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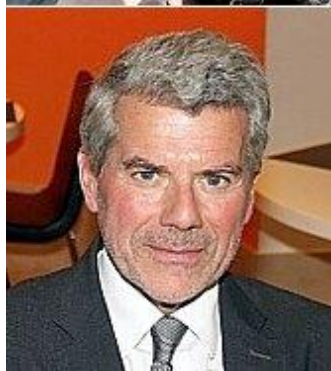
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In Memoriam:

- **Stefan Janis ('72)** († February 1, 2017)
- **Pierre Servant ('72)** († March 2, 2017)
- **Lisa Isabel (Liebmann) Adams ('72)** († June 30, 2016)

(See In memoriam section of this newsletter for further details, or click [HERE](#))

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● **Audrey Waltner, MPH (LSY: Terminale in 1972)** told us that she “has devoted her career to data management and analysis in the medical and public health fields. At the time of her retirement two years ago, she was the epidemiologist at the Dutchess County Department of Health in NY. She specialized in community health assessments, vital statistics surveillance and analysis, and database systems development to improve the efficiency and reliability of data collection throughout the Department as well as within the community. Audrey now focuses her analytical skills (and her French background) on her French Canadian ancestry - over 2,000 individuals going back to 17th century France so far!; she recently contributed to the scholarly book “Évidences de communautés métisses autour de la baie des Chaleurs” by V. Mallet. She also has an antiques business with her husband.”

● **Mercedes (Bendelac) Huber (LSY : Terminale in 1972)** : “*Photo by Huber* is a sharing of our captured memories through photography. Husband and wife for 34 years, we reside in New Jersey, in northern Bergen County. Photos may be from an exotic vacation, a special event, the beauty of nature or wildlife,,,,,Mercedes’ interests gravitate towards photographing dogs and their companions in their natural environment or at dog events. An accomplished dog trainer, she combines her photographic interests with her love of dog training and showing our beloved Labrador Retrievers. A fine photographer herself, Mercedes is adept at Photoshop and other photo



TOP: Mercedes (Bendelac) Huber ('72); BOTTOM: Nicolas De Ziegler ('72 (LSY: 4eme in 1968)



TOP: Roberto Plaja ('72); BOTTOM: Monique (Lozach) Jaffre ('72 (LSY: Spec. IV in 1967)

software. She produces animated story books and unique gifts created from digital memories. Mercedes, who developed this web site, is a retired technology manager and developer who has retained her passion for all forms of technology.”

(<http://www.photobyhuber.com/About-Us>)



TOP: Marie-Nancy Pascal ('72); BOTTOM: Donna Zilkha ('72)

● **Roberto Plaja** (*LSY: 11eme in 1961*): “Before founding Orthos Advisory AG in 2013, Roberto spent the last three decades in the investment management industry.....A graduate from Cornell University (1976) and Harvard University (1979), Roberto worked in 1976-1977 at Morgan Stanley & Co. in New York as Corporate Finance Analyst.....In 1979, he joined Bankers Trust Company in New York where he held various roles in mergers and acquisitions, trade financing and private banking. From 1984 to 1992 he worked at Continental Insurance Company Asset Management in New York, where his last position was Senior Vice President in charge of International InvestmentsIn 1992, he joined J.P. Morgan & Co. in New York, first as portfolio manager for the Private Clients Group, running fixed income portfolios..... In 1998, he became the Head of the Duration Team in US Fixed Income, and a member of the Global Macro Strategy Team. In 2000, Roberto moved to Milano, and joined SanPaolo IMI Asset Management as Head of Fixed Income.....From 2003 to 2005, Roberto was an independent financial consultant to institutions and high net-worth individuals.....Finally, in 2005 Roberto joined Goldman Sachs International in London as Head of the Portfolio Advisory Group in Private Wealth Management. In 2009, he moved to Zurich and became an Investment Professional at Goldman Sachs Bank AG, from which he retired in 2013.”

(<http://www.orthosadvisory.com/who-we-are/about-me/>)

● **Jean-Pierre Frohlich** (*LSY: 9eme in 1963*): “Born in New York, Mr. Frohlich trained at the School of American Ballet. As a child he danced the role of the Prince in George Balanchine’s *Nutcracker* for three successive seasons and in 1965 Balanchine created a role for him in *Don Quixote*. In 1972, while a student, he appeared in the premiere of Jerome Robbins’s *Watermill*. Later that same year he joined the New York City Ballet and in 1979 was promoted to the rank of Soloist..... Mr. Frohlich has been seen nationally on such television program as the “Live From Lincoln Center” the “Great Performances: Dance in America” and the 1987 ASCAP Celebration telecast, Live from Wolftrap. Mr. Frohlich became a Ballet Master in 1990 and one of his primary responsibilities in this capacity was to assist Mr. Robbins in staging many of his ballets. [He is] now overseeing his repertoire at the New York City Ballet..... He has staged works for Australian Ballet, Ballet Frankfurt, National Ballet of Canada, Paris Opera Ballet, The Royal Ballet..... In 1998 and in 2006 Mr. Frohlich received The Isadora Duncan Dance Award for the best stage ballets in the San Francisco bay area. In 2011 [he] was appointed Artistic Administrator/Director of the newly formed New City Ballet’s “MOVES” touring company and has choreographed several works for the School of American Ballet and the New York City Ballet workshops..... In 2015 Mr. Frohlich was awarded Officier des Arts et Lettres from the French Government’s Ministry of Culture.”

(<http://www.bolshoi.ru/en/persons/people/3572/>)



TOP: Jean-Pierre Frohlich ('72); BOTTOM: Audrey Waltner ('72)

● **Docteur Marie-Nancy Pascal** (*LSY : Terminale in 1972*) est chef de pôle pédopsychiatrie du centre hospitalier Maurice Despinoy en Martinique.

