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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 an exciting and interesting adventure that heightened your awareness of how fortunate we are to live in the manner and life style that we do. The highlight of our year was the birth of our grandson, Sean, to Tom and Jenny Kilby Doyle ’86, who is now 8. Thirty-three years after our wedding, we still feel that it is the best thing that could have happened.

Kathleen Hussey, husband, Glenn Dean (two sons), and daughter Our very best regards to all our friends at Terry Burkes (two sons), live in Midland, Michigan, a retired English and religion teacher. Kathleen is a semi-retired professor of philosophy and history at Holyoke Community College. She continues working with former students on a book of biographies, Our Contemporaries. In her free time, Kathleen is learning French by theologian F. Zizka from Zech. to English, with her husband, professor Vladimir Sajkovic, linguist and author.

Miriam Taylor Sajkovic, 1950-1955, 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 often 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 works with The Library Book Sale/Operation that nets about $35,000/yr. to Middleland library. Daughter Sister Mary ’75 and husband, Glenn Dean (two sons), and daughter Kathleen ’77 and husband, Jack Cleary (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 50 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!

Hernio Hurnacher, 1968-1971, a retired English 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 Chicago Field 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 Vuilet, 1969-1995, Upper School Spanish teacher, College Guidance, Assistant Head, P.O. Box #1, Standfordville, NY 13581.
(E-mail: s Vuilet@aol.com) Sally reports that she is happy and 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, and playing the piano and organ more. 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.”

Doris Paitel, 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 is planning a trip 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 Dolomites and the Tyrolean Alps. Doris is in shape for this because she works out four to five days a week with weights, aerobics, and jazz classes. She is also taking courses - History of Mythology, Shakespeare, and a computer course with her husband, Jean. Of course, community service is high on her list. She volunteers with The Red Cross, Westbury Friends, Haddad, 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, she says everyday, “Life is just wonderful!!”

Nicholas De Candia, 1972-1977, Upper School music teacher. (E-mail: decandia@Bershie.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 Head, 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 Moorcrestown 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 finish 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 pages: http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homespages/ JWEvans/). If you are visiting the west, Jim would love to see you. Warm regards from Jim.

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 Friends) 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!”

Marly Lipman, 1981-1983, English and history teacher, tennis coach. Marly 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, Marly.) “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 Wocher, 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.

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