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### *In Memoriam:*

- **Valérie (de Bourmont) Eldridge** (†January 2003)

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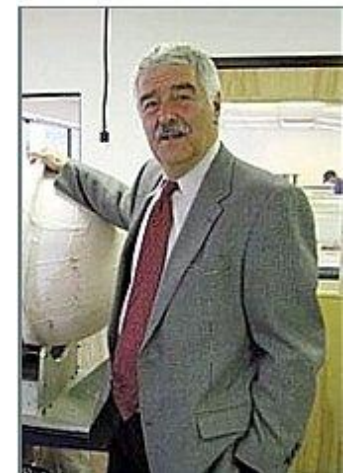
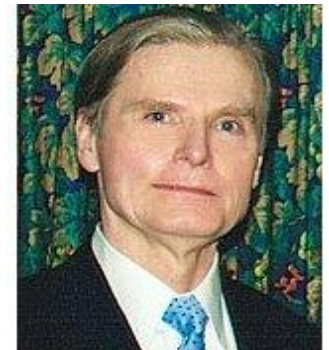
- **Daniel Labeille** told us that he "is retired after a long career teaching theatre at the college and university level. He and his wife, Grace, live in the Finger Lakes area of New York State."

- **Alexander N. Rossolimo** "is an American think tank executive, entrepreneur, and corporate director. [He] was born in Paris. His parents were Nicolas Rossolimo, an International Grandmaster of Chess, and Véra (née Boudakovitch). At age twelve, he emigrated with his parents to the United States, settling in New York, where he attended Stuyvesant High School and the Lycée Français de New York. [He] graduated with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from the City College of New York, where he was awarded the Belden gold medal in mathematics and the Blonder Tongue Award in electronics, and was elected to the national engineering honor societies Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu. He attended graduate school at Harvard University, where he had a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, and received an M.A. in applied mathematics and in 1973 a Ph.D. in applied physics.....That same year, he received a Master's degree in Management (M.B.A.) from the MIT Sloan School of Management. During 1991-93, he was a Visiting Fellow in Slavic Languages and Literatures at Harvard University." (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alexander-N-Rossolimo/140055012679117>)

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- **“Dr. Firouz Vakil**, advisor, Lazard Frères & Company, Paris: Dr. Firouz Vakil is the Director of Cartesian Advisory Services in Paris, as well as Advisor to Lazard Frères & Cie, Paris. He is an expert in international finance, structured debt transactions, and economic planning. Previously, Dr. Vakil served as Director of GMC International, Ltd., London, Vice-President, Asset Trading Unit, Developing Markets Groups of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, New York and Divisional Manager/Senior Economist for the World Bank, Washington, D.C. Dr. Vakil served as Deputy Minister of Plan and Budget Organization, Iran, from 1972 to 1979. He has taught courses in economic theory, finance, money and banking and development as Assistant Professor of Economics at UCLA. Dr. Vakil authored *The Political Environment of Economic Planning in Iran: From Monarchy to Islamic Republic* with H. Razavi, Westview Press, 1984. He has published numerous articles as well, including "Iran's Basic Macro-Economic Problems - A Twenty Year Horizon." Dr. Vakil has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from MIT, holds graduate degrees in Water Resources, Finance and Economics, and earned his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley.”

- **Françoise Manodritta** "a d'abord été Assistante de recherche (en biochimie) aux USA. Elle vire vers les Lettres et suit l'enseignement



TOP: Alexander Rossolimo ('58);  
BOTTOM: Jean-Claude Sureau ('58)

Humaniste du Professeur Daniel Penham à Columbia University, où elle reçoit le Prix Beatrice and Philip Sisson pour un essai sur Nodier. Puis, elle a la grande chance de suivre le dernier séminaire du Professeur Gérard Moignet consacré à Gustave Guillaume. Sa thèse de Ph.D. préfigure la méthode d'approche qu'elle appliquera à Paul Valéry : un nouveau regard, plus sensible, porté sur la Chanson de Roland révèle, au niveau phonémique, des jeux signifiants, qui appuient la thèse de la non-oralité soutenue par Bédier. Elle s'est consacrée depuis au mystère valéryen."

