

THE MEETING HOUSE

WINTER/SPRING 2012-13



Peace Quilt squares come together during All-School Peace Week.

FA students made six quilts – five will be sent to Sandy-affected schools, Page X.



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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 ARCHIVES: 1990s – UPPER SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE



COURTESY OF FRIENDS ACADEMY ARCHIVES

Upper School students work with local senior citizens circa 1990s. For a look back at more past (and recent) community service in all divisions, please turn to page 7.

FA Trivia Contest



"For 25 years his efforts have inspired countless Friends Academy students to strive to better themselves and become all they can be."

– The 1993 Lamp

WHO AM I?

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





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BUILDING WALLS, BUILDING HOMES

The Upper School chapter of Habitat
for Humanity help raise the first
walls of a Shirley home.

MEETING HOUSE LETTERS

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



Thank you to alumnus and reader David Fox '53 for sharing how a simple Friends Academy memory became a powerful path to joy and shepherded even more wonderful memories along the way.

A Key to Optimism

By David Fox '53

When I was at Friends Academy there was a basement basketball court that was called the girls' gym. Besides basketball, many PE classes and exercises were held there, especially if team practices or league games were occupying the newer larger "boys' gym."

The ceiling of the girls' gym was high enough to allow full-court basketball games, but low enough that you could hit the rafters if you deliberately threw the ball hard enough to reach them.

One day as I was waiting my turn to do some boring group stretches, I looked up and noticed that the configuration of rafters and cross beams had a small triangular opening I hadn't focused on before.

From where I was standing, about three-quarters court and off to the side, it looked to me that if I shot the basketball straight through that triangle – and missed the ceiling above – the ball would arc down right at the basket. In fact the triangle served as a kind of gun sight; a clean shot through it should score a three-quarter-court basket!

When no one was looking I tried it. Clean through the triangle, clear of the rafters, just below the ceiling, and Swish! Nothing but net! No one had noticed. I marveled at the feat and enjoyed my private little secret. A couple of years later, alone in the gym, I tried it again. Swish again. Two for two on an impossible trick shot. I felt I could do it every time.

Now it's some sixty years later, but I still get a kick out of that feat and that private

memory. It's a deep, reliable pleasure that never fails to amuse and lift me. I see the rafters, the triangle, the arc and swish. I've never shared the story with anyone until writing it now, not even when I checked the gym at my class's 30th reunion and saw the same alignment of triangle and basket I had so vividly remembered. (No basketball available though to try a third shot.)

I can recall that long-ago pleasure at any time, and recall brings the same joy. Joy that fits in with many other easily accessed moments of joy from my past – bridge hands well played, spectacular hits I made in baseball in my teen years, a badminton shot that remains the best single thing I've

ever done in any racquet sport, a hard-won business success, a particularly warm moment with a child, a tough math problem solved. I've even rewritten the same math solutions and proofs just to re-experience the pleasure.

I know it sounds silly, even to me, but I find a key to optimism is to not allow myself to be taken over by life's inevitable emotional troughs. I can re-live every detail of the seemingly trivial past pleasures. It doesn't matter if they're small feats or if anyone else experienced the same thing. They are my treasures and my support.

Two for two can never be taken away by any passing misfortune. Now let me tell you about the grand slam I bid and made in college; I can name every card in all four hands. It was beautiful!

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Fall/Winter issue 'full of substance, humor, emotion'

This was the most awesome, extraordinary *Meeting House* ever!! Every article was so well written, and thoughtful – I did not know what to read first! They were so full of substance, humor and emotion that I found I had to pace myself to take it all in! Thank you, thank you to everyone involved for really showcasing our community and then some!

– Lauren Putter Menzin '81

Would love to see an article about changes to FA campus

Another excellent issue of *The Meeting House*, which now matches or even surpasses good college magazines.

Here's an idea for a future article: The changed FA campus over the years with emphasis on the new buildings and facilities. Maybe you have already done this which I missed, but as I was impressed when I returned two years ago, I should think many alums would appreciate seeing how FA has developed and prospered over the years. Just a thought!

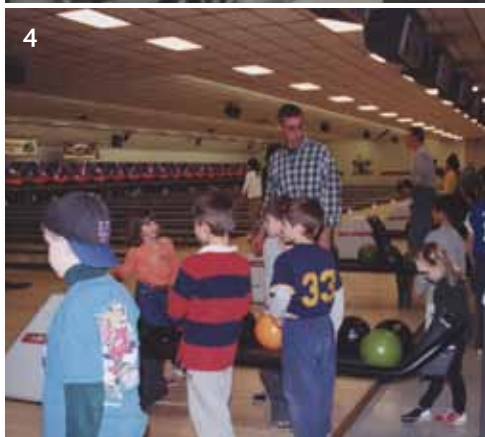
– Ward Burian '54

Editor's Note: Great idea Ward! Please look for this in the Spring/Summer issue.

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

Community Service at Friends: A Retrospective

Service is at the heart of the Friends Academy Quaker mission and fully present in all divisions and every decade of graduating classes. Take a look back at some past and more recent service activities.



COURTESY OF FRIENDS ACADEMY ARCHIVES

1 – 1970s US Toy Drive; 2 – 1990s US work with senior center; 3 – MS Breast Cancer; 4 – 2002 LS Rock and Bowl; 5 – LS Walk-a-thon for PAWS; 6 – Food Drive; 7 – MS Car Wash; 8 – 2009 LS Community Service Day; 9 – 2011 Junior/Senior Citizen Prom (read more about this year's Prom on page X.)

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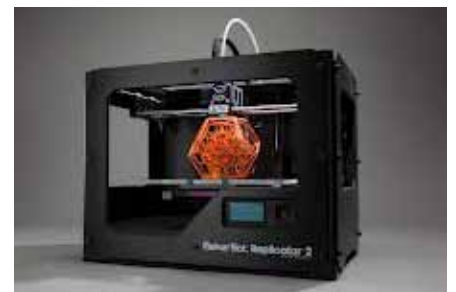
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In the fall, a new 3D Engineering and Design class
will let students create and print out their models
with a recently purchased 3D Printer.

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A thumbnail of Upper School biology teacher Joe Helpern's video series on Ecology. Scan the QR code to listen and watch or go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cP2Fzovnwvk>.

What is flipped learning and does it work?

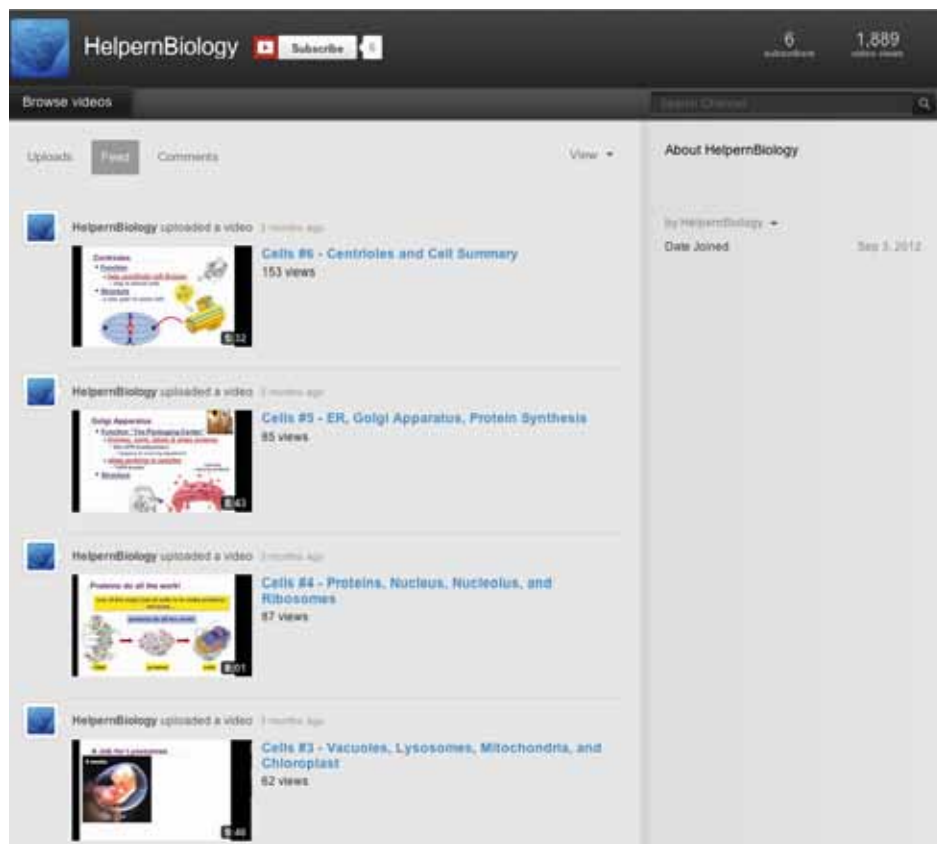
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Scan the QR code to watch/listen to Mr. Helpern's unit on Evolution.



A screenshot of ninth grade biology teacher Joe Helpern's Bio homepage. Helpern has recorded a total of XX videos for his unit on Ecology, which students watch at their own pace and multiple times after school, freeing classroom time up for a quick review and hands-on projects.

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Xxxxxxxx and Xxxxx select the tools they need during Suffolk Habitat for Humanity's Student Build.

FA chapter chosen to raise first walls of Shirley home

Three years ago, Friends Academy renewed a long-lapsed relationship with Habitat for Humanity. This year, Friends was honored and selected as the school to "raise the walls" of a new affordable Shirley home due to Friends Academy's outstanding support of the program during the past three years.

The group's first assignment was to learn how to build the stud walls. "The students worked in pairs to drive the six nails that attached each 8-foot stud to the headers," explained advisor Mary Ann Vascotto. "Once this was done, we had the exciting (and scary) job of all working together to lift the 30-foot wall up to its position." After repeating the same process for the other walls of the structure, the students and homeowners worked to position 4-foot by 8-foot sheets of plywood in place. "We managed to get all the plywood up and by the end of the day it looked like a house!" exclaimed Vascotto.

LOWER SCHOOL GOES GLOBAL

Around the world... in one morning

Chopstick challenges, penguin counting games, African dancing and cave painting put connected learning front and center



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

From left, first grader Daniel Duke introduces his father to North America; fifth grader Lilly Brown takes passengers to Asia; fourth graders Lilah Donnelly, Ian Kim and Xxxxx Xxxx study the cultures of Africa.

Although Lower School Goes Global culminated on March 20th in a morning of sharing, presenting, singing and dancing, the global curriculum stretched over multiple months and disciplines.

Each grade studied a different continent, pulling in special speakers, parents, international Skype sessions, as well as trips to cultural centers and museums.

Students also benefited from connected learning as workshops in writing, art, science and world languages reinforced core cultural studies.

In second grade, connected learning about South American weaving took students from the classroom, to hands-on weaving in art to a field trip to the Weaving Hand in Brooklyn to lunch at an authentic Argentinian restaurant.

"The students had been well primed for the experience by their Spanish teacher, Mrs. Cassara," said second grade teacher Jaimee Connors. "She taught them important phrases in Spanish, talked about restaurant manners, and prepared them for the unique ingredients of various menu items."

Back in the classroom, students whipped out their "reporter notebooks" to write first drafts of their opinion-based restaurant reviews.

Expert fifth graders schooled their parents in the art of Chinese calligraphy and Nim... "It's a lot like chess

and tic-tac-toe," explained William Durban. First graders tried their hand at cave painting as part of their North American unit and third graders created not only their own god and goddess, but also original mythology.



Third grader Leah Cherenfant tours models her early Greek/Roman toga and tours visitors through a European country.



Members of the new Middle School Pep band play for fans and players at one of the Varsity Boys Basketball games.

Middle School Pep Band debuts at Varsity games

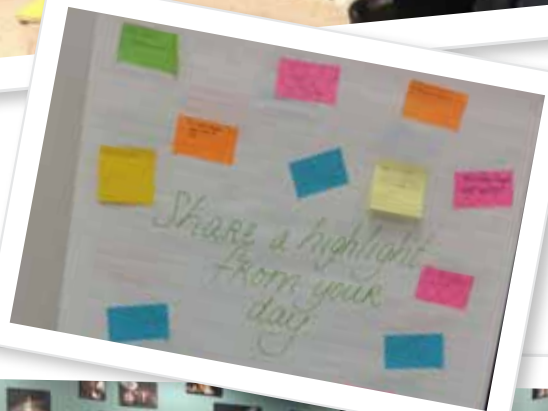
It was a typical night at a recent Varsity Boys Basketball game – from the cheer of the crowd, the squeak and shuffle of basketball shoes against the gym floor, to the piercing toot of the ref's whistle and claps and chants from FA cheerleaders. But on Friday, Feb. 1st, a new sound debuted from the sideline ... the Friends Academy Middle School Pep Band.

"This is the first year that Friends has had a Pep Band," explained FA music teacher and Jazz Band coach Jesse Tennyson, who hatched the idea with Varsity Basketball coach Steve Hefe. "I knew that the students would have fun and it would give us an opportunity to learn popular music that everyone is familiar with."

Tennyson drew upon his experience as a former college Pep Band Director as he transformed members of the swinging Middle School Jazz Band. A large group, the band included 23 musicians playing a mix of instruments from clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, bass guitar, drums, piano and a range of percussion instruments.

The band came prepared with a medley of short "Jock Jam" type songs, including Queen's "We Will Rock You," The Black Eyed Peas "Tonight's Gonna be a Good Night," and others.

