Members of the Class of 1963 mingle at their 50th Reunion this past fall.

CLASS OF 1993:  
**Danielle Valenti**  
**Smith**, **Natalia**  
**Porcelli Good**  
and **Sandy Lyon**



CLASS OF 2012: **Carl Simpson '12** and FA parent **Zelda Lee**



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**CLASS OF 1993 (FAR LEFT):**  
Members of the Class of 1993  
reunite for their 20th reunion.

**(Left) Alumni Board Secretary  
Tom Pascarella '95** introduces  
Alumni Association Award winner  
**Bill Sugden** at the 50th Reunion  
Luncheon.



**CLASS OF 1953 (ABOVE FAR  
LEFT):** **David Fox**, **Kate Campbell  
Tebodo** and **Timmie Buck Wiant**.

**CLASSES OF 1953 AND 1954  
(TOP):** **Dick Henderson '53** and  
**George Hawkins '54** reminisce  
under the alumni tent.

**(ABOVE):** Former parent **Boomer  
Esiason**, father to **Gunnar '09**  
and **Sydney '10**, enjoys the  
Homecoming football game.

Members of the Class of 1963 attend their 50th Reunion Luncheon.





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Cambridge/Kendall Square, when I'm not traveling. We would love to visit with classmates when folks come to this area – Buzzards Bay and the south coast region are beautiful! Our love, Tilde, to you and your family and warm wishes to all of our Friends classmates!" **Vicki Chesler** and her husband Matt Kovner spent much of the summer of 2013 aboard their new 38-foot Beneteau "Easy Wind," sailing Long Island Sound and beyond, with scenic stops at Block Island, Fishers Island, Watch Hill, Mystic, and Jamestown, just to name a few of the amazing ports of call along the Northeast coastline. On an overnight at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club, we met up with **Chris** and **Penelope Wylie Mayer**, their daughter **Augusta '13** and her boyfriend Sean, who came aboard for cocktails before taking us for a fabulous beachfront dinner at the Creek Club. We also had **Tina Rose Erardi** and her husband Greg aboard for drinks before going out to dinner in Stamford. Both our daughters are now living in NYC. Melissa, who does music video and TV production, got us on the list to see an amazing private Sheryl Crowe show at the Plaza this fall, with an audience of about 200. The performance will air on The Artists Den on PBS in early 2014. Kelsey moved to NYC last May to take a job at the Bronx Zoo, working at the Dinosaur Safari and the Herpetology (reptiles and amphibians) department, caring for the Komodo dragons, among other things! She's in search of the perfect job working with animals and conservation. In addition to our marketing and real estate businesses, we are looking forward to sailing in the Grenadines and skiing in Tahoe over the winter, to get away from the cold and dark of Ulster County. Hope to catch up with some FA pals for another NYC mini-reunion soon! **Drew Diaz** reports that he is currently taking a break from 16 years of coaching at Syosset High School – in the past he has coached wrestling, soccer, baseball, and both girls and boys lacrosse – and he is also "getting his head around being single." **Ellen Fasano** reports, "Our son, Alex, graduated from New York University in May with honors and a double major in economics and history. Alex is now working for New York City's Department of Consumer Affairs as a quality assurance specialist. Our daughter, Zoe is a junior at Oyster Bay High School and a student at



Three generations of Friends Academy families with their latest graduates. From left to right: Emily Hawkins '10, Jake Hawkins '13, Joan Konvalinka Hawkins '55, Nancy Toher Hawkins '76, Sam Hawkins '11, Penelope Wylie Mayer '75, Tom Hawkins '78, Barbara Booth Wylie '54, Christopher Mayer '75, Augusta Mayer '13 and George Hawkins '54.

BOCES's Barry Tech, where she is studying audio sound production. Zoe and her band, *Guaranteed to Disagree*, are at work on finishing up their first recording in a professional studio. Zoe is a drummer. You can check out her band on Facebook and on YouTube. Scott and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary this year. I am still working for US immigration for over 17 years and Scott is a senior tax manager at BDO, a large public accounting firm. Sending out a warm hello to all of my FA friends." As for me, this is my third year teaching Kindergarten at the International School of Florence, where my youngest, Vienna, is an 11th grader. My oldest, Jennifer, is still at the St. Regis in New York and my boys, Joshua and Oreste, are respectively graduating college in December and May so 2013-2014 will be a busy year for us!" -**Tilde**

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Three generations of Wylies and Hawkins gathered for the graduations of **Augusta Mayer '13** and **Jake Hawkins '13** this past spring from Friends Academy. Augusta is playing golf at St. Lawrence University and Jake is attending Union College, where he received the Presidential Scholarship.

## 1977

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**Steve Mills** was recently named president and general manager of the New York Knicks. In a *New York Times* article from October 11, 2013, Steve, who played for Princeton University, said, "It's a unique opportunity. It's about as close to being on the court as you can get, and that's what I love about it."



New President and General Manager of the Knicks, Steve Mills '77

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**Lis Dillof Dreizen** writes: Our reunion “weekend” first found us reuniting on Thursday night in a casual restaurant/pub, Windfall, in midtown Manhattan. About 15 alums attended, and 20 of our alums joined us in the Saturday night festivities at the more formal but equally relaxed atmosphere of the Creek Club, on what turned out to be a beautiful and temperate evening. A wonderful part of these reunion efforts, as headed up by **Tom Hawkins**, was in the responses we received both from those who were able to attend the events and from those who were not. These included most of our graduating class, with convivial notes and warm salutations being e-mailed on a daily basis as the reunion weekend approached. Tom’s frequent reminders prompted us to restore a class-wide e-mail dialogue with some alums joining the communications from an international vista. We shared many old snapshots of our class as well, and enjoyed all the fun comments that these inspired. Altogether, it was a delightful reunion weekend, which served to bring many of us closer together in a continued and rather poignant bond, one that has its own unique class of ’78 appeal.

