The Meeting House Summer 2001

Homecoming 2001
Nassau Country Club, Saturday, October 21st

The 1950s - George Hawkins ’54 front and center, clockwise, Charlene Bentien, Angie Jackson, Tom Jackson ’55, Anne Wanchope Smith ’56, Tom Bentien ’57, Doris Atwater Bouwensch ’55, Morley Smith ’56, Joan Konvalinka Hawkins ’55, and Naomi Johnson Dempsey ’55.

Kevin and Elizabeth Ahern Quinn ’80, and Tim and Karen Fullam Brennan ’80.

Sitting, Kurt Pohmer, Sue Haack Lenoir ’81, Rob Lenoir, Marc Greene, Ellen Field Greene ’81, and Pam Sokolow Randall ’82. Standing, Ingrid Schneider Reiger ’81, Ellen Goodwin ’81, Dave Reiger, and Bill Randall.

The Class of 1975 enjoys their 25th reunion.

Members of the Class of 1970 celebrate their 30th reunion.


Clockwise from center: Allison Leon, Katie Hawkins Schneider ’86, Doug Schneider ’79, Joe Holloshutz, Vanessa Fromm Holloshutz ’78, Jim Perkins ’79, Sara Klocke Scarfone ’78, Middle School teacher Ward Seibert and his wife, Candy, and Dan Leon ’79.

50th Class Reunion Luncheon - The Jackson House
The Big 5-0: front, Jackie Moore Copp ’50, Marge Fisette ’50, Marsha Gordon ’50, Peter Millham ’50; back, John Johnson ’50, Gerald Fisette, and Alida Millham.
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Fay Tegtmeyer Biggins reported a scary trip to Boston’s Children’s Hospital with her grandson. Parents and grandparents all trekked up north for the child's third open heart surgery. She is happy to report that the only doctors who could do the procedure were successful and they now have a normal two year old. At Thanksgiving, Fay and three friends went to Paris for a week. She said they played tourist and ate at that wonderful French food. Her consulting business is flourishing...sometimes too flourishing. But, she adds, then she can take fun trips!

Bob Burian says they have had a “real” winter with many inches of snow. Bob and Barbara are enamored with their first grandson, Terry. Sorry I haven't been writing, however, to find out all about it. He e-mailed the web site to me. He has web TV. (Where we live we can’t even get cable.) Danny also reported that he has a son in Dallas and one in Houston as well as a third in LA. His spot in Saylorburg, PA sounds ideal. He did not get the enormous amount of snow the folks farther east received. He and wife, Sharlene, moved into a new development of mostly stressed 30 and 40 year olds. The Hornbostels serve as mediators to their neighbors. Dan is painting in watercolor, too. (We’ll have to have a class art show!)

Sadly, Stanley Jackson writes that his dad died before Christmas. He was nearly 94 and in his own home. He died peacefully while sitting at the breakfast table. Joyce is blind but still at home under her own steam. Stan and Jane are available by intercom whenever she needs any help. Stan says he and brother, Tom, went to the Fall Fair for Tom’s 45th reunion. The F.A. campus looks more unified with landscaping. There is no automobile traffic on the central campus. He says he sees Connie Miller at the tennis club. The Jacksons are now viewed as old timers since they have lived at their address for so long. He has new neighbors on the field where the old neighbors’ guests used to land their planes. The two boys are at Cornell. Young Stan took a year off to work with the handicapped. Stanley reports that brother Tom’s son, Tom, joined the marines after high school and later on became a commercial airline pilot for flights over 747’s out of a single piece of metal. The ‘billet’ is 120’ long, 20’ wide, and 3’ deep. He is very much in demand because he never makes a mistake! He programs a machine to remove 95% of the original with accuracy akin to dentistry. Such wings last four times as long as ‘fabricated’ ones.” Stanley ended his letter with, “I hope when we are both old and arthritic we will still be here to do some hosting.” He says the NY taxes are about to eat them alive. Stanley reminisced about Donna Sullivan’s dad driving to Staten Island for soccer games via the ferry. He drove “a flashy green Rocket ‘88 Olds convertible,” remembers Stan.

Connie Miller says she is still working for the Chairman and CEO of the bank. She has a new live-in male...a Scotty dog named Angus. Connie says, “He is the love of my life! He doesn’t run around (except in the yard), doesn’t get drunk, and is easy to cook for. I think I do better picking dogs than husbands.”

Sandy Abramson Orhun is doing some teaching and drawing. Some months she has had a request to do a sketch of a “Note.” Hmmm. She is looking forward to the 50th so I hope the locals will get busy. Her e-mail address is: AITTLLA6@AOL.com.