A BRIDGE TO NEW UNDERSTANDING



SHANELLE ROBINSON/FRIENDS ACADEMY

On Monday, January 21st, 16 students in grades 6-12 and seven faculty gathered for the first BRIDGE Program for Students of Color. Guest speakers Carolyn Strong from BulliesStink.com and Frederick Gooding Jr. from *The Minority Reporter* joined the group for a full-day session from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. According to Director of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs Shanelle Robinson, the program "was designed to focus on self-reflection, mentorship, leadership development and community building." Students and faculty shared their personal stories of race and heritage, created vision statements and viewed clips from films such as "The Great Debaters," "Dark Girls" and "The Other Wes Moore." Participants came away with "more awareness," "a new way to communicate with others," the confidence "to make a plan," and how to be "in control of my life and future."



Second graders Angelina Cherenfant, Jackson Brielmann, Emma Daniels and Natalia Tauter hold up their magic wands.

Spreading kindness... one magic wand at a time

“If you find a wand... pick it up!” instructed the bright, blue tag on the silvery, sparkly wands.

Hidden around campus by students in Early Childhood through second grade over three days, the “Magic Wand Project for Kids” asked newfound owners to perform three acts of random kindness for others, anonymously post their “kindness adventures” to the FA Magic Wand website and then hide the wand again.

Wands appeared in lockers, desks, bathrooms and even an empty tissue box. And owners posted a plethora of acts, including washing dishes, hugs, special notes, leaving flowers, making cards and sharpening pencils for an entire class.

“It felt GREAT to be intentional about kindness,” wrote one finder. “I loved how good I felt inside after I left the flowers to surprise my friends. I walked away smiling,” the writer continued.

“I thought finding the wand was really cool. It made me think about the world around me because I realize how important it is to be kind,” commented another.

“Acts of kindness really do make you feel more complete!” summed up another.

REACHING OUT: FROM 3-YEAR-OLDS TO SENIOR CITIZENS

Pairing community with service

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dance waltzes with senior citizens and xxxxxxxx*

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Newbery Award winning author Jack Gantos talks to third to eighth graders about journaling, writing and telling a great story.

Newbery Medal winner elicits “ooohs” and “ewwws!”

It might have been the story about challenging his father to a red hot chili pepper-eating contest, or perhaps the one about chasing the headless chicken, but for Friends Academy students, it was the wart story that drew the most “ewwws!”

Visiting Friends for the day, author and Newbery award winner Jack Gantos held third through eighth graders captive with stories from his youth — on which many of his 45 books are based — as he subtly interwove lessons on how to become a great writer. “Writing sometimes seems to be difficult, but it’s really not,” Gantos confided to the three groups of students. “As the writer, your tool is the journal.”

Pausing between stories, Gantos erected the building blocks of writing for students — write 10 minutes a day in your journal, always have at least two endings to your story (one physical and one emotional), write a handful of drafts (Gantos writes about 100), bring your characters alive with good dialogue and substitute the words that don’t count — “like,” “very,” “really” — with great adjectives.

“A lot of people don’t write because they don’t know how to,” said Gantos. “Organization is fuel for creativity. You have to be an unrelenting force when you take on a novel.”

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

TRAPEZE/TRAMPOLINE WORKSHOP



BRONX ZOO



THE INTREPID



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Get ready to be enriched! On Friday, April 5th, the entire Middle School embarked across the region for a day of workshops and trips. Activities included: the Bronx Zoo, singing/songwriting workshop with a recording session in a local studio; Spanish cooking class; the U.S.S. Intrepid; the American Museum of Natural History; designing mobile apps and learning to program with SCRATCH; a trapeze/trampoline workshop; the Riverhead Aquarium and a visit to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

THE WINTER UPPER SCHOOL SHOW



The cast of 40 "pushed themselves to new heights" as scenes unfolded from the rafters 30 feet up to floorboards below the stage.

Below, above and through...

NEVERWHERE

BY ANDREA MILLER
Director of Communications

"Nothing is ever easy, especially when journeys are involved." So invokes The Abbot of the Blackfriars (Sydney Menzin) as the first school-staged production of *Neverwhere* nears its contorted crescendo.

A journey of decision, betrayal and ultimately redemption, onlookers are plunged into the dark and nefarious world of "London Below" from the opening scene.

Sunken into a labyrinth of sewers and archaic order, the lone figure of the Lady Door emerges – desperate to



From left, assassin Mr. Vandemar (Parker Huseby); the Lady Door (Olivia Youngwall) with her father, the Marquis de Carabas (Tyler Newitt) and Hunter (Tolu Ojo).

outrun two mysterious assassins, Mr. Croup (Conor Lundy) and Mr. Vandemar (Parker Huseby). With a supernatural force, the injured Lady Door escapes to London Above and collides into the life of ordinary businessman Richard Mayhew (Nick McNiel).

From the moment Richard decides to help Door, his world begins to disintegrate and dissolve (quite literally), as he slowly becomes invisible – to his fiancée, family and coworkers. Searching for Door and for answers, Richard is sucked into the nightmarish London Below, as well as Door's quest to unravel who murdered her family and who is after her.

First published in 1996 by Neil Gaiman, *Neverwhere*, an urban fantasy novel, was quickly turned into a six-episode BBC series. Three years ago, the story resurfaced as a script and debuted at FA as its first school production. For director Andrew Geha, who also composed original music for the behind-stage string quartet and on-stage choir, producing *Neverwhere* meant the chance to take a chance. "Our department is always looking for new challenges and exciting opportunities," said Geha.

FA alumni were also integral to the show's success. Griffin Collier '09 along with Technical Director Michael Grant, engineered and built the huge 7-foot diameter sewer pipes, Will Roland '07 coordinated the eery lighting design and Corey Pierno '02, a certified fight master (currently working on the major motion picture *Winter's Tale* with Russell Crowe and Colin Ferrell), choreographed all the stage combat scenes.

AN ORDINARY LIFE.

Richard Mahew (Nick McNiel), his fuzzy pens and office mate Dennis Lin.



Middle: The Abbott of the Blackfriars (Sydney Menzin) and cohorts Fuliginous (Devon McCann) and Sable (Julia Newitt) test the main characters one last time.

Bottom: The Angel Islington (Victoria Wang) reveals her true nature to Lady Door (Olivia Youngwall).

WINTER PERFORMANCES & ART EXHIBITS

THE JAZZ CONCERT



VERY SMALL OBJECTS/SELECTIVE UNVEILING



ORIGINALWORKS14



This winter was warmed by the hot sounds of the Middle School/Upper School Jazz Concert; unique dance and musical numbers, along with a series of short plays from the Upper School's OriginalWorks14; and a pairing of outside artists, South Africa's Elrie Joubert and the United State's Brian Collier in their art-meets-science exhibit "Very Small Objects/Selective Unveiling." The interactive exhibit also invited visitor participation and donation of their own objects.

A sampling
of the
Peace Quilt
squares.



"You can't shake hands with a clenched fist."

– Indira Gandhi



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Students from second through twelfth grades gather around the hundreds of peace quilt squares designed that morning during Community Group time.

Peace in 2013

*Disarmament, forgiveness and understanding
at heart of week-long exploration*

BY ANDREA MILLER
Director of Communications

"Someone cuts in front of you in the lunch line and grabs the last cookie off your tray. Do you grab it back? Do you say nothing? Or... do you resolve the conflict actively but peacefully?"

What if the stakes are higher and we're talking about an aggressor who is taking human lives? How does innovation and technology lead us to violence? How can it lead us to peace? How do you pray for your enemies?"

In front of assemblies, during Morning Meetings and over lunch in discussion groups, Friends



Five of the six quilts will be sent to Sandy-affected schools and groups.

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is:
'What are you doing for others?'" – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Academy students, teachers and staff actively worked through these questions and others during the January 22nd-25th 2013 Peace Week. Themes of unity, disarmament, forgiveness and understanding underscored each of the four days.

In the Upper School, four different departments (from English and History to World Languages and Science) led thought-provoking Activism "Lunch and Learns" during each of the lunch blocks.

In the Middle School, sixth graders visited the Glen Cove Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center in Glen Cove and all three grades partnered with a school in South Africa as part of the Challenge 20/20 global peace project. Through a series of ongoing projects, students in both countries will find local solutions to one of 20 global problems.

Following Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday on Monday and a weekend filled with family community service activities, Peace Week began with a visit and presentation from Ms. Kim Phuc about the process of forgiveness. Now grown and a resident of Canada, on June 8, 1972, 9-year-old Phuc became a lasting icon of the Vietnam War after an AP photographer snapped a photo of her napalm-burned and naked body.

For many people, Phuc's story started

and stopped with that image. Unfortunately, Phuc would later become a propagandist puppet of the North Vietnamese government, denied entrance to medical school and even initially prohibited from accompanying her new husband on their honeymoon. "My life became like a bird in a cage. I felt so bitter and angry," she recounted.

Phuc eventually defected to Canada during a one-hour layover on her return honeymoon trip from Moscow and began the process of forgiving as well as building a family. "I didn't just wake up one day and forgive," explained Phuc. "I had to do something first. I had to stop asking, 'Why me?'"

During the week, daily peace intentions started off each day, posed by members of each division's TASQUE (Teachers And Students for Quaker Education) group.

On Wednesday and Friday, the entire school from 2nd

grade through 12th grade gathered to design individual peace squares for a series of six quilts, five of which will be sent to schools and community groups that were and have been affected by superstorm Sandy.

Mixed-age groups first came together as mini-communities and then inspired by themes of hope, peace and community, individual students, faculty and staff sketched and colored in their squares of fabric.



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Above, senior Nick Moretto ushers in the Community Groups activity. Below, teams of students design their peace squares.



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Pouring coffee from one glass to another, peace advocate Kim Phuc explains how she gradually and slowly cleared out the hate she felt and forgave her enemies.

**"The more I prayed
for my enemies, the
softer my heart became"**

Before that fateful day in 1972, Kim Phuc's most serious injury was scraping her knee after falling from her bike. In an instant that all changed.

"That day changed my life forever," said Phuc in presentations to the Upper School student/faculty body, as well as to parents during a special Meeting House Meeting for Worship.

"In Kim's case, what crystallized was the path toward forgiveness," said Quaker-in-Residence John Scardina during his introduction of Phuc. "As Ghandi reminds us, 'the weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.'"

Phuc remembers she would constantly ask herself, "How can I love and forgive my enemies? I don't know how to. And then I would become a victim all over again."

"I had to learn to count all my blessings, instead of complaining," said Phuc. "It was the hardest work of my life, but I did it."

{WINTER 2012-13}



MICHAEL DAMM AND ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Heart, character and grit turned around seasons in one year, captured first-time championships, broke school records, and taught powerful lessons. A look back at the 2012-13 Friends Academy Winter sports.

FA 2012-13 WINTER SPORTS

First LI Championship for program



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

The Girls Varsity Basketball team huddle before heading on to the court.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL: OFFENSE, DEFENSE ARE RELENTLESS

After four quarters of nail-biting action and back-and-forth baskets, the Friends Academy Varsity Girls Basketball team ultimately prevailed against Stony Brook in the March 6th Class C Long Island Championship, 29-25 at Hofstra University.

Bringing home the Long Island title represented the furthest the girls basketball program has come. "This is the first Long Island Championship in the history of the program," said head coach Ryan Schneider.



Coach Ryan Schneider, voted Coach of the Year

The Lady Quakers finished their regular season on Feb 11th, as five seniors celebrated their last home game; a game in which the team rallied and beat #1 Cold Spring Harbor, snapping CSH's quest for a second consecutive undefeated season.

After starting the season off 1-2 in conference, 2013 proved to be their year as they finished 8-3 in the new year and 4th place overall.

While the girls finished their season in dramatic fashion by beating #2 ranked Carle Place the previous week, they lost a close one to Cold Spring Harbor in the Small Schools Championship game. Advancing to Regionals at Adelphi University, the Quakers ultimately fell to Alexander Hamilton HS. "The girls made tremendous improvements throughout the season," remarked Schneider. "Their fast-paced offense, combined with scrappy and relentless defense have made all the difference," he added.

2013 ROSTER: Jessica Babicz, Morgan Bauer, Jeanne Budd, Krystina Iordanou, Kristina Kim, Rose Mangiarotti, Taylor McGowan, Madeline O'Brien,

Lindsay O'Sullivan, Elisabeth Shibley, Marissa Tidona and Alexis Toles.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY – LINDSAY O'SULLIVAN

ALL-CLASS – ROSE MANGIAROTTI, KRISTINA KIM

ALL-CONFERENCE – MARISSA TIDONA



MIKE DAMM/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Senior Kellan Sehring jumps for a basket.

Team finishes 11-3; 3rd in in Conference

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL: STRONG 12-5 REGULAR SEASON

The Boys Varsity Basketball team finished the regular season with an overall record of 12-5 and went 11-3 in conference BC for a 3rd place finish.

"All in all, it has been a very good year with a young squad (6 sophomores) showing progress and improved team chemistry from the start to the finish," said coach Steve Hefe. "Hard work and positive attitudes have made this team a pleasure to coach," he added.

According to Hefe, Senior tri-captains David Sher, Dwayne Taylor, and Kellan Sehring set a great example of making personal sacrifices, encouraging their teammates, and being selfless for the benefit of the team.

Four members of the team received recognition from the Nassau County Basketball Coaches Association.

