



1974 Class Notes Archives

Yearbook photos: Class of '74 in Terminale: [Click here](#)

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

• The classes of '74, '75, and '76 had a **class reunion** on Saturday November 7, 2015. See Class Reunions section of this newsletter, or [click HERE](#).

• **Nadejda Kondratiev** (*LSY: Terminale in 1974*) wrote: "My piece of news is that I had a painting exhibit in Cognac this summer. One other alumna did come - **Jacques Fages ('66)** from my brother's year. Other news - my son Vsevolod Kondratiev-Popov (also an ex-lycéen who would have been from the 2008 batch) got his M.Arch. from the University of Edinburgh in June this year. He is now teaching and tutoring at said university as well as doing some contract work."

• **Michèle (Schenck) Zefferi** (*LSY: 2nde in 1972*) posted this message on the Facebook page "LFNY ALUMS" : "Liliane Carriglio, ma maîtresse de 10ème en 1963, vient de m'envoyer ce petit film tourné avec sa caméra super 8. On y reconnaît notamment Mlle Hue (ma maîtresse de 11ème), Raoul, Coco Duval, Antony de Angelis, Stephen Samson, Patricia von Karkoch. Si certains d'entre vous se reconnaissent ou identifient d'autres élèves que j'aurais oubliés pouvez vous les tagguer en commentaire ? Merci pour eux & enjoy !" (Click [HERE](#) to view the video. Note: You have to be a member of the group. If you're not, just ask to join))

• **Catherine Blanc** (*LSY: Terminale in 1974*) is the President of the English Speaking Cancer Association. She "joined ESCA and became a volunteer in the autumn of 2009. She was elected Vice-President, External Affairs in March of 2010 and then President that summer. Catherine's family is originally from Geneva but she has spent most of her life in the United States and Canada, so that she is fully bilingual. Her professional background is in industrial marketing and human resources; her most recent educational background is in linguistics and translation." (<http://www.cancersupport.ch/who-we-are/directors/>)



TOP: Duncan Youngerman ('74); BOTTOM: Juliette Rouillon ('74)



TOP: Gina Kovarsky ('74); BOTTOM: Michèle Pouget-Drum ('74)

- **Duncan Youngerman** (*LSY: 3eme in 1971*) est un « compositeur franco-américain. Études à Berklee College of Music à Boston, assiste à des cours de Gérard Grisey, Tristan Murail, György Ligeti, Pascal Dusapin [.....] Guitariste électrique avec l'Ensemble Rhys Chatham entre 1988 et 1991. Reçoit la Bourse Léonard de Vinci pour la composition en 1989. Oeuvres créées en Europe, aux USA, et au Japon par Group 180, Ensemble Modern, Ensemble Asko, North-South Consonance, Arte Quartett, Trio Lepic, Masataka Hirano, Joan Jeanrenaud (ex-Kronos Quartet), Quartetto Paul Klee, Colors of Sound Ensemble. »

(<http://www.c-royan.com/les-gens-d-ici/personnalites/entry-80-youngerman-duncan.html>)



- **Juliette Rouillon** (*LSY : 6eme in 1968*) is a journalist at Thomson Reuters, specializing in business (commodities, financial markets, real-estate, companies, macroeconomics, etc.)

- **Gina Kovarsky** (*LSY : 7eme in 1967*) is an Assistant Professor of Russian at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of World Studies. Her interests include: "Russian literature, language pedagogy, human rights education and literature, the Russian novel and the West, Tolstoy, Russian cultural history, St. Petersburg, contemporary Russian society, French literature."

(<http://worldstudies.vcu.edu/faculty/kovarsky.html>)



- **Michèle Pouget-Drum** (*LSY: Terminale in 1974*) "received a MS in Developmental Psychology from Université de Paris, France, a MS in Counseling Psychology from UB in Connecticut and subsequently attended The Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Michèle served on several boards including: The International Institute, The Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women, and The City of Boston's Homeless Planning Committee, during her tenure as Director of Operations for New England's largest organization for battered women and children. Since, moving to Santa Barbara with her husband and daughter, she has been involved in fundraising in various local organizations." (<http://www.royalpridefoundation.org/about/board.php>)

- **Etienne Danois-Maricq** (*LSY: Terminale in 1974*) wrote: "Just wanted to let you know, for the next alumni news, of an impromptu reunion on December 2014 in LA where **Gilbert Dumontet** ('74 -- *LSY: 2nde in 1972*) and Etienne Danois-Maricq had the opportunity to retrace their last 40 some years since the LFNY!"

- **Mary Bowden** (*LSY: 1ere in 1973*) is a Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Maryland' Scool of Engineering. "Her research interests include assembly of structures in extravehicular assembly, large space structures, and the dynamics of space structures..... Dr. Bowden graduated with Sc.D. and M.S. degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a B.A. from Cornell University. She was named Space Educator of the Year in 1995 by the Western Spaceport Technological and Educational Council and awarded a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Group Achievement Award for the Experimental Assembly of Structures in EVA (EASE) Flight Experiment....."

(<http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?>)



TOP: Georges Holzberger (*LSY:6eme in1968*); BOTTOM: Catherine Bassette ('74) at her wedding in 2012

TOP: Etienne Danois-Maricq ('74 - left) and Gilbert

Dumontet ('74 - right) [see archives for larger photo];

BOTTOM: Mary Bowden ('74)



TOP: Odile (Baillargeat) Plegat-Kerrault ('74);
BOTTOM: Jehan de Noue ('74)

● “Born and raised in France, Chef **Jehan de Nouë** (*LSY: 7eme in 1967*) realized his passion for cooking at a very young age. When he moved to the U.S. as a teenager he honed his culinary as well as managerial skills at some of the finest restaurants in New York and Connecticut. In 1995 he opened his own restaurant, Chez Noüe, in Ridgefield, CT. The restaurant received rave reviews from acclaimed food critics such as Patricia Brooks of the New York Times who gave Chez Noüe a "Very Good" not once but twice (1996 and 2000).....Much to the dismay of his loyal customers, Chef Jehan sold the restaurant in 2001 but he continued his passion for the business first as General Manager of Terra Restaurant in Greenwich, CT and then as Executive Chef and General Manager of Spy Rock Grille (Now North Star Restaurant) in Pound Ridge, NY. In 2003 [he] took the position of Resident Chef at Albano Appliance also in Pound Ridge. He has been there now for 12 years, sharing his passion for cooking through manufacturers sponsored demonstrations, cooking classes and corporate team building events.”