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The fall of 2014 will not only be the 50th anniversary of Fall Fair and Homecoming, it will be the Class of 1979’s 35th Reunion. So, mark your calendars for the weekend of October 17-19, dust off your copy of *The Lamp* and get ready to celebrate with your old friends from Friends.

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The class of ’81 mourns the loss of **Alice Irwin Barnes**. An obit will appear in the next issue of *The Meeting House*. It’s hard to believe, but by now most of us have turned 50! Happy Birthday to all! I don’t see too many ’81s – but I do see **Ro Macy McNair ’80** at high school sporting events. Our children compete against each other in soccer and lacrosse. She’s doing great and she has not changed a bit. I have the pleasure of playing ice hockey with **Gina Randall Sigal ’80** and **Rita White Afzelius ’80** – both are great too. **Kate Seligson Friedman ’82** is around keeping her two children busy at FA and one in college. We saw Peter Gabriel perform last fall – so fun! I bump into **Ellen Goodwin’s** husband Kurt in town – they’re busy in NYC and come out to visit her parents on weekends. **Caroline Simko** turned 50 on June 26. Of course I see the Hawkins family members here and there, but not **Peter**, who lives in Ohio. I see Wendy and **John Gambling ’69** in restaurants in LV. The point of this rambling is: Please send me your class notes! As for me: Katharine, Pratt Institute ’16, Lainie, Gettysburg ’17, Bizzer, Portledge ’15 and Allaire, Portledge ’16. We are busy visiting colleges, sisters and playing Lacrosse up and down the east coast. The girls have gotten involved with teaching skiing for the Adaptive Sports Foundation during our winter weekends at Windham. I still enjoy skiing, sailing, golfing and gardening. Keep in touch. – **Betsy Jordan Gahagan**

## 1982

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We’ve heard from a few classmates: **Laura Solinger** writes: “I am living on the eastern

end of Long Island, working as an attorney. I do criminal defense and civil rights work. My husband Steven Muth started a web-based company called Voicethread – check it out. And together we are raising our 3 boys Jack, Quinn and Atticus, and our one dog, Romeo, also a boy :) I talk to **Missy Walters Belman** often. She is happy, living in D.C., working and getting ready to send her two kids off to college. I loved seeing everyone at the reunion – maybe we could do another one this summer? I will host it! Let me know what you think.” **Olivia Parry** writes: “Thanks so much for keeping us connected!! We are all turning 50 this year, or at least most of us. I think this warrants a special get together, perhaps in NYC, or west coast, over the holidays? It would be fun to hear from everyone on one life lesson they learned, or some piece of advice.... I will be celebrating my 50th by going to a third world county to volunteer. Maybe we can make it a class trip, for old times’ sake?” (Your class reps’ aside/ observation: Does the eastern end of Long Island qualify as a third world destination? If so, we may have the beginning of a solid 2014 reunion plan!) **Rich Thatcher** writes: “After my restaurant project in NYC did not materialize, I made a change and moved in with friends in Jacksonville, FL. I am working for the sportswear distributor of the NFL & NBA.” **Gina Galgano Hoagland** writes: “All OK from STL. It’s been a good fall. I have been coaching Simone’s 5th grade girls’ soccer team. That reminded me of the FA Girls Soccer team and how much a part of every fall it was. I even sent **Paola [Martino]**, **Sharon [Bradford]** and **Jeanine [Kawi]** a nostalgic e-mail about the smell of the grass, the color of the leaves and whoosh of the ball. Our middle son (Nathan – 15) is spending the school year in France in Guer in the province of Brittany. He is living with a French family that has three boys. He is completely immersed in French – no English! It has been great for him. Our oldest son Keith is applying to college. Seems like yesterday we all were applying to college.” **Ed Balazs** also reports taking his daughter Kirsy to visit some of his old college haunts, this time far more responsibly! **Sharon Bradford Franklin** writes: “I just started a new job in September. After 8 1/2 years working as Senior Counsel at The Constitution Project, I am now the Executive Director of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. The PCLOB is a new independent agency within the executive branch, with jurisdiction to review federal counter-terrorism programs to ensure that they provide adequate safeguards for privacy and civil liberties. Our first task is to review



The Class of 1984 will celebrate their 30th reunion at the 50th Fall Fair & Homecoming this October.

the two NSA surveillance programs disclosed to the public last summer by Edward Snowden. So, between the work of starting up a new agency and the work of reviewing these NSA programs, we certainly have our work cut out for us. Meanwhile, my husband and I are now “half-empty nesters” – with our daughter in her sophomore year at Harvard, but our son still at home and in eleventh grade. On the classmate front, this past summer **Paola Martino**, **Gina Galgano Hoagland**, **Jeanine Kawi Suchecki** and I had a wonderful mini-reunion in New York. And my husband and I are looking forward to getting together this coming weekend in Washington, D.C., with Paola and her husband, and **John Corcoran** and his wife.” And finally, **Ed Dimonda** reports that he has nothing to report (easily winning the “Shortest Proof of the Heisenberg Principle in Class Notes” prize). Thanks for all the notes; please keep them coming! - **Leslie Oren** and **Michael Poloukhine**

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The Class of 1983 had a fabulous reunion at The Chalet in Roslyn. It was great to reconnect and reminisce! Check out the photos on our Facebook page.