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2013 ROSTER: Andrew Bauer, Jordan Christian, Julian Christian, John Forlines, Thomas Frey, Cyrus Holder, Alek Kucich, Joseph Moodhe, Jonathan Nierenberg, Tyrone Perkins, William Sands, Kellan Sehring, Tyler Sehring, David Sher and Dwayne Taylor. Managers: Jamisen Beechler-Ernst, Gabrielle Cron, Claudia Ratner and Katy Saltz.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY – TYRONE PERKINS

ALL-CONFERENCE – KELLAN SEHRING, JACK FORLINES AND JONATHAN NIERENBERG

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL: INJURIES DON'T STOP TEAM

The Girls JV Basketball team finished their season with a 4-10 record.

"The overall record doesn't reflect the hard work the players put into the season," said Coach Jackie Smith. "The players came to practice every day ready to work," she added.

Plagued with some injuries along the way the team never gave up and players were ready to step up at any time. They were committed to growing together as a team, and took the time to improve their skills which will prepare them for the next level.

2013 ROSTER: Morgan Bauer, Halle Blum, Javana Clark, Danielle Kahn, Eva Mullarkey, Danielle Ramsay, Katerina Sanoulis, Elisabeth Shibley and Christina Yannello.



MICHAEL DAMM/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Sophomore Javana Clark looks to pass..



MICHAEL DAMM/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Junior Candace Taylor passes the baton to sophomore Katherine Hom.

Small team gets big results

VARSITY WINTER TRACK: STATE QUALIFIER

The Friends Academy varsity winter track and field team of 2012/2013 was one of great success.

"Even though our team was very small, the boys and girls on this team worked very hard and with their hard work came great results," said Coach Lauren Carballo.

With a small team of athletes the Quakers were able to achieve three All-Conference honors and three All-County honors. Nine individuals and four relay teams qualified for the state qualifier meet, and from these highly competitive meets, the Varsity team earned one state qualifier and three new school records over the course of the short season.

At the Conference Championships, the Girls placed 4th overall, including eight conference medalists; competing against and beating out much larger conference rivals. The boys team finished 5th overall

with five conference medalists.

The runners continued strong at the Nassau County B Championships on February 7th as three athletes broke school records and 11 medaled in their events.

"I am very proud to work with a group of athletes so hard working and talented," said Coach Carballo.

2013 ROSTER: Catherine Bechand, Michael Bernardini, Alfred Constants, Patrick Crowley, Ian D'Silva, Pierce DellaFera, Mabel Evans, Gabrielle FitzGerald, Charlotte Gelfand, Simran Ghool, Lydia Graham, Stephen Graham, Harmony Grodsky, James Hawkins, Ian Hom, Katherine Hom, Sloane Hughes, Jahan Khan, Zachary Kriesberg, Domenica Lostritto, Glenn Lostritto, Sahil Massand, Kara McNelis, Carolina Mocerrea, Rhea Nagpal, Joseph Paniccia, Shekinah Pettway, Evan Sayre, Catherine Sullivan, Maureen Sullivan, Candace Taylor and Aidan Vascotto. Manager: Katrina Garry.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY – CANDACE TAYLOR, AIDAN VASCOTTO, MOLLY SULLIVAN AND GLENN LOSTRITTO

FA 2012-13 WINTER SPORTS

Exciting one-year turnaround

**JV ICE HOCKEY:
MONUMENTAL 10-2 FINISH**

What a difference a year makes. After coming off last season's 2-6 record, the hockey team rebounded this season with a 10-2 record.

This season has seen the hockey program take big steps forward establishing a reputation as a hard-nosed and competitive hockey team. Largely playing the same schools as last year, as well as adding more prominent hockey schools to the schedule, the team responded to the challenge by out-working and out-competing their opponents, and maintaining a high level of class.

"Not only did we win games this year, but we expected to win," said Coach Sven Pamuk. "This attitude came from a team-first disposition, the willingness to practice hard and by learning from each other and the coaches," added Coach Pamuk.

An attitude of selflessness permeated the team remarked Coach Pamuk. "As a relatively new program, it was essential

that we had those kinds of personalities willing to take on that responsibility. From Perry Gordon stepping in as an emergency goalie to nearly backstop us to victory, to committing to sound positional hockey, to sticking up for teammates in a time of need, the team responded to the expectations of the coaches and the culture we are collectively trying to create at FA," said Pamuk. The team's captain, senior Joe Macy will be graduating this spring and because of the "premium value placed on leadership," every captain of the FA hockey team will wear the #14 "in tribute to all that Joe has meant to our efforts," said Pamuk. "We look forward to continued success and maturation of the program next year!"

2013 ROSTER: Jason Baskind, Hao Zheng Chen, Struan Coleman, Grant Elgarten, Eric Friedlander, Perry Gordon, Andrew Greene, Adam Hartog, Theodore Ingrassia, Timothy Ingrassia, Connor Lavin, Joseph Macy, James Morgan, Harry Nicolas, Jack Piuggi, Kole Rossi, William Schneider, Jack Statfeld, Cameron Wang and Christopher White. Manager: Taylor Quinland.



Senior Joe Macy gets ready for the drop of the puck.

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Sophomore Brandon Rosenbaum dribbles down court.

**JV BOYS BASKETBALL:
LEAGUE RECORD OF 11-3**

The Boys JV Basketball season this year can be summed up with two phrases: "character" and "hard work." This season the boys finished with a 14-4 record equaling last season and a league record of 11-3.

"Much of their success this year had to do with the growth of our players from last year and how they matured on the court. Then we added our new incoming athletes who added their own character to the team. With the combination of the two, it all blended into one great team," said Coach Matt Simeone.

Working hard on the boards and the defensive side of the ball won the Quakers a lot of games this season, including a late-season game against Wheatley HS. Down by 12, with a little more than a minute to go, the Quakers hit 4 three-pointers to force overtime... then made another two 3-point baskets in overtime to win the game.

"Every night it was always a different player making a big play and contributing to the team and the victory. I am very proud of all the hard work the boys put into this season," said Coach Simeone.

2013 ROSTER: Narain Badhey, Johndee Baptiste, Liam Bardong, Jalijah Daniels, Jack Deutsch, Matthew Feinstein, Joshua Goldblatt, Corey Goldglit, Gregory Petrossian, Brandon Rosenbaum, Gavin Tam and Cole Vissicchio. Managers: Riley Denihan and Sarah O'Kane.

FORMER FACULTY NOTES



Baby Grace Gatoux was born February 26.

Welcome to the world! Congratulations to Former Athletic Director **David Gatoux** and his wife **Kristin** on the birth of Grace Anne, born February 26th and weighing in at 9 lbs.

Former faculty member **Alex Edwards-Bourdrez** has been active in various theater projects in and around Northport, NY. Recently he directed *Scapino!*, a modern adaptation of a Molière farce, for Bare Bones Theater. He is also the company's publicity director.

Former Upper School Spanish teacher **Trisha Baca** writes, "I'm in my 4th year at School of the Holy Child and was named Chair of the Language Department this school year. I also recently returned from a trip to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. Together with a colleague and 12 Upper School students, we spent 1 week volunteering at the CRYP (Cheyenne River Youth Project). We cooked and cleaned the children's and teen's centers, and organized crafts and activities for the after-school programs. We spent evenings playing basketball with the local teenagers and learned a lot about life on the reservation. It was a memorable experience that I hope to repeat in the future.

I wish all the best to everyone at Friends. With fond memories of FA."



Former Upper School Spanish teacher Trisha Baca at the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Art teacher Allison Doherty at work in her Murano studio this past spring break.

Lower, Middle and Upper School art teacher **ALLISON DOHERTY*** was recently accepted to a printmaking workshop on the island of Murano, off the coast of Italy this spring. "Venice Printmaking Studio, an international studio devoted to large-format printmaking and artist's books, had been on my radar for a potential residency," said Doherty. "This past fall, I finally wrote a proposal and sent in my application. The response was positive, the time frame established, and over spring break I spent a rainy week in a cold studio making large prints on the small island of Murano (one of the islands in the Venetian lagoon, known primarily for glassmaking). The unheated studio was spacious and equipped with the large, industrial-looking Swedish press on which I would work. It required two people to run and I was the only artist in residence. But Gianfranco Gorini, the 80-year-old director, was around to offer assistance and cooked lunch for the two of us each day. He enjoyed expressing his views on art and world politics and was a strong presence during a very intense week."

By the end of the first day, Doherty had decided to concentrate on printing a series of windows; "portals" through which she revisited her Venetian experience. To be

* Friends Academy helped support their academic studies.

completed in mixed media, these composite "glimpses" will occupy many months as she works toward communicating a "spirit of place" in each one. "I am grateful for the support offered by Friends Academy for this undertaking," finished Doherty.

Quaker-in-Residence **JOHN SCARDINA** presented at the recent NYSAIS Diversity Conference, whose keynote speaker,



UPenn's Howard Stevenson, talked about how we need to get beyond blame and begin to address our difference

with respect and loving curiosity. Scardina's session – Quakers and Racism – took a look at the ambivalent record of Friends on issues of slavery, equality, and welcoming African Americans into Friends schools.

Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs **SHANELLE ROBINSON** spoke at several conferences this past winter



and spring, including a workshop for parents and educators through Nassau BOCES called, "Talking to Kids About Race: Building Cultural Competency from K through 12; a panel at the Friends Council on Education Diversity Network conference about our FA Microaggressions Project as a Best Practice in Diversity Education; and she facilitated a workshop for the NYSAIS Annual Diversity Conference called "Is Black History Month Obsolete?" with NYC filmmaker Shukree Tilghman and his film "More Than A Month."

Middle School English teacher

KATHLEEN SCHALK* earned her Master's of



Science in Secondary Education and Literacy from Queens College (CUNY).

Additionally, she has applied for NYS Certification in Secondary Literacy, 6-12.

Early Childhood Director **KRISTIN MINUTO** recently published a new book,



Pickle Juice Curly Top, published by Xlibris and on sale now

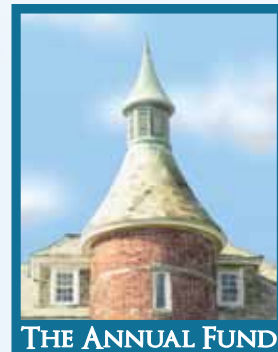
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‘A CLEAR SENSE OF PURPOSE’

*Friends values and stock in
community service lead three
FA alums to become **federal prosecutors**
in three very different parts
of the nation.*



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LUKE CASS '96, MICHAEL HARWIN '94 AND ZACHARY CUNHA '94: A CLEAR SENSE OF PURPOSE

BY JENNIFER RYAN WOODS '99

At Friends Academy, the mission has always been to teach students values such as integrity, service, justice and peace, with the hope that these lessons will continue to resonate throughout their lives.

For three alumni in particular, Luke Cass ('96), Michael Harwin ('94) and Zachary Cunha ('94), there's no denying that it has.

As federal prosecutors, public service is a way of life for these alumni who spend every day fighting for justice and working to protect their communities.

For each of these men, the experiences they had during their time at Friends – from involvement in community service to the various activities they participated in – has played a role in guiding them to where they are today.

Luke Cass was interested in the law at an early age.

Though it was the activities he participated in as a student at Friends that really reinforced his interest.

During his time at Friends, Cass was a member of the TASQUE (Teachers and Students for a Quaker Education) Committee and Junior State, as well as, a participant on the Mock Trial team, led by former teacher Alex Edwards-Bourdrez.

All of these activities, he says influenced him toward a career in law.

And though he may not have known then where his career would lead him, Cass says his time at Friends instilled in him a deep appreciation of public service, which has continued to stay with him.

After graduating Friends in 1996, Cass went on to Lehigh University before attending law school at New York Law. His first job out of law school was with a large private law firm. During this time Cass says he was mostly representing companies in commercial litigation. While the experience was valuable, he says, the fit just wasn't right.

"It was a good experience, but I thought there was more to law than that," says Cass, adding, "I didn't want to be spending my time or using my talents to do that."

The next position he took was as a clerk for a Federal Judge in the Eastern District of New York, which includes Brooklyn, Long Island and Staten Island.

It was this job that proved to be pivotal

in Cass's decision to become a federal prosecutor.

"When I clerked for the judge, I saw Assistant U.S. Attorneys appear before me regularly and I became very interested in them."

"It was a good fit between my interest in criminal law and public service," he says.

"I always had an interest in public service from Friends and this [job] seemed like a natural fit. It reflected a lot of the principles we learned like integrity, patience, justice, moderation and obviously, peaceful resolution

of conflict. That's what the Department of Justice is all about."

Five years ago Cass accepted a position as a federal prosecutor in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Since then he has worked on a myriad of cases, first in the Criminal Appellate Division and now in the Violent Crimes Unit of the Criminal Division. Some of the cases Cass has worked on involve violent crimes, robberies, firearms offenses, child pornography, death penalty and security cases.

"You do a little bit of everything when

you're in appeals," he says.

Another interesting component of working as a federal prosecutor in San Juan, says Cass, who lives there with his wife Melissa, is that the rate of crime is

much higher than in the states because of the social and economic disparity.

"Last year there were more than 1,000 homicides on an island of less than four million people, compared with New York City, which had 86 murders last year."

One of the most satisfying aspects of his position though, is being able to participate first hand in reducing crime.

For instance, through an initiative called Save Our Streets (SOS), the U.S. Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the FBI-San Juan Field Office and the police of Puerto Rico, have been making great efforts to significantly reduce violent crimes on the island.

The primary objectives of the SOS initiative is to arrest and convict people guilty of committing carjackings and fire arms offenses, however the residual impact is to aggressively combat violent crimes across the board.

For Cass, this job is a perfect fit. Though

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Luke Cass from the 1996 Lamp yearbook.



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— LUKE CASS '96

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he acknowledges it is tremendously hard work, he says everyone in the office enjoys what they do.