<http://www.paulvalery.fr/paul-valery-5.php>

Videos of LFNy alumni on the internet:

- **Olga Georges-Picot** (deceased June 1997) in the movie the Man Who Haunted Himself, also starring Roger Moore:  
[Olga Georges-Picot on YouTube](#)

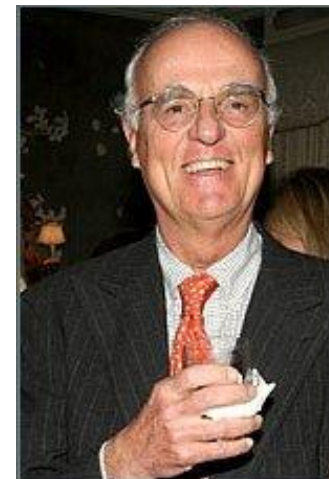
----- From December 2007 AALFNy Newsletter -----

- **Philippe de La Chapelle** wrote: "As a managing director of an investment bank, we are interested in speaking with privately owned companies whose owners are exploring the possibility of a sale (partial or total) for any reason, including the very real likelihood that the current very favorable capital gains tax treatment will disappear if a new Administration takes over Washington in '09. HT Capital Advisors can work in any industry, USA or international and of course pays a referral fee on completion of a transaction to any person who introduces us to such a company."

- **Dr. Jean-Claude Sureau** "is the President and CEO of Radant MEMS, Inc. Under his leadership Radant MEMS was founded. He has more than 43 years of experience in technology and defense industries. In addition, Dr. Sureau has been CEO and president of Radant Technologies Inc. since 1981, during which time Radant Technologies has become a leading manufacturer of advanced Radomes and related electromagnetic devices. Prior to that, Dr. Sureau held leading senior scientific positions at a number of companies including MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Grumman Aerospace, and Wheeler Laboratories/Bell Telephone. Dr. Sureau is the author of the chapter on "Microwave beacon Antennas" in the second edition of the Antenna Engineering Handbook, (R.C. Johnson, Editor) and contributed to "Significant Phased Array Papers" (R. C. Hansen, Editor) and "Phased Array Antennas" (Oliner and Knittel, Editors). Dr. Sureau received his formal education at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn from which he holds a BS, MS, and Ph.D. in Electromagnetics." <http://www.radantmems.com/radantmems/team.html>

----- From June 2007 AALFNy Newsletter -----

- **Alexander Rossolimo** wrote: "In addition to my work in private equity, due diligence and security, I have been busy writing my memoirs. While researching my family genealogy, I discovered interesting information about my ancestors. I previously knew that some of my forebears can be traced back to the island of Cephalonia, off the west coast of Greece, as far back as 13th century, where the Rossolimo clan owned and controlled vast tracks of land. The startling information I uncovered is that this clan are the descendants of Hughes de Sully, baron and "officer general" from Normandy, in the service of Charles d'Anjou, king of Naples. Hughes commanded the Neapolitan army, which King Charles sent to help the Nicephore empire against the Byzantine emperor Michel Paléologue. In 1281, Hughes was taken prisoner by the Byzantines and imprisoned in Constantinople. Because of his red hair, Hughes de Sully was generally called "the red de Sully", which in Greek became "Ros Solimo". From this, the Greeks named his descendants



Philippe de La Chapelle ('58)



TOP: Firouz Vakil ('58); BOTTOM: Daniel Labeille ('58)

“Rossolimo”. (The source of this genealogical information is the three-volume “Livre d’or de la noblesse ionienne” by Eugène Rizo-Rangabé, Paris 1926)."