## 1984

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Hi there, Class of 86ers! We are hoping these notes find you happy and healthy. We have an issue that needs discussing. Shyness. Know this, we are certain you are excelling, in the FA tradition, at whatever it is that you are doing. If all of us share just the littlest bit, we will all know a lot. It could be an opportunity! Contribute. You read *The Meeting House* every time it comes to your mailbox – you are reading it right now! Inquiring minds want to know... E-mail us! **Brett Gering**!! Here is a snapshot of his professional life: After two decades in broadcast journalism with CNN, Bloomberg TV, and Thomson Reuters, he decided it was

time for a change. In 2008, Brett enrolled in NYU's part-time MBA program at the Stern School of Business. He received his degree in May of 2011, and intended to pursue a career in management consulting. Instead, Brett (charming, organized and handsome) wound up being recruited by the Institute for International Research, the world's largest conference company. He joined the firm in September 2012 as a conference director, organizing events for the financial services industry. Brett gets to speak with a lot of interesting people about the latest trends in their corner of the industry – from hedge funds to wealth managers to traders. Brett develops ideas for conferences based on those conversations, writes a program, recruits speakers, oversees the event's marketing campaign, and recruits sponsors. He is living in NYC with his wife Elizabeth of four years. **Robin Young**, who looks exactly as gorgeous as she did when we were in high school, is still living in Baldwin with her husband and 6-year-old son Aidan, who is a first grader at Plaza Elementary school in Baldwin/Rockville Centre. She has recently been retained as an in-house legal counsel to Local 7 in LIC, a construction union where she handles collection matters and litigation for their employee benefit funds. She is still in touch with **Sandra Vargas Anderson**, who still lives in Texas and they travel every year to Panama City Beach on an annual girls' getaway. Jenny and **Brian Doyle** are still living in Sea Cliff with their three beautiful, smart and funny kids. Brian has been working in NYC and spent the summer working as a lifeguard at Jones Beach, maintaining the Doyle tradition. **Tricia Hanley Wynn**, **Jane Goldstein Welch** and **Valerie Miller** and I got together in August and the cackling could be heard for miles. The years have not



changed those crazy and beautiful chicks. There is nothing more fun than belly-aching laughs with the girls who knew you when. I spotted **Robert Schmitz** on dog beach in Jupiter, Florida this summer. He was with his beautiful family. **Patti Mitchell** came and visited me this past spring in Jupiter, when she was south visiting her parents. She is selling commercial real estate and living between Manhattan and Huntington with her husband Joe Posillico – (not Kathy's brother, her cousin). If you remember **John Shaddock**, tune into Facebook for news and events at his MMA studio. Hope to hear from you soon! – **Kara** and **Chuck**

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The Class of 1988 celebrated their 25th reunion this past fall.

## 1988

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Many thanks to all who made it to our 25th reunion in October – it was so great to reconnect, reminisce and catch up in

person. Joining me in attendance were **Jana O'Brien**, **Lisa Catapano**, **Kristen Jones Connell**, **Justine Fasciano**, **Michael Grunwald**, **Mark Wiedman**, **Kareem El-Henedi**, **John Adamo**, **Blake Wynot** and **Dan Goldstein**. We were also delighted to be joined by former Class of '88 teachers Roger Erickson and Jen "Ms. Wilson" Newitt. Thanks, too, to those who heeded the call for news. **Jennifer Koppelman** writes, "I continue to do my SiriusXM daily radio show – Just Jenny – and I am a special correspondent for CBS' omg insider and an HLN contributor, mostly co-hosting with Dr. Drew Pinsky. I am still a licensed attorney, but I mostly just play one on TV. My sweet husband and two adorable teenage kids still put up with me, thankfully. I juggle like all of us working mothers! I still spend a lot of time on my treadmill, and I am in touch with as many as I can be via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Life is good and busy." Also in the entertainment world, **Melissa Errico** has landed a recurring role in Steven Soderbergh's new Cinemax series "The Knick" with Clive Owen. Melissa plays the part of Catherine Christiansen. As for me, all is well here in New Jersey. My daughter, Ellie, keeps us laughing as she absorbs the world through the lens of Kindergarten. I continue to work in marketing & communications, back (again) at Conde Nast, this time in the corporate media group. Linus just finished production on two films – hopefully both in theaters by the time these notes are published: *Some Velvet Morning*, with Stanley Tucci and Alice Eve, and *A Good Marriage*, written by Stephen King and starring Joan Allen and Anthony LaPaglia. It's hard to believe that it's been 25 years since graduation,



Time is approaching for the Class of 1989's silver anniversary! Stay tuned for details from your class rep.

and harder still to fathom that I've been collecting and submitting class notes for almost as long. The time has come for me to retire – this is my final submission on behalf of our class. Thanks for all your support through the years – it has been a pleasure! If you are interested in filling the role of class rep, please contact Kathy Fox in the alumni office. Cheers – **Eileen**

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November 9, 1989... history is made as the Berlin Wall falls. Other events that autumn? The FA Class of 1989 writes college applications and gets ready for the next exciting chapter in their lives. Jump forward 25 years to the fall of 2014... it will not only be the 50th anniversary of Fall Fair and Homecoming, it will be the Class of 1989's 25th Reunion! So mark your calendars for the weekend of October 17-19, put on your dancing shoes, and get ready to celebrate with your old friends from Friends. **Lawrence**

**Schimmel** has published over 100 books as author or anthologist, in a broad range of genres. He writes in both English and Spanish. Some of Lawrence's titles include the poetry collections *Fairy Tales for Writers* and *Deleted Names* (both A Midsummer Night's Press), kidzbooks *Let's Go See Papa!* (Groundwood), *Little Pirate Goes to Bed* (innovativeKids), and *Feliz Navidad, Rachid* (Ediciones La Librería).



## 1990

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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Danielle Valenti Smith and Sandy Lyon at the Class of 1993 reunion.

