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----- From December 2012 AALFNY Newsletter -----



TOP: Timberlake Wertenbaker ('63); BOTTOM: Sophie Reyre ('63)



Margot (Yanitelli) Birke ('63)

● **Margot (Yanitelli) Birke** wrote: "I am happy to say that I have a successful elder and disability law practice in the lovely sea side city of Newburyport, Massachusetts. My husband Ted Birke and I have between us four children, two sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law, and five grand-children. I would love to hear from any old classmates and invite you to contact me at mgbirke-els@comcast.net. I have enclosed a recent photo. Hope all of you are doing well and again, please get in touch."

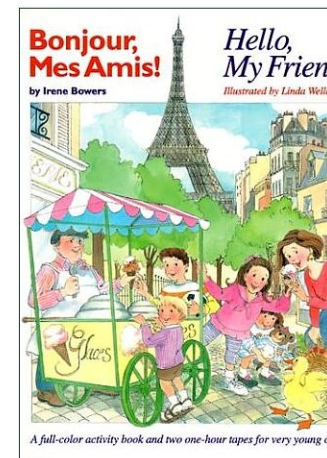
● "Dramatist **Timberlake Wertenbaker** became one of the most influential of Britain's contemporary playwrights in the late 1980s, after various of her award-winning plays including 'Our Country's Good' and 'Three Birds Alighting on a Field' were premiered at the Royal Court. Born Lael Louisiana Timberlake Wertenbaker in New York and raised in Northern Basque Country, France, she was the daughter of Charles Wertenbaker - a foreign correspondent for Time Magazine - and Lael Tucker Wertenbaker - author of various novels.....[She] graduated from St. John's College 1966 and began her career writing for Time-Life books. She then went on to professional teaching, lecturing in both Greek and French, before moving to London in the early '80s, where she first developed an interest in writing for the theater, and became a resident-writer for the small theater companies Shared Experience in 1983 and the Royal Court Theatre from 1984-85.....She is better known for her later play 'Our Country's Good' - adapted from Thomas Keneally's novel 'The Playmaker'. It chronicled the English arriving in Australia in the late 18th century and was premiered at the Royal Court Theatre on the 10th of September, 1988..... Since then she has continued adapting (and sometimes translating) various novels to the stage. These works include pieces by Marivaux, Anouilh, Maeterlinck, Pirandello, Sophocles and Euripides. She has also written several screenplays including the film adaptations of Edith Wharton's *The Children* and Henry James's *The Wings of the Dove*. She also wrote the television play, *Do Not Disturb*.....Her most recent play - 'Galileo's Daughter' adapted from the Dava Sobell novel was premiered by the Peter Hall Company in Bath, July, 2004. She currently resides in England."

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0921588/bio>

● "Wide-ranging experience brought **Sophie Reyre** to jewelry. She became a journalist, then a novelist.



Paloma Santa Briz ('63) and her son, in October 2008, at a ceremony honoring her father, 'The Angel of Budapest'



By Irene (Brun) Bowers ('63)

She has a passion for India (where she adopted her daughter) and for jewelry, especially the work of such 20th century innovators as Boivin, Verdura, Seaman Schepps, and others. She studied Chinese calligraphy, went to courses at the Institut de Gemmologie in Paris, learned jewelry design, and decided to start her own business....." (<http://www.sophiereyrecreations.com/index.html>)

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



● **Eliana (Pearse) Houston-Boswall** is the "principal founder of Hampton Court House [an independent co-ed school] and the former founder and Head Teacher of the Harrodian. She discovered her passion for teaching at the age of twelve when she mentored her younger sister....[She] studied French and Russian Linguistics at Georgetown University and obtained a postgraduate degree at the Ecole d'Interprètes at the Sorbonne in Paris. Her first job was teaching English as a foreign language at West London College....." (<http://www.hamptoncourthouse.co.uk/info/governing-body/lady-eliana-houstoun-boswall/>)

● **Paloma Sanz Briz**: "The Spanish diplomat Angel Sanz Briz, known as the "angel of Budapest" for saving the lives of 5,200 Hungarian Jews in 1944, has been honored by the *Ministerio de Exteriores* with a commemorative plaque on the facade of the embassy of Spain in the Hungarian capital. In the photo [above] Paloma Santa Briz and her son."

