

“Class Notes” from Former Faculty and Staff

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Dear Friends,

Another year! It is amazing how the time flies. Mike and I traveled to Turkey this past fall and were so impressed with the number and variety of historic sites dating before the time of Christ and through World War I. We visited our family residing in Manly Beach, Australia - **Brian and Jenny Kilian Doyle** '86, and at that time, two grandchildren; Seamus (4) and Kilian (3). We traveled with **Patrick** '83 and his wife Lisa, and three grandchildren, Jack (7), Tillie (3), Ciara (10 months). Since our first visit, Brian and Jenny have had a baby boy, Deaglan. **Colleen** '91 and husband Michael had their first child in November, a new Michael. Now seven fabulous grandchildren!

Unfortunately, the world is immersed in violence again. This certainly tears at the Quaker principal of non-violence. During this very difficult world conflict, a former Quaker leader came into my mind, **William Masland**, past President of the Friends Academy Board, and a retired pilot for Pan American (1966). His achievements as a navigator and pilot were many. He commanded the first commercial around the world flight in 1943...and it goes on. However, for members of my family and myself, he symbolized the Quaker approach to life. He frequently attended each school's weekly Meeting. His offerings, no matter the age group or the topic proposed, were always based on his approach to life; simplicity, non-violence, caring, and concern for others. I try to keep this in mind as we view today's times. As always it is a pleasure to hear from all of you.

Miriam Taylor Sajkovic - 1950-1955, English 7-12, Religion: Miriam had a very difficult year. Her husband, Vlademer, a renowned linguist of nine languages and very involved in translating Russian and Czech theologians and philosophers, passed on. He was 91. Miriam has also suffered from disease of her hip, involving two surgeries and finally a hip replacement. She has retired as a philosophy professor from Holyoke Community College, and continues to work on her husband's translations for publication. We hope you are feeling better Miriam, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ervin Mix - 1954-1959, Latin teacher, Floor Master 7th grade boys, Soccer Coach: Erv writes he obtained his Ph.D. in classics in 1961 and

became a professor of classics at Elmira College from 1964-1994, now retired. His research and writing include "Defensor Civitatis, Kiplings Reculus; Jacobs de Cessolis, liber de Lupo Scacchorum" (book concerning the art of chess). "I am preparing a translation and commentary on the Medieval Latin work. I hope all is well at FA in these hazardous days. Sincerely, Erv Mix"

Jo Ann Withington - 1966-1988, Lower School Library, devoted wife of Ted: Jo Ann writes that she remains well and happy in her home and community with her family nearby. She once again spent two months this summer at her cottage on Casco Bay, Maine, never tiring of watching the water and the life it encompasses, both human and otherwise. This spring she had a "Maine" granite bench placed on the bank over looking the garden and water, in memory of Ted, with his name and dates inscribed. Jo Ann also sent a lovely picture of her grandchildren: Ashleigh, 24, Colin, 17, Emma, 16, and Andrew, 13. They are beautiful and handsome.

Thomas and Mary Mann - 1966-1975 - Tom - Business Manager; Mary - Bookstore Manager: "We are enjoying the 'MODEST GREAT' state of Texas. Tom has retired from the oil business. I'm still active with Friends of the Library. Our two oldest grandchildren will be going to Texas A&M in September. **Mary** '75 and **Kathleen** '77 both graduated from there as did their husbands. Occasionally we get down to Galveston to enjoy our condo. The only problem is that it is 500 plus miles from here, but you can't have everything! We remember with pleasure the Friends Academy faculty and the many good friends we made while we were on Long Island. God Bless you all." Mary and Tom Mann.

Lila A. Gordon - 1966-1975, Biology and Chemistry teacher/Science Chairman: Lila writes: "Retirement is great! Life on the lake is lovely and without the stress that goes with being the Head of a school. I do some community service, help with the library fair, play the piano everyday, play bridge, swim, skate, or cross country ski, see and entertain friends and family, enjoy my three delightful grandchildren and their parents. **Merle** '71 and her son live close by; **Mike** '74, his wife and two children are planning a move to here from Philadelphia. If I can, I go to the meeting of present and former Heads of Friends schools. I see several FA colleagues; **Rich Eldridge**, **Alan Craig**, **Byron Forbush**. Through Mike, I see **Pam Rubin** '74 and **Tina Martin** '75. I also enjoyed a visit with **Karl Garlid** to **Blanche**

Schmidt's house in Shady. **Roger Erickson**, **Helen Ilijic** and I meet in the city three or four times a year with our concert subscriptions. I see Becky and **Robbie Thomas** up here in the summer. Last year, Julie and **Bob Fatherly** visited. I must get Dawn and **Dexter Lewis** up here again. I enjoyed the Fall Fair but wish there had been more former students from my vintage. It was delightful to see **Diana (Didi) Dickson** '67 honored. Suffice to say...All is well."