Read about **Michael Fox's** new mobile entertainment/social justice venture Urthworx (*on page 36*), which combines gaming, television and books into a new platform, and ultimately generates funds, awareness and action for causes around the world.

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## 1993

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Bevy Seaman, Melissa Boults and Angie Mitra



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The Class of 1993 had a fantastic 20-year reunion at Hendrick's Tavern in Roslyn. We had a great turnout with **Josh Sussman** coming all the way from California, **Jon Winick** from Chicago, **Sandy Lyon** from Charlotte, and of course, many of us who have stayed local. It was really great for us all to catch up and we look forward to seeing everyone again



in five years! Also in attendance were **Todd Jacobson**, **Aditya Mattoo**, **Amanda** and **Jesse Laserson**, **Becky** and **Joe Bonventre**, **Melissa Boults**, **Bill Varicchio**, **Arthur Wojnarowski**, **Cliff Cohn**, **Chris Rovegno**, **Danielle Valenti Smith**, **Angeliqua Mitra**, **PJ McCusker**, **Amanda Valente**, **Shaleen Patel**, and **Natalia Porcelli** and **Adam Good**. In other news, **Gillian Mueller** was in Africa for three weeks in August. She climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and went gorilla trekking!

## 1994

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It's the spring of 1994, and Nelson Mandela is named President of South Africa, closing the era of apartheid. Ah but there's more! In the spring of 1994, the Class of 1994 is getting ready to graduate from Friends Academy! Jump forward 20 years to the fall of 2014. The Class of 1994 will celebrate its 20th Reunion the weekend of October 17-19. So, mark your calendars and get ready to reminisce with your friends from Friends.



The Class of 1994 will celebrate its 20th Reunion this fall, October 17-19.

## 1995

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**Shonda (Virgann) Pryor Maddison** reported she was awaiting the birth of her new son into the family! Shonda was due November

15th, and surely by the time you are reading this, Shonda, her daughter Sidney, husband Kareem, and baby boy Maddison will be enjoying the fit of their new family! **Sebastian Arcelus** has wrapped shooting season two of the Netflix series "House of Cards," and can be seen for a limited time on Broadway as Jake Brigance, in the lead role of the adaptation of the John Grisham novel, *A Time To Kill*. If you listen closely you can hear him on TV all the time as the voice of TBS.....very funny. **Constantin (Dino) Anagnostopoulos** and I were honored to attend the 8th annual D.R.E.A.M.S. in the city fundraiser honoring **Stacy Goodman's** father Marc. Marc, his family, as well as the trustees of the Stacy Joy Goodman Memorial Foundation were being honored as recipients of the Humanitarian Award for their work towards a cure for Diabetes. With a chance meeting by **Deniqua Crichlow** and an event organizer, we were able to bring together over 30 pages of notes, pictures, and memories from you all in a book that was presented to Stacy's dad, Marc Goodman, at the event. The entire event raised close to \$1 million dollars for diabetes research, but even more valuable were the memories of Stacy that were celebrated, still strong after almost twenty years since she tragically passed. Congratulations to **Daniel Malito** on his engagement to Allison Sargent. Daniel is currently a columnist for the Huffington Post and writes for Creaky Joints, a website dedicated to autoimmune information. Additionally, he is working on his second book. Allison, who hails from Breezy Point, NY, is pursuing a Master's Degree in special education at Touro College. And finally, congratulations to class rep **Tom Pascarella** on his November 29th wedding to Jessica Dulberg!

## 1996

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**Nicole Nadel** and her family reports that they have moved south. "About three months ago, my husband and I made the decision to leave friends and family and move to the South. No more winters, no more high property taxes, and the list goes on and on," writes Nicole. Nicole and her family moved to Charleston, South Carolina where she works in the ER and plans to begin her own wound healing practice soon. Her

husband, Stanley Wilhelm, is involved in a boutique investment banking firm. Nicole and Stanley's twin boys, Tristan and Sebastian, are almost 3 years old! They are in a school that resembles a children's museum. Nicole urges her class to "seriously consider moving down here... especially if you are in medicine!" We wish them well. Congratulations are in order for our friend and classmate, **PJ DeCurtis**, who tied the knot on November 2, 2013. **Daryl Holzman** was among the groomsmen and was grateful to participate in the very moving ceremony. We are pleased to hear that the Class of '96 Family continues to grow and prosper. Keep the good news coming.

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Thanks to **Colleen McNally Mitgang** who pulled together a fabulous 15th Reunion. About 30 people gathered at Crave Fishbar in New York City to celebrate! Congratulations to **Jack Sandler** who was named Head Lacrosse



Jack Sandler, Head Lacrosse Coach at Colby College.

Coach at Colby College. Jack spent the past eight years as the head coach at Skidmore. He began his coaching career at Bates, his alma mater, after his 2002 graduation, and was the Liberty League Coach of the Year in both 2007

and 2011. At FA, Jack was a three-sport athlete in lacrosse, football, and wrestling.



Turn to the Red & Black channel at  
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## 1999

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The weekend of October 17-19, 2014 marks the class of 1999's 15th reunion! So clear your schedules, and plan on heading to FA to celebrate!



Class of 1999: It's party time again! Celebrate your 15th reunion this fall, October 17-19.

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Kudos to **Lucus Foglia**, whose photographs were recently part of the International Center of Photography's new Triennial, "A Different Kind of Order."



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In 2004, both Ken Jennings and the FA Academic Team were on winning streaks.

## 2002

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Congratulations to **Elias Roman**, CEO of Songza and his wife **Sarah Holland Roman** on the birth of their baby boy, Ethan!