(<http://www.jsncatering.com/About-the-Chef.html>)

● **Odile (Baillargeat) Plegat-Kerrault** (*LSY: Terminale in 1974*) “is a French lawyer-attorney specialized in maritime law with 25 years of experience in international, maritime, European law and knowledge of US law (she has an LL.M from New York University). Bilingual and bicultural, she has lived in the US and is a French citizen. Most of her experience has been gained working for international foreign and French law firms. Her most recent job involved creating and running a marine survey firm.”

(<http://www.wavyline.com/current.php?issue=290>)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

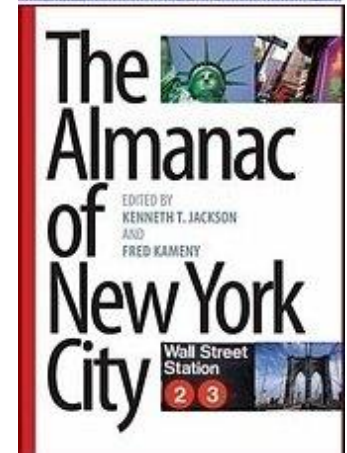
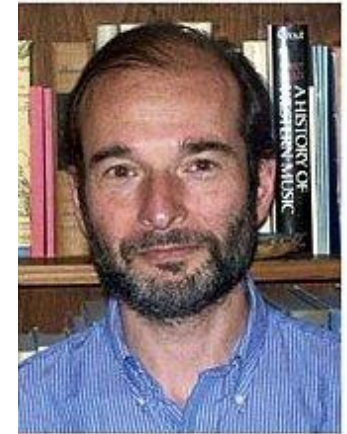
● [Jehan de Noue](#) gives a cooking demo at Albano Appliance, Pound Ridge, NY

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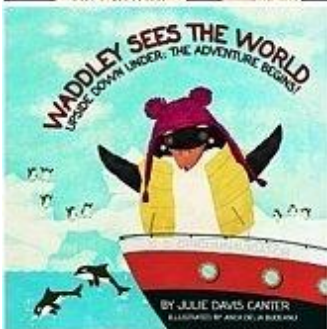
In Memoriam: [Francis Deschamps](#) († October 15, 2013)

● **Gonzalo De La Serna** wrote: “[C'est] un plaisir d'avoir des nouvelles du Lycée Français de New York. Parti en 1966, j’envoie mes salutations.”

● **Lynne (Klinghoffer) Davis** shared this with us: "I attended the Lycée from '62 to '73 and just became a grandmother on 5/5/14.....She is growing into a person so fast and has such a happy demeanor. Her favorite character is Mickey Mouse and I have to say that some of the tunes on TV are really catchy. One night of babysitting and the songs just stay in your head for days."



Fred Kameny ('74) and his book



Julie Davis Canter ('74) and her book



Etienne Danois-Maricq ('74 - left) and Gilbert Dumontet ('74 - right) [Los Angeles, December 2014]

● **Leo Wittmaekers Caproni** wrote: " I live in the Bay Area of Northern California, am married with three children and have been involved in the graphic arts/printing industry for 35 years now."

● **Julie Davis Canter** "is the author of the new ebook series for children, *Waddley Sees the World*, which follows the travels of a young penguin as he learns about geography and makes new friends around the world. A seasoned writer and editor, her first book, *365 Ways to Say "Let's Be Friends* for the YA market, was published when she herself was 16. She has written over 50 books for readers of all ages, including 18 books for children and over two dozen women's interest titles. She was inspired to write *Waddley* to encourage children to become as fascinated with the countries of the world as they are with lovable penguins; he's the perfect tour guide for fun global adventures. Canter was literally "born to be a writer." Her mother, Rochelle Larkin, started as a humor book writer, then went on to write romance novels, children's books, and music and film anthologies. She is married to Len Canter, also a writer, and they have two children, Alexandra, 25, and Sam, 21, who love books but have chosen decidedly different careers."

(<http://www.amazon.com/Julie-Davis/e/B001H9RG12>)

● **Raoul Björkenheim** : "Born in Los Angeles in 1956, [he] has spent much of his life shuttling between New York and Helsinki. Descended from a family of musicians, Raoul first tried his hand at playing violin, trading



TOP: Raoul Björkenheim ('74); BOTTOM: Guido Branca ('74)

that in for a trumpet before finally settling on the guitar. Having played in rock bands as a teenager, he studied first at the Helsinki Conservatory, then at the Berklee College of Music in Boston before moving back to Helsinki in 1981. Since then he has been an active member of many music scenes, developing a bold approach to playing electric guitar and composing eclectic music for big bands, symphony orchestras, films, modern dance companies and his own groups. Björkenheim formed several bands upon his return to Helsinki [..... and] has been a soloist with the Helsinki Symphony Orchestra, the Avanti Chamber Orchestra, the Radio Symphony Orchestra, the UMO big band and the Tampere philharmonic, with material ranging from Rachmaninov's *Vocalise* to Turnage's *Blood on the Floor*, as well as his own concerto *Situations* [.....] Björkenheim has been awarded the Georgie Prize for best jazz musician of the year, the Young Finland Award, the Emma prize (finnish grammy) for best jazz recording of the year, and been nominated three times for the Nordic Music Award." (<http://raoulbjorkenheim.com/index.php?page=bio>)



TOP: Anne-Cecile Rouffiac ('74); BOTTOM: Colette Michaan ('74)

● « Après avoir travaillé dans différentes structures professionnelles, **Anne-Cécile ROUFFIAC** a découvert la KINESIOLOGIE SPECIALISEE et décidé de se former à cette pratique de bien-être tout en poursuivant ses activités. Elle a suivi une formation professionnelle à l'EKMA (Ecole de kinésiologie et méthodes associées) au cours de deux années et exerce désormais à temps partiel ses deux métiers. Elle exerce la KINESIOLOGIE SPECIALISEE au sein de l'Association OBJECTIF BON'HEURE, dans un cabinet privé situé à Saint Germain en Laye (78) [.....] Elle continue de se former très régulièrement comme préconisé par la FEDERATION FRANCAISE DE KINESIOLOGIE SPECIALISEE [.....]» (<http://objectifbonheure.blogspot.com/tag/anne+cecile+ruffiac>)