● **Philippe de La Chapelle** "graduated from the Lycee Francais and Columbia College in New York and received a J.D. from Georgetown Law School. From 1966 - 1976, he was U.S. and International Counsel for W. R. Grace & Co.; in 1977, he was recruited to be Assistant General Counsel for Norton Simon. Fluent in French and Spanish, in 1981, he was appointed Director-International for Warner Communications where he designed and directed a worldwide program to streamline the company's infrastructure for 120 subsidiaries in 73 countries. Thereafter, he was appointed Senior Vice President & General Counsel for Mastercard International, participating in that company's international expansion. Prior to joining HT Capital Advisors, Mr. de La Chapelle was Senior Vice President of Warnaco, Inc., a multibillion dollar international apparel company responsible for the legal and human resources departments and streamlining the company's European activities. At HT Capital, he concentrates on business development of U.S. and offshore corporate finance opportunities." (*HT Capital Advisors*)

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

● To read about **Alexander Rossolimo's** prophetic views on the proliferation of nuclear weapons, click on the link below:

-- [Cassandra for a New Millennium: Alexander Rossolimo \('58\)](#)

● **Bernard Moffroid** is the owner of Cafe Bernard in Basalt, Colorado. "Those who dine at Cafe Bernard, a French cafe on Midland avenue in Basalt, will probably meet the head chef and owner Bernard, and, if they do, will almost certainly be told off. Bernard Moffroid, a small, sprightly Frenchman, works at his cafe six nights a week and almost always does the rounds. Want ketchup with your fries? Too bad (and their called pommes frites, anyway). Want your steak cooked more than medium? Be prepared for intense negotiations.....The atmosphere is splendidly continental, favoring rustic more than chic, with a cozy 'corner shop that just happens to serve world class food' feeling." (*The Aspen Times, 10/14/2004*)

----- From February 2006 AALFNY Newsletter -----

● **Elizabeth Molodovsky** recently corresponded with Natalie Yates ('78) and told her: "I just saw Etre et Avoir on DVD this week-end (about a teacher in a single-room schoolhouse in Auvergne). It was charming."

● **Ingrid (Popa) Fotino** on the Internet:

-- [On the Internet: Dr. Ingrid \(Popa\) Fotino](#)

----- From November 2004 AALFNY Newsletter -----

**Wendy (Kupsick) Sherman** writes: "It is a pleasure for me to receive your bulletins and read about the new institution. The Lycee has meant so much to me in my lifetime. I got out of the fast-paced life of a TV new reporter to do something quieter, but with a great deal of meaning for me. I work in non-profit at the American Civil Liberties Union, and it has been fascinating. I also continue to dance



Top: Ingrid Popa ('58)

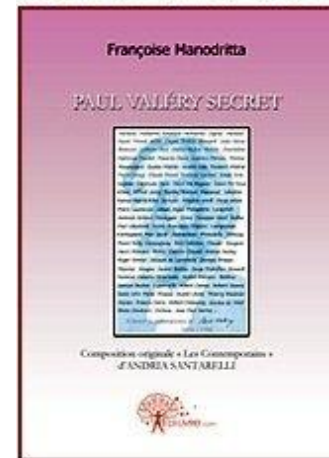
Bottom: Olga Georges-Picot ('58)

competitively, for those of you who know of my rather insane passion. My two children are thriving, but I will let my daughter speak for herself if she so chooses, as she is also a Lycee alumna, class of 1988."

**DECES:** Wendy (Kupsick) Sherman ('58) also wrote to us regarding **Ariel Brun de Pontet, '58**: "I see you are looking for information on my colleagues from the class of 1958. One of them, Ariel de Pontet, died [recently]. I don't know more than that." We were able to find further details on Ariel's passing, which was memorialized in the "Princeton Alumni Weekly" *For more details click on link:*  
[-- In Memoriam: Ariel Brun de Pontet, '58](#)

----- From July/August 2001 AALFNY Newsletter -----

**Alexander N. Rossolimo** writes: «For the past two years, I have been working for an Internet startup, IntellectExchange, in a variety of jobs: cofounder and acting CEO, VP of Business Strategy, and VP of Corporate Development. After successfully raising the seed capital and developing the business plan, I helped launch the company last year. The firm is now in its third round of financing.»



Francoise Manodritta ('58) and her book



Jacques Boissonnas ('58)