

1948: Class Notes Archives

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November 14, 2014 lunch in Paris



Ladies –left to right: **Françoise (Deloraine) Revuz** ('48), **Nicole Minor** ('48), and **Michèle (Delahaye) Ristich de Groot**e ('48 --center)
Far right : **Paul Berçot** ('48).
Also there were Paul's wife and Nicole's compagnon.

----- From December 2011 AALFNY Newsletter -----

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In Memoriam:

- **Gabriel Dognin**(†August 19, 2011)

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- **Michèle (Delahaye) Ristich de Groot**e nous a écrit au sujet "d'un voyage qu'organise au mois de mai pour célébrer l'amitié franco-américaine, un ancien élève du lycée **Paul Berçot ('48)**. Ce voyage aura lieu aux EU en Virginie, particulièrement dans les sites des batailles de Chesapeake et de Yorktown

avec des visites de Philadelphie, Williamsburg, Annapolis et Washington. Toute personne intéressée peut s'y inscrire. C'est un voyage qui se fait en collaboration avec le Cercle de la Mer. Il y aura notamment une réception officielle avec les autorités navales américaines à Norfolk."

● **Michèle (Delahaye) Ristich de Groot**e nous a aussi envoyé un compte-rendu d'une réunion récente avec ses 'classmates': "Pour célébrer son anniversaire (nous ferons l'économie des années, nous sommes toujours jeunes) **Françoise Deloraine** (Revuz par son mariage) a invité quelques anciens du lycée, **classe de '48**. Il y avait Michèle Delahaye (maintenant Ristich de Groot) son inséparable de l'époque, **Françoise Bonnet** (maintenant Brown), **Brigitte Dognin** (maintenant Fay) et **Geneviève Rondon-Arnoux**, **Nicole Minor**(qui avait épousé un de nos professeurs Monsieur Rivaud) et enfin quand même un homme --**Paul Berçot**.

Après plus de soixante ans, c'était vraiment sympathique de se retrouver. On a parlé de tous ceux dont on se souvenait du temps du Lycée pendant la guerre et surtout on aurait aimé avoir des nouvelles de ceux de la classe dont nous n'avions plus jamais entendu parler et savoir quel avait été leur parcours: **Lucienne Breffort**, **Roland Zaharo**, **Roland Lacroix**, **William Massée**, **Nadine Bertin**, **Sandra Nebolsine** et de tant d'autres que nous connaissions bien mais qui n'étaient pas dans notre classe. On les voyait sur la terrasse du toit pendant la récré et on les croisait dans l'étroit escalier des élèves.

Nous savions que de notre classe, **Marie-Rose Wormser**, **Annie Chaillou**, **Muriel Cournand**, **Marie-Thérèse Bonavita**, **Charles de Chambrun**, **Bernard Varney** et **Claude Tripet** étaient décédés. Mais des autres nous ne savions plus rien et c'était frustrant. Même si autour de la table nous n'avions plus grand'chose en commun, nous avons beaucoup à raconter et il y avait en commun ce merveilleux souvenir du Lycée Français de New York."

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

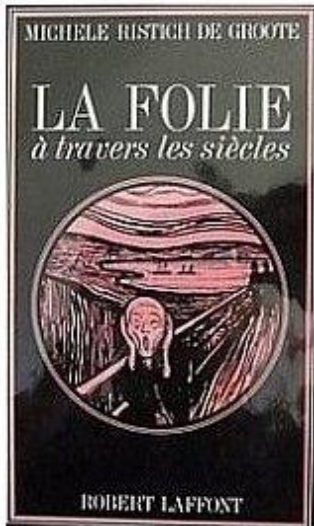
● **Avis de Décès:** "**Bernard L. Varney**, retired IRS agent, Memphis, [passed away] on May 14, 2008. Varney was born in Grenoble, France, of an American father and a French mother..... "

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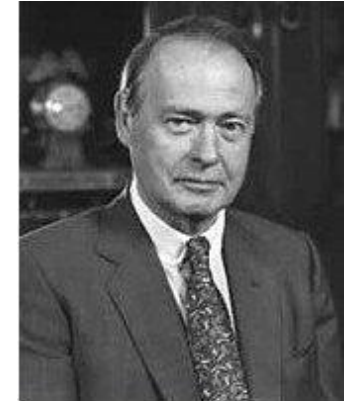
● **Avis de Décès:** "**Charles de Chambrun**, ancien ministre du général de Gaulle et député du Gard entre 1986 et 1988 sous la bannière du Front national, est décédé jeudi [21 Octobre, 2010] près de Tunis à l'âge de 80 ans.....Né à Paris en 1930, ce descendant direct du marquis de Lafayette a été secrétaire d'Etat au Commerce extérieur (entre février 1966 et mars 1967) du gouvernement Pompidou....."