● **Colette Michaan** " has been influenced by many genres of music, including: North and West African, Cuban, Jazz, R&B, Caribbean, Bayaka Pygmy, Gnaoua, Indian, Arab, and the music of Cape Verde. In 2004, Colette released her debut album *First Cause* [.....] Her second album *Querencia*, a recording of World Music with a Cuban core, was released in 2010 [.....] In 2012, Colette toured Morocco with her band, performing at the Lotus Club in Marrakech. The tour culminated with a concert at the renowned Essaouira Gnaoua Festival [.....] Michaan has performed with Youssou N'Dour in Senegal, Fathy Salama in Egypt, Toi Pinto in Cape Verde, Julio Cambara Palacio and the Cuban Express in Curacao, Harry Whitaker, John Stubblefield, and Hubert Laws. From 1999 to 2002 Michaan was an adjunct faculty member in the Jazz and Contemporary Music Department at the New School in New York City. Colette has recorded on albums by Harry Whitaker, Richard Bona, and Kaissa. She has also performed with Kenny Barron at the Jazz Yatra Festival in India (1986), Richard Bona at the St. Louis Festival in Senegal (1995), and Gnaoua Maâlem Abdelkebir Merchane at the Essaouira Gnaoua Festival in Morocco (2012) [.....] In recent years, Colette has performed in NYC venues such as SOB's, Havana Central, Son Cubano, Brooklyn Academy of Music, NJPAC, Shapeshifter Lab, Drom, Barbes, Cienfuegos, and more. Michaan finds her joy in music and communicates it onstage, 'Playing music is vital to me,' she affirms, "I am grateful for the desire to play, the ability to play, and for each opportunity to play.' "

(<http://colettemichaan.com/>)



TOP: Leo Wittmaekers Caproni ('74); BOTTOM: Evelyne Pinkus ('74)

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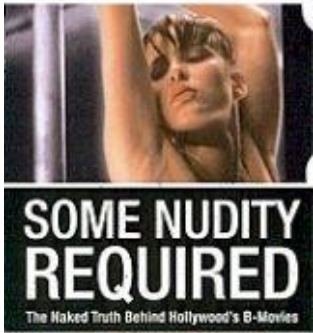
● **Peter Basch** wrote: "Peter is a Technical Editor/Writer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. He edits technical documents, journal articles, publications, and proposals. He also has written for JPL's newsletter, Universe."



● **Avram "Butch" Kaplan** wrote: "I just finished the latest Spike Lee film a remake of the Korean film "Oldboy" shot on location in New Orleans. The film starred Josh Brolin, Samuel L. Jackson, Sharlto Copley and Lizzie Olsen. The film will be released in October of 2013.

Our eldest daughter Ariella is celebrating her first year of marriage anniversary on December 17th. She continues her work at Twentieth Century Fox Feature Post Production. Our younger daughter Ma'ayan is moving to San Francisco and starting work at Pixar Animation Studios this December. Our son Elan is continuing his studies at the University of Arizona in Tucson."

● **Monika Skowronska** wrote a very touching (and historically fascinating) piece about her attending in September an event commemorating the WW II massacre of 22,000 people (including 8,000 Polish army officers) known as "Katyn." Her grandfather was one of the victims. (See [Alumni Creative](#) section of this newsletter)



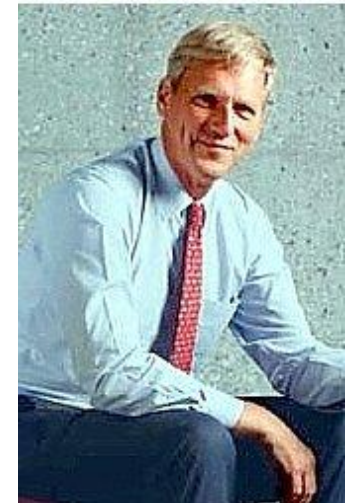
● **Amy Strage** wrote "I still live in Berkeley, CA, and I now direct the Center for Faculty Development at San Jose State University."

Editor's Note: "Professor of Child and Adolescent Development Amy Strage considers herself 'an always-wanting-to-help sort of person.' San José State agrees with Strage, who is the recipient of the 2009-2010 Distinguished Service Award [that recognizes a faculty member for exemplary service in a leadership capacity to the university.] The highlights of Strage's contributions to San José State since she joined the faculty in 1987 include unwavering support of faculty development, tireless promotion of student success and dedication to service learning and building strong professional partnerships.....Strage earned a baccalaureat from Lycée Français de New York, a bachelor's degree from Barnard College, Columbia University and a doctoral degree from UC Berkeley." (<http://www.sjsu.edu/president/facultyawards0910/strage/>)



Odette Springer ('74) and documentary she produced

● **Algis Kucinskas** "is an earth and space scientist currently lecturing at the *Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris la Villette*(ENSAPLV) on space and geo-information technologies applications for socioeconomic and environmental benefits and development. He has authored/co-authored several peer-reviewed publications and numerous presentations in various areas such as planetary geosciences, space geodesy, the development of interactive geodatabases and web-based educational information systems, as well as climate change and associated disaster risk reduction/management. From 1992 to 2007 Algis worked as planetary geoscientist at JPL/NASA on several international research projects and space missions. In the past several years he cooperated with and supported activities of the UN-SPIDER Programme of the UNOOSA,



**TOP: Peter Basch ('74);
BOTTOM: Han-Maurits
Schaapveld ('74)**

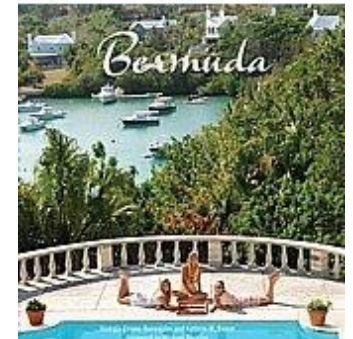
participating in several UN meetings and workshops.....A graduate in civil engineering from *Ecole Spéciale des Travaux Publics* in Paris, France, he holds a M.A. in Astronomy from the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. in Earth & Planetary Sciences from Cornell University, USA.” (<http://www.planet-action.org/web/195-ensapl-2012.php>)

