

says he is kept young by having to shovel weekly accumulation of manure. (The burning question is what does he do with it all?)

Valerie and Laurie Castleman spent Christmas in Charlottesville, VA with son Randy and family. **Donn Andre** '54 (Valerie's brother-in-law) joined them on Christmas day. The Castleman's son, John, lives in Devon, PA. The Castlemans have seven grandchildren all pictured on their Christmas card.

Donn Sullivan has a special interest in the new movie, "Captain and Commander." He has sailed on the Tall Ship whose real name is HMS Rose. He served as crew sailing from South Street Seaport at night up the LI coast, past Montauk Lighthouse the next morning. He sailed in gale force winds in Narragansett Bay. There was a large welcome in Newport with cannon fire from shore when they returned. Donn says, "I did everything from washing dishes and tying knots to climbing rigging and taking the helm." (I don't think Donn is bored in retirement!)

Great news from **Fritz Schreiber**! His son, Mark, is coming home from Iraq permanently! He will return to his English wife, Sarah, and his job at American Express in London. The government wants Fritz back on a temporary basis to train IRS agents on how to audit large case companies. As he says, "Life has changed since 9-11." He and Annemarie pass Friends each time they go to dinner at the Locust Valley Inn. The chef is from Lorraine and prepares Christmas Goose. (Yum!)

Heather McDonald Poetzsch reports from frosty Vermont that it was 20 degrees below zero. Too cold even for cross country skiing. She loves the snow but not the freezing cold! At Thanksgiving they celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas, and their 40th wedding anniversary with her nieces in Hyde Park. Last July they celebrated a family reunion in Falmouth, Cape Cod with 16 family members. Heather said what others of you have also requested, "Can you believe that most of us will be 70 this year? We really have to consider having a 55th reunion...as we want to be able to hear, speak, and walk! At least be able to recognize each other!" (Local classmates in NY, CT, and points NE need to put on your thinking and planning caps!)

Connie Miller is planning to sell her house for something smaller. As she says, "Smaller yard, just big enough for me and my Scottie dog, Angus." She is working at the bank and loves it. As Connie says, "It is like family."

As for the **Shiels** family, 2003 was not a good one health-wise; emergency appendectomy for Robert and colon surgery for me all in August. Our trip in June with son, David, his wife, Carol, and grandchildren Andrew and Sara was outstanding. Two weeks of exploring France in a peppy Peugeot diesel mini-van ending in several days in London. The high point for me was dinner with Edward Nelson and his family in London. He and his older sister lived with my Grandmother Whitney from 1940 to 1945 to escape the Blitz of WWII. I still am amazed at the thought of sending a six year old to live with strangers across the Atlantic for an undetermined amount of time. He and I shared the nursery. He had pictures of us and of Grandmother that I did not have. He sent me copies which I treasure. I am president of the Friends of the Kaufman County Library. (Had the same volunteer job in Fort Worth.) Three years ago I started a Book and Author Luncheon here like we had in Fort Worth. It has been a huge success. There are plenty of authors around the state who are entertaining and willing to come to our little town. This year we had three mystery writers. I have belonged to the Texas Library Association for 25 years. Their conference each year is one of the largest book related conferences in the world. I have found some authors there.

I am still taking watercolor classes and also bookbinding and book restoration. I have

rebound my favorite cookbooks and children's books. I am in two book study groups and a member of the Clover Club here. It was started in 1897. I have been a member of the Fort Worth Woman's Club for 37 years.

We celebrated Christmas at home with Heather and David's family. **Nanette deFontnouvelle Kneipp** (FA '54) joined us again this year. PLEASE put us on your itinerary for a visit. We are southeast of Dallas.

1953

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Our gathering at Friends in October, which coincided with the Fall Fair Homecoming weekend, was very successful, if small. The new Head of School William Morris and his wife, Sue, entertained us at a lovely luncheon on Friday. Recognizing each other was not nearly the job that recognizing the school was! Attending the luncheon and later cocktail party were: **George Rowsom**; George and

Andy live in Orient Point, NY where they have a successful boat business. Andy was unable to come at the last minute and we missed her.

John Gavin still wears the same loafers so he was easy to recognize.