## 2003

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The Class of 2003 held its 10-year Reunion in Greenwich Village in September. The reunion was a huge success and the class is motivated to hold an annual reunion every year! In attendance were: **Jim White**, **Peter Ingrassia**, **Kevin Afshari**, **Charlie Schein**, **Aaron Knapp**, **Sam Nadel**, **Chris Hagedorn**, **Will Gambling**, **Farah Visslalli**, **Tara Hanna**, **Haley Moss**, **Clarice Jacobson**, and **Jessica Jakobson**. Congratulations to **Olivia Dreizen Howell** and her husband Eric on the birth of Weston Sawyer Howell, born on August 25th and weighing in at 5 lbs., 14 oz., 19.5 inches.



Olivia Dreizen Howell '03 welcomes Weston Sawyer Howell to the world.

## 2004

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It's 2004, and Jeopardy! Ace Ken Jennings is on his way to winning \$2.5 million during his 74-game winning streak. Other winning streaks in 2004? The FA Academic Team defeats yet another opponent, yet does not win \$2.5 million. Jump forward 10 years to 2014. It's time for the class of 2004 to celebrate its 10th reunion! So mark your calendars for the weekend of October 17-19 and get ready to celebrate!





Remember when? The Class of 2009 in the fall of 1996.

## 2005

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**Sean Nalaboff's** forthcoming teen indie, *Hard Sell*, recently finished 19 days of filming on Long Island. The movie, set on the North Shore, stars Kristin Chenoweth as Lorna Buchanan, the alcoholic, agoraphobic mother of Hardy, a teenage boy played by Skyler Gisondo, who enlists the help of a stripper, played by Katrina Bowden of "30 Rock," to save his beloved family dog that needs costly surgery.

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The Class of 2009 will celebrate its 5-year reunion on Friday, May 30, 2014 from 6-8 p.m. at the Jackson House. So mark your calendars and come on back to Duck Pond Road to celebrate the occasion with friends and faculty!

## 2010

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Congratulations to **Allyn Toles** on receiving the University of Maryland, College Park Honors College Citation. Allyn was recognized for four years of Honors coursework as a recipient of the Banneker-Key full scholarship. She will be graduating with Honors in May 2014.

## 2011

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## DONA FAGAN ARNOW '60

... Reflections from her classmates

I was about to send an e-mail chastising my classmates that, once again, there were no entries for the class of '60 in *The Meeting House*, when I read of the passing of Dona who had kept track of us for so many years.

After FA, Dona Fagan went to Skidmore College where she majored in music. Her career goal was clear as the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester was next for a Masters and then a doctorate from Catholic University in D.C.; all in music. Little known is her love for horses. She had her own, which her daughter, Julie, later took to Virginia. In the last years, Dona and her husband, Gene Arnow, ran a custom transportation service in Washington, DC.



In a class with many wonderful people, Dona and I had a bit of a special relationship – she was Maisie to my Bobbie ("the terribly rich and handsome American") in the Boyfriend. When she starred as Daisy Mae I was in support as Mar-ryn' Sam in Lil Abner our

senior year. I cannot remember the number of double dates we were on... with other partners.

We did finally sometimes go out together our last year of college. When time came to take the long cross-country flight required for a private pilot's license, I arranged to take the flight school's Piper Colt from NE Philly Airport to Ballston Spa (nearest field to Skidmore) to see her. Our meeting was subdued by my announcement that I was engaged to be married. (Next 4th of July will be Marie's and my 50th anniversary.) As contented as I am, every so often, while reminiscing, I wonder, what if?

– Bob Powell, FA '60

I remember that math class always started with Mr. Stubbs saying, "Dona, please be." He could never dampen her exuberance and she will remain in my memory that same enthusiastic and warm person in that moment a long time ago. May she rest in peace.

– Geoff Wharton, FA '60

One of my favorite memories of Dona goes back to English class in 9th grade. We had a male teacher who wore coke-bottle glasses and was, I think, clinically blind. He gave us assigned seats. Dona and I discovered that we owned the same dress and decided to trick the teacher. So we wore the same dress to school and switched seats (he was always getting us mixed up anyway). By the end of the class (we repeatedly raised our hands just to confuse him), he had no idea which one of us was Dona and which one was Anne.

I also remember going over to her house after school to do homework and pigging out on the most wonderful homemade chocolate chip cookies made by her mother, Valeska (a former professional modern dancer, who choreographed for the FA Drama group and mentored me when I became serious about dancing during



Dona Fagan Arnow (seated in red on the left) with her classmates at the 1960 50th Reunion luncheon.

my college years). Our houses were close enough together that we could actually see each other's bedroom windows at night when the leaves were off the trees, so we set up a signal system with the window blinds since our parents wouldn't let us talk on the phone all evening.

– Anne Wadsworth Moody, FA '60

I didn't know Dona well, though since we all more or less grew up together, I think we all pretty much did know each other. However, at our 50th I had a very interesting discussion with her about music, and realized how much she had accomplished. As a struggling amateur in the back rows of the cello section, I hoped that conversation might continue at some time. It is nice to know, however, that the promise she showed when we were in school was followed by accomplishment on the professional level.

– Louis Licht, FA '60

Needless to say, I am heartsick about Dona's passing! She was a very special person and became a friend again following our wonderful 50th Reunion.

– Suzy Stein Danoff '60

So sad to hear of Dona's passing – and a shock! Annie Wadsworth Moody and I were meeting for lunch in Bangor just a few weeks after she died, so unaware that someone we'd been close to had gone. During the FA years I would often walk over to Dona's after school – we lived quite close to one another. Maybe we'd do a little homework, but mostly we'd listen to music, read magazines, chat away – those teenage years! And I remember Dona's singing – I was a lowly

munchkin but she was Dorothy with a magical voice in "The Wizard of Oz." Although we hadn't been in touch for ages, I will miss her.