- “Born and raised on the Columbia campus, **Lavinia Lorch** earned her B.A. summa cum laude from Barnard College as a Senior Scholar and her PhD in Classics from Columbia University where she taught both Latin and Literature Humanities. Lorch’s teaching career includes Latin and Greek at Vassar College and French at New York’s New School for Social Research as well as language and literature classes in several private city high schools. She is the recipient of the Mary Isabel Sibley Fellowship for Greek Studies, the Lawrence H. Chamberlain Fellowship, the President’s Fellowship, the Murray Fellowship for the Humanities, and the Mary Allison Prize for General Excellence in Scholarship. She has published on Euripides as well as Ovid and Dante, has translated poetry from Greek, Italian, and French, has lectured both in the States and abroad, and played the lead role in Euripides’ *Medea* performed off Broadway in ancient Greek. In 2008, in recognition of her contribution to French education, the French Republic bestowed on her the honor of Chevalier de l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques.....In the Fall of 2000, Lorch was hired to design, implement, and direct the Scholars Program at Columbia College and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. Until 2005 she also directed the university’s Fellowships office which prepares and advises students for prestigious national fellowships. Lorch’s previous experience in educational administration includes ten years working in New York City’s private school system, specifically in bilingual bicultural settings. She served as the founding Headmistress of La Scuola New York (now La Scuola d’Italia), and later worked at the Lycée Français de New York as Director of the English Program, Director of Admissions, and Academic and Administrative Director..... Lorch spends weekends at her Catskills New York farm with her husband, Michael van Biema, and their children, Fiamma and Tristan, raising a barnful of animals including llamas, alpacas, a donkey, peacocks, and chickens.” (<http://www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/scholars/admin>)

- **Odette Springer** “is an independent film producer and classically trained composer/lyricist. She started playing piano at the age of three and began writing songs at the age of thirteen. She has been published.....and has recordings on Capitol and Prelude Records, a number of which hit on the Pop and R&B charts. As Vice-President of Worldwide Music for Concorde/New Horizons Pictures, she supervised music and negotiated contracts with composers and songwriters for over 50 films and served as the liaison between directors, producers and the company management. Odette has also been a singer/songwriter and composer for over 25 films.....[Her] first feature documentary about Hollywood’s B-Movie industry premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize. She shot 48 hours of footage and obtained the rights to use clips from over 30 erotic/slasher/action adventure feature films. Her film eventually evolved into 90 hours of footage that became a harrowing personal journey and resulted in the critically acclaimed *Some Nudity Required*, which sold out at the Sundance Film Festival and immediately secured worldwide distribution. From Janet Maslin to



TOP: Algis Kucinskas ('74);
BOTTOM: Catherine Blanc ('74)



Kathryn Deane ('74) and book she co-authored



Amy Strage ('74)

the Los Angeles Times to Entertainment Weekly and Variety, Springer's film has been hailed as "thought provoking, insightful, provocative, impressive and required viewing....." She is currently writing a book and one- woman show based on this acclaimed documentary.

At Ara Kara, LLC, she wrote and directed *Garden of Eatin'*, a documentary film about the life of food giant Al Jacobson, who, in his fifties, went from poverty to riches in 1990....She also produced and directed a series of shorts and documentaries on health, vegetarianism and the environment. With a belief that the voices of children are powerful and uplifting, she wrote, co-produced (with UNICEF), and directed the music video In the Spirit of Love which premiered at the First Annual Common Ground Santa Barbara Documentary Film Festival.....

Born in Manhattan, Odette graduated with honors from the Lycée Français de New York and earned a B.A. in Piano from the Manhattan School of Music. She has both taken and taught numerous classes in film and television at UCLA and USC.....

Odette is fluent in French, Spanish and Dutch. She is currently an MA/Ph.D. candidate at the Pacifica Graduate Institute in Mythological Studies and Archetypal Psychology. In the realm of her life experience, she includes having traveled extensively around the world, enmeshed herself in the study and practice of Zen and Taoism and having a quirky sense of humor." (creativeprojectsgroup.com)

- "A lifelong photographer and writer, **Kathryn 'Kathy' Deane** grew up a seventh generation New Yorker who spent her summers in Bermuda. Kathryn recently retired from her position as President and CEO of The Tobe Report, a prestigious international fashion-merchandising consultancy, which Vanity Fair has referred to as "the bible" of the fashion industry.....A graduate of Duke University, Kathryn and her husband Richard were married in Bermuda, and have three wonderful children, Tarara, Tucker and Tyler, all of whom consider Bermuda their home. She is one of the authors of *Bermuda Spirit*....."

(<http://www.whomyouknow.com/2012/04/movers-and-shakers-kathy-deane-author.html>)

- **Han-Maurits Schaapveld** "was born [in] 1957 at Bloemendaal, The Netherlands. In 1977 he graduated from the London School of Economics (Bachelor Economics & International Relations), and in 1981 he received a Master's in International Law, University of Leiden. [He] joined the Diplomatic Service of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1981. Thereafter he served un the Embassy of the Netherlands in Lagos, Nigeria; and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Between 1988 and 1991 he served as Assistant Secretary of the Council of Ministers, The Hague and in Netherlands Embassy in Dakar, Senegal (from 1991 till 1994). Mr Schaapveld then worked at the West Africa Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the Netherlands Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia (1998 – 2002). In 2002 he was appointed Ambassador of The Netherlands to Burkina Faso in Ouagadougou and since 2006 he has served as Director Migration and Asylum at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague." (iom.int)



TOP: Gonzalo de la Serna ('74);
BOTTOM: Claudia (Baenasaes) Pinto ('74)



TOP: Julie Davis ('74);
BOTTOM: Francis Deschamps ('74)

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- **Avram ("Butch") Kaplan** wrote: "I spent 8 months in Montreal working on "Upside Down" directed by Juan

Solanas for the French Company Onyx and Studio 37. The film is in French is "Le Monde a l'envers" and stars Kirsten Dunst and Jim Sturgess. I then went to New York to start prep on "Gotti" directed by Barry Levinson and starring John Travolta, Al Pacino and Ben Foster. Sadly, the financing on Gotti fell through. Happily, I then found myself in Detroit on a 1968 period musical starring Jordin Sparks and Whitney Houston directed by Salim Akil. In other news, our eldest daughter Ariella is getting married to Brian Hurwitz on December 17th."