● **Bambi Sloan** (*LSY: Terminale in 1972*) was featured in a March 2017 article in the NY Post --"Three Parisian hotels with a stylish woman's touch." (Click [HERE](#) to read the article)



● **Donna Zilkha** (*LSY: 4eme in 1968*) is the Executive Director of College and International Services at Aristotle Circle, Inc. She "has been a lawyer for 30 years. For 15 years, she was involved in education policy in France, as a member of the board of education of the town of Neuilly, and as head of a national public interest group. She has sat on the Board of several private schools in New York City, and has counseled families in the US and abroad applying to schools and colleges for the past 5 years." (<https://www.crunchbase.com/person/donna-zilkha#/entity>)

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● **Patricia Charton** (*LSY: Terminale in 1972*) told us that "she will be in New York from May 10th to July 6th, 2016. This is her first visit to the US since 1983 !! If you wish to meet up with her, just contact her before she leaves. She would love to hear from you by email at pcharton@outlook.com."

● **Iva Kaufman** (*LSY: 1ere in 1971*) "specializes in collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches to philanthropy, grant-making, and not-for-profit management. She also advises socially responsible businesses on the design and development of programs in the public interest. Her work spans years for a far-reaching expertise in areas of women, environment, community, arts and culture and economic development, often using collaboration between these areas for innovative solutions and connections." (<http://www.ivakaufmanassociates.net/team.html>)

● **Claude Haussman** (*LSY: 4eme in 1968*) is "president and owner of Systemic Solutions Inc.,..... a technology services company that specializes in technology support for small to medium sized businesses located in the New York, New Jersey and the Long Island Metropolitan area." (<https://www.linkedin.com/pub/claude-haussmann/29/87a/167>)



TOP: Thomas Cerbu ('72)
(LSY: 6eme in 1966);

BOTTOM: Dr. Anne Crenesse
Cozien ('72) (LSY: 10eme in
1962)

● **Karin Annabel MacGowan** (*LSY: Term. in 1972*): « Journaliste bilingue, experte en médecine esthétique et intégrative : Forte d'une longue expérience dans la presse écrite dans les domaines de la médecine et chirurgie esthétique, beauté, santé, et art de vivre, rédactrice en chef, co-auteur d'ouvrages sur le bien vieillir, Annabel pilote dans nos pages la nouvelle rubrique "Pro-aging et Médecine intégrative". Son expertise dans les dernières avancées et techniques alliée à une grande connaissance des acteurs mondiaux du secteur lui permettent de

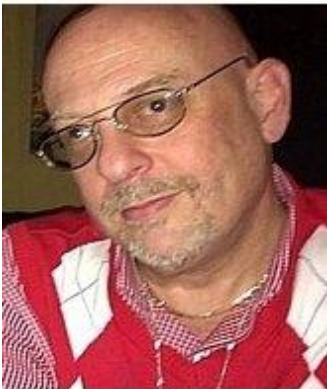


TOP: Jean-Francois Eid ('72);
BOTTOM: Karin Annabel
MacGowan ('72)

livrer enquêtes et interviews d'une voie objective et pertinente. »

(http://www.emotionspa-mag.com/qui-sommes-nous_1.html)

● “Born in Brussels, **Dr. Jean Francois Eid** (*LSY: 4eme in 1968*) received his Bachelor of Science in Bio-Engineering from Brown University in 1976 and his M.D. from The Medical College of Cornell University in 1982. He completed his urological training at the New York Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in 1988. Prior to founding Advanced Urological Care in 2001, [he] was Associate Professor in the Departments of Urology at both Weill-Cornell and Sloan Kettering (cf. above). During his 10-year tenure at these institutions, Dr. Eid was exposed to the most challenging cases of ED, acquiring a focused, unparalleled surgical experience.” (<https://www.linkedin.com/pub/j-francois-eid/2b/393/582>)



TOP: Iva Kaufman ('72);
BOTTOM: Claude Haussman ('72)

● “July 9, 2014: The Board of Trustees at Southern Vermont College appointed **Marjorie (Gregg Deane) Swain, Psy.D.** (*LSY: Spec. II in 1963*) as a new board member at its recent meeting. A resident of New York City and Vermont, Swain has a strong history of involvement with non-profits. A graduate of Smith College, Swain received a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Baylor University. She has served on numerous boards and committees for organizations in the New York area.....Swain has served as a Board Member of the Board of Managers at West Side YMCA in New York City since 2003. In addition, she and her husband are Board Members of the Bronx Charter School for Better Learning in New York City. Swain served on the board at Grosvenor Neighborhood House where she was Board President. She was instrumental in the merger of a post 9/11 struggling Grosvenor with the West Side YMCA, which allowed Grosvenor to continue as a strong presence in Manhattan Valley. She also was a former Women’s Committee member at Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club. As a member of various committees at New York’s St. James Church, Swain ran the Soup Kitchen for the Homeless from 1986 to 1990. She recently was a member of the Vestry at Church of the Epiphany in NYC. In addition to her Board work, Swain enjoys being a Mah Jongg art historian whose book, “Mah Jongg: The Art of the Game” will be published in October by Tuttle Publishing.” (<http://www.vermontbiz.com/people/july/southern-vermont-college-trustees-name-gregg-swain-psyd-and-author-board>)

● **Sonia Simon Cummings** (*LSY: Term. in 1972*) “has been an activist and philanthropist for the past eighteen years, focusing on the environment, the arts, coexistence and Jewish life. She is a past trustee of the Santa Monica Museum of Art, Friends of the Tel Aviv Foundation, the Institute of Contemporary Midrash, the Medici Archives Project and the Los Angeles Jewish Community Foundation. She founded the Arts in School! giving circle and was vice chair of the Los Angeles/Tel Aviv Partnership Visual Arts committee. She currently serves on the board of the Nathan Cummings Foundation, Friends of the Arava Institute, and Artis Contemporary.” (http://jfn2013.sched.org/speaker/sonia_simon_cummings.1qic5b3o#.VYQiyUZ8tsq)