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

● **Daniel Bollinger** nous écrit: « Cela fait toujours plaisir d'avoir des nouvelles des anciens du lycée français de New York. J'en garde un si bon souvenir! C'était mon premier séjour à l'étranger, ensuite j'en ai fait mon métier: 40 ans de vie internationale comme consultant en réorganisation de gouvernements: j'en ai vu du pays et des gens si différents. Ci-joint ma photo de l'époque et celle d'aujourd'hui. Bravo en tous cas pour ce contact qui m'a réchauffé le coeur. »

● "**Margot [Yanitelli] Birke** founded Elder Law Solutions to focus on the intricate legal and financial needs of older and disabled adults. She has extensive experience in Elder Law as an advocate, mediator, and volunteer. She speaks frequently at assisted living centers, geriatric centers, and councils on aging to empower the elder community by providing the information they need to make informed choices. [She] visits nursing homes as an advocate for residents to ensure they are receiving the good care they need and deserve..... [She] received her B.A. from Fordham College in New York, and her J.D., with academic honors, from Fordham University Law School. She is admitted to practice



TOP: Janine (Lourie) Jaboulay ('63); BOTTOM: Pierre Caranicas ('63)



TOP: Daniel Carponcy ('63);
BOTTOM: Eliana (Pearse) Houston-Boswall ('63)

in both Massachusetts and New York." (<http://www.elderlaw-solutions.com/>)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- **Guy Wildenstein** interviewed on *France 24*: [Guy Wildenstein interviewed on France 24](#)

----- **December 2009 AALFNY Newsletter** -----



- **Dr. Edward Darell** wrote: "Salut! It's taken me an awfully long time to do anything more than check out the site here and there, and I found myself on the "What ever happened to" list so many times that I wanted to finally put to rest the rumors of my death, which, to steal a line from Mark Twain, have been greatly exaggerated. I'd love to become reacquainted with my classmates, including those who beat me up, usually for good reason, and, of course, to meet other Lycee alumni."

- *Bennington, Vermont - February 27, 2009* "Inside an old manufacturing facility in Bennington, there is new reason to celebrate. Catamount Glass president **Alain Karyo** says, "We usually never lay off people. We have not done that in 30 years." This month, Catamount Glass is marking its 30th year in business. Alain Karyo started the company solo in a basement, with just \$10,000 in sales. Now he has more than 20 employees and \$1.6 million in product going out the doors. Karyo says he's gotten offers to move his business to China, but has turned them down because he wants to keep those jobs in Bennington. "It's almost like a family business," he explains. "People who have worked here worked a long time. Our decision was to make sure they stay and have a job." The company has an unusual specialty: making laboratory-grade heat-resistant glass. It's high-tech enough for use by scientists, but homeowners use the glass gravy separators, microwave popcorn poppers, measuring cups and more....." (<http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=9920031>)

----- **January 2009 AALFNY Newsletter** -----

- "As a child growing up in New York, **Joan (Brenner) Dimancescu** attended a French lycee, a school where courses were given in French and in English. That early bilingual training launched a career that brought her [in 1998] to head the rapidly growing French- American International School of Boston. More familiarly known as Ecole Bilingue, the school is spread over two campuses, one in Cambridge and the other in Arlington, to accommodate an enrollment that has doubled in the last five years...." (*The Boston Globe*, <http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1P2-8513350.html>)

----- **July 2008 AALFNY Newsletter** -----



TOP: Jocelyn Radifera ('63) - Ambassador of Madagascar to Japan; BOTTOM: Brent Bailer ('63)
[Brent Bailer's web site](#)



TOP: Nelly Kalfon-Steinitz ('63); BOTTOM: Joan (Brenner) Dimancescu

- "H.E. Amb. **Jocelyn Radifera** became Madagascar's Ambassador to the United States in September 2007. He has previously worked at the World Bank and was Madagascar's Ambassador to Japan."

