

# Former Faculty and Staff Class Notes

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Dear Friends,

How pleasurable it is to read these updates on your very fruitful and interesting lives, it makes me very nostalgic. Mike and I have had a very interesting year of travel: June '98 took us to East Africa on safari in Kenya; school visiting in Malawi and Kenya; exploring in Zimbabwe, and this spring we explored the Peruvian Amazon and Machu Pichu. It truly was extremely beautiful, interesting and heightens your awareness of how fortunate we all are to live in the manner and life style that we do. The highlight of our year was the birth of our grandson, Seamus, to **Brian and Jenny Kilian Doyle** '86. Add that to **Patrick's** ('83) four year old Jack, life just gets better and better.

**Miriam Taylor Sajkovic**, 1950-1955, Middle and Upper School English and religion teacher. Miriam is a semi-retired professor of philosophy and history at Holyoke Community College. She continues work with former students on a book of biographies, *Our Contemporaries*. Also translating a book by theologian F. Ziika from Zech. to English, with her husband, professor Vladimir Sajkovic, linguist and author.

**Lila Gordon**, 1965-1975, Upper School biology and chemistry teacher, Chair Science Department. (E-mail: lila.gordon@o-f-s.org) Lila is still Head of School at Oakwood Friends School after serving for five years as Head of Upper School at Sidwell Friends in D.C. "**Merle** '71 has graced us with a grandson now 2 3/4 years old and **Michael** '74 with a granddaughter now 2 1/2 years old. This is pure pleasure, except Merle is in Florida and Michael is in Philadelphia. Gail **Boorstein** '70 visited with me up here a while back and I very much want to see her again. **Roger Erickson** and I do the NYC concert season together. **Alan Craig** and I see each other frequently as co-board members of Friends Council on Education."

**Tom and Mary Mann**, 1966-1975, Tom, Business Manager and Development Director; Mary, Book Store Manager. Tom is semi-retired from the oil exploration business and Mary runs the Friends of the Library Book Sale/Operation that nets about \$35,000/yr. to the Midland library. Daughter **Mary** '75 and husband, Glenn Dean (two sons), and daughter **Kathleen** '77 and husband Jack Carney (two sons and one daughter), live in Los Colinos, Irving, Texas, and **Karen** '83 and husband Terry Burkes (two sons), live in Midland, Texas. There are many tennis players in this group. "Midland is only 500 miles away from the Texas beaches and there is lots of sunshine. Our very best regards to all our friends at Friends Academy. It was a wonderful experience for all of our family. God Bless!"

**Bettina Hummerstone**, 1967-1982, French teacher, Guidance, Upper School Principal. Congratulations to Tina on her appointment as the new Head of The Oak Knoll School in Summit, New Jersey, K-12. She will be leaving her lovely refurbished home in Trenton, New Jersey to be closer to her new school. Tina continues to do her summer volunteer work in Ireland and France with orphaned children.

**Elizabeth Roosevelt**, 1968-1997, Upper School history teacher, Convener of History Department. "I have just returned from a trip to

Mexico with the American Museum of Natural History. This was a trip to see the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuaries and I went because of interest aroused by working in the butterfly exhibit at the museum. I am at the museum Wednesdays as an education volunteer. Many other days I am to be found at the Book Mark Cafe in Oyster Bay. I have a small cruising sailboat now—28 foot ketch. So this summer will be sailing hard. My best to all hands."

**Sally Vuillet**, 1969-1995, Upper School Spanish teacher, College Guidance, Assistant Head, P.O. Box #1, Standfordville, NY 13581. (E-mail: svuillet@aol.com) Sally reports that she is happily settled into her new surroundings in northern Dutchess County. Although Bob is still traveling regularly, Sally is "volunteering at the Aster Home for Children in Rhinebeck, New York, studying piano with a teacher at Bard College, traveling to Alaska to see **Heather** '77 and **Suzanne** '80, Ireland to play golf, and France to visit Bob's relatives. I miss my friends, faculty, and parents at FA, but don't miss the stress of all those details to deal with. We see a lot of old collegemates from Middlebury now that we are closer to Vermont and Boston. We are especially enjoying having **Kathleen** '78 and her family as our neighbors. A quick look at the 'new' campus last fall impressed me no end. What a magnificent theater and quadrangle. My warmest congratulations to all involved and thanks to the generous supporters of the school as we approach 2000! Best to all. Sally."

