

Olive Wilt was my special teacher. She taught us (our class of 1952) briefly in sixth grade. Then we met her again in the Upper School. She was WONDERFUL! She called our class her "Angels" and we would have done anything for her. Her patience, her humor, and her strict adherence to perfection - or as close as we could get - were a driving force for all of us. I do remember, however, that no matter the paper, test, etc., if I received an A, Marcia Hansen got an A+, if I receive an A+, Marcia got an A++ - that was Mrs. Wilt's only flaw. I wish both my boys could have had her as their teachers. How they would have benefited. I always think of Friends with a warm heart.

Jane Rein Freeman '52

himself parasailing. Looks like fun! Donn is also painting in watercolor. His lighthouses are wonderful.

Fluff Macy Thayer's daughter, Jennifer Naylor, lives on Franklin Avenue in Glen Cove. When they rent a house in Glen Head for the summer they see her and the grandchildren, Duncan and Persie, often. Fluff is the editor and writer of the *Casey Keynote*, her island paper in Florida. Fluff is painting, gardening, and playing golf. Children, Sandy and Ann, live in Maine. She sees **Pat Hinman Makin '51**. Pat is Commodore of the Annisquam Yacht Club and has retired from her job at Endicott College. Joan works part-time at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and spends the rest of the time in Wilton, CT. Fluff says she'll check out places to stay when they move to LI for the summer. She and Alec like take-out from Stangos, so it must still be good. Let's plan at least one meal and get together there.

Bob Wilkinson sent his memories of Friends in an e-mail. He recalls Mrs. Wilt discovering someone cheating on a test by writing his answers in his palm. She found him out when he kept waving his guilty hand to ask a question (DUH!) and she reacted with physical force that nearly unseated him. Bob also reminisced about a basketball game in which we were behind by one point with seconds to go. **Jimmy Castleman** shoots and is fouled. He goes to the free throw line. There is tremendous tension in the onlookers. He sinks the first one. Throws again and sinks the second one. We win. Jimmy was as cool as any pro. The Wilkinsons visited their children in Tokyo, Virginia, Oregon, and NY. (Connie and Bob live in a gorgeous spot in Port Ludlow. No wonder they have so many visitors including us!)

As for the Shields, we welcome any visitors from the class of '52. Give us a call. 972-962-8124. My college roommate **Olive Worth McCord** visited in April. We caught up on 20 plus years in two days! She commented that we still finished each other's sentences. She lives

in Greenville, SC. We had a "small world" coincidence. One of my son David's college roommates at Trinity University is from Greenville. Olive knew his parents quite well but said never in a million years would she have made a connection with us! We are excited about a trip to Denmark through an Intergenerational Elderhostel trip with grand children Andrew, 12, and Sara, 10, from June 22 to July 5. At spring break we all went to Cozumel to scuba and snorkel. Lots of fun together in a gorgeous place.

As I write this we are anticipating a weeks visit from Pierre and Francoise Decitre, parents of our AFS student, Guillaume, who was with us in 1984-85. They have not been to Kaufman but visited us when we lived in Fort Worth. Guillaume and his wife live and work in Palo Alto. They have three children. (Two were born in the US.) Daughter Heather is still in Austin as Director of Community Services for the state agency "Mental Health/Mental Retardation." Frank is a banker in Fort Worth and David is an environmental geologist in Dallas.

1953

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Stephen G. Fisher writes, "Life is good. All family members are thriving. Oldest daughter, Toya, just moved up from Florida with her family, now all my children are at hand, a-h-h! Jennifer gave us a new granddaughter, Marina. Son Ian a junior at Yale, Gareth at Groton. Deirdre continues her Peace work, so vital just now. My companies are doing well. Life at Lakeside, our Rhinebeck home, is sublime. Is anyone still alive enough to think about our 50th next year?" E-Mail: SGF0077@aol.com

1954

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I have received no notes from anyone from the Class of 1954, although I saw news about some classmates in other class notes. So, I don't know how anyone is, or what they are doing. I have had phone contact with **Ed Dey** in Paris several times since my wife's death; and **Bob Stearns** and I swap jokes occasionally. I regret that we did not have our 45th in 1998. Connie's illness and passing precluded my attending the All-Class in 2000; so I don't know who was there.

As for me, I am still retired in MD and still playing regularly in the Federal Jazz Commission (doing festivals this year in WA, IA, and OH). That, keeping up the homestead and swapping visits with kids and grandkids keep me busy enough. If anybody needs a good dentist in the Boston area, son Greg just opened his own practice in Wilmington after 10 years with Bader Group in Peabody. Also, I was visited in April by my brother and sister-in-law, **Laurie Castleman '52**, and **Valerie Greenman '53**, sister of my late wife, Connie (Emma Willard '56). We enjoyed a few days together before they headed south to link up with **Jimmie Castleman**, also '52 (isn't that amazing?), and wife Jan, to play golf and terrorize Charleston SC. Okay, Classmates - let's hear from you!