TOP: Cristina Pérez de Cuéllar ('74); BOTTOM: Ariel Borremans ('74)

- **Sylvie Kleinman** told us that "she has been living in Ireland since 1987 and partially beats recession blues by spending most of her time in the past, though some of its inhabitants can give her grief! Working occasionally as a conference interpreter, she is mostly an academic and lectures and tutors in Trinity College and UCD in French and Irish history of the Revolutionary Period, with a special interest in war-time travel narratives and intercultural transfers, an evident outcome of our LFNy upbringing! Multi-tasking for survival means she has no time for online socializing sites and prefers the conviviality of email chats. She runs twice a week in the beautiful and free coastal setting of the south Dublin suburbs, swims and hill-walks. Her daughter Claire, now 24, has studied fashion design and also works as a DJ."

- **Theresa (Pearse) Eichenwald** wrote: "I have looked at the new website, it looks like the Lycee has undergone a transformation. I am living in Texas and married to an author. He has written several books, mostly narrative nonfiction. I am a geriatric doctor and I love it. I rarely speak French anymore- I would be very rusty. I have three sons, the oldest is in college in Maine, at Bowdoin college. I love hearing from Lycee graduates: I have caught up with **Juliette Rouillon**, **Diana Flescher** and **Charles Knapp**. I am very interested in hearing what has happened to our classmates. I am looking forward to the newsletter."

- **Alix (Gudefin) Perrachon** "started her magazine writing career while still in college and specialized in writing about antiques and oriental rugs. Fomer editor of *The Oriental Rug Magazine* and consulting editor on *AREA Magazine*, she has been a consultant in handmade decorative and oriental rugs to the design trade and private clientele since 1991. Her goal is to provide clients with the best possible quality at the best possible value."

- **Lee (Lieberman) Otis**: "Senior Vice President and Faculty Division Director, The Federalist Society: After graduating from Yale College and the University of Chicago Law School, where she served on the Law Review, Ms. Otis clerked for Judge Antonin Scalia on the U.S. Court of Appeals, served as a Special Assistant at the Department of Justice under Attorneys General William French Smith and Edwin Meese, and returned to clerk for Justice Scalia after his appointment to the Supreme Court. She then joined George Mason University School of Law as an Assistant Professor, where she taught Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, Appellate Advocacy and Legislation. She went on to serve as Associate Counsel to President George H.W. Bush, to practice appellate litigation at the Washington office of Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue, and to serve as Chief Counsel to the Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, General Counsel of the Department of Energy, and most recently as Associate Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice.



TOP: Daniella (Beerman) Blyth ('74); BOTTOM: Avram ("Butch") Kaplan and son Elan

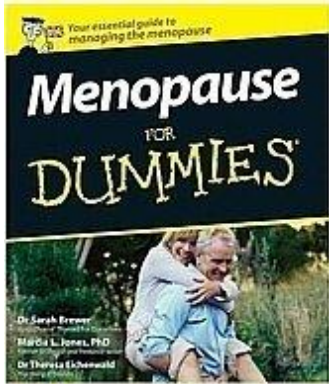


Sylvie Kleinman ('74)

Ms. Otis has been an important member of the Federalist Society team since the organization's beginnings 25 years ago.....She was a Founding Director of the Federalist Society.

.....on April 26, Ms. Otis was awarded the Heritage Foundation's Henry Salvatori prize for citizenship for her work in connection with the Federalist Society....." (fed-soc.org)

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● **Avram ("Butch") Kaplan** wrote: "The big news is we are officially empty nesters. Our youngest son Elan (born 1992) is attending University of Arizona in Tucson. He is studying Political Science and Creative Writing. He could become a Lobbyist!! His older sisters are both hard at work in the entertainment industry, the eldest at Twentieth Century Fox, and the younger at The Gersh Agency. Please see a picture attached of me and Elan his new school."

● **Jessica Levine** wrote: "I'm starting to publish my creative writing. You can find links to pieces of mine that have been published in online literary reviews at www.jessicalevine.com"

Editor's note: One of Jessica's publications, a short story entitled "My Other Guitarist", can be read online [here](#).

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

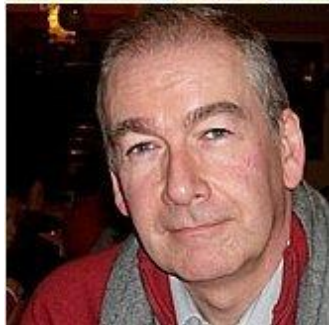
- [Etienne Danois-Maricq](#) talks about manufacturing in Taiwan
- [Elsa Berry](#) est nommée Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur

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

● **Dimitri Moliavko-Visotzky** informed us that information on his whereabouts can be obtained at his [website](#).

● **Avram ("Butch") Kaplan** wrote: "Butch and Suzanna are starting to have serious dreams of retiring to Paris in 12-15 years. Our daughters are both graduates from University. Our son Elan is finishing high school this year and applying to colleges. We are thinking it is the right time to look into buying a two bedroom apartment in Paris and renting it out until we can move ourselves there too. Any ideas and thoughts are most welcome!"

● **Fabrice Laget** nous écrit: " Father and two sons, le weekend des 7 et 8 novembre: Nous avons célébré le mariage de Michaël, le fils aîné, âgé de 30 ans, avec Marie-Hélène, à Saint Lucien, dans l'Eure et Loire. Michaël a obtenu son doctorat en physique nucléaire, fin 2007, avec une thèse intitulée : *Etude de la stabilité d'éléments superlourds testée par la mesure de leurs temps de fission obtenus par la méthode du blocage cristallin* (!!) et travaille actuellement dans ce domaine, dans la "silicon valley" de la région parisienne. Le fils



TOP: By Dr. Theresa (Pearse) Eichenwald ('74) and others;
BOTTOM: Etienne Danois-Maricq ('74)

TOP: Alix (Gudfin) Perrachon ('74);
BOTTOM: Eric Michel Schwartzman ('74)

cadet, Laurent, 25 ans, a obtenu son diplome à l'ESIT (Ecole Supérieure d'Interprètes et Traducteurs), avec un mémoire en italien sur les gondoles. Il est aujourd'hui traducteur freelance (français/anglais/italien). Il est aussi véritable globe-trotter, et n'est pas, pour sa part, pressé de se marier !"

● **Theresa (Pearse) Eichenwald** informed us that she "is married to Kurt Eichenwald, who is the author and one of the producers of the Informant - the recent movie with Matt Damon and directed by Steven Sodeberg."