"We work the same hours as a private firm but it's much more fulfilling and you have a clear sense of purpose...You can see the standard of living here getting better as a result of what we are doing in our office."

"Your job every day is to do the right thing....That sort of job is very unique."



While Michael Harwin may not have decided on a career in law as early as high school, he has no doubt that his experiences as a student at Friends were influential in shaping his future.

"It's hard to overstate how profoundly it affected me. It was truly transformative for me personally," he says of his time at Friends, which he began in 10th grade. "It was an opportunity to get an extraordinary education and a well-rounded experience."

"We spent a substantial amount of time doing community service," Harwin says, noting that being able to experience weekly Quaker Meetings was also very meaningful.

"It gives you an opportunity to reflect, which as a teenager you need to do from time to time. For me at the time, it was one of the most important experiences I had during my time [at Friends]."

For Harwin, it was his involvement in Friends Academy's theater program that first sparked his interest in becoming a lawyer.

"One of the reasons I went into the law was the opportunity to get into the courtroom and make use of some of those [theater] skills," he says.

Harwin says his theater teacher at the time, Mr. Carvell, as well as his fellow theater students – some of who have now gone on to professional acting careers – played a particularly poignant role in his

life.

"Mr. Carvell was a big piece of my life at Friends... He pushed me a lot," Harwin says, adding that he, along with the friends that he acted with, "were central to my growing and becoming who I was going to be."

After graduating Friends, Harwin went on to Northwestern University. "It was there that I started focusing more on law."

During one summer, Harwin accepted an internship with the Illinois State Attorney's Office in Skokie, IL. It was during that experience that Harwin says he knew pursuing a career in law was what he really wanted to do.

"I was second chairing trials and my first week was an attempted murder trial. It was nerve wracking but exhilarating. That was really the catalyst. I knew I wanted to prosecute."

Being a prosecutor appealed to Harwin on many levels.

"When you're a prosecutor, you're supposed to deal with people in the most ethical and moral way, and you have the most substantial

amount of power. It just fit in the wheelhouse of what I wanted to do."

At that point, he says, it wasn't so much a question of whether he wanted to work in the public or private arena. Harwin's objective was "to help make things safer for people...to make a real concrete difference in a substantial amount of peoples' lives by making where I was a safer place."

After college, Harwin attended Emory Law School, where he had an opportunity to hone in on his focus.

"I took every class on federal courts and litigation and criminal practice."

He also took an internship at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta in the Violent Crimes Division, which provided him with first-hand experiences that proved to be invaluable.

"I got to stand up as a law student and argue opening statements at trials and really get in the mix of what I wanted to do," he says.

After graduating from law school, Harwin took a position as a clerk for a federal judge in Gainesville, FL – a job that gave him the chance to see the court process from a judge's perspective.

In the years that followed, Harwin continued to accrue important experience, clerking and working at several private firms, including Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, where he says he met some of the best litigators around.

After some time, though, Harwin decided he wanted a more hands-on experience and decided to take a job at Foley & Lardner in Washington,

D.C. where he was able to get more court experience and do mediations.

After several years, Harwin decided to pursue a position as a federal prosecutor, and accepted a job with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida, which spans from Gainesville to Pensacola.

"This place was more amenable to me because I had previously clerked in the district so I was familiar with the laws, the judges, the defense attorney and prosecutors. I knew the lay of the land."

Over the last two years, Harwin, who lives in Tallahassee with his wife Laura and three sons, 4, 2 and three months, has



Michael Harwin stands in front of recovered Nazi-looted art.

"When you're a prosecutor, you're supposed to deal with people in the most ethical and moral way."

– MICHAEL HARWIN '94



Michael Harwin from the 1994 Lamp yearbook.

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done a combination of civil and criminal work, though more recently he has been trending toward criminal cases.

On the civil side he has defended a variety of U.S. agencies such as the V.A., the IRS, Navy and Airforce. Meanwhile, on the criminal side, Harwin has handled cases including fraud, gun cases and drug cases.

While the work can be trying, Harwin says the benefits of his current position are unparalleled to any of his previous posts.

"I love coming to work. Even the worst day here is better than my best days when I was working at a private firm."

He adds, "I imagine myself doing this for as long as I can. Every day I'm still learning, getting better and figuring out the best way to be better at what I do."



Zachary Cunha always knew he wanted to be a lawyer – at least that's what he told people when he was a kid.

"I'm one of those people who told everyone I wanted to be a lawyer when I was eight years old without even knowing what it meant," says Cunha.

Though he may not have known exactly why he wanted to be a lawyer back then, his experiences in the years that followed helped him see that a career in law – particular as a federal prosecutor – was, in fact, a perfect fit.

Cunha says his time at Friends, where he began in 10th grade, prepared him well for his future.

"A Friends' education is a very good preparation spiritually, culturally and intellectually for doing this kind of work."

While at Friends, Cunha was very active on the Student Faculty Board and was a member of the Mock Trial team – in fact at one point he was on the same team as Cass.

"It was a great experience and there was

a lot that was memorable," he says.

The school's emphasis on service was also something that appealed to Cunha.

Coming from a service-oriented family – his father was in the Peace Corps – Cunha says the school's service focus service "was very prevalent in the culture and that stuck with me."

"Service was always something that was promoted at Friends... You may have been in an affluent community, but you had a responsibility to give back and participate in the broader community. It's a question of the obligation that comes with opportunity."

After graduating from Friends, Cunha attended

Brown University. During his college years, Cunha says, "The more that I thought about law, it seemed like it was an opportunity to do things that I really enjoyed in terms of language and advocacy."

He went on to attend George Washington University Law School and after graduating, took a job as Assistant Corporation Counsel with the New York City Law Department.

"They had a section that handled the city's federal court litigation," he says, adding that a lot of the cases involved alleged police misconduct.

One of Cunha's most interesting experiences during this time involved his work as co-counsel on the city's motion to change a decades-old consent decree that limited police investigations implicating political or First Amendment activity. They won.

After a few years, Cunha went to the work for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the

Eastern District of New York in Brooklyn, where he worked in the Civil Division doing affirmative and defensive cases.

There, Cunha dealt with a wide range of cases from labor and employment to affirmative civil penalty, health care fraud, policy, and immigration cases.

In one instance, he worked on a case against American Airlines in which, "we went after them for a problem with a fleet of aircraft involving fuel leaks and we got them to fix the leaks."

In 2008, he took a job with the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Massachusetts, which is where he remains today.

Currently Cunha, who lives with his wife Emily and two children, who are 3 years and nine months old, works primarily on civil and criminal cases involving health-care fraud, as well as civil cases involving essentially any situation where the government is suing to protect the rights and interests of the public.

A lot of the cases involve pharmaceutical companies engaging in fraudulent activities or marketing unapproved drugs. Some of the cases he has worked on have been against large pharmaceutical companies

such as Pfizer and Merck.

Having spent his entire career in public service, Cunha says, "There is something great about being able to do cases that are focused on the public's interest, rather than serving a client's need."

"The autonomy to decide how your cases will be built and broadened – that's something you don't necessarily have in the private sector... it may not be the most remunerative work, but it is the most rewarding."



Zachary Cunha
from the 1994 Lamp
yearbook.



"Service was always something that was promoted at Friends... It's a question of the obligation that comes with opportunity."

– ZACHARY CUNHA '94

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1944

It's a small world after all! On a warm Floridian winter's day, **John A. Hewlett '56** met a fellow parishioner at the Grace Episcopal Church in Port Orange – **Ruth Fox Wood!** As John reports in the '56 class notes, like the rest of the class of 1944, Ruth graduated from Friends on an historic day: the day the Allied powers crossed the English Channel and landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, June 6, 1944 – D-Day!

1945

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Joy Mayes Brown writes, "Our class of 1945 now dates back 68 years with a multitude of wonderful memories. We were an interesting and resourceful mix of day and boarding students, but we all shared the Friends "vision of fairness, integrity, truth, and peace". I recently decided that after a lifelong career of public relations and thirty years of active community service, elected and appointed

municipal roles, it was enough. So now, I remain at 84 just an active private citizen. This season I look forward to watching the newly adopted sport of girls' lacrosse in my area, which was one of my favorite sports at FA in the forties. I still have my stick as a memento! All is well with me and my children, grandchildren and great grandchild. My best regards, and here's to the good 'ole days!" Good news from **Lew Zimmermann** that his wife Elinor's leukemia is somewhat in remission. Aside from difficulty with macular degeneration and sometimes walking, she sounds like she's doing better than she has been. Lew has become a competent chef in the kitchen, and also does all the driving and shopping, which leaves no time for other activities. He is really a devoted and very caring husband. On March 13, **Sheila Morrissey Potter** celebrated her first year completed at Rockridge Retirement Community. I really love being here and no longer miss my own house or car. Northampton is in the 5-college area, so there are many activities in music and art to attend by van from here. There are mahjong games, bridge, history lectures and a current events discussion group I enjoy, as well as a few new very good friends. Several good friends from my Longmeadow church and Senior Center come up to visit and have lunch or play bridge on a regular basis, too. Best of all, my two daughters and their husbands as well as my granddaughter and her family are only 10 minutes away, so I see them often. Life is good! I am slowly recovering from my June, 2012 hip replacement surgery and am walking quite well with a walker and sometimes only with a cane.

1946

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Valentine's Wishes



While these teachers may have passed,
they still remain in **Suzanne Didier DeVito's '50 heart...**



1. Mrs. Gordon
2. Mrs. Wilt
3. Mr. Stubbs
4. Mrs. Brymesser
5. Mr. Hiatt

On February 14th, we asked alumni if they would like to send valentine wishes to former teachers. What follows is **Suzanne Didier DeVito's** response: "Yes, I'd like to thank a couple of my FA teachers, but they are long gone. So, in memoriam, here's to: Mrs. Gordon, our French teacher, who wrote the words and lyrics for our school production of "The Wizard of Oz" in French; to Mrs. Wilt, our English teacher to whom I am everlastingly grateful for drumming the rules of English into my head, and to our music

teacher, [Jean Brymesser] who was married to our math teacher, Mr. Stubbs, who was on crutches. The music teacher encouraged me to sing throughout my four years at FA. (I was Dorothy in our French-language production of "The Wizard of Oz.") There are others, including our Headmaster, Mr. Hiatt, but their names have faded into the ether.

1951

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How pleased I was to hear from **Bob Burian** in person on St. Patrick's Day. I remember going with him to see the St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC. F.A.O Schwartz's window had the best view. His mom's family was from County Mayo. Bob wrote: "Yes, I did watch the St. Patrick's Day parade on TV. Typical weather. Big fat wet snow falling on the marchers, pipers and all. I have been home from re-hab center for 6 weeks now and am making progress. No cane when walking in the house. I still ride the sliding seat up the stairs. (Why climb when you can ride?) Am just in the middle of Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Team of Rivals* after seeing the movie *Lincoln*. If they wrote history books like this in our school days, I would have been a history major instead of Political Science at Penn." **Ann Galbraith Hayward** writes, "Just got back from 10 days in Philadelphia with a long time friend and then off to Long Island. I realized that I had not been back in 10 years. (I believe it was our 50th FA Reunion.) The event was the 80th birthday of childhood friend, **John Johnston '50** and his wife Carol. All his family was there and I had not seen one daughter since she was 6! The birthday event was held at Piping Rock Club with lovely flower arrangements and excellent food. I experienced enough snow to last for a while as I also visited **Connie Miller** in Glen Head. We had a wonderful time together touring parts of Long Island. We shopped at my favorite Lord and Taylor and drove to my Duck Pond house as well as Friends. All in

author's corner

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THOMAS LAPHAM '58

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MONIQUE KNIGHT '94 is a co-author of *Lab Reports and Science Books* (Heinemann, 2013), a unit of study for second grade writers. (That's Monique's oldest son pictured on the right side of the cover!)