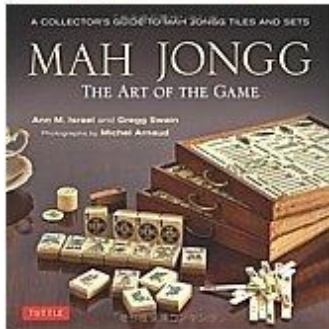
● **Vivian Belmont** (*LSY: Term. in 1972*) “grew up surrounded by the culture of Manhattan and was fostered by the independent minded educators at Bennington College. She has served as a trailblazing educator in the field of early childhood education for more than 20 years. From 2006 to 2013, Vivian created, developed and



TOP: Vivian Belmont ('72);
BOTTOM: Patricia Nagler ('72)

directed the Outdoor Science Curriculum at the Rose Engel Early Childhood Center in Los Angeles. [She is] a two-time winner of the Innovation Award for her Reggio-inspired program..... She also was awarded the Smotrich Family Educator Award for creating and implementing curriculum that inspired compassion and empathy towards animals. In 2011, Vivian joined forces with Para Los Niños (PLN), a nonprofit organization that provides education centers for thousands of at-risk youth in Los Angeles County. As Curriculum Coordinator for PLN's Reggio-inspired preschools, Vivian worked closely with school directors, overseeing classroom design, material selection and curriculum for more than 800 children.....Vivian is presently writing a book to be published on her innovative approach to early childhood education entitled, *No Fancy Toys*, and is the founder of the Dream Big Science and Art Foundation, providing opportunities for hands-on work in both in science and art."

(<http://www.dreambigscience.com/meet-vivian/>)



Marjorie Gregg (Deane) Swain ('72) and her book

● **Patricia Nagler** (*LSY: Term. in 1972*): « Lyonnaise de naissance, je suis Issue d'une double culture franco-américaine. Au fil des années, j'ai développé toute une activité professionnelle dans le champ de la formation. Les thématiques de mes stages touchent à la gestion du stress, au travail en équipe, à la gestion des relations. J'ai pendant cinq ans accompagné des individus et des équipes suite à des agressions sur leur lieu de travail. Debriefing d'équipes, suivis individuels, gestion des stress post-traumatiques. Formée à la Méthode Potentialis, j'accompagne des adultes et des adolescents afin de les aider à déterminer des pistes d'études et de métiers. Cet accompagnement se fait aussi bien en groupe qu'en individuel.. Si vous voulez en savoir plus sur moi, visiter mon site : <http://www.patricia-nagler.fr> » (<https://fr.linkedin.com/pub/patricia-nagler/a5/877/18a/en>)

● **Jonathan Mamelok** (*LSY: 9eme in 1963*) is the Director of Tecnology at the Chapin School. "[He] earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Columbia College of Columbia University and is a Microsoft Certified Professional. Prior to coming to Chapin [in 2006], Mr. Mamelok served as director of technology at the French-American School of New York in Westchester. He has more than twenty years of experience working with technology in business and education. Mr. Mamelok is also fluent in French. His hobbies include photography, film, classical music and traveling."

(<http://www.chapin.edu/page.cfm?p=2616&viewdirid=1866&directoryStart=101>)

● **Giles Bergne** (*LSY: 10eme in 1962*) is a "financial accountant in general practice for micro business start-ups, small charities and sole traders." He attended the Sevenoaks Academy from 1965 to 1972, and then North London Polytechnic." (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/gilesbergne>)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet (*click on links below*):

- [Marjorie Gregg \(Deane\) Swain](#) talks about Mah Jongg: The Art of the Game
- [Bambi Sloan](#) (*LSY: Term. in 1972*) : « Du beau, du bien, du bien être »
- [Vivian Belmont](#) talks about "Rock Science" for preschoolers



TOP: Carol-Ann (Holzberger) Braun ('72);

BOTTOM: Bruno Combe

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● **Philip S. Golub** “is a widely published author and Contributing Editor of Le Monde Diplomatique. He teaches International Relations and International Political Economy at the Institut d'études europeennes, Université Paris 8 and at the American University of Paris (AUP).”
(<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/IDEAS/events/events/2010/101005golub.aspx>)



TOP: Jonathan Mamelok ('72); BOTTOM: Giles Bergne ('72)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

● **Philip Golub** talks about his new book, 'Power, Profit and Prestige', which discusses the rise of the American empire.

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

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In Memoriam:

- **François d'Anethan** († March 21, 2011)
 - **Laurence (Loewy) Hagerman** († October 15, 2008)
 - **Jamie (Stanforth) Shoemaker** († November, 2000)
- (See [In memoriam](#) section of this newsletter for further details)
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● Alumni from the class of '72 celebrated a **40-year reunion** in NYC. **Belinda Aberbach** wrote: "The Class of 1972 held a reunion this Fall. On October 6th, 2012, there was a lovely Cocktail Party at the Lycée where a number of Class of 72 members gathered to reconnect and to tour the new building. We then gathered together for drinks and food at a local bar/restaurant. **Pierre Erville ('72)** spearheaded this wonderful project and a good time was had by all! (For more details, go to [Reunions, Events, and Gatherings](#) section of this newsletter)

● “Kathleen Patricia McShea and **Pierre Raymond Erville** were married Saturday [September 15, 2012] at the Washington Club, an event space in Washington.....Mrs. Erville, 49, works in Washington as the director of Web communications at the Department of Homeland Security. She graduated from Georgetown. She is a daughter of Margaret A. McShea and Michael J. McShea of Mount Laurel, N.J. Mr. Erville, 57, works in Washington as the associate director of the lead-and-healthy-housing division at the District Department of the Environment. He graduated from Tufts and received a law degree from Northeastern. He is a son of Herta Erville of Mount Vernon, Va., and the late René Erville.....”