The **Fletchers**, Joe and Linda Ferro came up from Dallas. Joe's mother still lives in NYC. Their son, Greg, is a playwright and stage manager also living in NY. Son Tom lives in Atlanta as a risk manager and their daughter, Allison, is an assistant District Attorney living nearby in Seguin, TX.

Bruce Nichols was unable to bring Maggie along as she was at home in Galena, MD tending to their race horses and farm. The photos he brought were absolutely spectacular. Bruce has had more than his share of health related problems but continues at an unbelievable clip travelling for work and play. He has an office in Caracas and has connected with **Fernando Coll** who was unable to come to the reunion.

Dick Henderson got the long distance award coming on from California. He was pretty much connected to his cell phone staying in touch with his son, Peter, who is a victim of polycystic kidney disease and now waiting for

That Old Gang of Mine Members of the Class of 1953 on campus for their 50th Reunion.



Members of the class of 1953 and spouses and friends gather on the front steps of the Marion Jackson House. Front row: Linda Ferro Fletcher, Head of School Bill Morris, class representative Timmie Buck Wiant, Steve Fisher; second row, Joe Fletcher, Blanche Cook, Clare Coss, Dave Fox; third row, James Wiant, Bruce Nichols; back row, Dick Henderson, Ginny Fox, and John Gavin.



Linda Ferro Fletcher, Dave Fox '53, Jim Wiant, Joe Fletcher '53, Stephen Fisher '53, Bruce Nichols '53, Dick Henderson '53 (back), Timmie Buck Wiant '53, and Stan Jackson '52 gather at the Fall Fair.



Members of the Class of 1953 enjoy dinner at Nassau Country Club following the Fall Fair. Sitting, Linda Ferro Fletcher, Joe Fletcher '53, Stephen Fisher '53; Standing, Sue Morris (wife of Bill Morris, Head of School), James Wiant, Bruce Nichols '53, Dick Henderson '53, and Timmie Buck Wiant '53.

a transplant. Still, Dick was very interested to be with us all and continues to have a wonderful and intelligent sense of humor. We all wish him well.

Clare Coss and her partner, Blanche Cook, drove out to Friends with Jim and me so we had a bit more time together, thoroughly enjoying a walk through the lovely park land in Muttontown which **Nancy Christie's** family donated to the county. Clare is ever busy with a new reading on Mary White Ovington and working on a play about Emmitt Till as she continues with her psychotherapy practice. Blanche is finishing her third volume on Eleanor Roosevelt. We must congratulate both Clare and Blanche for their Activism-with a capital "A."

In the true Quaker and American tradition of activism, Ginny and **David Fox** have been extremely busy too. Among other things, they have been creating handsome bumper stickers and distributing them around the country. They have one son who is in the seventh grade at a Quaker school in Providence.

Steve Fisher promised to e-mail me as soon as he returned home after the reunion, but as I have not heard from him he most likely is off hiking in the Adirondacks or paddling the Hudson.

My husband, Jim, had such a good time meeting our classmates and acting as chauffeur for the weekend! He has been unanimously elected an honorary member of our class. As for your class rep, I have been up to some old tricks and a few new ones: Making rugs of the hooked variety is really an addiction but, too, I am volunteering with first graders at an inner-city school, taking classes at the Washington University Lifelong Learning Institute, keeping up my tennis game through a few games each week and running off to distant locales, and trying in some small ways to rescue the country for our grandchildren.

1954

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It appears that the year 2004 signals a 50th Class Reunion for the FA Class of 1954, and with that, long-lost (or at least unheard from) members of our class have contacted me.

In addition to **Bob Stearns** (Miami), **Ward Burian** (winter in Williamsburg VA; summer on Cape Cod), and **Ed Dey** (Paris) with whom I have exchanged e-mails and cards, there was a Christmas card from **Judy Anthony McLane** of New Canaan (who offered to contact folks for

the 50th Reunion) and recently a note from **J. Whitney Conviser**, who was in our class in the 7th, 8th and 10th grades (he also went to Barnard School).