– Theo Smythe Page, FA '60

The Roslyn Estates gang: While I had little contact with Dona since graduation, I remember her fondly as one generous and inclusive in her friendships and always in good spirits. In a similar vein, I remember the family along with the Wadsworths and Smythes in Roslyn Estates as always readily including me as the near neighbor from Munsey Park in a number of Christmas carol sings and other neighborhood events. Wonderful memories of people and ages past. Dona was one of those rare human beings who brightened the lives of all those she touched.

– Fred Kuffler, FA '60

Many years ago, more than fifty, I had the good fortune to date Dona Fagan, both at Friends and later at college when she was at Skidmore and I was at Williams. Dona was smart, passionate, and – in many ways – wise. All admirable qualities. In addition, I recall that she was blessed with considerable common sense and, as she taught me how to drive a stick-shift car, she was certainly comfortable with instruction.

Did I mention she could sing? God, could she ever. Some twenty-five years ago I heard her sing at Catholic University in D.C. and it was an angelic sound. Now she's gone, but I suspect she's upstairs, adding her voice to St. Peter's choir, and making it sound even better.

– Terence Finn '60

### Walt Wilson '34: Highly decorated veteran, WWII combat pilot

We mourn the loss of our oldest class rep, Colonel Walter James Wilson, who passed away on August 1, 2013 on his 97th birthday. Walt grew up on the Pennoyer estate in Glen Cove where his parents were employed.

After Friends, Walt attended the University of Maryland, where he studied military science. He earned his masters degree in business administration from The George Washington University. In 1941 Walt entered the military where he flew 52 combat missions over Belgium, France, Holland and Germany during World War II.

A decorated veteran, Walt received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters, the Legion of Merit, the American Defense Service Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Additionally, Walt was awarded two medals from the French government: the Croix de Guerre with a Vermillion Star and the Commander of the Order of Ouissam Alacuite Cherifien. Walt married Muriel Woodbridge in 1947 in Paris, France, and they had three children: Leslie, Wendy, and Woody.

After the war, Walt was stationed at the Pentagon and later served as a Base Commander

in Korea and Chief of Protocol in Tokyo. He then served as Base Commander of Mather Air Force Base in California. In 1969, Walt retired from the military after 28 years of service.

Next up for Walt was work as vice-president of California Vision Services. In 1990 Walt and Muriel moved to Ashland, Oregon where he worked with the Ashland Police Department as a volunteer officer, a position he held into his 80s. When Muriel passed away in 1999, Walt moved to the Mountain View Retirement Residence.

It was there that he met Lois Gunsolus. They were married in 2000 and spent many happy years together enjoying their beautiful surroundings.

Walt often reflected on his happy days at Friends Academy. "FA's instruction, in my estimation, was outstanding and stood me in good stead many times in my life," Walt wrote in a note to the alumni office.

"I believe we started Latin and French in the 4th or 5th grade. This, for instance, helped me considerably later in life when I was assigned to France during and after World War II...I have never forgotten my days at FA, and I am most grateful for the many opportunities they brought to fruition for me."



Walt Wilson circa 1940s.

### John Oelsner '39: Combat intelligence officer, honorary FA life trustee

John William (Jack) Oelsner, born June 21, 1920, in Upper Montclair, NJ died on July 26, 2013, at Hanover Terrace. He attended elementary schools in Europe prior to his family moving to Centre Island, NY when he then attended Friends Academy, Hotchkiss School and Williams College.

In 1941 he married Carroll Mentzendorff and in 1942 enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force where he served as a combat intelligence officer. He joined family-owned U.S. Navigation Company, Inc., steamship owners and general agents located in New York City. He retired in 1978 as Executive VP and Director. Over the years he and Carroll lived in Montclair, NJ; Syosset & Locust Valley, NY; Westport, CT; South Strafford, VT and Hanover, NH.

Jack was an honorary life trustee of Friends Academy in Locust Valley, New York.

Other than his family, he loved both tennis and beagling. He was active with the Buckram Beagles for over 20 years and was their Master of Hounds and Huntsman until 1973 when the Hunt was disbanded. He served for 10 years as an officer of the National Beagle Club of America, Inc.

Prior to moving to Hanover he and Carroll

lived at Windhover Farm in South Strafford, VT where he was active on various investment and finance committees to the Town of Strafford select board and the United Church of Strafford. In his free time he loved to paint and exhibit his watercolors.



John Oelsner from the 1940s and in more recent years.

Jack is survived by two daughters Carroll Linka Lewis (Chip) of South Strafford, VT; Jeanne Burford Castro (Mark) of South Strafford, VT and son William Kennedy Oelsner (Nadine) of Charleston, SC. plus nine grandchildren – Heidi, Burke & Chadd Lewis; Nicholas, Sean & Kira Castro; and William, Jr., Christina & Henry Oelsner; 12 great-grandchildren and brother, W. James Oelsner and sister Jane Redfield.

He was predeceased by his wife Carroll on June 18th this year, his son John Jr. in 1968, his sister Glenny Willits of Glen Cove, NY and his brother Edward Oelsner of Arlington, VT.

The family wishes to thank Anne Sutton, Granite State Independent Living, Bayada Hospice and Hanover Terrace for all their loving care. Memorial gifts may be made to: Trustees of Barrett Memorial Hall, South Strafford, VT 05070.