I heard from **Bob Stearns** who wrote, "Not much change here. Semi-retired but still writing for a few magazines; still chasing fish in south Florida and also around the world. Shirley and I have been married 35 years and have no plans to move out of the house we built 34 years ago in Miami."

Ward Burian wrote, "Sorry for the delay. Not much to say. Have been here in Chatham on the Cape for close to two years and it really does take that long to get settled, especially when one is an outsider or as they say here a 'Washashore' which applies to all those who didn't arrive on the Mayflower - which by the way did first land on the Cape before going across the Bay to Plymouth. Retirement seems such a waste if you don't have lots of hobbies. Martha's doing well with her painting and now has works in several galleries. I tried it briefly, but don't think it's my thing. Have been active in the local Coast Guard - Station Chatham Auxiliary that is 80 strong compared to the regulars who number 25. I just became the new Financial Officer but really stay busy doing patrol and some vessel examination. It's good camaraderie but really a summer activity with training and classes in the winter. If anyone is ever out this way check the lighthouse where I may be speaking to visitors about the history and function of early American lighthouses. Or if there are any church-goers out there, you will find me and Martha singing in the choir at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church right on Main Street.

"Daughter **Jennifer** (FA '83) and two boys are doing well and moved from Darien, CT to Bernardsville, NJ. Daughter Allyson just fine in Breckenridge, CO expecting her second girl. We decided to keep the Cape only for summer



Tom Jackson '55, Stan Jackson '52, and Julian Frey '51.

In the early '70s when I served a term as Alumni President a number of elderly grads showed up for the annual Fall Fair. One sprightly old alum (Beatrice Bailey) said she had acted as the school bus, bringing all the students from the Glen Head area to school each day with her horse and wagon. (The horses were kept all day in the run-in sheds that had to be removed recently so the campus could be modernized. Nobody knew it, but Miss Bailey's horse had a trick up its sleeve. Just before an important football game, Headmaster Blackman ran into the school shouting that a 'Dead Horse' lay on the playing field. With one snap of the fingers, Beatrice saved the day.

Stanley M. Jackson '52

and will be moving to Williamsburg, VA next fall, so if anyone gets down there please look me up. It's a wonderful and very pretty area, and I hope to do a lot of studying about American History at William & Mary.

1955

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Helen and **Art Geoffrion** celebrated the birth of their first granddaughter, Winslow Faye Church. Art's wife, Helen, was honored as Alumnae Athlete of the Year by her high school, Columbus School for Girls. Art visited FA on Fair day. Helen raced in national triathlons in Lake Placid and Idaho, a five-mile swim in St. Croix (October) where they were vacationing. Art wants to put up a website for FA '55. Please send him your e-mail address at: ageoffri@anderson.ucla.edu.

In January, **Verne** and family were enjoying Florida. And **Hazel Milham Michelli** and her husband traveled to South America. Weezie and **Keeville Larson** were expecting a new grandchild in February.

B.B. Schneider Miller and her husband also have a new grandchild, seven in all, six of them girls. She has fond memories of chemistry with Mr. Hutt, English with Mrs. Stubbs, physics with Mr. Green, and Latin with Mrs. Jones. She sees **Woody Glenn**.

Mary Foster Everett spent Christmas with all her family. Mary is retired but keeps records for a homeowner's association and a local playhouse and substitutes in Wethersfield. She spent a week in Canterbury, visiting the Cathedral. She visited London and in October she went to Provence with a Bates friend.

From Florida, **Peter Klinge** writes that his class ring was found! "A young man, Matt Oesch, a sixth grader from Huntington, likes to scuba dive for treasure off the Huntington pier. On one of his adventures last summer he found my class ring in 14 feet of water. He contacted Friends who contacted me. Thank you, Matt. Thank you Friends. The ring has been missing supposedly under water for 46 years." Peter went to Dartmouth with **Mike Hellman** and **Ward Burian**. From the NYU film school he has a MFA in directing and a Ph.D. thesis in aesthetics. He was in media, direct advertising, and wrote for the *LA Times*. He taught at Ithaca College film school. He published four textbooks on mass media and film aesthetics.