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all a wonderful trip with special friends." **Connie Miller** writes, "It was so much fun to have **Ann Galbraith Hayward** as a house guest for 4 days in March. We did a lot of chatting re old times and old friends. She was here to help celebrate Carol and **John Johnston's** 80th birthdays. I have fully retired as of 12/31/12. So far, so good. May consider volunteering at the hospital but right now I seem to be handling sleeping in and reading and going to lunch with old and new friends. Will probably play a lot of golf when the good weather comes." **Wendy Murphy**: "No complaints here, I am almost embarrassed to say. Still working as editorial director of a custom publishing company, writing principally about cutting edge medical and surgical therapies for doctors and hospitals. Also enjoy an assignment that plays on my deep-seated love of railroading – writing a periodic magazine for CSX. (Remember the old B&O and Chessie the cat who was the mascot for the Chesapeake and Ohio?) That's who. Our kids are all employed, thank goodness, and living, if not comfortably, then at least happy in their lives. Husband Jack feeling his age – 90 this September – but engrossed daily in writing another novel. Here in Kent, CT. we've escaped most of the big weather stories of the year and

so has our dear little island off the Maine Coast, but the devastation in shorefront communities is heartbreaking. A real wake up call for anyone who has denied climate change up to now. Only other news is that I have become increasingly involved in the Personal Genome Project headquartered in Boston at the Harvard Medical School. My genome is personal property for medical science, having become a "citizen scientist" more than a year ago and given various blood, spit, etc. samples to their genomic researchers. I will be in Boston for a two-day conference of scientists and participants like me in late April 2013. This is really an extraordinary revolution in our understanding of many factors of human history including ancient migratory paths out of Africa and how "racial" and physical differences evolved along those migratory routes. I am toying with the idea of writing another book for teenagers, this time on what genomics will mean in their lives." **Heather MacDonald Poetzsch** reports, "I really have little to report as we have stayed pretty close to home. We will be traveling this summer as my great niece from Hyde Park, N.Y. is getting married this July so there are parties, showers and then a Maine vacation with the family after that. I hope I will last. We are

both well but can't believe we all will be 80 next year!!! It's not fair but they say it's only a number so I gotta believe it. One of my nieces is raising chickens too and every time we see her, we come home loaded with eggs but they are so good and so much better than the supermarket ones." From **Terry Larson Scheetz**: "Our life sometimes feels gypsy-like – in Pittsburgh May-Oct and then down to SC in the cooler weather. We love being both places. However, having two children and families on the west coast, one in NJ and one in Ala. keeps us juggling and on the move. In the last couple of years – good trips to Cuba and Turkey. We are blessed with good health, luckily, though you do have to work at it. I am still active athletically – especially yoga. Taking up Italian in recent years has been fun. Friends propel me to bridge lessons, though I'm very reluctant. My main volunteer efforts are still in the field of family planning. This year I chaired the spring fund raiser for this part of SC. Just got to keep those brain cells moving along! Ted is busy with his gardening, a few clients and golf. **Fay Biggins** is loving being in Jasper, Ga. "My daughter was right. I needed to move closer to a town. The move was traumatic because I was leaving friends and a support system I had for 25 years. I have received the best physical therapy I have ever had and have been able to get involved with the hospital auxiliary and other activities without worrying about the price of gas. The highlight of this year was a trip I took with my daughter in February to Grenada. We met cousins from the States and Venezuela there and had a mini-reunion for a week. One of the Venezuelan cousins is a landscape architect who has done many gardens on the island so we were able to see the real Grenada. I am still doing my dog therapy at nursing homes and am looking for some kids programs that my dog and I can visit. Life on the farm is ever moving and eventful for the **Shiels** family. The calves are appearing in satisfying numbers to be sold late spring. We have many ducks on the lake and a pair of Bald Eagles are nesting somewhere close by. We have had a mild winter. We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving family pilgrimage to Marathon near Big Bend National Park in far southwest Texas. It is Robert's birthday and his favorite place to visit and hike. I am planning for the library's 13th Book and Author Luncheon on October 24th. We have been sold out 2 years in a row. Selling 200 plus tickets to an event in a town of 6,700 people is quite a feat. I have wonderful volunteers to make it go smoothly. I am still in a watercolor class and



The Class of 1954 needs a class representative to help share more memories!

enjoy 2 book groups. I trek to Fort Worth, an hour and a half trip, several times a month for the Woman's Club activities. I have been a member for 46 years. We kept our season symphony tickets too. Robert and David are repairing and building fences after we had extensive bull dozing and brush removal work done. David's wife and children help when home from college. As part of our estate planning, we created a Fox Farms Limited Partnership with the 3 children. (Robert's mother was a Fox and her family bought the land in 1851.) David and Carol's place is down the road so their chickens keep us supplied. I think of Stanley often and his family's chickens. The first time I met Mrs. Jackson, she had on a rain slicker and a bloody, headless chicken in each hand. We didn't shake hands. What lovely, sweet people they were! Don't forget to include me in any new events in your life as well as new addresses and emails. Keep in touch.

– **Margaret**

1953

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The Class of 1957 mourns the passing of **George Rowsom** (see In Memoriam, page 49). We are all looking forward to our 60th reunion in October, (during Fall Fair

and Homecoming Weekend, October 4-6, 2013), and I hope we might have a good crowd assembled. In the meantime I have a few notes to pass along. Ginny and **David Fox** are now living in Providence, Rhode Island, and David reports they are busier now than during their working years. He is retired from his profession, as manager of important technology and intel companies. He is now devoted to environmentalism and is an advocate for improved air quality, in particular the reduction of carbon pollution. In this regard he is the founder of the "Citizens' Climate Lobby," which takes a lot of his time. Ginny is also involved in such activities. David has an article in this issue of *The Meeting House* titled "A Key to Optimism" on page 6, concerning events from the past at Friends Academy, which is both reminiscent and philosophical. I am sure you all will enjoy reading this piece. **Clare Coss**'s play opened on Broadway and was a huge success. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. It had three performances and will appear again in the fall for a longer run, as a Showcase. Congratulations, Clare. **Dick Henderson** is now working three days per week, and continues to enjoy the challenge. **Steve Fischer** is now fully retired from his work as founder and chief executive of companies providing medical and rare documents imaging. Living in Rhinebeck, NY, Steve enjoys his four children, all of whom are successful in their own right, and his many grandchildren. He is currently celebrating his first grandson from his second marriage. By coincidence, Steve and I and **Fernando Coll** were in Spain together in 1957. Nichols was going to the University of Madrid, while Steve and Fernando were

working with a large construction company building the Torreon Airbase. Nichols got married and returned home at the end of the year. For those of you who have not been to Spain, it is a most marvelous country. I was there a year; married in Madrid; visited all the small cities around the capitol; bullfighting; etc. Still not enough time.

Timmie (Buck) and **Jim Wiant** are just back from a wonderful trip to Argentina and Chile, extending over several weeks. Flying to Buenos Aires, they worked their way down to Bariloche, which is a beautiful vacation area in Patagonia, Andes mountains, and from there crossed the highest Andes into Chile. Finishing the trip in Santiago, they faced the long flight home. Spectacular scenery, great food, and good company. Well done. Best regards to all and see you in October. — **Bruce**



Step right up to be your Class Representative!

1954

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Emilie Buck Turano has been an interior designer for about 35 years. She and her architect husband Ted have two sons, one of whom (Sam) lives with his wife Emily in Bangkok, Thailand, where he works for USAID. Emilie and Ted took five weeks early this year to visit them, and also to see

Cambodia, Burma and Tokyo. Their long flight home featured a beautiful display of the northern lights. Emilie used to have her own clothing manufacturing business, Cotton Matter Clothing, and one of her big sellers was camouflage aprons for restaurants. There are still a few left ... any takers?

Connie Eadie and **Mike Hellman** have a new granddaughter by daughter Elizabeth in New York City. Connie and Mike are downsizing to a townhouse in the same gated community on Hilton Head Island where they live now and expect to move in during the summer.

Keville Larson continues to enjoy semi-retired life as Chairman of the forestland management and consulting firm he founded. Work in the woods and professional activities keep him busy. In March, for example, he hosted the Yale Forestry School and toured them around South Alabama. The following tagline appears on company emails, as informative as it is unusual: "Print as desired. Paper made from trees is a biodegradable, renewable, sustainable product that provides jobs and income for millions of Americans. Today America has as much forest as 100 years ago, but grows five times the volume and continues to grow more than is used."

Allan Munro and his second family are into their fifth year in New London, NH. He writes, "We love it here as it is close to Dartmouth, where **Pete Klinge** and **Mike Hellman** attended and the three of us were Sigma Chi fraternity brothers. **Ward Burian '54** also graduated with us since an illness prevented him from graduating in 1958. Kathy and I have a sophomore daughter at Skidmore College who is very happy there. **Peggy Foster Everett** and I exchanged emails at the time Amy entered Skidmore. Amy is on the Equestrian Team that was national collegiate champion runner up in 2012. Our son, Jonathan, is a senior at Kimball Union Academy, where **Jim Lapham** (who passed away in 1991) and I went for our junior and senior years. He was a very good soccer player there on an undefeated team. As for me, I have been Chairman of Kimball Union's IMPACT Capital Campaign that ends at yearend. We are 95% toward meeting the \$38 million goal. I also am running the school's Planned Giving area until a hire is made and ran the Development Office for 4 months in 2010 prior to a full time hire. I also serve on the board of The Fells, a historic site once the summer estate of John Hay, Abraham Lincoln's personal secretary. A couple of times in the movie, *Lincoln*, Abe turns to a young man and addresses him as "John". John Hay went on to be Teddy Roosevelt's Secretary of State. Also, I have been in charge of development for

Dartmouth Partners in Community Service, a community service non-profit that supports Dartmouth student interns who serve in community service organizations around the country. We fund about 40 such interns each year." **Jean-Claude Aubourg** reports that he and Charlotte spent five weeks in January and February in Bali and another week in Thailand visiting friends. They have three daughters. The oldest, Maeva, has a 14 year old son. Their middle daughter, Clemence, is the export manager for children's apparel manufacturer Pretty Bateau and will be marrying in the fall. Their third daughter, Marion, is married and expecting a baby in August. Jean-Claude and Charlotte expect to be in Long Boat Key, Florida, again in July and August.

1956

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John A. Hewlett writes, "Adell and I are enjoying 'winter' here in sunny Daytona Beach, Florida. During our five months here we attend Grace Episcopal Church in Port Orange. I was speaking to a fellow parishioner, Ruth Wood and had a unique experience. I learned that she is a fellow graduate of Friends Academy! Neither of us had ever met another FA grad away from Long Island! She is a little ahead of us. She was Ruth Fox of Farmingdale. Her class of 1944 graduated on a sunny sixth of June [a day I well remember] but with no fanfare or big celebration. Why? Because the nation was in shock over the D-Day invasion which was taking place at Normandy in France that June day. After that Ruth left Long Island and has lived in Florida for many years. Although she may not be listed in the class of 1944, she has her diploma and yearbook. [Note: thanks to John, the alumni office was able to fix that problem!] She may be contacted at: **Ruth Fox Wood '44**, 848 Stonybrook Circle, Port Orange, FL 32127." John lives in Coram, NY from May to December (84 Theodore Drive, Coram, NY 11727, 631-698-8605) and Daytona Beach, FL from December to May (122 B Blue Heron Drive, Daytona Beach, FL, 32119, 386-761-2856.) He and Adell drive back and forth and take side trips to Texas to visit Adelle's sister and daughter. John continues: "I have a son here in Daytona Beach. She

has another daughter and I have a son living on Long Island. The last time I saw the alumni book **Sandi Jongsma Madden** was living just north of Daytona in Ormond Beach but I don't have an address for her. **Roger Sanders '57** lives in Deland, about 25 miles west of here."

1957

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The Class of 1957 mourns the unexpected passing of **John Hadden** (see In Memoriam, page 50).

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Hi, "partial" classmates. I have contacted many of you, and have heard from some of you. Thanks for your news. My wife, Gail, and I are enjoying retirement in our country home about an hour west of Philadelphia. Our biggest challenge these days is trying to grow old gracefully. Our four sons have blessed us with six grandkids – true joys in our life. They keep us quite busy and entertained. **Judy Lisle Irons** writes: "In July, 2012, my husband, Alden, and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Bermuda, with 16 family members (7 adults and 9 grandchildren – ages 7 to 21). Lots of great memories! I am basically retired, but keep my hand in as a nurse at a local 'free' clinic where I administer vaccinations and teach preventive health care. I wish I spoke Spanish!" **Peter Javiskas** is currently Executive Director of PenTrans, an industry advocacy group that promotes improved alternatives to "driving" transportation in Pennsylvania. He resides in Philadelphia with wife, Ann, who retired about a year ago after twenty-two years as head of Plymouth Meeting Friends School. She still stays busy with volunteer and consulting activities. Both son, Aaron, and daughter, Laura, are "happily married, and so far we have one grandson and another on the way," writes Pete. "So far we have escaped any of life's catastrophes, and count ourselves fortunate indeed." **Dick Jones**

reminisces about his high school years, when he lived directly across the road from the FA football field. "You can see our house on the inner cover of the '58 yearbook", he adds. "Our dog, Specky, used to cross over Duck Pond Road while I was at football practice, and disrupted the proceedings." Dick also reminded me that he and I used to drive the '32 Ford roadster that he bought from **Morley Smith '56** on the campus roads one summer. I suspect that my dad regretted the day he gave us permission to do that. Dick "went from Friends to Furman to Denison, and finally George Washington University. My 45-year career in healthcare culminated in becoming President/CEO of Abington Health in Abington, PA. My only visit to the Island since graduation was in 1988 when I attended our 30th class reunion. I married my wife, Carole, in 1973. Her father, like mine, was a physician." **Tom** (aka Tim) **Lapham** writes that he and his wife, Maureen, are thankful to be able to "winter" in Florida, away from the storms that have ravaged Cape Cod, where they reside in retirement. Their large family keeps them busy; but Tim has found time to finish a book titled, *Positively Poetic*. "This is my fourth book," says Tim who finds this a "good way to get thoughts on paper." In closing he mused, "All I can say is that FA is probably the most influential external influence on my life, attitudes and accomplishments. Fond memories, but tough to accept (some of) the changes... I am just an old-fashioned Quaker." **George Rand** weighed in the other day. He sent me a "snail mail" note, including a picture of himself and his dog, Pinkerton (he captioned the picture so I would know which is George and which is Pinkerton). George continues to split his time between his NYC apartment and his retirement home in upstate New York. For those of you who are not included in this update, I would love to hear from you. One or two lines about your "doings" will assure you a spot in the next issue of *The Meeting House*. So...please write. – **John Hiatt**

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In case you missed it and want to travel down memory lane, check out this video which **Judith Reeve** shared on Valentine's Day: http://www.youtube.com/watch_po

pup?v=sDc0ID6PJeg&feature=youtu.be. And speaking of Valentine's Day, as part of Friends Academy's February 14th Facebook challenge, **Karen Willits Zentgraf's** name was randomly selected from our 500+ member Facebook community. Karen is now sporting a new, beautiful FA fleece!

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1961



Member of the class of 1961 enjoy a mini-reunion: (from left) Cheryl Webb, Anne Lapham Codey, Susan Galbraith Markey, Park Benjamin, and Craig White.