Heather McDonald Poetzsch loves all the snow in Vermont. She must have been very happy this past winter. Great skiing. They have lived there two years. Heather says they have wonderful friends and neighbors and everyone entertains a lot. (HMMMM...maybe we should reunite in VT.)

Annabel Huymert Hayward is looking forward to the reunion as am I. Ann is so thrilled to have her granddaughter, Kristina, in her life. Kristina broke her leg in her last basketball game. She has been picked for the traveling soccer team and softball team. Kristina will be on the sidelines cheering them on. She is looking forward to seeing you guys again. SO LOCAL CLASSMATES, PLEASE GET TOGETHER AND PLAN!

Joan Krier Heagney and husband, Jim, have bought a house in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, for retirement. Joan reports her grandchildren are attending college! Her health problems have improved with trips to Mexico for chelation and DMSO treatments. It is working. She is enjoying walking again. Joan’s second grandson just graduated from high school this year. She has won several beauty contests; was 3rd runner up for Miss Teen California, winning a college scholarship. Her number one grandson just graduated from high school this year. Joan and her husband with their first great, grandchild, Joan was kind enough to say she enjoys the class of ’52 news column in The Meeting House. Thank you, Joan. Her new address is: 12205 Amethyst Drive, Hayden, Lake, ID 83835.

After hearing from Skeeter about “I-opener” I was so fascinated by this electronic wizardry that I called Danny Forbes to find out all about it. He e-mailed the web site to me. He has web TV. (Where we live we can’t even get cable.) Danny also reported that he has a son in Dallas and one in Houston as well as a third in LA. His spot in Saylorburg, PA sounds ideal. He did not get the enormous amount of snow the folks farther east received. He and wife, Sharlene, moved into a new development of mostly stressed 30 and 40 year olds. The Hornbostels serve as mediators to their neighbors. Dan is painting in watercolor, too. (We’ll have to have a class art show!)

As for the Shields family, we are out here in the quiet country hoping that more of you will show up. Donn Sullivan stopped by for the day during a jaunt to San Antonio. One day isn’t long enough to catch up on 40 years, but we tried!!! He is still painting so we talked about art. I am just a beginner but am enjoying taking watercolor classes. I certainly look at things differently. Sunsets and ducks on the lake, a winter sky, all take on a new significance when you are thinking, “How can I get that effect?”

As I write this, my grandson, Andrew, is sitting in the chair reading “The Lord of the Rings” which he got for Christmas. My granddaughter, Sara, is outside fishing and “helping” grandpa build a wall.

Let’s all give a special donation to Friends Academy in 2002 in honor of our class and its wonderful members. We have lost so many. We need to remember them. How about it?

My welcome mat has been out for a long time and it needs some wear. Surely you come through DFW some time! Come see us!

Joan Watson Hill  51 wrote the alumni office that her sister, Doris Watson Gerretzen “lost her valiant battle with cancer on Palm Sunday. Her triplet daughters were with her when she breathed her last at her home in Wassanaan, The Netherlands.”

1953

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Notes from our classmates are very sparse indeed! We do have news, however, from old faithfuls: Steve Fisher and Clare Coss and I thank them very much!

Steve writes, “Since last news I’ve travelled to India and Japan in support of my wife Deirdre’s work for world peace. Next stop, Chile.” Daughters Toya and Jennifer have produced grandchildren for them; sons Ian and Gareth are at Yale and Groton respectively and doing well. Business enterprises continue to provide. And like the rest of us, life gets even better as the gardening season approaches.

Clare Coss enjoys presenting national and international dramatic readings of her two one woman plays: Lillian Wald: At Home on Henry Street (founder of NYC’s Henry Street Settlement, Visiting Nurse Service, Neighborhood Playhouse) and Dangerous Territory
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Fil Graf’s farm in St. Thomas, PA has asparagus, corn, apples, peaches, and apricots growing. Fil printed out proofs for a book for a friend in England. He is editor of a magazine on brewery ads and a book on lamps. His son, David, is a naturalist for a Florida nature organization on the West Coast and loves taking pictures.

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Enjoying the Fair are Joan Konvalinka Hawkins ‘55, Stan Jackson ’52, former trustee and alumni parent Gayle Nichols, Tom Jackson ’55, Angie Jackson, and Naomi Johnson Dempsey ’55.

Anne Wauchope Smith ’56 and Morley Smith ’56 at the Fall Fair.

