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Yearbook photo: Class of '59 in Terminale: [Click here](#)

----- From December 2015 AALFNY Newsletter -----



TOP: Roger Henri Lourié ('59);
BOTTOM: Marie-Catherine
(Kosciusko-Morizet) Postel-Vinay
(LSY:1ere in 1958)

● **Roger H. Lourie** (*LSY: Term. in 1959*) told us that he is "the Managing Partner of Seagrace Partners LP, a private equity investment partnership. Seagrace owns a book publishing firm, a manufacturer of construction equipment, a manufacturer of picture frames for museums, and is an investor in diverse real estate properties. Prior to creating Seagrace Partners, Lourie worked in corporate management for thirty years. He held executive positions with Mead Data Central, creator of the LEXIS and NEXIS databases, Time Inc., and Procter & Gamble Co.

He was a member of the Greenwich, CT Representative Town Meeting for 25 years, President of ABILIS (the Association for Retarded Citizens in Greenwich, CT), a Connecticut Justice of the Peace, and the U.S. Chairman of the Paris Opera Children's Choir. Lourie is an Expert Witness in Fraudulent Practices for the United States Postal Service and a consultant to a U.S. government agency on underwater demolition procedures. Educated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (B.S.), Columbia University Graduate School of Business (M.B.A.), and Columbia University Graduate School of International Affairs (M.I.A.), he is fluent in several languages."

● **Michael Bleier** (*LSY: 2nde in 1957*) wrote: "I met my wife in Washington DC in December 1965 and we were married on October 9, 1966. We have three children, Tommy, Lisa and Mark, and eight grandchildren. We are still married and while I still practice law, primarily bank regulatory law, we also take time to travel in the US and overseas.

After Georgetown Law, I started working at the FTC. In 1971 I joined the Federal Reserve Board's Legal Division and left in 1982 as an official of the Board, as Assistant General Counsel responsible for the bank holding company/banking structure group in the Legal Division.

In 1982 we moved to Pittsburgh and I started working for Mellon Bank. I stayed there until October 2006. I was General Counsel for Mellon Bank and its holding company for 14 years, working for five different chairmen. I oversaw not only the legal function but also our Government Affairs area. During my time at Mellon I was responsible for our dealings with the banking agencies at both the State and Federal levels, as well our dealings with the State legislatures and governmental authorities. While at Mellon I developed our good-bank bad-bank strategy as well as did all the regulatory work and government interactions for its transformation into its restructuring into its current asset management form."

● **Antoine J. Polgar** (*LSY: 1ere in 1958*) wrote: "Antoine J. Polgar, adjunct French instructor at CDL and an Empire State College alumnus, has self-published a volume of poetry. Titled "Chronicles & Elegies," the



Michael Bleier ('59)



Jacqueline de Brissac

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Jacqueline (de Contades) de
Brissac ('59) and her book



Umberto Plaja ('59)



Barbara (Gabes) Longwill ('59)

work by the French-born American poet is, in his own words, "an anachronistic narrative of transatlantic memoir, nostalgia and a Euro-American sensibility forged out of a convergence of poetic genres and forms; the epic of contemporaneity shaped by the historical imagination, the lyric of experience and elegiac allusion - with the classical rhetoric instruments of apostrophe, imprecation and synecdoche.

Polgar lives in East Middlebury, Vt. He was educated at the Lycée Français de New York, Hofstra University, the New School, Bard College, Empire State College and the University at Buffalo. He has taught at Niagara University, Buffalo State College, Medaille College and Champlain College. He now teaches at Southern New Hampshire University and Empire State College.

His poems have appeared in The Literary Review (TLR), Kiosk and Prelude. Other work has appeared in theory@buffalo (link sends e-mail), the Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History, Les Cahiers du Celat (Univ. of Quebec at Montreal) and CLC (Comparative Literature & Culture) Web (March 2014). The work is available from Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/Chronicles-Elegies-Antoine-J-Polgar/dp/0692321713>"

● **Barbara (Gabes) Longwill:** "My interest in art began while I was a child at the Lycee Francais in New York. I excelled at it, but my talent was not channeled until after I had three children. I studied at the University of Delaware in continuing education, where I began painting. Eventually, my work was accepted for exhibition at the Delaware Art Museum.

