

“Class Notes” from Former Faculty and Staff

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Dear Friends,

Another year has raced by and I keep wondering where the time goes. Time, however, is precious and Mike and I are grateful for our blessings. September 11th was so horrific and imposing, involving so many people that we are all connected to, it has left its mark on us all.

Hearing from all of you certainly brightens my days as I hope it does yours. **Miriam Taylor Sajhovic**, 1950-1955 - English teacher, Religion. “San Francisco summer trips 1999, 2000, 2001, to see our son and daughter-in law. They have developed and direct a marble company, ‘Alex Stone Network.’ Trip to Russia and Finland, 1999, Helsinki, St. Petersburg and Moscow to honor my husband Dr. Vladimir Sajkonc, now 90, visited Repina (former Kuokola) where Vladimir grew up. I continue to translate the work of Czech theologian Frantisek Zika with my husband, linguist of nine languages! I am also teaching philosophy part-time - evenings at Mt. Holyoke Community College.”

Dave Hotaling, 1954-1964 - English and Geography, Ecology and Biology teacher, Science Department Chair. “Teaching experience: two years New Zealand, three years Australia, nine years Guam, five years Oregon, several years in Seattle. Retired here, have been tutoring since 1990 the GED at the Seattle Indian Center & Thunderbird Treatment Center. Have kept in touch with many of my colleagues and students. Friends gave me the best teaching years of my 48 years of teaching.” I must compliment you as I am sure we all do, on your contribution to the Seattle Indian Center, how caring of you and certainly following the Quaker Tradition. E-mail hotdsl@mindspring.com.

Elizabeth Roosevelt, 1968-1995 - Upper School History teacher. “The highlights of 2001 for me were in April a trip to the Pantanal in Brazil, the largest fresh water swamp in the world and paradise for birders. Then in the summer I won the ladies championship at my yacht club.” (Congratulations Liz. Happily I’m sure it was not the first time!) “I was in New York on 9/11 and had an interesting time getting home which included walking part way across the 59th Street Bridge before being picked up by a nice couple who drove me to the Woodside railway station. Other than that I’m still at the Book-Mark Café in Oyster Bay.”

Mary and Alan Craig, Director of Admissions (Mary) - Associate Headmaster (Alan) “It happened! Alan retired as Headmaster of Moorestown Friends School after 11 years. The swish of the bagpipers led the way for the festivities. He is now involved in a myriad of

projects and thriving in his new found freedom. I retired a year earlier and enjoy the days spent at the Delaware shore as well as our new home in the museum area of Philadelphia. Ian ’86 is Principal of the Middle School at Westtown Friends, and has given us two thriving grandsons, while David’ 82 has moved to Denver, Colorado and is pursuing his career in the hotel business, a great place to visit.”

Hans Fickensher, 1973-1991 - Middle School Math and Science teacher, Director of Summer School Program. “My 50th college reunion in Germany has considerably widened my and Marion’s circle of friends abroad. These new friendships are sustained by regular correspondence and mutual visits across the ocean. Back home, the stream of life still flows broadly, some teaching, extensive reading and writing, and numerous cultural activities. I keep fit by swimming daily at the local Y at 6:00 am. As usual we have been inundated with visitors all through the summer months, perhaps because it is the first summer in many years which we spent at home. Our grandson, Ryan, now 5, is a precious gift. Life has never been better.”

Jeff and Maureen McCann Sandborn, 1984 - Math teacher, Middle School Track Coach/Girls Physical Education. Jeff writes that he and Maureen are doing well in Baltimore and are finishing their 18th year south of the Mason Dixon Line and to think “I thought Long Island was too far south for a Maine boy. We continue to run and exercise long after the times and bodies suggest otherwise. Our daughter is a freshman at Dartmouth and will commence her lacrosse season in Boston against Harvard. Our son is a sophomore at McDonogh School where we live and I teach. Contrary to the 18 years of track coaching and running, both kids picked up lacrosse sticks, field hockey, basketballs, and footballs and unfortunately, or fortunately, both are fair at the seasonal sport. I continue to run and have coached marathons on the side for nearly eight years for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I even crossed a finish line in Philadelphia last fall.