● "**Jessica Levine** is a scholar and translator. Her doctoral dissertation in English Literature, written at the University of California, Berkeley, was chosen by Routledge to be published in their Outstanding Dissertation Series and came out under the title, *Delicate Pursuit: Literary Discretion in Henry James and Edith Wharton* (2002). She has also translated three books and numerous articles from French and Italian into English for The M.I.T. Press. Jessica currently works as a hypnotherapist. She writes short stories and is finishing a novel with the working title, *The Geometry of Love*. In her spare time she studies jazz piano." (*ghll.truman.edu*)

● **Stephan Haimo** was recently appointed as the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the LFNy. He is "a partner in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, specializing in mergers and acquisitions and private and public equity transactions in the United States and foreign capital markets.....Industries in which Mr. Haimo is actively involved include pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, financial services, consumer products, travel and hospitality.....Mr. Haimo received his Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law in 1984. He also obtained law and doctoral degrees from the University of Paris in 1978 and 1980 and a degree in political science from The Institute of Political Science of Paris in 1977." (*gibsondunn.com*)

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

● **Avis de Décès:** From Natalie Yates ('78): **Jeremy Yates** ('74 and '75) passed away on July 3rd in Nyack, New York. He loved all things French, as well as the the welcoming kindness of the AALFNY and especially the friendship of two of its leaders, Alessandra and Micheline. He was student of world religions and mysteries and has now become part of the oneness of the universe. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Marguerite Yates of New York, and alumni brothers and sisters, John and Christopher Yates of Massachusetts, Marguerite Yates Chaffetz of Paris and Natalie Yates Cacciato of New York, as well as his nephew, a current Maternelle student in Grande Section at the LFNy. His family believes it was fitting for Jeremy's spirit to be released from his earthly body in time for Independence Day. The Yates family is deeply moved by the outpouring of support and would like to thank the Alumni Council and members of the Alumni Association (AALFNY) and Roger Liwer ('68) its webmaster, the Lycée's Board of Trustees and Elsa Berry ('74) its chair, the former classmates of Jeremy and his siblings, and all the family and friends for sending emails, calls, cards, notes, flowers, attending the memorial service, and making gifts in Jeremy's honor." (**For more details on Jeremy's passing, including remembrances from his friends and family, [click here.](#)**)



TOP: Olivier Paul ('74);
BOTTOM: Lee (Lieberman) Otis ('74)



Avram (Butch) Kaplan ('74) &
Jessica Levine ('74)

● **Lynne (Klinghoffer) Davis** wrote: "I am currently a real estate broker with CB Richard Ellis in their Woodbury, Long Island office. I married my husband Marc, on March 18th, 1990."

● **Sylvie (Kleinman) Batt** wrote: "Sylvie Kleinman (1974) has been living in Dublin, Ireland for many years after studying in Paris. She has one daughter, Claire, who just turned 21 and is studying Fashion Design. Sylvie worked for many years as a translator-interpreter but now mainly as a historian, specialised in the Irish in France during the French Revolutionary and early Napoleonic period. She currently holds a postdoctoral research fellowship at the Department of Modern History at Trinity College Dublin. Her research and publications look at travel literature as an untapped source of historical insights, 18th century translators and interpreters especially in military settings, and the missions to France of the great Irish nationalist heroes, Theobald Wolfe Tone and Robert Emmet."
She added: "I am rarely in NY but one of these years will manage to be there for a reunion! However some of the Anciens may wish to look me up if they're ever in Dublin."

● **Avram Butch Kaplan** wrote: "This year will see Maayan Kaplan graduate from UT Austin, and Elan complete 11th grade at Bridges Academy in Los Angeles. Ariella Kaplan (our eldest daughter) is working at Montana Artists as an assistant agent. I am looking to produce movies as per usual and in particular am interested in working with French companies in France or the USA."

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

● **Etienne Danois-Maricq** wrote: "We are still living in Spain, in Madrid, since returning from Asia at the end of 2000. I have recently updated my profile on Linked-In (<https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=4778763>) and also found a video of our Taiwan expansion now posted at (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9s7_89fxoMI). However, it is really my father who is truly active on the web with his blog at (jacquesdanois.blogspot.com). Looking forward to read the news of you all!"
For those who are not registered with Linked-In and who cannot access Etienne's page, it says, in part:
"Etienne Danois-Maricq is now vice president worldwide in charge of special projects at Checkpoint Systems and the founder of FirstTech International, a consultancy that helps foreign investors develop a profitable market position in Spain and Spanish company owners develop their international presence."

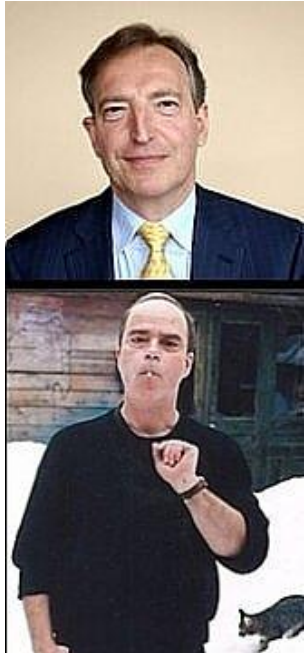
● **"Elsa Berry**, Head of Corporate Finance at BNP Paribas, Wins Prestigious Award. (*Business Wire 2008, May 29, 2008*):
"BNP Paribas is pleased to announce that Elsa Berry, Head of Corporate Finance for North America at BNP



Diane Rivers ('74) & Peter Basch ('74)



TOP: Fabrice Laget ('74) and his two sons; BOTTOM: Fabrice's son Michaël and wife Marie-Hélène



TOP: Stephan Haimo ('74);
BOTTOM: Dimitri Moliavko-
Visotzky ('74)

Paribas' Corporate and Investment Banking division was recently awarded the prestigious 'Woman of the Year/Trajectoire' award from 'HEC au Feminin,' the organization dedicated to female graduates from HEC, one of the top French business schools. The award was created in 2007 to promote exceptional careers led by females who have demonstrated exemplary commitment and boldness to succeed in their professional lives. 'I am proud and moved to receive this award which represents great recognition for all of my efforts both in my professional life and in the community. The training I received at HEC was a key stepping stone: it gave me confidence to succeed in a field largely dominated by men. I hope this award will inspire younger women who are just starting their careers,' explains Elsa.