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

- « **Isabelle Hoog Naginski** est professeure à l'Université Tufts près de Boston. Spécialiste de la littérature française et russe du XIXe siècle, elle a publié de nombreux articles dans des revues littéraires françaises et américaines sur George Sand, Balzac, Stendhal, Flaubert, Dostoïevski et Tolstoï. Co-fondatrice et co-rédactrice en chef de George Sand Studies, elle a aussi organisé plusieurs numéros spéciaux sur Sand. Elle est l'auteur de deux ouvrages sur Sand : *George Sand. L'écriture ou la vie* (Honoré Champion éditeur, 1999) et *George Sand mythographe* (sous presse). Elle prépare actuellement, pour les Œuvres complètes de George Sand aux Editions Champion, deux éditions critiques de Lélia et de Spiridon. » (*Le compagnon du tour de France*)

- **Jackie Talkowsky** wrote: "After leaving the Lycée, I continued my education at a pensionnat in Switzerland which had a similar academic program. I also had a great time skiing. Upon my return to New York, after three years in Israel, I opted out of attending Vassar to care for my ailing father. With my language skills in place, including Italian, German and Hebrew, I sought refuge in one of the only industries that valued language skills: the travel business. I loved chatting up both corporate clients and worldwide vendors and was a successful travel agent until the advent of the internet together with 9/11 impacted what had been a fantastic run. I now help multinational corporations with their real estate relocation needs and operate in the hectic Manhattan residential real estate market."

----- From Winter 2003-2004 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Pierre Caranicas** is the Editor of a new publication covering film and television production.

----- From March/April 2002 AALFNY Newsletter -----

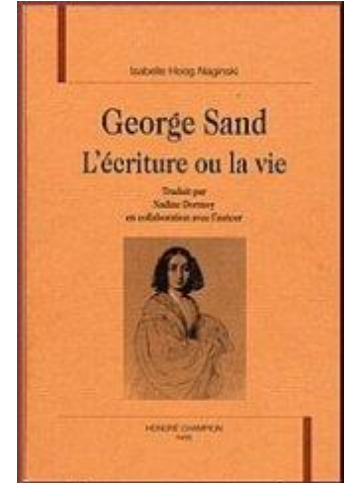
- After leaving the Lycée, **Jackie Talkowski** pursued her education at a pensionnat in Switzerland. She continued on to Israel, where along with completing hotel training school, she became passionately involved in archaeology. Upon her return to New York, she gave up going to Vassar in order to care for her ailing father. Over the years, Jackie evolved into marketing, doing stints in fashion, the arts and finally the travel business. Jackie has been a travel agent for over twenty years. In the aftermath of September 11th, she has relocated her accounts to an agency closer to home and continues her activities in the international marketplace. Jackie specializes in individualized service and, internet notwithstanding, finds that her clients appreciate her persistence as well as her depth of travel product



TOP: Guy Wildenstein ('63)

[--On the Internet: Guy Wildenstein \('63\)](#)

BOTTOM: Isabelle (Hoog) Naginski ('63)



TOP: by Isabelle (Hoog) Naginski ('63); BOTTOM: Jackie Talkowsky ('63)

knowledge. Jackie invites alumni to contact her for all their travel arrangement needs, corporate or private. She may be reached at *[email address available from AALFNY upon request]*.

----- From November 1999 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Sandra (Shaw-Lawrence) Boselli** is married for 30 years and has two children who work in Great Britain. She works in a lycée in Paris.



**TOP: Daniel Bollinger ('63);
BOTTOM: Margot (Yanitelli)
Birke ('63)**



**TOP: Catherine (Cousin)
Garcia ('63)
BOTTOM: Irene (Brun)
Bowers ('63)**