Judy Anthony McLane (Mrs. Tom McLane, 37 Dunning Road, New Canaan, CT 06840-4007) (who enclosed a photo of her and Tom and six of her seven grandchildren) wrote: A voice from 54...F.A. Time sure marches on, and I'm wondering if anything is going to happen re our 50th?!! I would be glad to make calls, etc. Tom is still working full-time in the executive search business. We've lived in the same (old) house for 37 years, produced four great kids, and seven grandchildren (Elizabeth Hopkins arrived Oct. 20 in Winnetka, IL). I can be e-mailed at McLane.j.@msn.com."

And **Whitney** (P.O. Box 1861, Gallatin, TN 37066, phone: 615-451-2361; e-mail: conv1968@BellSouth.net) wrote, "I went to Friends Academy in the 7th, 8th, and 10th grades. In 9th grade I attended the Barnard School for Boys in Riverdale, NY. I played football against each school. That was a strange feeling. Being a border at FA were some of the most remembered days of my life. I hope to get back to FA for the first time real soon. I was one of the few people from the South that went to FA. I got joked about my southern accent, which didn't bother me at all. I graduated from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL in 1960. I worked in the apparel business for 20 years. I retired from American Airlines in 1997."

I hope to see **Ward** sometime this spring as his daughter lives in Towson, MD not far from me and he would have to go by my area to get there. I talked to **Ed Dey** a while ago and he and Odile are happy with their first grandchild, Julliette, born last July. Ed and Odile spent some time with me last May, as they were enroute to his 45th at Princeton and visits with friends and family. He is working on coming back for our 50th.

And I hope that we have a good turnout for that reunion on October 23. So far, in addition to myself, we should see **Bob Stearns, Ward, Whitney, Judy, Bee Booth, George Hawkins, Andy Fagan Rowson**, and others. Let me know folks; I'm looking forward to it!

1955

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Thank you for the sparkling letters about socially engaged and responsible lives in 2003. **Art Geoffrion** who has been teaching UCLA MBA's finally finished a two-year project co-editing two special issues of the journal

Management Science on "E-Business and Management Science: Mutual Impacts." You can read his introductory articles at www.pubsonline.informs.org. His two married daughters, Susan and Debra, and their husbands, and four energetic children all did a 5K Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning in CO. In October, Art visited a cousin in VT and looked into family genealogy and information about his father's business. Helen ran world championship races in Zurich and New Zealand. They took the cable car up the Matterhorn for beautiful views and ice carvings in ice tunnels. They walked mountain trails thru belled cows and sheep. They explored Zermatt at the base of the mountain. Last summer in the Rockies they climbed Mt. Democrat, a 14,000 footer with Art's new GPS device.

Herbie Cares, surgical neurologist, sent a card and picture of him dancing with his wife Karen. A picture of this and his poem to his wife is on his website.

Allan Munro wants to come to our 50th reunion. He sent pictures of 10-year-old Amy and 8-year-old Jonathan. He also had three daughters, 33-40 years old, and five grandchildren. He keeps in touch with **Mike Hellman** and **Connie** and sees them when they visit their children close by. Allan is semi-retired but is still working about 90 days a year; is Chairman of the Board of Kimball Union Academy; President of the Board of a marina (a hobby), and continues to raise money for Dartmouth, besides coaching his kids soccer and watching his daughters at horseshows.

Naomi Dempsey is finally a grandmother, of Olivia thanks to Carol and Brand. Her daughter Barbara divorced Steve in July and drove to Arizona. For a local shelter, she traps feral cats and tames them. Her daughter in Arizona plans to remarry in June. She missed seeing everyone at Fall Fair but loved Pete's book. A nice card came from **Hazel Hogg Jarvis**, "I got your letter this morning and it's bringing back all the fun we had! I've just stopped teaching after 35 years at various schools, and hopefully I'll start writing my novel, travel around the world, and visit my twin sisters (one in Nice and the other in Oregon). Friends Academy and the Meeting House will never be forgotten! Don't forget to stop over in England - spring is a lovely time of year!"

Peggy Egan Alley and Brian in Illinois went to Nate's second graduation at Colorado State University with a master's degree from the Department of Forest Science, where he specialized in geographic information systems and remote sensing. It was a family event. During the scorching summer with no rain, they planted buckwheat, covered crops and watered small trees and shrubs. All the berries, grapes,

apples, blueberries and raspberries, and currents grew very well! For Thanksgiving Nate and Steve were home with friends and dogs. Peg has two dogs, a lab puppy and German Shepherd. In December, Brian was in surgery at the Mayo Clinic, which was successful. Peg is hoping to finish up her book on the 16th Century So. Netherlands. She feeds birds at her feeders, as do I. She loved Pete's book and wondered if anybody would like to hear about her trip to France visiting **Colette Lizard** and her family.