– Linka Oelsner Lewis '61

## WE REMEMBER...

Jean Tompkins Fort '34

Walter Wilson '34

Marie Powers Maxwell Cummings '37

John Oelsner '39

Arthur Lain '41

Andrew Gabrilovitch '43

Elenor Albertson '43

Pauline Faust Momot '43

Gonzalo Pardo '47

Selma Haubenstock Yarmis '49

Sandra Johnson Hale '53

Dona Fagan Arnow '60

John Ellis '67

Alice Irwin Barnes '81

Amanda Scholl Boudry '94

Frank Brogan



Selma Haubenstock Yarmis '49



Gonzalo Pardo '47



Jean Tompkins Fort '34



**Arthur Lain '41:****A master storyteller**

Milton Arthur Lain III of Westtown, NY, a retired dairy farmer, passed away on Friday, October 18, 2013 at home with his family by his side. He was 88.

The son of the late Milton Arthur Lain Jr. and Sara Taylor Lain, he was born April 27, 1925 in Unionville, NY. He graduated from Friends Academy in 1941 and at-



Arthur Lain from the 1941 *Lamp* and in recent years.

tended Tusculum College in Greenville, TN. Art was a very active and faithful member of the Minisink Kiwanis Club and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Westtown.

He was a former member of the Minisink School Board, Orange County Land Trust, Orange County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board, delegate of the Orange County Farm Bureau and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons #365, Goshen, NY.

He and his wife Phyllis volunteered for many years delivering for Meals on Wheels of Orange County.

Art lived his life in accordance with his principles, contributing in so many ways to the life and betterment of his community. He was the "Ticket King," taking great pleasure in raising money for the causes he valued.

He was a people person, a master storyteller, and a long-suffering Mets and Jets fan. He especially looked forward to the Lain Family reunions held every five years at Kezialain Farm.

Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years, Phyllis Johnson Lain; six children, Martha Ann Lain of Westtown, Deborah Susan Lain of Westtown, Milton Arthur Lain IV of Westtown, Stephen Taylor Lain of Pismo Beach, CA, Ty William Lain of Westtown, Jonathan Mark Lain of Berkeley, CA; eight grandchildren, Keziah Lain Collier, Phoebe Lain, Sara Lain, Jeneviere Lain, Milton Arthur Lain V, Hannah Miller, John Miller & Gabriela Daugherty; two great granddaughters, Charlotte & Clara; four brothers, David, Lester, Charles and Terry Lain.

He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by one sister, Martha Lain, and four brothers, Frank, Richard, Lewis and Alden Lain.

**John Ellis '67: Tireless science teacher and department head**

John Ellis passed away on August 18, 2013 at the age of 64. He was a native of Long Island, NY and a resident of Covington, LA.

After graduating from Friends Academy, John attended Westminster College and thereafter taught at Portledge School.

Once he moved to Louisiana, he taught at an Episcopal school in Metairie and completed 44 years in education as head of the Science department at East St. John High School, in Reserve where he was able to bring Russian Cosmonauts and Charles Bolden, the current director of NASA, to the school to speak to the student body.

John was profiled in the Spring/Summer issue of *The Meeting House* about a lost school ring that belonged to his mother and was returned to him years later after it washed ashore on a beach in California.

I had the pleasure of speaking with John about this story. He seemed gracious and kind and endlessly grateful to Jeanne Rouse, who returned the ring, and to his classmates from



John Ellis from the 1967 *Lamp* yearbook.

Friends Academy who showed him such compassion during Hurricane Katrina and during his illness, which led to his passing.

— Natalia Porcelli Good '93

**Amanda Scholl Boudry '94: A life filled with love and laughter**

Amanda was my best and constant friend for 32 years. We met at Friends in Kindergarten when we were five, and, as several FA alumni put it, we were inseparable.

She was funny, a little bit of a tomboy, and loved by everyone. Even during Field Day when we were on opposite teams year after year, we competed on the field and then buddied up after school. Countless classmates, even ones that did not stay on to graduate with us, said to me, "She was the first person to say hello," or "She always included me and made me laugh."

Most of my memories are of us laughing. We either laughed until we cried or wet our pants, or in some cases both. One vivid memory from high school is one she called "the turtle."

I used to drive Amanda to school, and this day it was raining, and she was late. As she was running into school down the old hallway in front of the Upper School library – for those of you who remember, it was all glass and you could see into the library – she slipped and fell onto her back. Just to paint the picture further, Amanda never used her locker and she had all of her books in her backpack. So, when she fell, she was literally stuck like a turtle.

We could not stop laughing and crying because she could get neither her arms nor her legs to reach the floor to right herself. She yelled, "Turn me over! Turn me over!" Which added to the ridiculousness of the whole scene,

and I eventually did.

If Amanda heard that you lacked something in life, then she filled it – whether it was a book, a vacuum bag, or you just needed a friend – Amanda delivered.

While Amanda was somewhat unfocused at times, all things became crystal clear when her daughter Cricket was born. She loved Cricket with a fierceness that only the best mothers do. They were each other's worlds. Cricket

inherited Amanda's craftiness, her sense of humor, and her ability to love others.

I read a verse from the Bible at her funeral: Proverbs 18, Verse 24. "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."



Amanda Boudry in 1994 and a recent photo of Amanda with her husband Wally.

This was my friend.

Amanda printed in my yearbook a quote from Winnie the Pooh, and I would like to give it back to her. It's an exchange between Pooh and Piglet. "Pooh, promise you won't forget me, ever. Not even when I'm 100." Pooh thought for a little. "How old will I be then?" "99." Pooh nodded, "I promise," he said. I promise too Amanda.

Amanda, you have taught me to slow down, enjoy the moment, not to take things so seriously, and to laugh at myself. You've made me a better friend and mother. There will never be another friend like you.

— Kim Colombo Aberman '94

### Andrew Gabrilovitch '43: World-class bridge player

Andrew Gabrilovitch passed away peacefully at home on November, 29, 2012, with his family by his side. As a teen, Andy escaped Nazi-occupied Paris and travelled to New York with his parents.