(<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/16/fashion/weddings/kathleen-mcshea-pierre-erville-weddings.html>)

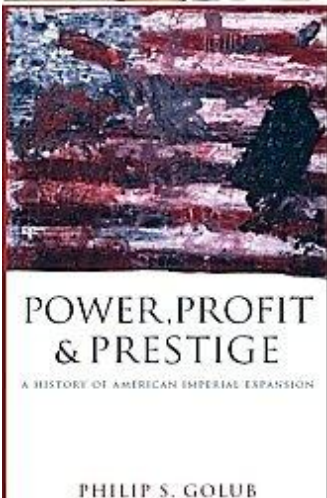
● **Hervé Cerisoles** sent us this report, regarding the above event: "Pierre Erville ('72) was married to Kathy McShea in Washington, DC on Saturday September 15, 2012 at the Washington Club. Lycée alumni in attendance were as follows:



TOP: Erik Lazar ('72);
BOTTOM: Elisabeth Lebris ('72)

- Pierre's siblings, Philippe ('74) & Danielle ('76)
- Baudoin sisters, Patricia ('72) & Marina ('75)
- Classmates Nina Schlossman, Willy Spears & Hervé Cerisoles (all '72)

It should be noted that all five classmates from that class of 1972 started together in onzieme in 1961 (and may even have started together in Madame Correa's kindergarten in 1960). Their long friendship continued into college, where four of them went to Tufts together, while Willy was just down the road at MIT. Everyone had a great time, the tall tales flowed freely and many laughs were shared."



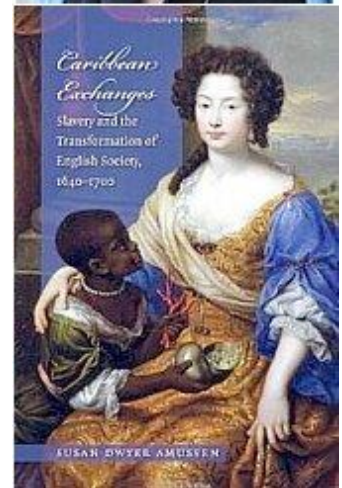
PHILIP S. GOLUB
Philip Golub ('72)
and his book

- Professor **Susan Amussen** "is a social and cultural historian of Britain in the early modern period (roughly 1500 to 1750). She is particularly interested in the various hierarchies and structures of power that organize society. Her published work has focused on issues of class and gender, and race and slavery. Her most recent book, *Caribbean Exchanges: Slavery and the Transformation of English Society* looks at what English people had to learn to become slave-owners in the Caribbean, and what they brought back to England from the island colonies. They brought more than the sugar for which the islands were known; they also brought ideas about race and work, about the organization of work, and law and punishment. Professor Amussen's current work includes a synthetic essay on gender in the early modern Atlantic world, a project on England as a cultural crossroads in the early modern period, [and] an article on the relationship between history and literature; specifically, the historical contexts for Shakespeare. Education : Ph.D., 1982 — Brown University; A.B., 1976 — Princeton University" (<http://www.ucmerced.edu/faculty/directory/susan-amussen>)

- **Fabrice Florin** "is executive director and founder of NewsTrust, where he manages creative and business development for this next-generation social news network.....Fabrice's previous wireless venture, Handtap, was a leading provider of multimedia content for mobile phones.....As Macromedia's VP of online entertainment, Fabrice launched shockwave.com, a popular website featuring games, cartoons, music and greetings.....Before

joining Macromedia, Fabrice was president of Zenda Studio, an award-winning software and multiplayer game developer. There, he created innovative user interfaces and software environments for market leaders including Disney, Electronic Arts, Microsoft, Philips and Sony. Prior to Zenda, Fabrice was executive producer at Apple Computer, where he produced widely acclaimed educational CD-ROM titles and interactive TV applications.....Before joining Apple, Fabrice was president of Videowest, an innovative TV production studio, where he created a new genre of video journalism, widely distributed on outlets ranging from ABC to MTV and public TV. Fabrice produced and directed many acclaimed TV specials, such as Hackers, a classic documentary about the midnight programmers that created the personal computer revolution.

Fabrice was recently elected an Ashoka Fellow for his work as a social entrepreneur in journalism (Ashoka: Innovators for the Public is the world's largest community of social entrepreneurs). Fabrice has also been honored with four US patents as inventor of interactive TV technologies at Apple, and has received numerous media industry awards, including Emmies, Cindies, and NewMedia awards. His pioneering work in digital media has been widely covered by the press, including the BBC, NewsWeek, Scientific American, Time, Washington



Susan Amussen ('72)
and her book

Post, Wired, Le Monde and many more." (http://www.newstrust.net/about/bio_florin)

- **Viviane Kaneff** is a Nutritional Educator, giving "group wellness presentations on the benefits of proper nutrition for all ages and lifestyles." She is also "a decorative painter and faux finisher offering Home Styling techniques, including Faux Wall Finishes and Faux Furniture Finishes, as well as Color Consultant services in New Canaan, CT, Fairfield County, CT and Westchester County, NY. She has studied and continues to study at The Isabel O'Neil Studio Workshop, New York, and The Finishing School, New York and Pennsylvania.....Viviane is a member of The International Decorative Artisans League.....She is also an ASID Industry Partner and a member of the Connecticut Green Building Council....." (homestylingbyviviane.com)



- **Bruno Combe** is the CEO and founder of OVIV Security Technologies "Créée en 2005, OVIV développe des systèmes de sécurité pour les avions et notamment les avions d'affaires. Pour son président Bruno Combe, la société doit beaucoup à Aerospace Valley en terme de réseaux."

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

- **Vivian Belmont** wrote: "I'm living in Los Angeles, working in Early Childhood Education, working with children children and teachers... Love my work which I have been doing for over 20 years... I saw my old friend **Karen MacGowan** (now goes by the name Anabelle) when visiting Paris a year ago, and enjoyed visiting with **Patsy Baudoin** while we were both in NYC. My dear friend **Belinda Aberbach ('73)** is someone else that I have stayed in touch with... Old friends are so special. And of course, I always see my cousin **Ronald Grelsamer ('71)** when I'm in NY. I have two daughters (21 & 24) who are making there way in the world... C'est beau d'etre jeune!"



TOP: Pierre Erville ('72) and spouse Kathleen; BOTTOM: Nahed Ghorbal ('72)

40-Year Class Reunion

- **Pierre Erville** wrote: "Salut tout le monde! Can you believe we're about to start 2012, the 40th year since our graduation? Some say it's the end of times -- well ... what a great excuse for a party! Let's have a *boum* to end all *boums*! Seriously folks, unless I've missed something, we have yet to have a reunion all our own. Long overdue, dontcha think? I'd love to help plan one, whether it's in New York, DC, or elsewhere. Anyone else game? I figure it would take at least 5 of us to form a planning committee to get this thing off the ground. Qu'en pensez-vous? I started a Facebook page "lycee 72" where we can start talking about it. Ciao for now!"