Elsa graduated from HEC in 1980. Four years later, she founded Vendome & Company, a mergers and acquisition boutique that specialized in middle-market strategic transactions with offices in New York, Paris and Stuttgart. Vendome was sold to BNP in 1989 and Elsa became head of BANEXI, the US investment banking arm of BNP. Elsa was appointed head of Corporate Finance North America in June 2006 having previously served as co-head of Corporate Finance in New York following the merger of BNP and Paribas in 2000. Elsa was elected Chairman of the Board of the Lycee Francais de New York in 1999; she is a Councilor Member of the French-American Chamber of Commerce and a Foreign Trade Advisor to the French Government ('Conseiller du Commerce Exterieur')." (BNET: findarticles.com)

● **Avram Kaplan** wrote: "I am back in LA after an 11 month stint in Prague and Paris, April 07 to March 08. We did all the post production work in Paris for "Babylon A.D." directed by Mathieu Kassovitz and starring Vin Diesel and Michelle Yeoh. I lived in the 6eme on Rue Genuegaud for 10 months just down the street from the Pont Neuf in the same building as Jean Jacques Annaud. My family was able to visit a few times and enjoyed a bit of French culture. The movie comes out August 29th here and August 27th in France.

On the family side, our eldest daughter Ariella, having graduated with English Honors from CSUN, is busy in the fine-dining restaurant business. Our second daughter Maayan has one more year at UT in Austin TX and is interning this summer in LA at a film studio and a talent agency. Our son is now 16 and learning to drive!"

● **Monika Skowronska** wrote: " I want to thank [the AALFNY] for the fantastic work [it] is doing in keeping us all together. I am sure that each and every one of us has profited from this at various stages. I have contacted old school chums, some happily and successfully, other contacts resulting in a less than lukewarm reaction. That is the way things work out in the long run. And although I chose to initiate contact slowly, I feel that the rewarding follow up exchanges have made it all worthwhile. I would love to hear from more of my former chums so I hope people will not be shy!

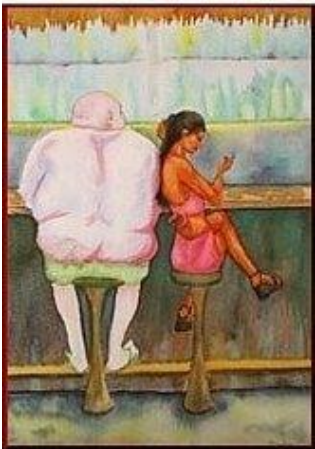
It has been a while since I wrote. Unfortunately being a carer and trying to sustain one's own, shall we say persona and interests, are by far all too time consuming. But I do find that I have some news.

I never thought that being a lawyer would prepare me for being a curator and archivist and historian. But in addition to the law and politics, I seem to have embarked on the former path, and in so doing as one of my directorships have created a museum at the Polish Social & Cultural Association. So if you are passing through London, get in touch and prepare to be exposed to all the excitement of the unique position which the Poles



TOP: Martine (Nicolas) Chepigin ('74); MIDDLE: Fabrice Laget ('74); BOTTOM: Elsa Berry ('74)

occupy globally, and in particular in contemporary British history. In the meantime I pursue the search for an ever increasing family which in truth could by itself keep one person busy. All the best to everyone!"



Nadia Kondratiev ('74) and one of her paintings

● **Nadia Kondratiev) Popov** wrote: "I'm still in Manila. Not a soul has come to visit, except people who've already been here – a sort of re-visit. So, where are the courageous among you? Or has everyone already been here? We are in the big house for another year after which we will probably scale down to an apartment, so, those who are tempted to see what Manila is, we can more than likely put you up while we're still in the house.

My son, having passed his Bac, will be moving to Edinburgh where he will study Architecture at University of Edinburgh. I will have a good excuse to go to Europe more often! It would be nice to run into some old classmates who are in Europe. By the way, my son being an ex-Lycée student, he is now an ancien in his own right. How old is one, when one's offspring are ancient?!"

{Nadia also sent us a very amusing article she wrote on her experiences in seeking a residence in Manila. See [Alumni Creative](#) section of newsletter}

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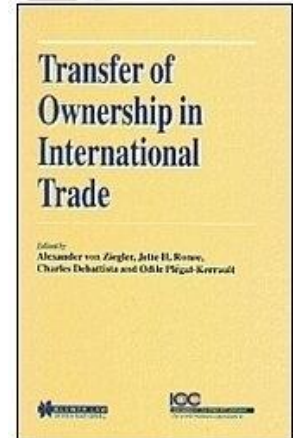
● **Daniella (Beerman) Blyth** wrote: "I came across the Alumni site of the Lycee quite by accident and thought it would be a nice opportunity to catch up on news and get in touch with the past again.

Just to let you know what happened to me since then, a quick bio. When I graduated from the Lycee, I spent a year studying history at McGill University and then moved back to Europe, to London, and did a degree at the London School of Economics (LSE). After graduating from the LSE, I married an Englishman and we had two daughters (Saskia, now 29 years old and living and working in London) and Sucilla (24, living and working in Vienna). My family and I moved around the United Kingdom and spent a year in Norway. In 1983 I divorced and moved with my daughters, to Vienna, Austria. I have kept my married name which is Daniela Blyth. I began working for the United Nations, and am still here, still working for the UN.

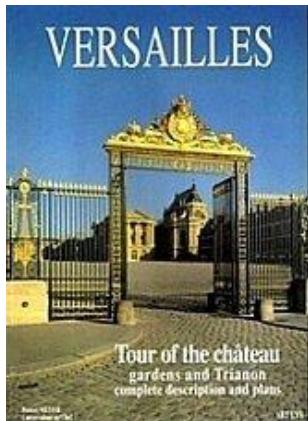
Over the past 30 years, I have traveled extensively and two years ago did a life changing tour of East Africa, back packing my way through the bush most of the time. It was an unforgettable experience. In the course of our tour, we spent 3 weeks in Tanzania. I fell in love with Tanzania, and now return regularly. Since then, I am heavily involved in helping out orphans in the region of Arusha (the 3rd largest city in Tanzania), and my daughters and I are funding three projects and doing some private fund raising among friends.