(1955)

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Woody Glenn, Centre Island, says he is involved in interesting research and sailing. A daughter is in nursing school, a son was in Americorps and is now taking a paralegal course, and a son is headed for law school. His son sailed last summer in Scotland. This year there was a team race in New Orleans. Woody says that Owen Smith sold the house on Mill River Road and bought a large old house in Oyster Bay. Woody has seen B.G. Schneider Miller and her daughter. (Tel: 516-922-8816)

Rick Randall is enjoying two young grandsons and five dogs (three are from his kids). One daughter is in the Parks and Recreation Department in Durham. The youngest son is in physical therapy in Albany and the oldest son is teaching special education in a high school east of Albany. In January, Rick and his wife toured the Hawaiian islands. (Tel: 518-732-7194)

George Cadwell in Blounts Creek, NC, writes that he is now fully retired. He sent a picture of a tree house he built at his daughter Cathy’s home in Louisville with his grandson, Sam, age 9. “I am enjoying taking courses in literature from Barnes and Noble via the Internet. The best are the message boards for student discussions and they are interesting and great fun. My health is generally good. Even with deteriorating joints, I walk a couple of miles a day. Last week we had a Jones (my mother’s side) family reunion in Pembroke, Georgia, with 86 cousins and spouses. We will have a mini-reunion in Louisville this June with at least four of my five kids, their spouses and perhaps all of my grandkids.” (Tel: 252-946-1118)

Naomi Dempsey in Wilton, CT has worked hard designing kitchens and hopes to retire in a year. She learned how to trap wild cats for a cat shelter. She trapped two female cats, spayed them, tamed the four kittens, and two are now ready for adoption. Her horse, Ginger, is 31. Her girls have been married seven years, but no grandchildren yet.

Dr. Michael Volow is a psychiatrist at the V.A. Hospital in Durham, NC. He and Becky are still working and think about retiring. Their son, Ilian, is studying computers part-time at North Carolina State University. (Tel: 819-383-3568)

Mary Foster Everett has two new grandchildren, Nicole and Nathan. She finished her term as President of the L.W.V. of Greater Hartford. She has taken Elderhostel trips to York, Bath, and Cambridge University in England. Her daughter, Dana, is teaching in elementary school. (Tel: 203-521-8277)

Hazel Milham Micheli and Jim retired to a quiet cove with 10 acres of woods in Lavagene, Maine, 18 miles from Bar Harbor. This winter was the worst in 15 years. They repaired the roof and waterproofed their 8-year-old log house. They have three cats and a young yellow lab retriever who loves the water. (Tel: 207-664-2470)

Sandi Conklin Thompson Tarlo Wakefield Wright in Denver sent a picture of herself leading a yoga class. “I’m great - teaching Bikram Yoga now full-time. Whole new life once again! Hal and I divorced and are now seeing each other steadily. However, I have my own sweet condo in Denver - spacious, light, bright, funky, lots of plants, and a cat. My son Juan and his wife, Jennifer, have a son, Will, who live about 10 minutes from me. He’ll be three this week and is sweet, funny, and smart. Gene Depolo, my first love, is dying in California and I talk to him and to his children. Jane, I saw him two years ago, so healthy, handsome, in amazing shape. We never knew. I’ve also changed my last name to my mom’s - I had my father’s a long time. It was time to honor my mom whom I dearly loved.” Sandi Wright, 200 Sherman #10, Denver, CO 80203. (Tel: 303-282-9709) E-mail: soundaw@earthlink.net

Anne Howell Dew sent a beautiful card. Anne says, “I live in St. Petersburg, FL where my husband was born. We met my first weekend at Skidmore and he was at Williams. We have raised our six children, now ages 31-40, and are enjoying grandchildren - some here and some in Atlanta. We live here where John practices law during the winter and in Highlands, NC during the summer. Thirty years ago we became committed Christians and therefore our lives revolve around that commitment.” 390 Walnut Street, N.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33704

Sarah Lenor Pusey moved to Reno, Nevada where she says “I love the high desert, 4500 ft., and there are trails to hike within minutes of home. My accomplishment of the year was a trek down the Grand Canyon, seven miles, 4700 vertical feet down, 0 degrees at the rim, crampoms to deal with for first two hours, five hours total, and up 10 miles, 4500 vertical feet, crampoms the last two hours, a trip of 10 hours, and was I ever glad to see the rim. Tired! Happy! Hungry!”

Elizabeth Schneider Miller lives in Oyster Bay and one of her sons is running a marina hardware business. She and Jim have four grown kids. B.G. had three boys. They have five grandchildren ages 10, 8, 7, 3, 1 1/2 and one on the way. Five live within 10 minutes. Last year the oldest grandchild had cancer. Jim is not well. B.G. asks after Peggi Foster Anderson and Connie Bryson. She says Andy Fagan married Peter Rosen who runs Preston’s. They buy hardware from her. She also asks after Phil Munson.

Many thanks to religion teacher, John Nicolson, and Berta May for their note. “You bring back memories of F.A. - both when we lived there and when we have visited in the years since. It’s a good school. We are still working and think about retiring. Their grandkids yet!