**Doris Paillet**, 1969-1997, Early Childhood Team Leader and Pre-K teacher. Doris retired in June 1998 and as she reports, "is busier than ever." Receiving a professional grant from the school, Doris immediately traveled to Nepal and Tibet where she hiked to the base camp of Mt. Everest (quite a feat). She is planning a three week hiking trip to the Dolemites and the Tyrolean Alps. Doris is in shape for this because she works out four or five days a week with weights, aerobics, and jazz classes. She is also taking courses - History of Mythology, Shakespear, and a computer course with her husband, Jean. Of course, community service is high on her list of priorities. Doris volunteers with The Red Cross, Westbury Friends, Haddash, and the American Association of University Women. Add to that her son, **Bruce** '77, his wife and two grandchildren, and son, **Barry** '78, and his wife. As she says everyday, "Life is just wonderful!!"

**Nicholas De Candia**, 1972-1977, Upper School music teacher. (E-mail: decandia@Bershire.net) "Still living in the boonies in the beautiful Berkshires of Massachusetts. Photo instructor at Berkshire Community College, Southern Vermont College, and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Renee is starting her 17th year as a secretary at Williams College and we have a wonderful 10 year old daughter by the name of Katie-Rose."

**Alan and Mary Craig**: Alan, 1972-1990, Associate Headmaster; Mary, 1979-1990, Director of Admissions. "We're Grandparents! (Isn't it just grand.) **Ian** '86 and Holly had a wonderful little son, Holden, in November in Dallas, Texas where Ian is Assistant Head of the Middle School at Greenhill. Planning an Alaskan cruise this summer to celebrate Mary's retirement. Alan continues to enjoy heading Moorestown Friends into the 21st century. **David** '82 was made general manager of the Stonebridge Inn in Snowmass, Colorado this past year."

**Jim Evans**, 1979-1990, Business Manager, history teacher. Jim writes that he is still in Utah although temporarily out of the education business. He is currently at the four star resort hotel, the Stein Erikson Lodge, Deer Valley, Utah, as Assistant Director of Human Resources. Primarily responsible for hotel training programs. Great spot Jim!!! Jim has been working toward his master's degree in education and expects to be finished this August. He plans to continue in the field of education, teaching, and developing a private educational consulting business and summer programs for young people—Intermountain West Associates (web page at <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/JWEvansJr/>). If you are visiting the west, Jim would love to see you. Warm regards from Jim.

**Jacque Gow**, 1980-1997, Physical Education teacher/coach. "Completing my second year at Finley Middle School, Glen Cove as physical education teacher and Middle School girls volleyball coach. Began girls varsity lacrosse at Glen Cove High School. Head soccer coach for girls at the Green Vale School. Attending Hofstra University taking a Master's in Physical Education—have only four courses left. Beginning a new field hockey camp at Wakklo, Jaffrey, New Hampshire in August. I am very happy and enjoying the public school system. Congratulations on all your endeavors and you looked fabulous running in the St. Christopher's 5k this fall."

**Elise Walsh**, 1981-1985, Spanish teacher (E-mail: ewalsh@psd.k12.co.us) "I am still living in (and loving) Colorado! Summers are full of gardening, traveling, back packing, and biking. Winter takes us snow shoeing and skiing. I continue to teach German at the local junior high school. I have started an exchange program with a school in Ulm, Germany, so every summer I pack off to Germany for three weeks with 15-20 students. We travel and stay at youth hostels and also stay with families. It really keeps us hopping! My son, Brendan, (who was born when I worked at Colorado) is now 16 and starting to look at colleges. Yikes!!! Time flies. My husband, Donald, continues to work in advertising (he owns his own agency here in Fort Collins). We are all healthy and happy!"

**Marty Lipman**, 1981-1983, English and history teacher, tennis coach. Marty writes that some of his fondest memories were of his time at FA, that he just loved teaching. (And of course I remember you with mutual feelings, Marty.) "I am a corporate lawyer for a suburban Boston corporation. I am married with two children. My wife is a forensic pathologist (gross!), and we have been married for over 10 years. I miss so many people at Friends. Does Jake have E-mail? I have kept in touch with **Doc Sullivan** and **Frank and Maia Brogan**. I have decided to return to teaching and I am taking courses at the Harvard extension school at night. I don't know how long it will take me but I will make it back to the classroom one of these days."

**Tom Woehrl**, 1982-1995, Upper School Principal, Community Service Coordinator. Tom reports that he retired again, "for good this time, after serving as Executive Director of the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate for 2 1/2 years. In July I started drawing Social Security and some of TIAA retirement funds. I volunteer for Habitat and others. I am reading, walking, and playing the piano and organ more. Retirement is great!!!!" Well Tom I have to agree.