I abstract from reality, filtering what I see through the prism of my experience as a wife and mother; my travels to Europe, the Caribbean and Israel; and my imagination. But the genuine root of my inspiration is an unknown source, giving my art a profound spiritual dimension. I strive to express the soul of the people and places I paint in a loose, emotional style that bears comparison to Impressionism. Art is my Zen. I lose myself in the process of creation. There is a symbiosis between my painting and me; it speaks to me and we work together. When I paint, time passes and I don't know where it has gone. Some spirit enters me. I put myself in the painting." (<http://medicine.fiu.edu/art/2013/artists.php>)

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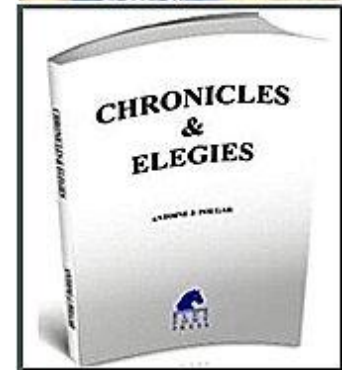
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In Memoriam:

● **H.E. Umberto Plaja** († 22 août, 2012)

(See In memoriam section of this newsletter for further details, or [click here](#))
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----- From December 2011 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● "Madame la Duchesse de Brissac, née **Jacqueline de Contades**, d'une illustre famille languedocienne dont la noblesse est prouvée depuis 1317.....épouse en 1958 François de Cossé, Marquis de Brissac



Antoine Polgar ('59) and his new book

qui devient au décès de son père le 13ème Duc de Brissac. La Duchesse est mère de cinq enfants et grand-mère de quinze petits enfants. Elle a partagé sa vie entre la gestion du Château de Brissac et des actions bénévoles : Secouriste, monitrice de secourisme, et ambulancière de la Croix-Rouge. En 1975 elle entreprit des études de théologie [et] fut reçue en 2003 à son doctorat de théologie soutenu auprès de la Faculté de Théologie de Lugano (Suisse). Auteur de plusieurs ouvrages....."

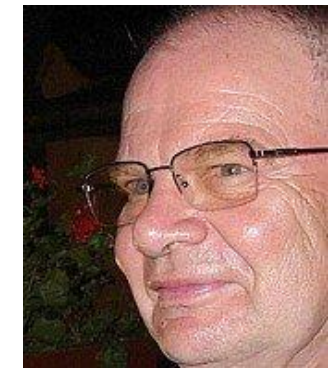
- From **Théodore de Wyzewa** ('60) : "Please find attached a group photo [*see below*] , LFNY '59 and '60, taken at our last reunion on October 12th in front of the "Le Paris Bistrot" located on Madison Avenue near 93rd street. From left to right: Rosette Winger, Antoine Polgar, Roger Lourie, Sarah Jane Freymann, Sibylle Volk, Sally Hess, Hubert Goldschmidt, Michael Bleier, Neil Schachter, Mari-Christine Comte, Lisa Freymann, Jackie Buchman. I was unable to attend because my wife and I were in Florida taking care of her parents who are very sick."