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Sally Vuillet, 1969-1994 - Assistant Head, Director of College Guidance, Upper School Spanish teacher. “We’ve built another house, moved in October to a 106 acre farm that we share with Kathleen (Vuillet ’78) and Roland Augustine. We are surrounded by some 1000 acres that are in the Dutchess Land Conservancy, so it’s really life in the country now. I continue to volunteer at a nearby residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children. Fascinating, difficult at times. Sad because many of these kids would be OK if they had anything like a functioning family. I’ve learned a lot this year, e.g. liquid manure

smells awful, crayfish clear ponds of algae, you need a variety of blueberry bushes to get fruit, what seem to be full grown apple trees can be transplanted, all country houses have mice when it turns cold. I could go on. Bob is still working and I continue to take piano lessons. Love it. Why didn’t I do that when I was kid? We see the Alaskan contingent every year at least once, and have had a grand time going to track and swim meets in Connecticut and Massachusetts to see granddaughter, (Heather’s ’77) Sarah Lende, competing for Northfield Mt. Hermon. She’s a high school All-American in swimming. Our oldest grandchild is a first year student at Bowdoin. Loves it. September 11th casts a long shadow and our hearts go out to all the families who lost a son, daughter, brother, sister, mother, father. Even though we seem so far from New York City, our local fire department and EMT’s are part of a first response evacuation team to the city. P.S. Playing a lot of Golf of course!!”

Barclay Palmer - Barclay is involved in so many thing it is hard to call him retired. He is Chairman and on Board of Directors of Partnership on Education Reform/ restructure/ rethink group in various parts of the USA, mainly in California, where “my two daughters thrive with their respective kids. My son is East coast manager of CNN in NYC. Deborah is Vice President at Gap; My wife, Judy, is on three boards - we travel and work & work & work. I work at the piano, do research on education and parenting partnerships, writing, local arts, Bowdian Summer Music Festival, philanthropy, gardening (14 beds). We have nine grandchildren. We attend many conferences/talks/workshops.” Barclay included an article entitled, “Responsibility, Our Shared Humanity, and Ah, Love in Vietnam” authored by him after a trip with Pathfinder International to Vietnam. It certainly was worth reading. If anyone would like a copy I will happily fax it or send it to you.

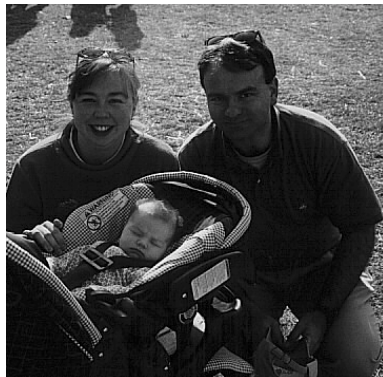
Jacque Gow, 1980-1997 - Girls Athletics and Physical Education. Jacque was selected as Nassau County Lacrosse Coach of the Year for the 3rd consecutive year. Took the Glen Cove high school girls lacrosse team to Division II title. Congratulations Jacque, lots of hard work. Jacque also coached a few FA girls during the winter time, “one to one” lacrosse lessons. She loves being at Glen Cove but still keeps in touch with FA students and faculty. E-Mail laxroads@optonline.net.

Helen Ilijic, 1981-2000 - Math, Computer teacher. “We are settling into our new home - A condo on the south shore in Massapequa Park. I miss running into FA students, faculty, and parents at shops, restaurants, etc. Retirement is great but I still enjoy doing some math and SAT tutoring.”

Scot Dimon, 1982-1987 - Middle School Principal. “First things first - GO BRAVES!! Your guys up in Mets land may have thrown



Marilyn and Mike Doyle.



Melinda and Matt Bradley, and Eleanor.



Cleve Short and daughter, Nicole.