After graduating from Friends, Andy attended Columbia University. It was at Columbia that he developed a passion for bridge. Andy became a world class player and a life master at the age of 30. He won many national awards including the National Amateur Team-of-Four Title (Rothschild Trophy, 1947), the Master's Knockout Team-of-Four Championship (Spingold Trophy, 1961) and was named the Washington Bridge League Player of the year in 1958, 1959 and 1963. He was known not only for his skill as a bridge player, but also for his courteous and friendly manner, for being a fair and honest player, and for being a strong advocate of desegregation. Andy and his wife Wanda met while playing bridge, and together they had three children. After retiring in 1984 from his position as Director of Administration at ITT, Andy spent much of his time on board cruise ships offering bridge instruction. Andy is survived by two daughters, Tamara De Martino and Leonide Gabrilovitch, as well as five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Wanda, and son, Andrew.



Andrew  
Gabrilovitch

### Elenor Albertson '43: Quaker, FA and Glen Cove Hospital volunteer

Elenor Albertson died on September 27, 2013 at the age of 87. Elenor graduated from Friends Academy in 1943 and went on to study at The Grace Institute in New York City.

A member of the Matinecock Meeting and a volunteer at both Friends Academy and the Glen Cove Hospital, Elenor let her life speak. Additionally, Elenor was actively involved in thoroughbred horse breeding and racing. Her grandfather, Townsend Albertson, founded the town of Albertson.

#### Correction

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### Frank Brogan: A reflection by Jennifer Briggs Stanley '88

*Beloved former English teacher Frank Brogan passed away on July 30, 2013 at the age of 89. Frank will be remembered not only by family and friends but also by the hundreds of Friends Academy students who benefited from his extraordinary teaching. What follows is a reflection from author and FA graduate Jennifer Briggs Stanley '88.*

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When I was asked to write a piece in memory of Mr. Brogan, I was both honored and terrified. I'm a writer by trade, so the request shouldn't have been too difficult, but it was. I wasn't sure I'd find the appropriate words to capture all the incredible things about Frank Brogan.

Instead of stringing a bunch of adjectives together, let me tell you a story. To do that, we need to go back in time.

It's 1986, and I'm in Mr. Brogan's English class. My seat is by the window, third row from the front. Mr. Brogan is strolling up and down the aisles between desks, asking us to consider why grammar is important. A few students give the question serious thought, others murmur things like, "grammar is a form of torture" or "grammar stifles creativity," while the rest of us wait to be supplied with the answer so we can jot it in our notebooks in case the material appears on a future quiz.

But as is often the case, Frank Brogan is trying to get us to think, to turn things over in our heads, to look beyond the obvious. We all sense that the stack of graded papers on his desk has fallen well short of perfection and that he's offering us a second chance, an opportunity to better our work, an opportunity to grow as writers, as thinkers, and as people. He's encouraging us not to quit after the first try, but to demand more of ourselves. We're not quite sure how to do that yet, but he'll get us there in time.

He's smiling patiently, coaxing the laugh lines around his eyes to deepen. His hands are folded casually behind his back, his bowtie (dark blue with tiny yellow dots) is slightly askew, and his kind, intelligent eyes see everything. He respectfully listens to our guesses and then goes to the board and starts drawing a vine. He adds flowers to the vine until we're gazing at a chalk plant, wondering what it has to do with grammar.

"What will happen to this rose vine without support?" he asks.

This, we can answer. "It'll fall."

It will fall. It will fail to thrive. Mr. Brogan obliterates the plant and draws a trellis in its place. He then creates a new rose vine, explaining as he draws, that we can use the most descriptive language in the world and it won't work—it can't thrive—without the support of grammar.

We nod. We get it. And when our papers are returned, we think about roses and trellises. We want to please this man with the kind,



English teacher Frank Brogan.

intelligent eyes and the bowtie. We demand more of our work and of ourselves.

Years later, I used the same analogy when I became a teacher. I stole other things from Mr. Brogan too. Like the idea that certain poems are best read outdoors.

Even a self-absorbed sixteen-year-old can begin to understand and appreciate the Robert Frost poem, "Nothing Gold Can Stay," when the sun is dappling the grass and a blizzard of white petals from the ornamental pear trees are being blown about by a fragrant spring breeze. And though Frost was correct in his depiction of the ephemeral nature of beauty, some things do outlast their time. Some things do stay golden. Memories, for example. The things we say and do in our lifetimes matter. They are soaked up by teenage students in a classroom and recalled with incredible clarity some twenty-seven years later.

I cannot think of Frank Brogan without feeling a rush of gratitude. His quiet passion shone through each and every day. He wanted more for us and he was willing to give all he had to see that we got it. He read us Housman's "To an Athlete Dying Young" and Shelley's "Ozymandias" and instilled in us a love of words that hundreds and hundreds of us carry within us like a torch. Thank you, Mr. Brogan, for the rose vines, the red ink, and the poetry. Here's one for you:

*He has achieved success who has lived well,  
laughed often, and loved much;*

*Who has enjoyed the trust of pure women,  
the respect of intelligent men and the love of little  
children;*

*Who has filled his niche and accomplished his  
task;*

*Who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's  
beauty or failed to express it;*

*Who has left the world better than he found it,  
Whether an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or  
a rescued soul;*

*Who has always looked for the best in others  
and given them the best he had;*

*Whose life was an inspiration;  
Whose memory a benediction.*

— Bessie A. Stanley, American poet

— Jennifer Briggs Stanley '88





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Upper School art students work with second graders on a collaborative two-part drawing and print-making workshop. After collecting natural items, Upper and Lower School students drew sketches on the porch of the Meeting House.

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