TOP: Antoine Polgar ('59) BOTTOM:
Hubert Goldschmidt ('59)



France-Hélène (Eliat) Weindling ('59)

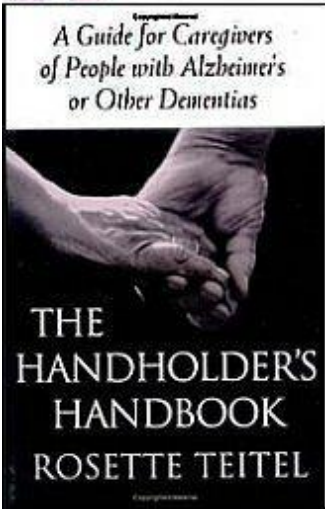


Alain Hosking ('59)

----- From November 2010 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- The classes of '59 and '60 held a "50 year" reunion on October 2, 2010 in New York City. (Click on link below for a 'class picture' taken at the event) **Théodore de Wyzewa** ('60) wrote: "Les classes de '59 et

'60 se sont réunies à New York le 2 Octobre 2010 pour célébrer leur cinquantième anniversaire depuis le départ du Lycée Français de New York. Journée mémorable et inoubliable avec de nombreux souvenirs échangés entre tous les participants. Malheureusement beaucoup de collègues n'étaient pas présent donc une autre réunion est prévue pour le samedi 12 mars à New York. Pour plus de renseignements veuillez contacter Théodore de Wyzewa au 717-377-2106 ou par courriel au w3ted@hotmail.com"



Rose (Winger) Teitel ('59)

- **Michael Bleier** wrote: "We just returned from spending a month in France. First two weeks in the south (Lyon, Vence, Avignon, Nice, St. Tropez) and then two weeks in Paris. For the first time we rented an apartment in Paris in the 6eme Arrondissement. Our apartment faced Rue de Buci, our favorite street in Paris. While my wife Carol took classes at Alliance Francaise (having taken private lessons for two years from a teacher in Pittsburgh), Carol decided to learn French at her somewhat late stage in life and really enjoys it. At the same time I worked out of Reed Smith's Paris office on Boulevard Henri Poincare. I also traveled on the Eurostar to London and made two presentations at our London office and another one in our Paris office.

Paris is much less frenetic than London, which is fairly close in speed to New York. The pace of life in Paris is much more reasonable and humane The food in France was as usual, so enjoyable. There is a lot Americans can learn from the French in terms of the pace of life. We can't wait to return."

- **"Sarah Jane Freymann** has been a literary agent since the 1970s and is the founder and president of the Sarah Jane Freymann Literary Agency, LLC.....The Agency has a strong commitment to serious self-help and spiritual books, with titles that have sold more than 100,000 copies in the U.S. and throughout Europe and Asia. At least five of the agency's cookbook authors have won the prestigious Julia Child Award....." (<http://www.sarahjanefreymann.com/about.html>)

----- From December 2009 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Avis de Décès:** "Philippe Stephen Eric Schreiber of Nantucket, formerly of New York City and Fairfield, Conn., died Saturday, February 14, 2009, from heart disease. He was 68 years old....." (*For further details, or [click here.](#)*)

----- From July 2008 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Michael Bleier** wrote: "A little bit of updates: I retired from Mellon Financial Corporation in October 2006 and joined the major Pittsburgh-headquartered law firm of Reed Smith, as a Partner in its Financial Services Group. Reed Smith has over 1500 lawyers globally. Since Reed Smith has a Paris office, I plan to get to visit that office on a number of occasions. The firm also has over 100 lawyers in Hong Kong with a need for bank regulatory expertise, so I intend to visit there as well. I have been very



TOP: Rosette (Winger) Tucker-Teitel ('59);
 BOTTOM: Laurence (Thiollier) Moscato ('59) (left) & Sarah-Jane (Freymann) Schwartz ('59)

fortunate to have another career, and also please my wife by not having lunch at home."

----- From December 2007 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Michael Bleier** wrote: "I retired from Mellon Financial Corporation as General Counsel and Executive Vice President, after 14 years as General Counsel. I was with Mellon for almost 25 years. Since my wife informed she did not have a luncheon menu, I joined Reed Smith's Pittsburgh Office as a partner in its Financial Services Group practice. With over 1500 lawyers worldwide and over 300 in London and others in a number of key locations worldwide, including Paris, I thought it would be fun to continue the practice of law. Also, with many junior lawyers, I thought I could bring valuable insights to them and help in a mentoring role. Financial services is constantly evolving and I still look forward to every day at the office."