Mary Foster Everett had three children and six grandchildren (young) home for Christmas. Mary keeps records for a condo association, edits the LWV newsletter occasionally, and is on the Board of the Community Renewal Team of Hartford, and the policy council of Headstart. Last summer, she spent two weeks in Maine and a week at Oxford taking a course, and five days in London near the Globe Theatre and the Millennium Bridge. Mary cared for Nicole and Emily while their parents were in Bermuda stranded by a hurricane.

Joan Hawkins called us for a mini reunion at her house. **Jean Claude Aubourg** and **Pete Klinge** and **Sandy, George Cadwell, Tom Jackson** and **Angie**, and **Emilie Buck Turano** and **Ted** came, and **Wood Glenn** came briefly later. Pete and Sandy and T.J. and Angie have all been married longer than 25 years. We enjoyed Pete's *Diary of a Boy* he gave everyone of his exchange student visit to France with Jean Claude's family. He saw a lot! We remembered our teachers. Jean Claude loved Friends as he learned English, which changed his whole life. **George Hawkins '54** plays the piano beautifully. Joan led us on the incredible tree house tour of the neighborhood. Her grandchildren enrolled at F.A. have wonderful libraries and teachers. Pete and others stayed to go to Meeting for Worship in the Matinecock Meeting House. We are grateful for F.A. and give thanks to those of us who contributed and made it a reality.

Peggy Foster Anderson discovered that **Anne Hovell Dew** has written three books! We enjoyed knowing her in our class briefly. She went to a girl's school and then Skidmore and met John at Williams, followed by Virginia law. They married and live in St. Petersburg, FL. They raised three children and have 13 grandchildren; the oldest is 12. In her late

forties she took an extension course in seminary through the University of the South School of Theology and then went for her Masters of Science in Psychological Counseling. Eventually, she became a licensed psychotherapist. She is a committed Christian and her book should help Christians give counsel. Her book *Emotional Transformation* is a workbook and manual for professional and lay counselors, counseling pastors, and those needing solutions to their relational conflicts that integrates both psychological awareness and Christian solutions. It is available at bookstores or Amazon.

Our English teacher **Miriam Taylor Sajkovic** has had a second hip operation and tongue cancer operation. **George Cadwell** sent her pictures of the campus and poetry. Pete sent his book. She said "Friends has certainly grown and for the best, but the times we had were creative, fun, and most rewarding, too. I enjoyed Ms. Hildegarde the librarian very much and I liked the boarding school." She is still recovering and is working on Vlada's material and has found a translator!

In the middle of a storm this winter, **Peggy Foster Anderson** called and we started singing *our strong band shall ne'er be broken formed in F.A.* She has lost her best friend and classmates called to cheer her and **BeeGie Schneider**, who lost her husband to cancer and moved in February. So Peggy has called everybody and gotten six new addresses and has talked to almost everyone in the class! Thanks to **Art Geoffrion**, many of them talk by e-mail. She spent an hour on the phone updating **Miriam Sajkovic** and me! Peggy lost her friend **David** who was an international poet. She hopes to make a booklet of his poems. For many years Peggy taught English in a high school in a poor neighborhood. This included basic job training (dress well, be polite). I think she deserves a medal. She says Mr. Jones was a model for her. She remembers when our English teacher threw chalk and ripped his pants when coaching near the stage. She remembers raking leaves at **John Galbraith's** house. When she was in the infirmary, **Owen Smith** visited her with tulip bulbs. She remembers cheerleading at F.A. because **George Cadwell** was on the committee who chose her.

Sadly, **Gordon Linder** died on Sept. 5, 2003

of Parkinson's disease. He had to quit teaching and his CPA practice. His wife **Peggy** said he never complained much. In 43 years of marriage he was involved with the church and family. He died at home. **Peggy** is working as a receptionist in an HMO and has had the support of her daughter, a bereavement counselor living in Philadelphia. Do contact **Peggy**, 301-262-5431.