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Congratulations to **Craig White** who has been elected to the FA Board of Trustees and taken over my chair on the FA Alumni Association Board. Just before Christmas we had a small reunion at a local restaurant. The occasion was to welcome **Sue Galbraith Markey** on her first visit back to Friends with her children and grandchildren. At the luncheon were myself, **Cheryl Webb**, **Anne Lapham Codey**, **Craig White** and a guest appearance from Pat Parmalee. In addition, I have heard from **Phil Lustig** who is extremely busy with Rotary and coaching, **Rick Mayne**, who has retired and spends most of his time at his home on the North Fork of Long Island, and **Mike Cronbach**, who sent us all his best at Christmas time. As most of us enter our 7th decade, I wish everyone good health and take time to kick back and enjoy our families and friends and pursue our favorite hobbies. Please send news!!!! – **Park Benjamin**

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Please join us for our 50th Reunion...if **Bruce Birkett** can make it here from Portugal (see below)...how about joining us too! Here is the schedule: Friday, October 4, 2013 – lunch at noon for our class with the Head of School at his home on campus followed by a tour of the campus - meet at Walls Wharf in Bayville for drinks on the waterfront deck to watch the sunset and have dinner. Saturday, October 5 – Fall Fair and Cocktail Reception at Head of School's house with dinner at Nassau Country Club to follow. Sunday, October 6 – Quaker Meeting with brunch following at a local restaurant. Please make reservations for a place to stay sooner rather than later. E-mail or call BJ for information and we will also be sending ideas soon on local places. bjbrundige@aol.com 516.242.7878 (cell). We have a new Reunion Website where we can share news about the reunion, messages from classmates, photos etc. Go to www.fa.org. Once on the FA homepage you can log-in and you will be sent directly to the alumni page where you will see the Class of '63 Group. By now you should have all been sent your username and password. If you forgot that information, just call the alumni office at 516-465-1796. We are hoping for an outstanding turnout and need all of you to help us get the word to fellow classmates. Please make a call, send an e-mail, or write a note to fellow 63ers to encourage them to come. There are several with whom we have lost touch, and we want to reach them. Here is a list of some we do not have e-mails for and hope you will be able to help us get up to date information: **Elizabeth Watt Birmingham, Diana Parkinson**



Lee Crombach '63
performing at Romio's
Restaurant.

Briggs, Cathy Powers Corum, Sylvia Dawkins, Arno Finkledey, Bill Eider-Orley, Peter Hahn, Paulette Simpson Henderson, Charles Hokanson, Edward Howe, Susan Bradley Hunt, Ted Keefer, Wendy Bartlett Lauman, Marion Johnson, Sylvia Fubini Moore, Hilliard Penfold, Elin Mainwaring Richards, Linda Rouzee, Nora Kanton Shukovsky, Linda Samuels Surl, Van Schwiebert, Kate Gould Whitehead, and Dorianne Goetz Zammetti. As for news of our class, your reporter, **Paula Howe** (phowe0612@comcast.net, 713-863-7541), retired from ExxonMobil on March 31, 2013, after almost 22 years. The retirement notice below summarizes most of my work experience in various places, primarily as a Law Librarian, over the years. I have no particular plans for retirement, but will stay in Houston and will continue to do a lot of volunteer work helping animals, which is one of my passions. *Paula Howe, currently Senior Paralegal in the Litigation Section, Exxon Mobil Law Department, located in Houston, Texas, will retire effective March 31, 2013, after more than 21 years of service. Paula received a BA in French and International Studies from Elmira College (NY) in 1967 and a Master of Library Science from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1970. Paula was International Document Librarian at Stanford University from 1970-1972. After moving to Tucson, AZ, she became Law Librarian for the law firm Molloy, Jones, Donahue from 1973-1980. She then moved to Houston in 1981 and worked at the University of Houston Law Library and then became Tax Law Librarian for Shell Oil Company from 1982-1991. She joined the Exxon Company USA Law Department in November 1991 as Law Librarian. In November 2010, after the closing of the Law Library, she transferred to the Litigation Section as Senior Paralegal.* **Julie Lowell** (julie.lowell@uni.edu) writes: "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 on an archaeological project. I then took at 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!) Jane's address is: Jane McCabe, 37 Lower Broad St. Ludlow, England SY 81PH. Her phone number is 011-44-1584 878266." Julie is planning to attend the reunion. Maybe Jane will too? **Lee Cronbach** (ceele123@msn.com) writes: "Looks like I will be moving to the Philippines in the summer of this year, for my permanent home while retired (I will keep the same email address). My long-term spouse of 25 years, Rodol Baldoz, moved back home to resume work as a part-time M.D., and my Social Security should go further there. Should be interesting! Until then I will continue playing keyboards for the Bethesda Lutheran Church (although I am still a committed Jew) and teaching jazz to mostly adult students here in Mountlake Terrace (North Seattle area), and the occasional jazz or rock gig in a coffeehouse. Some fairly recent photos of me are at my website www.leecronbach.com. I have two quite listenable CDs for sale - if you are interested, email me. And if you just want to say hello, likewise!" And I did purchase a CD which I will bring to the reunion – we can play it and think of Lee! It was great to hear from **Bill Sugden** (sugden@oncology.wisc.edu) after all these years. He writes the following: "Let me tell you a bit about me since our days at Friends. I am at the U. of Wis. where I joined the faculty in cancer research in 1975. I am addicted to research and to working with grad students, training them to do this research in part by working with them. I met my wife here in 1976.

She is a neuroscientist and on the faculty, too. She studies the part of the brain which processes hearing to understand how that part of the brain functions. We have one son who is now a grad student in neuroscience at Brown. He married a grad student there in applied math last June and as Donut (my wife) and I both agree, she is our daughter-in-love! So...we are hopelessly academic and very lucky. I have one more idea/question. I enjoyed my time at Friends and have thought that I would like to describe in writing how I benefited from being there. Do you suppose that some or even most of our classmates would enjoy contributing to a collection of reflections on our time at Friends which we could then share?" I have also heard from **Bruce Birkett** (btbirkett@gmail.com) and he is planning to come from Portugal! Others we know who are attending are **Bob Darbee**, **Diane Olding Stanley**, **Julie Lowell**, **Paula Howe**, **BJ Brundige**. I have been in touch with **Toni Naren Gates**, **Sally Parlette Sams**, **Mary Ann Engle Jenness**, **Peter Dott**, **Tom Newman** and **Steve Lapham**. And I do hope **Bill Sugden** will attend,

BJ and I are looking forward to seeing LOTS OF YOU in October! Please contact either one of us if you have questions: bjbrundige@aol.com 516.242.7878 (cell) or phowe0612@comcast.net 713-863-7541. And let us know as soon as you can if you will be attending!

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The Class of 1966 mourns the passing of **Patricia Bellinger Campbell** (see In



Memoriam, page 49). **Scott Powell** reports that he is enjoying his new success as a performance artist. After making a big splash in Santa Fe, NM, he has relocated to Houston, where he is working on his next piece, a multi-year experiential work dealing with peace of mind, making a contribution to society, and the pleasures of grandfatherhood.

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Once again it's challenging creating some exciting news about our class but a little is better than a blank page. Keep in mind 2013 is the 45th reunion. So here goes for the Friendly Class of 1968: **John Malcolm** wrote at Christmas he was re-elected to the Vermont State Legislature for the next 2 years on the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee and sends his best to the class. **Anne Maher** writes **Liz Theisen** visited her and they had fun looking at the

'68 Lamp yearbook. They had a great visit and all seems well with Anne and Peter.

Peggy Springsted Weiner shared at Christmas she has donated many of her paintings to different hospitals in San Diego and Los Angeles. She is very talented. She and Ken have been enjoying travel and the boys are all grown up with outstanding careers. **Clifford Dacso** writes, "Sheri and I continue to be well as we move inexorably through our seventh decade. We have a new granddaughter, Maya, who lives close by in Galveston, Texas where her parents are on the medical school faculty. Our middle daughter is headed for a fellowship in New York City in dermatology pathology and is getting married in November so we have another excuse to come north. Another daughter's career is doing what's necessary to live in San Francisco, so our family is now tri-coastal. We continue to take on new and exciting projects. I am editor in chief of a new, open access journal from the electrical engineering society called *Journal of Translational Engineering in Health and Medicine* (JTEHM, pronounced "je t'aime") and have just started my third company developing medical sensors also with some propeller-head engineers. Sheri is busier than ever with her health law practice that has taken on a national perspective. I heard from my friend **Doug Simes '67** about the sad loss of **Priscilla Bellinger Campbell '66** from a vicious cancer. I am sure that the rest of the class joins me in extending our thoughts to encompass her husband and friends. Best regards, Cliff." **Jim Evans** writes, "My one big announcement is that I am retiring this month – March 26 to be exact. I have no



The Class of 1968...a few years back.

specific plans as yet. I am looking at some areas in which to volunteer and hope to do some modest travel. I would like to get back to New York and see a couple of Broadway shows. It has been a long time!" **Greg Tarone** stays in touch and shares he is thoroughly enjoying living in Connecticut, pleased that the real estate market is finally on the rise again, sorry to have missed the Class of '67 reunion, and eats Cabot cheese with hope that Johnny will come to our 50th reunion.

Kathy Attridge Anas stays in constant contact. All is well in her life and she too hears from **Sally Rising Dean**. My original gals since kindergarten! As for me, my news remains the same, living in Joplin, MO. I started my 8th year working for the corporate office at Management Recruiters International. I am now Franchise Development Executive supporting many of our network offices and occasionally it continues to give me the opportunity to do some travel. I stay in touch with Kal and Judy Wynot – such fond memories for me teaching with Kal and a fabulous lasting friendship. Stay in touch and help me out for the next addition and hopefully we can have a great 45th reunion in 2013. (Fall Fair and Homecoming Weekend is October 4-6, 2013.) So save the date! Be well – **Lesley**

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Many thanks to **Eli Abbe** who is stepping down from his role as class rep. He is handing the reins over **Deborah Gianelli** who is eager to hear from all of you! Keep us posted on your latest ventures by sending notes and photos to Deborah for the next issue of *The Meeting House*.



The Class of 1973 will celebrate their 40th Reunion this summer.

1971

If anyone from the Class of 1971 would like to be the class representative, please contact us at alumni@fa.org. We would love to hear from you!

1972

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Greetings classmates, from eastern Washington - the land of the Manhattan Project and leaking radioactive tanks! I hope you and your families are healthy, happy and enjoying life. Here is the latest news:

Gina Finch Williams writes: Our kids are all grown up. :- (Definite empty nest happening here! Mike is retired; we split our time between Dover, MA and Chatham, MA down on the Cape. Enjoying traveling, sports, boating, hiking, reading, walking and running, our kids, golden retriever and Maine coon cat, and life in general!!! Also love anything and everything Boston College, having all our girls graduate from there!!! And love reconnecting with old FA pals via FB. :-) Life is good! **John Mankiewicz** writes: I'm actually living in New York for a while, writing and co-executive producing the second season of the new Netflix show House of Cards. I love the shift from California, and my family loves visiting me here. I think they'll be somewhat

less interested when we move to Baltimore for actual production. **Sarah Hollett Hossfeld** writes: All good here...writing this while on vacation in Jamaica with John. Celebrated my dad's 90th birthday in February. **Laura Wicker Hackett '73** and her husband Charlie joined us in Maryland for the festivities. Hope all is good with you and yours! **Maurice A. Kerins** writes: I had a thought: in 2014 most everyone turns 60. We could institute our own "off year" mini reunion - or propose it at least - especially for those who missed last year's???? Frankly, I think Maurice's idea is a good one. Why wait until we are donning oxygen bottles and designer walkers when we can get together at the spry age of 60! The conversation will continue. For those of you that are interested in staying 'virtually' connected, check out our "FA Class of '72 Reunion" page on Facebook. – **Karen Spero Albers**

1973

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Please join us for the Class of 1973's 40th Reunion! We'll be celebrating on June 15th at The Basil Leaf Café in Locust Valley. The cost is \$72 per person, which includes unlimited wine/beer, tax and gratuities. If you haven't done so already, please make your checks payable to **Jill Johnson** and mail to Jill at 5 Locust Place, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

1974

If anyone from the Class of 1974 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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Kyna Kerwin Tyndall writes, I was just reading through *The Meeting House*. I love reading about what our fellow classmates are up to. I'm a grandma now. My son has a beautiful 2 1/2 year old daughter. My daughter is expecting her first this coming May and we know it's a boy so we'll have some more excitement this spring. I'm still with the Veterans Hospital in Tampa Florida and preparing to retire in about 2 years. I've been there nearly 34 years now. It's been a great career and humbling at the same time to see the active duty service men injured in Iraq and Afghanistan in our rehab facility. Greg and I bought a retirement home in New Hampshire near my mother. We're looking forward to leaving the heat of Florida. My sister **Karen '72** is doing well. She lives about 5 miles from me which is really nice. My oldest sister **Kathy '70** still lives in Oyster Bay with her husband Richard, who has been teaching at Friends for about 38 years.

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Together in the Meeting House.



The Class of 1978 will celebrate their 35th Reunion in the fall.

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October 4-6, 2013 is Fall Fair and Homecoming Weekend and the Class of 1978's 35th Reunion! Whether you arrive by plain, train or automobile, we hope you'll be able to join us in the fall! Details to follow.

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October 4-6, 2013 is Fall Fair and Homecoming Weekend and the Class of 1983's 30th Reunion! So mark your calendars! We hope to see you in the fall. Details to follow.