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● "**Ambassador André Baeyens** --French Foreign Service (ret.): The great-grandson on his mother's side of Montana's Senator William A. Clark, Ambassador Baeyens was born in France and graduated from the École Nationale d'Administration in Paris. He then followed in his French father's footsteps



Michèle (Delahaye) Ristich de Groot ('48) and her book



TOP: André Baeyens ('48);
BOTTOM: Paul Berçot ('48) and spouse Jehanne

and joined France's diplomatic corps. His first postings as a Secretary of Embassy were in London, Bonn, Washington, D.C., Rome, and Vienna. From 1974 to 1976 he headed the personal staff of the Secretary of State to the French Foreign Minister in the first Chirac government. Ambassador Baeyens has been posted to the United States three times: as second secretary to the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., as director of the French Press and Information Service in New York City, and again in New York City as Consul General of France. He also has served as Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and to the Office of the United Nations and international organizations in Vienna. He is an officer of the "Legion d'Honneur." Currently at work on a book about Franco-American relations, he has lectured and published extensively about his great-grandfather's remarkable life." (<http://www.umt.edu/president/events/lectures/2005-2006/baeyens1005.php>)

Videos of LFNy alumni on the internet:

- [Charles de Chambrun](#) est élu Maire de Saint-Gilles (deceased October 2010)

----- From December 2009 AALFNy newsletter -----

- **Michele (Delahaye) Ristich de Groote ('46)** recently shared her souvenirs about the Lycée in an interview with the LFNy that can be read by clicking on the link below. Elle nous a aussi dit ceci: "Je m'intéresse beaucoup à ce que sont devenus les anciens élèves; leurs trajets sont tous différents. Il y en a encore que j'ai revus parcequ'ils sont à Paris. Il y a quinze jours, j'ai déjeuné à notre club à la table à côté de **Pierre de Gunzburg ('50)** !"

----- From July 2008 AALFNy Newsletter -----

- **Nadine (Bertin) Stearns ('48)** : "I was born in NYC in 1930 of French father and Russian mother. Brought up speaking French, I was schooled at the Lycee Francais De New York, then the Spence School from which I graduated in 1948, followed by the Finch College in NYC for two years. My early multiculturalism included experience in both the Russian Orthodox and Catholic religious teachings. Except for childhood art classes in school and a vague watercolor class years ago in Rhinebeck, I have had no art training. I have been studying with Betsy Jacaruso for five years and I prefer to paint flowers in the studio, rather than en-plein-air. I have always spent a lot of time in museums and galleries studying art. During the sixties and early seventies I had the chance to meet many artists, including Barnett Newman, Rothko, Ken Noland, Helen Frankenthaler, Bob Motherwell, as well as others. With family in England, France and Argentina, among other places, I travel frequently to these countries. I also spent time in Kenya in the seventies, enjoying animals in the wild. Among other interests are music, gardening, cooking, reading, watching movies, travel, photography and studying new subjects. I speak French, Spanish, Italian, English and some Russian.



Nadine (Bertin) Stearns ('48)

Over the years, I worked in retailing, advertising, public relations, promotion, and editorial writing and editing. My last long employment was for the Conde Nast Publications, where I worked on Vogue, House & Garden, Mademoiselle, in editorial or advertising/promotional jobs. And finally I helped create the international division of Conde Nast in the US, representing and supplying materials to their many publications world-wide."

----- From November/December 2001 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Audrey Clark-Kelm** writes: "I left the Lycée in June of '43, having attended for 3 years. I had completed 4ème, but riots were hitting NYC and my parents put me in a school in the country. I met my husband of 53 years at McGill University French Summer School. We built our Spanish-style home on a hill in Playa del Rey, California overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the Marina del Rey and the Santa Monica Mountains. I graduated Cum Laude from Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA. I served as Vice-President of Brookside Savings & Loan in Los Angeles.

We've been blessed with 2 daughters and a son, and 10 grandchildren. Currently I'm owner-manager of a multi-family apartment complex in Denver, Colorado and hope to slow down and smell the roses one of these days. My knowledge of French was a blessing when we traveled in 1964 with our two daughters for three months through 14 European countries, including 5 Communist-ruled countries which refused to acknowledge the English language.

We owned the first Travel Agency in Playa del Rey, which gave us the opportunity to travel all over the world. My last trip was to India and Nepal in '99 where I attended the 17th Annual Polo Match where the players rode elephants, not horses. Life's been good and we're happy to enjoy good health. As for hobbies, the study of healing the body through proper nutrition, supplements, etc. and the study of the mind and how it operates, are my most pre-eminent ones."