After teaching English, **E.O. Jones** worked in foreign countries. I read about him speaking about it in Milton to a UN association meeting but I missed it. Mr. Jones and Anna had dinner with the Nicholson's in Kennett Square, Philadelphia where they now live!

Sallie Hickok and **Vern Ward '53** live in Florida and have three Amerasian grandchildren. Sallie works part-time as a guardian ad litem. Vern is marketing computers and has a video production company of his own. They haven't had any foreign exchange students in FL; Vern went to Brazil to be present at a wedding of a student in beautiful Sao Paulo.

We have new addresses (local changes) for **Joanna Miller Jacobus**, **Connie Bryson**, **BeeGie Schneider Miller**, **Owen Smith**, **Sallie Hickok Ward**, and finally **Stephanie Giardino Dobrinin**. Now, can we find **Patsy Powers** and **Hazel Milham Michelli**? Please keep in touch with **Emilie Buck Turano** who wants to organize our '05 reunion! Our 50th!

J. Filson Graff wrote the Alumni Office: "Still living happily in our rural paradise in south central PA, still writing, still spending probably an excessive amount of time glued to the computer, hunt-and-peck typing away at lamp research, and working on the second edition of my book (self published) on liquid fuel lamps and collecting and restoring them. Life is still good, although getting physically older stinks, as many of our classmates can probably testify. When did birthdays stop being celebrations? We learn to deal with (or at least survive) arthritis, artery blockages (two stents in place so far, with excellent results), and the aches and pains that come with the diminished physical activity middle age brings. But the mind still works reasonably well (um...where DID I leave the car keys?) if kept stimulated, which is what lamping research does for me. There's also the stimulation of being sort of point man for our group website on old lighting (www.lampguild.org), where people can ask



Members of the Class of 1955 enjoy a mini-reunion at Nassau Country Club. Sitting, Warren Wylie, Barbara Booth Wylie '55, Jean Claude Aubourg '55, Joan Konvalinka Hawkins '55, Tom Jackson '55 and his wife Angela; standing George Hawkins '54, Sandy Klinge, Peter Klinge '55, and Doris Atwater Bouwensch '55.



Ted and Emily Buck Turano '55 with Joan Konvalinka Hawkins '55 and Tom Jackson '55.



Judith Reeve '59 with Jimmy Sykes '59 and John Froehlich '59 at a "reunion" breakfast in Tucson.

questions (and get answers!) on non-electric lighting. We deal with questions from 'I have this lamp...what is it?' to 'where can I find a part for this (100 year old) lamp?' Never knowing what is coming next keeps me on my toes. It's an open forum, so if any of our FA friends and classmates have lighting wonderments, everybody is welcome!

"Peter Kling's book sure stirred up some memories! I have been in touch with **Art Geoffrion** (e-mail on our old neighborhood and childhoods in Manhasset) and **Peggy** by phone. Think I have doped out most of the veiled references by now. Thanks for keeping in touch."

Bertha May and **John Nicholson** wrote, "We were last back in 1995 - and so have seen some changes. It's a good school and we're glad for our years there. Do give our best regards to class members."

1956

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John Hewlett wrote the Alumni Office: Since my retirement in 1999, I have been working on the Hewlett genealogy, which includes quite a few Jones marriages and some with Smiths in the early 1700s. Finding that Suffragist Rosalie Jones' grandmother and great grandmother were Hewletts, I would like to get in touch with **Bill Jones**. I seem to remember that some furniture for one of our plays, probably *Charlie's Aunt*, was borrowed from Rosalie's home. After graduation from Guilford College, Greensboro, NC, I worked as assistant curator of the Nassau County Museum which included the decision to establish Old Bethpage Village Restoration as a place to bring together three historic structures we already owned and others in danger of being lost. It is a great place to step back into nineteenth century Long Island, especially during the Long Island Agricultural Fair in October. In 1963, I began teaching seventh grade social studies, a career that would last 36 years. Recently, I have written for the Encyclopedia of New York State to be published late next year by Syracuse University Press. **Peter VanSantvoord** would be proud! Peter followed me into museum work. With his untimely death, Long Island lost a very scholarly historian. Linda and I celebrated our 40th anniversary in May and, just five days later, the marriage of our son Richard with John Jr., as best man. I guess after 47 years it is time that I contribute to the Alumni Class Notes.