- "Walking into **Bambi Sloan's** Parisian apartment is like entering an exotic gipsy caravan. Wafts of incense float past ornate tassels and brass lamps, lending a heady, exotic fragrance to the warm autumn air. Gold braid shimmers richly on red velvet cushions. Shelves groan with collections of modern iconography. One almost expects a Madame Rosa figure to appear, swathed in embroidered robes and carrying a crystal ball. But it is a petite Frenchwoman clad in designer black who greets me, her hair casually twisted in an elegant chignon, her fingers clamping a cigarette....." (*From The Telegraph.uk To read full article, [click here](#)*)



Bruno Combe ('72)



Tanya Lowe ('72 --right) and sister Romana ('70)



● **Rachel Kaplan** wrote: "For those newsletter readers who might be interested, I am happy to report the following regarding my business *Events & Company*. We have launched *France Wedding Planner* –a Paris-based destination wedding company.....This year, we had the pleasure and privilege of organizing a number of VIP events including for Bates College and the Wiesenthal Center of Tolerance. We are extending a special 5% discount to all LFNy alumni who choose to organize an event or travel program through *Events & Company*. We are also seeking an ardent Francophile alumnus to represent our services. If you are interested please write to rachel.kaplan@orange.fr"

----- From November 2010 AALFNy Newsletter -----



● **Patricia Charton** nous écrit: "**Marie-Françoise Cararon ['72]** et Patricia Charton se sont revues au mois de juillet 2010....premières retrouvailles depuis le bac en 1972 ! C'est très sympa et nous sommes toujours en contact."

● **Michele Burger** wrote: "I have an MSW and work as a Policy/Constituent Aide for Councilmember Rosie Mendez who represents the East Village and the Lower East Side. I am on the Board of ParentJobNet. I am married and have a daughter in medical school and one in college."

● **Tanya Lowe** waxed *nostalgic* and wrote: "I started the at the Lycée at age eight, in 1961!"

● **Stefan Janis** wrote: "I am writing a little regional book which has to do with New England in the 17th century. I have not submitted a book proposal to a publisher yet. At the beginning of October I had a cameo in my father's documentary about his courage and the many medical ordeals he went through in his life. It has been purchased, so I am told, by 150 public television stations in different American cities. Also, my father is coming out with his autobiography in November, which happens to mention me briefly "Chopin and Beyond: My extraordinary life in music and the paranormal." I have tried to stay active with the local Alliance-Francaise in New Haven, CT, but they seem to have vanished from the area. I have joined a hiking group, which I have not taken advantage of merely enough. The concert season is starting up at the Yale Music School and I plan to go to a lot of concerts."

● **Hala (Tomeh) Ibrahim** wrote: "I came to work in Amman in September 1977 as a consultant to the Ministry of Social Affairs and started the first governmental centers for the mentally challenged. After several years, I then helped in starting the first center for psychological and educational services. During that time, I assisted many schools in starting learning support services for students with learning difficulties and did a lot of in-service teacher training. I also served as a consultant to UNESCO for the Middle East. This took me to many Arab countries to do training on Special Needs in the Regular Classroom. My third and hopefully last line of work started 12 years ago with children under the autism spectrum and I am still at it."



TOP: Gerald Sampson ('72);
BOTTOM: Bambi Sloan ('72)



JEAN-PIERRE FROHLICH
BALLET MASTER



TOP: Jean-Pierre Frohlich ('72) ;
BOTTOM: Jean-Paul Guyere ('72)

I think that my experience as a student at the Lycee and how students with difficulties were treated at the time had a significant effect on the career I chose.

I am married and have two children who are now in college. In May of 2004, while vacationing in Antigua for our son's high school graduation, I planned a reunion with my best friend from the Lycee, **Marie-Nancy Pascal**. It was the first time we saw each other since we graduated in 1972. I once was walking in Harvard Square in the 1990's and recognized a classmate from the way she walked. Sure enough it was **Nina Schlossman**. I then met with her and **Patricia Baudoin** for a lunch. Those were the only times I had the chance of seeing someone from my school days.

Thanks to the Alumni, I was also able to contact **Catherine Flego, Valentina Goncharov and Carol-Ann Holzberger** by email. And the best was being able to find **Mlle Popa** who taught me Maths in Sieme and was the teacher who had the greatest influence on my life as a student.

Would love to hear from other alumni of 1972."

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- Ballet Master [Jean-Pierre Frohlich](#) in one of a series of interviews with people who were touched by Jerome Robbins' life.

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

- The artwork of **Tanya Lowe** is the latest addition to our permanent web page --*Les artistes du LFNY*. To access her webpage, [click here](#).

- Jean-Eric Lavenir ('79) shared this with us: "My brother **Thierry Lavenir**, MD - Class of 1972 would also like to keep in touch with the Lycée and alumni. Thierry has had his practice in Hyères since 1982 and may be contacted at [email address available upon request]."

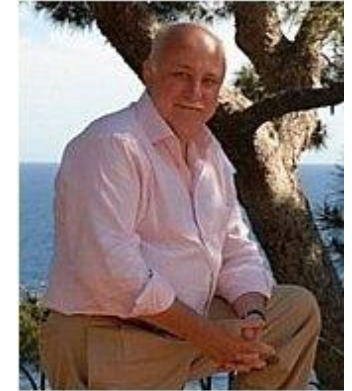
- **Stefan Janis** shared this with us: "My father has made a documentary about his life for American TV in which I may figure (if I don't end up on the cutting room floor.) I have also translated a little book for him about Chopin's life and performance style. Currently, I am working on a sample of a French novel featuring France in 1942 as seen through the eyes of a ten-year-old Jewish convert to catholicism. I also hope to finish my screenplay based on "La Chanson de Roland" in the near future. I do not seem to run into friends from the Lycee, but my circle of friends is ever-widening. I am still a bachelor, but not a confirmed one."