Last August, Peter had a visit from **Jean Claude Aubourg**. Pete has finished the *Diary of a Boy* about his being the first Friends exchange student to France. Jean Claude Aubourg, who was our French exchange student junior year, is retired from SAS airlines. Jean Claude met **Donn Andre** '54 who plays the guitar in a small band of friends and neighbors. Jean Claude and his wife, Charlotte, met Donn and his friends in Copenhagen for a weekend of New Orleans music performances. Donn had served at the American Embassy in Copenhagen so had friends in Denmark. Jean Claude had dinner with **Pete Klinge** last August at Pete's summer home by the lake in Ithaca, NY. They talked about the exchange school experience and that Pete had written a film script about his perception of France. The *Diary*

of a Boy is half reality, half fiction work, and Pete wishes he could make a film. Jean Claude gives his number (0149837325) to friends who make it to Paris.

Fil Graff is enjoying life in the Shenandoah Valley, PA. "Life is good; close to paradise!" The second edition of his first book on collecting lamps is out now. He no longer edits brewery ads but is helping an English friend with a book on collecting lamps. His wife, Roberta, a retired nurse, enjoys gardening. You can reach Fil at 717-369-3577.

Another website you can visit belongs to Dr. **Herbert L. Cares**, surgical neurologist at Mass General. A couple of photos are listed on his website www.hlcares.com.

Harold Abramson of Cold Spring Harbor is in the process of retiring from 35 years of service to NYC Human Resources Administration. He still skis with the Grumman Ski Club in VT.

Sandra Conklin Wakefield was in Boston for the graduation of her niece from Boston University. **Owen Smith**, who lives in Laurel Hollow, was in Europe. **Rick Randall**'s wife, Sally, says he loves to be busy in Westchester, NY. He is coaching lacrosse, women's basketball, and substitute teaches at Columbia High School where his wife teaches special education. They look forward to their summer home on Scroon Lake in the Adirondacks.

John Galbraith and Susan have three children and five grandchildren. John is past president of the Marin Country Club. He plays golf. He works in advertising in northern California. His younger sister, **Susan** '61, went to Scotland for a gathering of the Galbraith clan near Sterling. Susan is a home care nurse in Vancouver. His sister, **Ann** '52, is working in insurance in California and looking forward to her 50th at FA this fall. John's brother, **Peter** '56, a retired public health doctor, is helping young adults from Somalia in Burlington, VT. All the Galbraiths attended Friends from Kindergarten on, as their father was the school doctor. His e-mail at home is walesca@earthlink.net.

Allan Munroe had a gala birthday party in Florida and is now very involved with Kimball Union from which he graduated. **Naomi Johnson Dempsey** renovates kitchens and enjoys her horse, Ginger. She visited friends in Wisconsin and saw Carol and Barb and families at Thanksgiving.

Peggy Egan Alley and Brian spruced up the guest cottage for the summer. In May, they drove to Fort Collins, CO to see Nate's graduation with a BS in Natural Resources at Colorado State University.

Miriam Taylor Sajkovic writes that she and Vlada have been translating the theologian Zilke and hoping for it to be published. She had an operation on her tongue that was painful, but she is fine now. Please write her at 101 College Street, South Hadley, MA 01075. Tel: 413-532-5011.

Bertha May Nicholson is comfortably situated at Crosslands, a Quaker retirement community near West Chester. Her three sons have homes in the area and she enjoys family get togethers and activities with her grandchildren. She writes that John T. is now a lawyer in Kennett Square. You can write her at 233 Crosslands Drive, Kennett Square, PA 19348-2023.

I thank **Joan Konvalinka Hawkins** for

letting me stay with her and **George** '54 for Fall Fair when we saw **Art Geoffrion**. Performed in a wonderful concert with our chorus of Mozart and Handel. I'm grateful to Friends for lifelong friends.

I had a note from **Sandra Madden** reporting on her trip to see friends and family "Up North" last summer. She visited friends and family in New Canaan, CT, New York, attended a cousin's wedding in New Jersey, visited a long-time family friend in Swarthmore, PA, then visited in-laws in Pittsburgh, PA, and finally to a long-promised reunion with a childhood friend in Ottawa Canada. This nostalgic route was, as she wrote, "renewing and invigorating" and hopes to take more trips like this in visiting relatives in California. In the meantime she asserts that she will not leave her house in Florida. She finds life in Palm Coast exciting with plans for a new cultural arts center, along with activities with the Art League and the newly born Symphonic Society.

1956

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C. William Jones writes "My retiree association (Association of BellTel Retirees Inc.) has grown to 72,000 members and we have formed a group of similar organizations (National Retiree Legislative Network, Inc). I serve on that Board. We have a bill before Congress, The Emergency Retiree Health Benefits Protection Act, we had three proposals on the Verizon proxy - one got 42.7% or about 934 million votes!" Articles on Bill appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, his local paper, and the special investor's issue of *Fortune*. Bill moved to Easton, MD three years ago with his wife, Gail, an independent college advisor.



Joan Konvalinka Hawkins '55 and Art Geoffrion '55.