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It was great getting a chance to catch up with **Ed Page** via Facebook. Ed writes that he is happily living in Oakland California and for the last number of years has been steadily working as what he calls an operating guy- a COO/CFO for private equity backed companies. He is also an avid traveler, when

he gets the time, having taken some amazing journeys. He continues to exercise, bike, and enjoy California living. I also had the chance to chat with **Nancy Langdon**. After college, Nancy worked on an inpatient unit at Kennedy Krieger (the children's part of Johns Hopkins Hospital). Following that, she went to Stony Brook for graduate school and got her PhD in Psychology, specializing in developmental disabilities and autism. Nancy has two daughters - Sarah, 14, who attends Friends (and has Mr. Abbene for Bio!), and Emma, 12. **Robert Witherspoon** wrote to say that last year he and his family relocated to Concordville, PA, for his job at State Farm. They are happy with their new community, as is their son Ryan, who is making plenty of friends at school and in the neighborhood. The Class of 1985 Facebook page is receiving lots of hits. Keep the photos and updates coming.

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It seems that Florida is the place to be for

the F.A. Class of 1986. **Kara Vassel Lewis** has settled in and is looking to attend Florida Atlantic University for her PhD in curriculum design. It is rumored that **Chris Forte** has been seen in the Keys and is working in Miami, but that is just a rumor. **Bill Callahan** is living in West Palm Beach with his wife Sandra and two daughters, Ruby and Crystal. He says to get in touch with him if you are ever down there. Those of us that are stuck in the cold northeast are getting ready for the long-awaited warm weather. **Katie Hawkins Schneider** has her two boys attending Friends Academy. Alex will be a senior next year and Nick is headed into 10th. They are starting to look at colleges and Katie is having flashbacks of meetings with **Sally Vuillet** and off-campus senior lunches. Katie and **Dawn Federico Kallman '84** are chairing the Fall Fair committee this year, the first weekend in October. She wants everyone to try their best to attend because it will be a great weekend. **Todd Dubner**, and wife, Tracey, are living on the Upper West Side in NYC, with two sons, Sammy and Ari. Sammy is a talented guitarist and athlete. Todd tells me that Sammy's wrestling coach remembers our era at Friends when we were stacked with wrestling talent: **Doyle, Forte**, and "**Bones**" **Shaddock**. Coach **Greg Zecca** and wife, Lisa, are living in Maryland with two kids, Sydney and Connor. He is Athletic Director at The Calverton School. He frequently sees **John Hicks**, who lives about ½ hour away. John is married with 3 kids. Congratulations to **Scott Ehrler** and his new wife Susan. They just tied the knot and are living locally. I am told that Scott is willing to recreate the boat cruise from the class reunion. **Rob Schmitz** has been guaranteed the first reservation because he skipped out just before the first one, and kicks himself for wimping out. More to come... In order to get on the list for cruises and other Class of 1986 get-togethers, please visit and like the Facebook page, Friends Academy, Class of 1986. This is a good place to keep in touch and share embarrassing stories for Kara and me to write about.

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The Class of 1983 will celebrate their 30th Reunion in the fall.

1975



The 1988 Kindergarten Club then...

1988



... And then...The Kindergarten Club in 1988. The Class of 1988 will celebrate their 25th Reunion this fall.

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October 4-6, 2013 is Fall Fair and Homecoming Weekend and the Class of 1988's Silver Anniversary – the 25th Reunion! So mark your calendars and make plans to join your classmates to celebrate this milestone. We hope to see you all in the fall! Details to follow.

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Greetings Class of 1989! As spring has sprung our class continues to dazzle and amaze with fantastic sightings. I had the pleasure of turning on the television to

watch Fox Business News Anchor, **Nicole Petallides**, anchoring the Greek Independence Day Parade with WNYW Fox5's Ernie Anastos. Nicole did a fantastic job in this role as she has in the past! Her energy and beauty were radiant! Also in the spotlight recently was **Tanya Zuckerbrot** who had a spread in the *NY Times* regarding her booming nutrition business. As Nicole has captured our television hearts, Tanya has taken the nutrition industry by storm after the launch of her nutritional program, "The F-Factor Diet" that launched in 1999. Let's congratulate them both on these fantastic accomplishments. Please keep your updates coming and happy spring and summer everyone!! Sincerely, **JoAn Monaco**

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If anyone from the Class of 1990 would like to be the class representative, please contact us at alumni@fa.org. We would love to hear from you!

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The Class of 1993 will celebrate their 20th Reunion this summer.



October 4-6, 2013 is Fall Fair and Homecoming Weekend and the Class of 1993's 20th Reunion! So mark your calendars! We hope to see you all in the fall. Details to follow. Congratulations to **Beth Yap Sheldon** on the birth of Avery Rose, born on October 9th, 2012. Beth now lives in Norwalk, Connecticut.

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A lot's happened since our last update! Last June, Jonathan and **Kirstin Zinchuk Haley** welcomed their third child, Griffin Haley. In September, **Adam Reuben** and his wife Allyson had baby number two, Lily Bennett Reuben. In November, **Devon Metz** married Allan Wright in a lovely ceremony in Tucson, AZ, and **Michael Harwin** and his wife Laura welcomed their third son, Asher Reid Harwin. **Lauren Kisner Slaven** and her husband David are another three-peat family, having welcomed their third daughter, Sloane, who joined sisters Sasha and Sydney this January. Congrats, everyone! **Adam Bernstein** is living in NYC, where he has a hospitality management recruiting company, *At Your Service Hospitality Consulting*. He's also a professor at Monroe College and runs a mystery shopping business on the side. Busy

guy! Also busy in NYC is artist, musician and DJ **Ben Moon** (Ben Rosenfeld), who will be releasing his new album, *Rhythm Method EP*, this spring. In February he was the DJ at Charlotte Ronson's Fashion Week after party, where he also unveiled a very cool interactive art piece. Check out his art and music at <http://www.worldofbenmoon.com>. Across town, **Dave Gilbert** and his wife Janet are launching their company's first game on the iPad/iPhone – a version of their hit game Gemini Rue <http://www.wadjeteyegames.com/gemini-rue.html>. Over in Brooklyn, Todd and **Neely Doshi Cather** welcomed their third child, son Reed Doshi Cather, who is bouncing happily along on family trips – skiing, hiking, swimming, dining, traveling. Neely is also on the board at Brooklyn Heights Montessori School and involved with her family in opening a Doshi STEM program (<http://www.stemedcoalition.org>) in Jericho. She and Todd are active in supporting the Brooklyn Bridge Park and Todd is expanding his real estate investment company, Dome Equities. **Venita Andrews** is also in Brooklyn, working for CUNY's adult education program, and posting routinely hilarious FB updates about her subway adventures. Out on the Island, **Damian Pieper** and **Kristin Kelly Pieper** and their three boys recently moved to Manhasset, as did Mike and **Dana Minutoli Forbes**, who welcomed their second son, Cody, in September. Dana and Mike are still operating their production companies Forbes Production Vehicles and Hampton Production Supplies, and Dana's jewelry business launched online this year

at www.DanaForbesJewelry.com. **Scott Barton**, an assistant professor of music at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, who earned his PhD from the University of Virginia, recently gained recognition when one of his compositions, "Rise of a City" won international acclaim. Selected by Ablaze Records, Scott's piece, which uses computer-controlled mechanical instruments alongside his own guitar playing, adds a unique vibe to the upcoming CD Millennial Masters Volume 4 which includes compositions from all the competition's finalists. Scott discussed his winning composition in an interview with Matt Stewart in WPI's The Daily Herd. Scott states, "This was one of my first pieces using a human performer in conjunction with the robots. This explores the relationship between the human performer and the robotic performer. It's about exploring those areas that are natural to the robotic musicians and the kinds of gestures they perform best – additionally exploring the gestures that human performers perform best. There are unique areas and those that are shared."



Scott Barton in the recording studio

For more information on Scott and his music, check out his website:

<http://www.scottbarton.info/index.html>.

Derek Pasch and Martino Auto Concepts, where he's the president, had nearly a dozen amazing autos at the New York International Auto Show in April. If you want the coolest car in town, you know who to call. **Kim Columbo Aberman** and her husband Steven live in Westbury with kids Jack (7) and Sara (4). Kim writes: "I'm still an operating room nurse, which I love even after 15 years at LIJ/Cohens. Life is good!" They recently caught up with **Amanda Scholl Boudry**, who says: "Wally and I are still in Ithaca, where he's teaching Real Estate and Finance at Cornell's Hotel School. Cricket will be 6 going on 26 this summer, and is definitely keeping us busy!" Elsewhere, **Lara Hirsch Yanke** and husband Brent had their second girl, Emma, who joins big sister Charlotte. The Yankes are living in Tenaflly, where Lara is doing medical editing and advising for KidsHealth.org. **Kristin Gruber-Grunert** is still working at Boston University as the Director of the Children's Center and the Office of Family Resources. She says: "My work recently has focused on trying to increase the available child care on campus and drive initiatives to help make the University more family friendly with a focus on better work/life balance. Doug and I are coming up on our five year anniversary and enjoying life in Boston." Much farther afield, **Adam Ronzoni**'s continuing post-grad work in Environmental Sciences at Stanford has landed him in Baffin Bay, off the Western Coast of Greenland. Adam, partnered with a Stanford neurobiology team, is studying narwhals, which have 10 million nerve endings in their tusks. Adam and his fellow researchers are examining how the narwhals navigate subtle changes of temperature, pressure and salinity, with the goal of determining if their tusks can help them – and us – detect early climate change. Down in Northern VA, architect **Paul Samala** is working at Gensler by day and by night aiding his wife at Studio Samala, their thriving boutique residential architecture firm. **Jon Berroya** recently moved out of DC and into Paul's neighborhood, and when he's not suing online distributors of counterfeit software, Jon and his twin boys have regular playdates with Paul and his daughter Nina and their five Ibizians (Paul continues to raise champion dogs). **Donya Bullock Short** is also leaving the city – she writes: "Thomas and I are currently still in Capitol Hill – Washington DC but are in the process of a move to the burbs (suburban MD). I am a lawyer but our favorite thing is traveling – we

alums in the arts



Artist, vocalist and DJ, **BEN MOON '94** (a.k.a. **BEN ROSENFELD**) has had his artwork featured at exhibitions around the world. He recently launched his first major multimedia performance in New York City – ROKLYFE. And Ben will be releasing his new album, *Rhythm Method EP*, this spring. Check out his art and music at <http://www.worldofbenmoon.com>.

SEBASTIAN ARCELUS '95 starred in and produced the feature film, *The Last Day of August*, which was released last fall and was selected to be in a number of film festivals across the world. In addition, Sebastian appears in a recurring

role as Lucas Goodwin, an editor at *The Washington Herald* on Netflix's *House of Cards*, and fellow FA alum **JOHN MANKIEWICZ '72** is writing and co-executive producing the second season of this new hit show.



BRIAN CHASE '96 drummer for the Yeah Yeah Yeahs was recently featured in a New York Times Magazine article "Get Yer Yeah Yeah Yeahs Out" (by Lizzy Goodman, Published: March 29, 2013). The Yeah Yeah Yeahs, an indie rock band formed in New York City in 2000, is composed of vocalist and pianist Karen O, guitarist and keyboardist Nick Zinner, and drummer Brian Chase. Their first three albums (*Fever to Tell*, *Show Your Bones*, and *It's Blitz!*) were all nominated for Best Alternative Album Grammys, and *Mosquito*, their fourth album was just released on April 16th.



are looking forward to a fun trip to Dublin this spring with some friends!" This is also a good time to remind everyone that our 20th reunion is coming up in 2014 – hope to see everyone back on campus next fall! – **Heather**

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The New Year and the new season bring great

news from my fellow classmates of the class of '95! We have launched a newly formatted class newsletter, in an effort to not only keep our class connected with each other, but provide yet another option for my classmates



Mackenzie Azul, daughter of Allison (Serpe) CS Lewis, born October, 2012.

to keep connected with the school and alumni events. If you would like to subscribe, or become a member of our private "Class of '95" Facebook group, please feel free to send me your information. I also urge all of you that

see this to take a moment and update your contact information with myself or directly with the alumni office. Over the past few



Chris, Lorraine, and Shea Monge

months, our classmates welcomed a few new additions into their families. **Allison (Serpe) CS Lewis** welcomed a beautiful baby girl into their family. Mackenzie Azul was born 7lbs 4oz, on October 19th, 2012. **Amanda Sokolow Mancuso** and husband Mike welcomed their own baby girl this past November. Piper Taylor Mancuso came a little early, and weighed 4lbs, 4oz, but she is healthy and well. Amanda shares, "Big brother Ryan is learning to be gentle with his new little sister, but boys will be boys." Over the summer, **Dino Anagnostopoulos**, and his wife Jessica gave birth to Anastasia Melissa Anagnostopoulos. At 7lbs. 2oz, Baby Sia was born on June 15th, and Dino and his family could not be happier. Continuing on the topic of new additions, **Eric Wenger** and his brother, Mitch, have begun a new business called Grain Audio. The Wenger brothers and their team have developed a line of over ear, in ear, portable and home audio speakers that incorporate real solid wood that promises amazing quality regardless of what you like (or have) to listen to. **Sebastian Arcelus** has a new venture as well; he is co-starring in the new Netflix series, *House of Cards*. Seb plays reporter Lucas Goodwin, in this riveting political drama set against the backdrop of the US Congress. Seb also starred and produced the feature film, *The Last Day of August*, which was released last fall and was selected to be in a number of film festivals across the world. Congrats to both Eric and Sebby! **Dan Fisher** is not far from the DC politics scene in his office at Akin Gump where he is an M&A partner. Dan, his wife Ashley, and sons, Cabot and Winston are doing well and living just across the bridge in McLean, Virginia. Little Cabot is about to start kindergarten at the Potomac school this fall. Dan invites anyone who finds themselves in the DC area to drop him a line, although he does make it up to New York quite frequently as well. If you find yourself a bit further east, say in France, then you should definitely drop **Francesca Nadel** a line. Fra is loving life in Paris working for the Wine and Spirit Industry, and sends "Bises" to all! As for our west coast alums, **Sarah Hendler** writes that she is not missing

the east coast winter, as she is thoroughly enjoying life with her family in Los Angeles. Sarah, and her husband Vinny, keep very busy with their lovely one and a half year old boy, Sonny. Vinny, a chef, keeps the "food on the table" with his restaurants, "Animal" and "Son of a Gun", as well as their newly opened, "Trios Mec." After 6 years in San Francisco, **Jackie Marquez** has made a short leap to the mountains in Santa Cruz to live with her fiancé! Jackie was engaged at Langs Beach in February to Brendan Kayes, and is very excited to begin this new chapter in her life. Back here on the Island, another team of brothers are Dunkin Donuts franchisees; **Chris Monge** and his brother Kevin own 4 DD's on Long Island. Chris, and wife Lorraine live

in Huntington with their son, Shea, who is almost 2 years old. Chris is having a great time and says hi to all! Another alum who wanted to say hi to everyone is **Deniqua Crichlow** who recently rejoined us on the Island after gaining her Masters at Cornell in Industrial and Labor relations, then going on to work in Kentucky for GE. Now back in New York, Deniqua transferred to GE Corporate/Global Growth Organization



Amaya, daughter of Deniqua Crichlow, 9 months in April 2013



The Kindergarten Club of '98 in 1985...