- **Marie-Francoise (Cararon) Le Gac** posted this update at *Copains D'avant.com*: "Après avoir obtenu mon bac à New York j'ai fait mes études à Nantes. Je suis mariée et j'ai 2 enfants (Anne-Laure 21 ans et Jean-François 19 ans). J'habite en Bretagne près de Lorient et j'enseigne à Hennebont au collège Pierre et Marie Curie."

- "**Jean-Pierre Frohlich** trained at the School of American Ballet, joined New York City Ballet in 1972, and rose to



TOP: Karin Annabel MacGowan ('72); BOTTOM: Belinda Aberbach ('73)



TOP: Arthur Kulick ('72); BOTTOM: Tanya Lowe ('72) (self portrait)

the rank of soloist in 1979. While still a student, he appeared in the premiere of Jerome Robbins's Watermill. His leading roles in Robbins' ballets include Dances at a Gathering, The Goldberg Variations, Fancy Free, and Piano Pieces, among others. Mr. Frohlich's television appearances include Live From Lincoln Center and Great Performances: Dance in America, Choreography by Jerome Robbins. In 1990 he became a Ballet Master for NYCB and assisted Mr. Robbins with staging his ballets. Upon Robbins' death, Mr. Frohlich was appointed a committee member for the Robbins Rights Trust where he serves to the present. He has staged Robbins' works for Australian Ballet, Ballet Frankfurt, National Ballet of Canada, Paris Opera, The Royal Ballet, The Birmingham Royal Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Stuttgart Ballet, Ballet Geneva, and Dutch National Ballet. Mr. Frohlich received the Isadora Duncan Dance Award (Izzie) for excellence in staging in 1998 and 2006. In addition to his other work, Mr. Frohlich has also choreographed works for the School of American Ballet and NYCB workshops." (*pnb.org*)



TOP: Michele Burger ('72);
BOTTOM: Gerard Salomon ('72)

- "Catherine Flego-Wile left the city a little over a year ago and moved to a horse farm in Galway with her husband and two sons. They fell in love with this area about 20 years ago, on their first visit. They promised themselves to live here one day. Well, here they are raising chickens and turkeys. They are looking forward to adopting a couple of horses....." (*prumanorhomes.leadmaxx.lantrax.com*)

----- From January 2009 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Avis de Décès:** Jennifer Simon ('98) informed us her mother, **Ellen (Hill) Simon ('72)** passed away in July 2008.
- **Patricia Nagler** nous écrit: "Bonjour ! Quelle belle journée aujourd'hui ! [*President Obama's inauguration day*] Je suis de tout cœur avec l'Amérique et les Américains. Cela fait deux jours que je recueille toutes les informations possibles sur l'investiture qui va éclore aujourd'hui. Je voulais faire savoir que **Patricia Charton** et moi-même, Patricia Nagler, promotion 1972 du Lycée, nous sommes retrouvées le mois dernier à Paris. Après 36 ans, ce fut très émouvant !! Je l'ai reconnue tout de suite et elle aussi !! Bon... nous avons.... hum un peu vieilli... mais quand même...Patricia Charton habite Paris et moi Périgueux, dans le sud ouest. Si d'autres élèves de notre promotion 1972 sont en France, et qu'ils veulent faire signe, nous serions l'une et l'autre enchantées de reprendre contact !!"

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

- **Avis de Décès:** Noelle Ferwerda, informed us that her father "**Thomas Norvin Ferwerda ('72)** grew up in New York and also went to School in Switzerland at Aiglon. He sadly passed away in 2000 after a difficult battle with Multiple Sclerosis."
- For news on **Stephanie Friede**, [click here](#).



TOP: Stephanie Friede ('72);
BOTTOM Stefan Janis ('72) and
father Byron Janis

● **Stefan Janis** wrote: "In March I attended two of the three events honoring my father, Byron Janis, for his 80th birthday in New York City. At the first, which featured a number of Broadway singers performing songs my father wrote, they also performed the song I co-wrote with my father for the 40th anniversary of the State of Israel. It was a wonderful experience. This was followed by a huge birthday party at the French Consulate, where laudatory citations were read by the University of Tel Aviv, Mayor Bloomberg, Ted Kennedy, and former president Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Clinton."

(Editors' note: Stefan's father is an internationally acclaimed concert pianist. See Wikipedia: [http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Byron_Janis]. Also see American Friends-Tel Aviv University: [http://www.aftau.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=6921])



● **Claire Céra** wrote: "After some 20 years working as a literary translator for French publishing, I started working as a teacher of English and FLE (Français langue étrangère) in a language center in Bayonne a year ago. I really love my new job as I get to meet plenty of interesting people."

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

● **Avis de Décès: Marc Antoine Crespi** (See [Milestones/In Memoriam](#) section for further details)

● **Stefan Janis** wrote: "Recently assisted my mother, Maria, in editing a translation from English into French of a book about her father, actor Gary Cooper."



TOP: William Spears ('72);
BOTTOM: Renée (Arnoff) Johnson ('72)

● "**Dr. Nina P. Schlossman** is experienced in the full spectrum of food and nutrition, from programs and policy to physiological and scientific aspects and market analysis. [She] heads GF&N which provides consulting services on global food and nutrition issues, markets, programs and policy. She directs overall strategy and provides technical assistance, research, evaluation, marketing and training services to private and public sector clients. Dr. Schlossman has worked in Africa, Asia, the Former Soviet Union, South and Central America, and is fluent in English, French, Spanish and German. [She] holds a Doctorate in International Nutrition from the Tufts University School of Nutrition Science and Policy and a Masters of Science in Nutritional Biochemistry and Metabolism and in International Food and Nutrition Policy from Massachusetts Institute of Technology." *(From Global Food and Nutrition, Inc.; globalfoodandnutrition.com)*