Editors' note: Michael has been published several times, including: Co-author, Federal Reserve Board's staff study "Bank Holding Company Acquisition of Thrift Institutions"; "Commercial Banking as the 'Line of Commerce' and the Role of Thrifts," Banking Law Journal; "Operational Risk in Basel II," North Carolina Banking Institute (April 2004)

----- From June 2007 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Umberto Plaja** is Ambassador of Italy to Kampala. [Click here](#) for further details.

----- From December 2006 AALFNY Newsletter -----

Michael Bleier wrote: "I spent three years at the University of Tulsa and enjoyed living in a totally different part of the US with a very different perspective on current events. My parents moved to Tulsa because of my father's job and because I was 16 when I started at NYU, I moved with them. I had the good fortune of having as my roommate Hafiz Nawabi, who was from Kabul, Afghanistan. He now lives in the Washington, DC area and we have remained extremely close, attending each family's special events.

I graduated from Georgetown Law in 1965 and studied for almost two years at Johns Hopkins' SAIS, which I left to go into my brief military service. In the interim I got engaged after four months and married in October 1966, and Phil Schreiber, a Lycee classmate, was best man at my wedding. My wife is a writer of corporate histories and we have three children and eight grandchildren.

I worked at the FTC for about three and a half years and then went to the Federal Reserve Board's Legal Division in Washington, DC where I stayed for eleven years. I left as Assistant General Counsel and joined Mellon in 1982. I have been here ever since and have been General Counsel for the holding

company and bank since 1992. I have been on the Senior Management Committee since 1992. As General Counsel I am responsible for the day-to-day operations of Mellon's Legal Department and supervise a staff of 69 lawyers at 12 locations. During my time at Mellon I have been responsible for the legal aspects of the Corporation's expansion in both the banking and nonbanking areas, regulatory matters, dealings with the Congress and state legislatures. I was responsible for Mellon's good bank/bad bank transaction as well as the Boston Company and Dreyfus acquisitions, and in dealings with Federal regulators on Basel II.

I have also authored or co-authored a number of articles that have appeared in various law school publications. For five years (1994 to 1998) I was chairman of the Lawyers Council of the Financial Services Roundtable, a national trade association representing major financial service organizations. I was also vice chairman of the American Bankers Association's Bank Counsel Committee. I am also on the board of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra as well as the Civic Light Opera in Pittsburgh. My wife and I will celebrate our 40th Anniversary this October 9, 2006."

----- From Winter 2002/2003 AALFNY Newsletter -----

Rosette Tucker Teitel (nee Winger) has had her book, "THE HANDHOLDER'S HANDBOOK, A Guide for Caregivers of People with Alzheimer's or Other Dementias" published by Rutgers University Press. It is available in all major bookstores and online. Rosette has done many book signings all over the country, and is available to speak to support groups. She writes: "Any feedback or suggestions would be welcome."

----- From February/March 2001 AALFNY Newsletter -----

Rosette (Winger) Teitel Tucker wrote: "I took an early retirement incentive from teaching ESL (English as a Second Language) in Newtown H. S. in Elmhurst, Queens, NY, in 1995. Since then, besides doing volunteer work, I have studied to become an interior decorator, but decided not to pursue this second career. I've been a student teacher supervisor and a mentor teacher for new teachers, and I am currently coordinating a research project concerning better teaching practices to benefit ESL students. Besides helping the teachers involved in the project, I work with representatives of NYU and Brown University in conjunction with the Board of Education of the City of New York. My greatest accomplishment, however, is the forthcoming publication (July '01) of my book, THE HANDHOLDER'S HANDBOOK, A Guide for Caregivers of People with Alzheimer's or Other Dementias. My husband had vascular dementia, and I was desperate for guidance and assistance. In my support group, I said that there really should be a book out there to help us, the caregivers."