Joe Servello - 1969-1975, Art and Drama (My most favorite teaching time!!): 169 Grant Ave., Altoona, PA 16602: Joe writes that he has stopped teaching at Penn State and also has stopped working with children as an artist in residence. (Both were part-time.) "I have opened my own gallery in downtown Altoona (The Servello Gallery of Art) and I continue to illustrate (You are an Artist, by Joe Servello, Parent and Child Press) www.parentchildpress.com, design for theatre (setting for the Land of the Sugar Plum Fairies - Nutcracker), and I draw and paint for fun and profit. The gallery website is www.servellogallery.com." Joe, you are so busy and talented! I was in the Hummerstone home and was once again able to admire your paintings!

Elizabeth E. Roosevelt - 1969-1995, Teacher of History. "I continue to do some sailing in the summer. I was surprised last June, to be asked again to read AP exams, but had an interesting time doing so in Lincoln, Nebraska. I have also had some success with my photography."

Sally Vuillet - 1969-1995, Assistant Head, College Guidance, Spanish Teacher: Sally continues to write enthusiastically about their developing 104-acre farm. "This year we have lots of green grass and shrubs instead of several acres of mud, and the new house begins to look as though it fits here. We've enjoyed our treks to various grandchildren's swim meets, soccer games, track meets. Last spring, we returned to Taft for Bob's Fiftieth Reunion. The annual visit to Alaska to see **Heather** '77, **Suzanne** '80, and families was, as always, immensely pleasurable. Last summer flew by with golf and gardening and then a November trip to Oregon, again visiting relatives and old friends, followed by a cruise up the Columbia and Snake River. Bob is working a reduced schedule, and has mastered the bush hog aspect of using the tractor. During the off season from golf, I volunteer at a local home for emotionally disturbed children, as well as studying the piano. The information age insists on keeping us up to date on all the mayhem everywhere in the world, in sharp contrast to our quiet corner of Dutchess County, which only heightens our wish for peace on earth and good will to everyone."

Peter Philander - Middle School History Teacher: 8600 Scholar Lane #2014, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128; E-mail peterphilander@aol.com: Peter's daughter-in-law, Natalie Philander, was kind enough to send an update on Peter's present activities. He spent two months in South Africa with his sisters. He returned in March. He lives in an apartment near his son and daughter-in-law on the northwest side of Las Vegas at the base of the Spring Mountains. Peter continues to write, and recently (December) had another book of poetry published in South Africa. The title is "Trialoog." He enjoys hearing from friends and colleagues from the school.

Peggy Brucia - 1970-1978, Latin Teacher, and **Jim Campbell** - 1973-1978, Upper and Middle School Art: Peggy writes that their two children, Angela and Ben, are happy graduates, Angela of Connecticut College, and now a photo-archivist at the Frick Museum, and Ben,



Mike and "Class Representative" Marilyn Doyle.



Helen Ilijic and Dotty Friedman.

studying film at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. Jim is busy as ever with his restoration and antiques business on Long Island. He recently participated in shows at the Pier. "How he finds time to do everything amazes me, but I certainly enjoy our home and our well tended floral wonderland." Peggy took a semester break from her teaching responsibilities in Port Jefferson High School and taught Latin and English Composition at John Cabot University, in one of her most favorite cities, Rome, Italy. The Brucia-Campbell family spent Christmas together in Rome before their return to New York.

Edward Melnick - 1978-1987, Middle and Upper School Music: Congratulations to Ed in his new role as Superintendent of North Shore Public Schools.

Alice Kaplan - 1972-1983, Lower School Librarian, E-mail alicek@optimaonline.net: Alice writes that she and Allan have been living in Greenwich, CT for the past seven years, "to be near their children and grandchildren (5). It's been a great experience living in a new community and making new friends at this stage of life. I am working as a volunteer for a bereavement program, facilitating three groups, one of which is for families in the community who lost loved ones on 9/11. It's hard work, but extremely rewarding. I am also having fun: playing bridge, traveling, enjoying all the wonders of NYC on a regular basis and, of course, spending time with the grandchildren. **Isabell** '78 has Jason (10), Abby (8). **Carrie** '83 has Josh (5), Jack (3), and Seth has Justin (6). The J's do have it in our family. I think of my 10 years at Friends with great affection and send my best regards and good wishes to all. Fondly, Alice" *Editor's Note: We are very sad to report that just as The Meeting House was going to press we received news that Allan Kaplan died.*

Jim Luongo - 1972-1978, Upper School English Teacher: Jim is teaching at New Canaan High School. "My family is well. My son turns 21 and is a junior at Johns Hopkins. My wife is in the second year of a new business. I am in touch with **Nick Decandia** who is in Massachusetts and loving it."

Jacquie Gow - 1980-1997, Physical Education, Coach for Varsity Lacrosse and Field Hockey: "Loving teaching at and coaching at Glen Cove Public Schools." Jacquie has had two graduating classes and is excited to report that six girls are playing Division 1 and two Division 3 lacrosse on scholarship. She is honored to have been chosen to be inducted into the Glen Cove Hall of Fame as a lacrosse coach. "It has also been fun to coach against **Diane Pasatieri** (Herricks) in volleyball and **Carolyn Collins** (Locust Valley) in lacrosse as we were all P.E. teachers for years at F.A."