● "**Marianne Rosenberg** [is an attorney whose] practice focuses on asset-based finance with a special emphasis on cross-border leasing and project finance. Rosenberg has been widely recognized by business and trade journals for her work, and was named by Airfinance Journal as one of the 50 Airfinance industry "market shapers" over the past two decades, one of only four lawyers worldwide to be so named. Rosenberg spent 18 years at White & Case New York (11 years as a partner) where she was Co-Head of the Equipment and Facility Finance Group, and 5 years at Linklaters New York where she was Managing Partner of the New York office and Co-Head of the Global Asset Finance Group. In 2003 she moved to Thelen Reid & Priest in New York to lead the



TOP: Michele (Mooberry) Hess ('72);
BOTTOM: Pierre Erville ('72)

firm's internationalization effort. She is a member of the New York State Bar. Although born and raised in New York, Marianne is also a native French speaker with both French and US law degrees. Rosenberg is a member of the Association des Lauréats du Concours General and the Board of Advisors of the Institute of Law and Economics, a joint research and conference center of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, the Wharton School and the University of Pennsylvania Department of Economics. She has been recognized for her outstanding work in the area of community investment." (From: *Gide Loyrette Nouel*, www.gide.com)

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

- **Claire Cera** wrote: "My translation of "The Great Fire" by Shirley Hazzard for Gallimard is in its third reprint, much to my joy as it is a magnificent novel. All my best to class of '72 alumni!"

- **Thomas Cerbu** is Associate Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Georgia. He "works on Byzantine, Renaissance, and early modern topics; special interests in the history of scholarship, especially the reception of Patristic and later Greek authors in the West; 17th-century antiquarianism, epistolography, paleography, and editorial practices; the history of early modern science and medicine; further interests in philosophy and literature, allegory and hermeneutics." (From www.uga.edu)

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

- [Carol-Ann \(Holzberger\) Braun](#) sent this: "I'm very pleased to see that the Lycée has a web site, and glad to recognize some key names among those who are active within it and were my friends way back when. After the Lycée I went to the boonies in upstate NY, then on to Princeton where I majored in Art History and studied a great deal of Political Science. These two interests - and art-making - have followed me my whole life. After decades in New York and New York State, I now live in Paris with my husband Berti Braun (half-Peruvian) and our son Philip-Alejo.

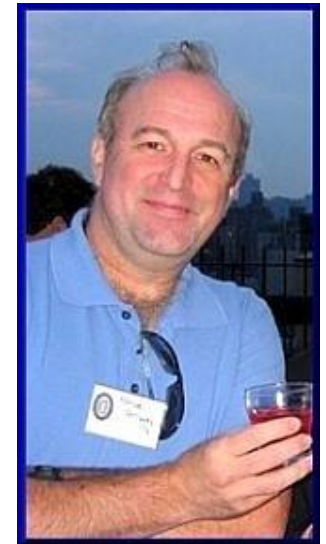
I do what is called 'art comportemental', which means art-installations that have a subtle, hidden form of interactivity. I'm also setting up an augmented chat space for my neighborhood, which is very international, though poor :-) and in great need of new means for having its voice heard. To earn my living I teach. I would love to hear more from my class-mates and old friends! So please don't hesitate to send an e-mail, with a clear header including the word "lycée" so as to survive my spam filter."

- A [stylish and exclusive lodge](#) on the island of Jura has been designed by Parisian interior designer **Bambi Sloan**.

- **Dr. Walter Weiss** wrote: " Exept for college and graduate school, I remain an Upper Westsider. I have lived in Vermont (3 yrs) Hartford (3 yrs) and Dublin, Ireland (7 yrs). I completed my training on the West Side at St. Luke's/Roosevelt in Anesthesiology and Pediatric Anesthesia, and was an attending there before taking up my



TOP: Catherine Flego-Wile ('72); BOTTOM: Jacqueline de La Begassière ('72)



Top: Hervé Cérisoles ('72); Bottom: Bambi Sloan ('72)

present position of Director of Pediatric Anesthesia at Winthrop University Hospital on Long Island. My wife, Helen, is a neonatologist and Assistant Director of Nurseries at Children's Hospital of New York (Columbia Univ.) We have 16 year old twins (Emma and Daniel) who attend Riverdale Country School. I remain in regular contact with **Stephanie Friede '72** a world class soprano living in Antwerp and singing leading operatic roles primarily in Europe, and **Tom Teicholz '73**, now living in Santa Monica, Ca."

- [Click here](#) for news of **Bruno Combe**

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

- **Sonia (Simon) Cummings** wrote: "A tous mes camarades de classe, J'espere que cette annee, nous aurons enfin le plaisir de se retrouver. A Paris, New York ou Los Angeles, je suis prete a aider notre ami Stephan de Mendelssohn pour une autre tentative de reunion en 2006. Faites-nous signes class of '72."

- **Michele Burger** wrote: "I am married to Tom Cramer for 21 years. He works in banking. We have two daughters, Nicole who is sophomore at Georgetown U. and Natalie, a junior at Beacon High School. I am an international consultant working on women's sexual and reproductive rights. My clients include non-governmental organizations, governments and U.N. agencies."

----- From June 2005 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Yolande (Bouvier) Robertson** wrote: "I have been a teacher, a principal, a director of Education. I have taught in elementary, secondary, and even some college. I have created and authored different programs. I developed complete curriculums for K-12 Grades. I am married (30 years) to Terry Robertson, professor at Andrews University. We have two sons: Jean-Paul (28 yrs) recently married to a lovely girl name Trisha; Didier (26 yrs)."

- **Catherine Flego-Wile** nous ecrit: "I am alive and well living on a 72 acre horse farm in Saratoga County NY. I am Married 23 years to Jonathan C. Wile and we have two sons Blaise 20 and Tristan-Luc 16. P.S. My son Blaise is named after a Blaise that attended the Lycee 72 or 73. I never forgot this lovely boy that walked into class one day (I think it was Galy's history class). I don't remember ever speaking to him or seeing him again but he left such an impression on me. Why? I don't know, I just never forgot that day. Strange isn't it!"