...And in 1998.



based in Fairfield, CT. Deniqua is excited to be back close to her family in Huntington, and is looking forward to reconnecting with our classmates for drink dates or play dates! Welcome Back, Deniqua! Thank you to all who submitted notes, and I look forward to hearing from all of you again, and more next issue! — **Tom**

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Christian Metzger, Dion Short Metzger's new son

Congratulations to **Dion Short Metzger** on the birth of her new bundle of joy, Christian. Dion is a practicing adult psychiatrist living in Atlanta.

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The Class of 2004 mourns the unexpected passing of **David Malin**. **Drew Tobia's** first



David Malin

feature film, *See You Next Tuesday*, had its world premiere at the Chicago Underground Film Festival on March 10th, where it won the Audience Award. The film, which Drew wrote and directed, next played at the Brattle

Theatre on March 29th as part of the Boston Underground Film Festival. There it won honorable mention. *See You Next Tuesday* will be having its international premiere at the JeonJu International Film Festival in JeonJu, South Korea April 25-May 3rd. For more information, check out the website: <http://seeyounextmovie>.



Jon Koenig returned to Friends this spring to address the Upper School student body about the role athletics has played in his life. Jon credits his lacrosse career at Yale as keeping him motivated and goal-oriented, as well as helping him develop the ability to be able to be thrown into new situations with new faces. Jon found other parallels in his medicine studies, "Medicine is practiced like a team. You have to be able to work together to make it work."

com/. Congratulations Drew! **Jonathan Koenig** was the one 4th year medical student selected from Einstein Medical College to



Jon Koenig in the operating room

join a group of physicians and support staff to travel to Lima, Peru to perform open heart surgery on children and infants who could not get the needed medical attention in Peru. The organization, Heart Care International, is similar to Doctors without Borders but focuses on pediatric heart conditions. Needless to say it was a

fairly exciting experience for Jonathan to be selected and have the opportunity to assist with the actual surgery.

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Helen Hatch spoke to the entire school (from Early Childhood to seniors) at the 2013 Founder's Day on Friday, April 12th.

Matt Blair has defected to the West Coast and is working as a programmer for Flipboard (a very buzz-worthy mobile device app) in Palo Alto and living in Menlo Park. **Helen Hatch** returned to Friends to address students, faculty and staff at our annual Founder's Day. Helen spoke of how students in each division can form and find community – in Lower School, learning that unity and morale can be more important on the playground than individual schools; in Middle School being exposed to different cultures through classes and projects; and in Upper School, the erection of the Peace Pole shows how the individual message can complete the community.



Upper School students listen to a panel of in-college alumni about what to expect in their freshman year at college. Panelists included (from left): Gabrielle Aaron, Jackie Leon, Erika Vidal, Keith Durante, Samir Massand, Chris McCann and Savannah Febesh.

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The Class of 2008 will celebrate their Five-Year Reunion on Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 6-8 p.m. at the Marion Jackson House. Go to classof2008reunion.splashthat.com to RSVP and find out more details about the celebration. Plan on staying in the area for a few days so you can join the rest of the FA alumni community at the New York City Reunion on Monday, June 3rd at the New York Athletic Club! **Isai Badaraco** reports, "I am glad to update that I am finishing up grad school at Johns Hopkins in mechanical engineering, I'll be graduating in late May. I was fortunate enough to land an engineering position at Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, makers of the iconic "black hawk" helicopter program. I say fortunate as a result of the whole scare going through the aerospace industry as a result of the recent federal defense budget cuts, known as "sequestration". It's a tough time overall for hiring in all sectors, but this really has made things more difficult in what was until very recently a sure bet industry as far as employment outlook." **Torre Taylor** writes, "Currently I am living in Boston and working as an assistant manager/marketing associate at a store called The Fish and Bone on Newbury Street. We sell upscale dog and cat supplies/food/etc. It's really fun – I get to hang out with animals, do the social media for the store, do lots of fundraising events for Boston shelters, and work right in Boston." **Louis Croce** writes, "I'm going for my Master of Science in Computer Science (Machine Learning Track) at Columbia University." And **Sam Menzin** reports that he is working in the Detroit Tigers' front office.

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Catchi Childs '38

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Derek Maruca speaks to Upper School Engineering students about his research at Drexel University.

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Derek Maruca, who is studying Civil Engineering at Drexel, came to Mary Ann Vascotto's FA Introduction to Engineering class to give the students insight into college life and the engineering field. As Mary Ann reports, "Derek shared with the class his coursework experiences to date, as well as the interesting project work and research

alumni in sports



Harrison Hefele '09 plays for Cortland's Red Dragons.

HARRISON HEFELE '09 was named to the All-Tournament team as Cortland won their league championship. Their season ended in the 2nd round of the NCAA DIII Tourney.

he has been involved in. Derek and his fellow Drexel students investigated a less costly alternative to the WD-40 lubricant for machine parts, for several communities in Africa. Their suggestion has now been implemented, and has benefited the communities. When he spoke to us, Derek was very enthusiastic about the engineering field and was looking forward to his first cooperative work assignment. The class was really impressed with Derek's ability to communicate his experiences and with his mature focus on his chosen profession."

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**George Rowsom '53:
Mail order pioneer;
North Fork Audubon member**

George Rowsom, owner of S.T. Preston and Son in Greenport, NY, died on March 24, 2013 at age 77.

Along with his father-in-law, Frank Fagan, George was a pioneer in the mail order business through the company's "Ships & Sea" catalogue. He was active in a number of local organizations and helped coordinate the reconstruction of Orient's Bug Light lighthouse in 1990. He was recognized for his efforts by being named Grand Marshal for the 2010 Greenport Maritime Festival parade on the 20th anniversary of the light's completion. In addition, he volunteered for North Fork Audubon Society and was a member of Orient Yacht Club. George is survived by his wife Andrea and his children Christopher (Carey), Michael (Milou), Peter (Monica) and Andrew (Heather). He was predeceased by his daughter Melanie Tidwell.



George Rowsom
from the 1953
yearbook

**Zebulon Wilson:
Was Friends Academy's
oldest student**

Zebulon Wilson of Bayville died on January 13, 2013 at the age of 101. A founding member of the American Legion Robert H. Spittel Post 1285, Zeb was honored by the Post on his 100th birthday, and July 3, 2011 was designated by local dignitaries as Zeb Wilson Day in Bayville. The Post is named after Zeb's nephew who was killed on December 8, 1944 while on duty in the Pacific during WW II. Although Zebulon Wilson did not graduate from



Friends Academy, having left at the age of 14 to help provide for his family, we mourn the loss of our oldest student.

Obituary notices

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

WE REMEMBER...

David Malin
from the 2004
yearbook



Zebulon Wilson
George Rowsom '53
John Hadden '57
Priscilla Bellinger Campbell '66
David Malin '04

**Priscilla Bellinger Campbell '66: Presbyterian deacon,
fierce advocate for pacifism, justice and national health care**

Priscilla Bellinger Campbell died on February 6, 2013. The cause was cancer; Priscilla was in hospice care and died at home. Priscilla was born on January 14, 1948 in Boston, MA. She entered Friends Academy in 1964 in her junior year. The daughter of Henry and Dorothy Bellinger, she lived with her family in Wantagh, L.I. Her father was a vice president at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

One classmate, Alison Banks, remembered Priscilla as "a quiet girl with a sharp wit." She was active in Academy Players, performing in two plays by Eugene Ionesco. In her junior year, she appeared as Mrs. Martin in "The Bald Soprano" directed by David Cox; in the following year she played the student in Ionesco's "The Lesson" directed by fellow senior, Neola Caveny. Sometimes among friends, Priscilla was known to recite from memory British music hall monologues from the repertory of Stanley Holloway. More often she would offer the unexpected and apposite observation such as her response to the Beatles in "A Hard Day's Night": "They move so well together."

Priscilla attended Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ. In the mid 70s she moved to New York City to study journalism at Fordham and pursue a writing career. A dedicated runner at the time, she ran in the New York City marathon in 1978.

While vacationing in Scotland in 1989, Priscilla met her future husband, George Campbell, an illustrator from Aberdeen supporting himself on the BP oil platforms in the North Sea. They crossed paths in the lounge of the Hospitality Inn in Glasgow. George had two tickets to see Marty Wilde & the Wildcats and their relationship was born. "It was love at first sight," George recalled, "and rock 'n' roll all the time." Priscilla embarked on a vigorous exploration of her Scottish heritage after visiting Charlestown of Aberlour where she discovered that she bore an uncanny resemblance to almost everyone in the village. George emigrated to New York City and the

couple married in 1992.

Priscilla was active in the New York Caledonian Club, at various times serving as the organization's director, treasurer and secretary. She studied the bagpipes with Pipe Major Dan Armstrong and joined the New York Scottish Pipes and Drums. Priscilla led the ensemble as Pipe Major from 1997 to 2004 and taught piping in the N.Y.C.C. Scottish Studies Program. In 2005 the band toured to Edinburgh to participate in the 10,000 Pipers and Drummers Concert, an event that raised \$750,000 for the Marie Curie Cancer Research Programme. They also performed at the British Memorial Garden for an audience that included Prince Andrew and the Duchess of York in a concert commemorating the 79 British victims of 9/11.

Priscilla maintained an irresistible generosity of spirit throughout her life. She had a unique sensitivity to everyone she encountered. A deacon in the Presbyterian Church, Priscilla was a fierce advocate for pacifism, justice and national health care.

Along with her beloved husband George, Priscilla is survived by her sister Elizabeth Hubner of Bellmore, NY, her niece and nephew Meagan and Michael, and her first husband, Jay Jordan, an artist and landscape gardener in Morristown, NJ.

Priscilla's life was celebrated on April 13th at a memorial service at the West End Presbyterian Church in New York City. Her casket, escorted by the New York Scottish Pipes and Drums, was adorned with the Tribe of Mar tartan and a tuft of moss from the Beinn a' Charra standing stone. Other performers included the Islanders Gaelic Singers, Mike Ogletree of Simple Minds and the West End Gospel Choir.

Priscilla's ashes will be taken to Scotland and interred in Ayr, not far from Robert Burns' birthplace. "This is my home," Priscilla once said, "this is where my folks are."

— Douglas Simes, '67
— George Alexander Campbell



Priscilla Bellinger
Campbell
from the 1966
yearbook

John W. Hadden '57: Started Immunopharmacology Laboratory at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute

It is with a heavy heart but great admiration for the life he lived that I inform you that John Winthrop Hadden, '57, passed away at home on April 1, 2013 at the age of 73. After graduating from Friends Academy, John attended Yale where he was a prize winning Psychology major. He graduated in '61 and immediately went on to Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons where he graduated in '65, becoming a 5th generation physician. After residency at Roosevelt Hospital, he joined the faculty at the University of Minnesota under the late Dr. Robert A. Good and in 1973, came to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Institute to start the laboratory of Immunopharmacology. In 1982, he was recruited to be a Professor of Medicine at the University of South Florida College of Medicine, where he ultimately retired from in 2000.

In retirement, he returned to his home in Cold Spring Harbor, NY, where he had grown



John Hadden
from the 1957
yearbook

up. Over the course of his life, he authored numerous books and chapters in the field of Immunopharmacology, was a named inventor on over 50 patents (pending and issued), founded a biotechnology company and travelled internationally to over 100 countries giving lectures and presenting his science. He loved the pursuit of knowledge and worked with his wife as an academic research team for nearly 30 years, dedicating their lives to understanding the immune system and diseases such as cancer. He was a lifelong lover of golf, fishing, bridge, the poet Robert Frost ("The Road Not Taken") and NYT cross word puzzles. He is survived by his loving wife Elba (married to for over 48 years), his two sons John and Paul and their wives Amie and Claire, his brothers David and Robert, his sister Joanna Taylor and 5 adorable grandchildren.



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— Paul J. Hadden John and Elba Hadden.

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