Rick Robinson - 1981-1983, Assistant Coach for Track and Cross Country: "I am in my 22nd year as a sports columnist for the *Oyster Bay Guardian*. My 'beat' includes my alma mater, Oyster Bay High School as well as Friends, St. Dominic's, and Portledge. I still have vivid memories of **Ted Withington** and his enthusiasm for track."

Katherine Gotz - 1983-1984 Teacher, Future address, Box 314, Point Harbor, N.C. 27964: "This summer, July 2003, my husband and I will leave our abode of 35 years and move to North Carolina near the Outer Banks. By that time two of our three daughters will be

married and living far away – one in Vienna, Austria, the other in Logan, Utah. Our third daughter will be finishing her doctorate and we do not know where she will be in 2004. In North Carolina we are on the Currituck Sound and hope to have lots of visitors from New York. We are both retired now."

Maggie and Scoot Dimon - 1982-1987, Middle School Principal: I am sorry to report that Scoot and Maggie are lamenting the loss of Tom Glavine to their arch rivals, the New York Mets. YEAH!!! Other than that they are doing fine, and are confident "we'll win the 12th (or is it the 13th) straight division title! Sons: Philip is a senior at Williams College and Ricky is a freshman at Davidson College. Both are handsome, athletic, and very good tennis players. We still come to the US Open every September, so hopefully we'll see some F.A. folks." (That would be lots of fun. E-mail. For some reason you haven't mentioned the NY Yankees!)

Mary Ann Putnam - 1985-1989, Middle School Librarian and 10th grade World History: "We're in lovely Hilton Head – enjoying golf, tennis, and birding. I'm leading beach walks and doing volunteer work for the Hilton Head Orchestra, often back to Long Island to see my elderly parents. A third grandson was born in 2002. Two granddaughters are coming in 2003 (first in over six generations of Putnams)." Wow that's exciting! Best wishes!

Matthew Bradley - 1988-2001, Assistant Middle School Principal, Middle School Teacher, Camp Director; **Melinda Wenner Bradley** - 1995-2001, Middle School Teacher: 22 Tanguy Rd. Glen Mills, PA 19342; E-mail – mmbradley@att.net: "Melinda and I continue to enjoy LOTS of new experiences since leaving FA two years ago. Our daughter, Ellie, brings us such joy. She learns something new every day... and so do her parents. We have bought a new home and have weekend projects lined up for the foreseeable future. I am finding my job as Head of West Chester Friends School very challenging and rewarding. We have become friends of Holly and **Ian Craig** '86 (**Alan** and **Mary Craig**'s son) who is Middle School principal at Westtown Friends School down the road from us."

Alex Edwards-Bourdrez - 1985-2001, Upper School French and Foreign Language Convener: "My last year (out of 15) was 2001. I'm in my second year at Epoch 5 Public Relations, a full service communications agency in Huntington. In addition to managing the publicity for the National Center for Disability Services in Albertson, I serve as a factotum for various accounts, writing press releases, copy for newsletters, brochure and business-to-business documents, helping with media relations, and conducting research. My responsibilities include generating publicity for the agency itself. The experience has alternated between the excitement of exploring a whole new planet and the discomfort of flopping around like a fish out of water. My colleagues are terrific. Overall, my new career has provided a wealth of learning and opportunity if not legal tender. During the past year I have also written an overview of the past 25 years of Friends Academy. The document is virtually complete; we are putting the final touches on it, and plan to have it published this fall."

Geoffrey Wagg - 1992-1997, Technology Coordinator – Learning Specialist: "The Waggas are busy reproducing. Nicholas is almost 3 and



Dana Boocock, friend James, and "Lassie."

Emily almost 1. We are living in Bethesda, MD, just outside DC. We miss NY but love our neighborhood. Our best to all at FA."

Karen Kellner - 1984-1986, Lower School Art: Karen is Director of Marketing and Business Development for JRS Architect in Mineola and is an advisory member of CoreNet Global, an association for professionals in corporate real estate and related fields.

Penny Reddan - 1996-2000, DataBase Administrator: Penny was promoted to University Director of Development Database and Information at Long Island University. She now heads two departments – one managing a 200,000 record Alumni Database (Raiser's Edge) and another for Alumni Connections, a Website for the exclusive use of alumni. Penny received her M.S. in May 2002.

Jamaal K. Adams - 1997-1999, Science Teacher and Learning Specialist, Coach: E-mail jamaaladams@yahoo.com: "Life has truly been an adventure since I left Friends. My girlfriend Jasmine and I backpacked through Europe for a summer and shortly afterward completed an eight-month journey around the world. On a professional level, I worked for Johnson & Johnson briefly before accepting a great position with the consulting firm, McKinsey & Co. With strong support from Jennifer Newitt, I recently completed several applications to business schools. So far I have gained acceptance from UCLA and am awaiting others. Jasmine and I are currently in the process of relocating to Los Angeles, CA."

Well, as you have read, the accomplishments of each and everyone as always are simply fabulous, and so enjoyable to read about. If you want an address or e-mail, call FA and ask for the alumni office. Health and Happiness until next year. Marilyn Doyle

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