- **Rachel Kaplan** shared this with us, about her company in Paris: "Events & Company is the first American-owned and operated special events and incentive company founded in Paris that has a strong emphasis on creating strong cultural ties with American, French and European multinationals, be they law firms, businesses or financial institutions. At the same time, we are looking to create new events that will change the way people think, with a special emphasis on innovative education and the empowerment of women."



TOP: Marie-Françoise (Bernard) Gruloos ('72);
MIDDLE: Patricia Nagler ('72);
BOTTOM: Patricia Baudoin ('72)



Top: Nina Schlossman ('72); Bottom: Michele (Singer) Reiner ('72)

For further information and input, please feel free to contact Rachel Kaplan at 331-45-77-01-63. Rachel Kaplan is also the President of French Links and British Links Tours, www.frenchlinks.com and the author of Little-Known Museums In and Around Paris and Best Buys to French Chic, The Insider's Savvy Shopping Guide to Paris."

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



TOP: Donna Zilkha ('72) & Bettina Zilkha ('77); BOTTOM: Translated by Claire Cera ('72)

● **Hala (Tomeh) Ibrahim** wrote: "Nancy Pascal and I met for the first time since we graduated from the Lycee in 1972. My family and I went to celebrate our son's high school graduation in Antigua for one week. I wrote Nancy, who resides in Martinique, while I was in Jordan, not really expecting it to happen. But it did! She came with her husband, Marcel, during the weekend we were there. 32 years we have been writing to each other and we finally met. It was a happy reunion that happens in dreams, but we were fortunate that it was real. We talked so much trying to fit 32 years of things not said in our letters in two days. Best wishes to all who attempt to reunite."

● **Bambi Sloan** wrote: "Moved to Paris in 1972, translated english & american films & TV series (including the series The Avengers!) for french TV to pay my art and graphic studies. Long story, but I became a fashion PR for top designers and opened my own business 25 years ago. Fashion PR is my main business but have branched

out as an Interior designer and fashion consultant. Another long story but also owned and designed club in Notting Hill, London that we sold (very sadly) last year. I have a 19 year old son, Martin, and a 15 year old daughter, Billie Jeanne. Still see Sonia (Simon) who lives in LA, California and Patricia (Astric) who lives in Paris and works for Dior. Would be lovely to hear from you."

In Memoriam

● Bea Mezei-Rhodes ('73) sent us this sad news regarding [Gerard Crouzilhat, '72](#): "I was browsing through the different class years on the Lycée website and realized that you are always searching for alumni information. I

wanted to let you know that Gerard Crouzilhat, Class of 1972 passed away several years ago. I believe he died of a heart attack following complications with diabetes. Last I heard his mother was working at Bloomingdales in the city. That's all I know and wanted to pass it on."

● Patrice Claisse informed us that his wife **Valerie (Noel) Claisse, '72** passed away in October, 1995.

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

● **Hala (Tomeh) Ibrahim** writes: "After establishing centers for the mentally handicapped and support services for students with learning difficulties in schools, I am now focusing on starting training programs for children with autism."

● **In Memoriam:**

Nous venons d'apprendre, avec quelque retard, de Mélanie Lefébure, fille de **Christophe Lefébure** '72, de la disparition de celui-ci en juillet 2002. Mélanie nous écrit: «J'avais visité avec mon père son ancien lycée et je suis sûre qu'il serait fier de savoir qu'il a reçu une lettre de votre association.»

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

● **Rachel Kaplan** writes: « After graduating from the Lycée Français in New York, I went on to attend Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. Since April 1994, I have been residing in Paris. I have developed a cultural tourism company French Links, which has hosted Tom Daschle, President Gerald Ford and Gov. Ann Richards, and since then have developed two others, British Links and European Jewish Tours. I have also published a series of illustrated art guides for Harry N. Abrams, Inc. "Little-Known Museums In and Around Paris, London, Berlin and Rome," as well as a book in French, and an electronic guide to shopping in Paris, "Best Buys to French Chic." While I am not married, I am happily in love with a Frenchman who happens to appreciate many aspects of American life and women. Now that's luck!»

● **Gerard Salomon** writes : « Very surprised that Promotion '72 is missing! May be with the help of the rest of my gang - Gerald Sampson or Arthur Kulick we could cover up that big blank. Hey guys have you lost your computers to write»

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

● **From Rachel Kaplan:** "After graduating from the Lycée Français, I went on to attend Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. Since April 1994, I have been residing in Paris. I have developed a cultural tourism company French Links, which has hosted Tom Daschle, President Gerald Ford, and Gov. Ann Richards, and since then have developed two others, British Links and European Jewish Tours. I have also published a series of

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

● **Gérard Salomon** est informaticien à Nice "Parce qu'il fait plus chaud à Nice qu'à Lille ! Ma classe était la 6ème,

de 1965 à 1966. Je n'ai aucune nouvelle des autres, pourtant le reste de ma famille vit de nouveau aux USA (parents et soeurs) depuis plus de 20 ans."

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

- On March 31st, the Bas' Mitzvah of **Vivian Belmont Rosenfield's** daughter Amelia brought together 10 friends from the classes of the 1970s including 5 members of the class of 1972: Belinda Aberbach, Patsy Baudoin, Vivian Belmont, Charles Hirschler, and Marianne Rosenberg. 1971's Ronald Grelsamer, 1973's Jean-Yves Baudoin and Philip Hirschler, 1975's Steven Belmont and 1978's Natalie Yates completed the '70s line up.
- **Rachel Kaplan** recently gave a lecture at Sotheby's on the Nissim de Camondo Museum, based on her recent book about museums of Paris. Her website is www.frenchlinks.com. Our scribe adds: France and the French language, which first developed at the Lycée Français de New York, Rachel Kaplan decided to pull up stakes and move to Paris from New York City in 1993. Since then she has written four books for Harry N. Abrams, Inc. including Little-Known Museums In and Around Paris (1996), and runs a cultural tourism company called French Links which has hosted a U.S. President, a Texas Governor, and our present Senate Majority Leader. She has also fallen in love with a wonderful Frenchman...but of course!

----- From March 2000 AALFNY Newsletter -----

- **Christian Lecomte** est ingénieur en France.