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It was great to hear from our girls sports coach, Tosh Maher. She lives in Toronto and enjoys her committee activities. She attended the big 85th Camp Arcadia reunion in Maine. Many thanks to literature and bible teacher Miriam Taylor Sajkovic and Vladimir for the loving cards they send. 101 College St., South Hadley, MA 01075

I have sung with the Concord Chorus for almost 30 years. We sang the Hayden’s Creation Mass and Mozart’s Vesperae Solenne De Confessore with a local orchestra in a Sudbury, MA church. Sadly, our wonderful conductor, F. John Adams, is leaving after 19 years for Czechoslovakia. Mr. Adams recalled our performances and quoted Robert Shaw who said when he left the Harvard Glee Club, “Sing to add zest to the lives of people and bear witness to what is beyond ourselves!” May the F.A. music groups carry on this tradition. I loved musical Glee Club at F.A.!”

Please let us hear from Herbie Cares, Connie Bryson, Janet Boeing Francis, Joanna Miller Jacobus, Sally Hickok Ward, Connie and Mike Hellman, Hazel Hill Jarvis, Sandra McClellan MacGregor, Allan F. Munro, Phyllis Wood Ponvert, Owen Smith, Ivan Steiner, Emilie Buck Turano, Harold Atkinson, and Peggy Foster Anderson.

Finally, we have a letter from John Galbraith. “This past year has been very good! The family is doing very well and we added two girls to the grandchildren count, now up to a total of five. We are extremely fortunate to have everyone living with an hour’s drive. For the past six years I have served on the Board of Directors at Martin Country Club and was elected President for a year. (I have played golf for close to 55 years.) Ann ’52, Peter ’56, Susan, and I are going to get together this fall in Vancouver, BC. It has been a long time since the ‘Long Island Galbraiths’ have spent time together. Susan lives in Vancouver, Peter back in Vermont, and Ann here in Northern California near me. Should be a good time. I gather that the 45th reunion had a small turnout. I hope we can pull off a big 50th. 863 Butternut Dr. San Rafael, CA 94903

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Dr. Lisa Volto Golombek has been the curator of Islamic Art at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto since 1997. As such she has visited Central Asia, Tunisia, and China. Lisa recently returned from a lecture tour in Iran organized by the American Museum of Natural History. Lisa and psychiatrist husband Harvey have two sons, Jamie and Eric, both married.

John Hadden recently retired from the University of South Florida Medical College to Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. After a career including designing the experiment that was the basis of Obedience to Authority which is now a classic in psych textbooks, receiving three research prizes, writing 300 papers, 11 text books, and founding the International Society of Immunopharmacology. John found time to marry Elba who have two sons.

Sue Ormiston Bridson was the Editor of the Three Village Herald when she won the New...
Jensen and Spies have been doing investment consulting for a long time and are happy and healthy, and one is free-lancing and loving it!

Nikki Penny Riddle lives in Raleigh with husband Rich of 41 years. She has three children and six grandchildren. Nikki has a job with the IRS doing tax research and loves it. And she finally got her degree from Hollis College.

Dick Sykes reached back 40 years to connect with Tim (Class of ’58) Lapham’s cousin, Mary Booth, with whom he “went steady” in the summer of ’55. Dick and Mary have a place on Nantucket. Dick’s semi-retired, working part-time for a consulting company.

Carol Mawby Hannum lives in Seattle. She rents rooms in her house which is nestled among the mountains where she operates her own business. Carol swims a lot and lifts weights. She describes her lifestyle as “funky.”

Helen Jackson Parker is single and living in Williamsburg, Virginia. She’s into horticulture, crafts, and keeping up with classmates and F.A. teachers.

Tom Benien is building a house in Orchid, Florida and spends the summer in East Charleston, Vermont. According to his wife, Charlene, “Tom is adjusting very well to retirement!”

I retired from the Florida Department of Transportation last year. I live “spinnit distance” from a lake inhabited by all kinds of wildlife and spend my time teaching as an adjunct instructor for the University of Florida, fishing, and scuba diving.

Wally Cook wrote the alumni office, “Since retiring from Rockefeller and Co. (the Rockefeller family investment firm) in 1997, I have also been active on the boards of three charitable foundations, a series of mutual funds, and UVA Law School.

“Your wife of 32 years, Dee Dee, a talented artist, continues to produce beautiful paintings. Our two sons are both in the venture capital business, and are happy and healthy, and one is getting married in June to a wonderful young woman.

“I continue to be very interested in sports. I play tennis in the warm weather and paddle tennis in the cold, at least four times a week. We enjoy travel and have been to Europe and various U.S. destinations on business/pleasure each year. We have spent the past four winters in Key West and Tampa, Florida.”

Friends Academy English teacher, and alumni parent Carolyn Seaman, trustee and parent Nancy Tilton, and former trustee and alumni parent, Bob Seaman '59.