Bill Jones wrote: I am kept very busy with the Association of BellTel Retirees, which

represents the retirees of Verizon. We are up to 95,000 members and growing. I am also on the board of the National Legislative Network, an organization that I helped to form about three years ago. We lobby for retiree friendly legislation, fight retiree hostile legislation, and create legislation when needed. We presently have a healthcare bill before Congress (HR1322) the Emergency Retiree Health Benefits Protection Act. I am also on the board of our local YMCA and run the Platform Tennis program at the Y. When I am not doing those things, I play golf. Gail is still doing college counseling on Long Island and other parts of the world. She made 40 trips to NYC last year. She typically goes up on Sunday morning and returns on Tuesday night. I will try to see Mrs. Watkins on my next trip. Not sure she is still alive or still in that house, but I will try.

Wendy Crane Odenweller (e-mail - hanko@txucom.net) wrote: Recently we met with **Morley** and **Anne** for dinner in Montreal. It was great to see them again. The last time was our 25th class reunion. A few years ago we contacted **Susan Horne** in Napa Valley and met for dinner. **Toni Sieverman Root** has retired in San Antonio. Toni and John have visited us several times. Anne lamented that our class never has any news and would I write something about my family? Hank and I retired, north of Houston to Bentwater on Lake Conroe 10 years ago. We have three children and seven grandchildren. Our daughter is a teacher. One of our twin sons is a chemical engineer and the other an attorney. Toni and I hope that we will have our 50th reunion. Please write to Anne (awsmith@total.net) so the column for the class of '56 is no longer a blank.

Toni Sieverman Root, who left FA in the middle of her junior year wrote that after FA she moved to Saginaw, MI and graduated from Arthur Hill High School and attended Michigan State University. From Saginaw, her father was transferred to Amarillo, TX where Toni met and married Air Force First Lieutenant John Michael Root. After many years of traveling around with the Air Force, John was accepted for military attaché duty and they moved to Kuala Lumpur for three years where their sons attended the American School. After numerous other moves, John retired from the Air Force in 1989. "We were in New Hampshire for nine years during which time John was elected to the House of Representatives and appointed by the governor, Steve Merrill, to the State Board of Education. All of a sudden the winters got longer and the summers shorter. We decided in early 1998 to sell our house and move to San Antonio. We now live in a retirement community in San Antonio called Independence Village."

Despite some health problems, Toni plays

golf and has been playing a great deal of bridge. "John and I are looking forward to our second son's marriage in a vineyard in northern California. His intended is the daughter of a classmate of mine at Arthur Hill. Chris does computer graphics for computer games. His big brother, Steve, lives in San Francisco and works for Apple. My very best to the class of 1956. And, to the faculty of the early to mid 1950s."

1957

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Debbie Burling Rouzee reports that she and Mike have another grandson, Matthew, by way of daughter Stephanie. "That makes three boys for us. A great change from girls. Love those little boys!!! We're still sailing, skiing, golfing, and generally enjoying life. As long as we don't watch the news, we're happy!" Debbie says further, "If any 58s have a thought about the reunion and where to gather, I hope they will communicate with Peter or with me about it." Tell Debbie; she's more reliable.

Judy and **George Weckel** say: "There is nothing really new from us except a new (used) sailboat. Bigger, of course! We are home this winter after spending last winter in Florida and the Bahamas on the boat. Daughter, Candy (28), is finishing her masters in D.C. and is presently interning with the Defense Intelligence Agency. She hopes for a permanent position there as this is related to her field of study. She is also finishing her intelligence training for the U. S. Navy Reserve.

"**Judy** and I visited with Mike and **Debbie Rouzee** in April 2003 on our way north. I don't know whether Debbie wants to shoulder another reunion. Our thoughts were that it should be in the mid-Atlantic area somewhere. It's still early."

Owen Omundsen has been in touch with **George** and is sending him a book on the vagaries of the banking world.

Peter Javscas bragging points: I've got a job. Two, in fact. I'm heading an association that advocates for increased dedicated funding for public transportation in Pennsylvania - www.pentrans.org. I also work for an econometrics consulting firm, Econsult Corporation, helping with transportation