That, in a nutshell, is what happened to me. I would love to hear what happened to my other classmates of the year 1974. If anyone wishes to get in touch, I would be delighted to take up old threads again. Please feel free to give my email address to all those who knew me. I am also attaching a picture, evidence that the years have left their traces."

● **Peter Basch** wrote: "Wow. Long story. I've just had my 7th wedding anniversary, to Ellen Sandler, the author



TOP: Michèle (Schenck) Zefferi ('74); BOTTOM: Edited by Odile (Baillargeat) Plegat-Kerrault ('74)



TOP: Translated by Sylvia Kleinman ('74); BOTTOM: Claudia (Baenasoares) Pinto ('74)

of The TV Writer's Workbook, and a TV writer of many years. She's spending several hours a week picketing now. I have two stepchildren, one a senior at the University of Puget Sound, and the other living and going to school in San Francisco. I am writing a tech/gadget column for LA2DAY.com, a Los Angeles lifestyle website. I am also writing plays for the Ensemble Studio Theatre (LA). For a living, I manage an eBay store called *iSold It*. The weather's great and life is sweet!"

• Caroline Danois-Maricq ('82) informed us that her "brother **Etienne Danois-Maricq**, is living in Madrid with his wife and daughter. He is an engineer, worked for Schlumberger, and now is a counselor."

• **Kathryn (Deane) Krantz** is president of the fashion-trend-watching Tobe Report.

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• **Avram ("Butch") Kaplan** wrote: "Our eldest daughter Ariella graduated from California State University Northridge with a Bachelor Degree in English Honors. I have begun working on a Mathieu Kassovitz film entitled 'Babylon A.D.' starring Vin Diesel, Michelle Yeoh and Melanie Thierry. I will be living in Paris for the balance of the year completing Post Production there."

• De la part de **Albertine ('Tinika') (Van Der Klaauw) Vialar**: "It is fun to read the becomings of classmates and teachers. Well ... (et comme on nous a assez tarabusté pour parler en français dans les locaux du lycée, que je vais continuer dans cette même langue!).

D'abord j'ai été mariée pendant 25 ans avec le frère cadet **d'Edith Lavaud**, professeur d'espagnol, et de ce mariage nous avons 3 enfants : Matthieu (1977), Saskia (1979) (même prénom que la fille aînée de **Daniela Beermann**, seule chose que je sais d'elle, malheureusement) et Esther (1987), puis remariée. Une petite anecdote amusante : dans le Gers profond en faisant mes courses dans un hypermarché, je vois un monsieur qui me regarde intensément, moi aussi d'ailleurs, car je me suis dit que je l'avais déjà vu quelque part, mais c'est toujours très difficile de situer le lieu quand on est dans un autre lieu. Et pendant toutes nos courses on s'est regardés de loin et nous devons penser la même chose. Je suis repartie à la voiture avec mes courses un peu déçue de ne pas lui avoir adressé la parole, mais... en rentrant je me suis dit, si il vit quelque part peut-être que c'est à Auch, préfecture du Gers. J'ai pris l'annuaire téléphonique et j'ai cherché à C... puis j'ai trouvé **Bernard Cerveaux**. Je l'ai appelé et en effet il m'avait reconnu après coup aussi. J'ai eu par la suite des collègues de travail, bien plus jeunes que moi bien sûr, qui l'on eut aussi comme professeur de gymnastique. Voilà pour la petite anecdote.."

• **Theresa (Pearse) Eichenwald** sent us this inquiry: "Has anybody got any info re **Juliette Rouillon, Marie-Aude Nemo, Van Thi Nguyen**? They were diplomats' children who left when we were fairly young. I am sure somebody remembers the Rouillons- there were ten of them." (If you have information you'd like to share with Theresa, her email address is available upon request.)



TOP: Lynne (Klinghoffer) Davis ('74) and husband Marc; BOTTOM: Avram Butch Kaplan ('74)

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TOP: Anne Christine (Beaume) Jullien and husband Francois, in Shanghai; BOTTOM: Butch Kaplan with family at Tour Eiffel

● **Diana Flescher** sent her regrets for not being able to attend the AALFNY May 31st reunion in NYC, and wrote: "Hello to all from Jerusalem!

Although I now live in what I think if one of the most beautiful (and controversial) cities in the world, it is at times like these that I long to hop on a plane and join you on the rooftop. Best wishes to Jeremy (Yates) for hosting this event! A quick summary of my life: internist, specialty women's health, involved in health policy issues and director of two clinics, married to an Israeli ex-kibbutznik, two wonderful daughters, 16 and 13, currently caretaking my 90 year-old mother who lives with us. Happy, but too busy! I will be coming to the U.S. on July 20th, heading up to stay for the summer in the Adirondacks, until August 21st. Cheers to all of you and please be in touch!"

● "**Supriya [Sabrina Swerdlick]** has been an Integral Yoga teacher since 1989. She teaches Hatha Yoga, dance, and meditation. A licensed massage therapist, certified Danskinetics teacher, and graduate of the New Seminary, she facilitates weddings and sacred ceremonies and has served on the staff of Omega Institute since 1995. Supriya leads our monthly Drum & Dance celebrations." (*Yoga Space: yogaspace-ct.com*)

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

● **Anne Christine (Beaume) Jullien** nous écrit: "Je souhaite être en contact avec **Diane Rivers** et **Lavinia Lorch**, mes deux amies de l'époque. Je me suis remariée il y a un an. J'habite Shanghai où j'ai suivi mon mari expat pour trois ans. Je reste à la disposition de toute personne qui souhaite me contacter et serai ravie de pouvoir rencontrer ou discuter/échanger des idées après avoir vécu sur quatre continents différents." She also sent us this amusing synopsis of her life:

"Je suis née à Abidjan où j'ai dansé avec le sorcier du village pour qu'il pleuve !!

J'ai fait un peu d'études à NY où je suis allée à un séminaire de voyance.

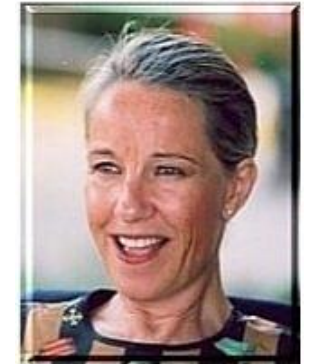
J'ai travaillé à Paris où j'ai rencontré mon mari.

Je suis maintenant à Shanghai où l'on étend son linge dans les arbres et sur les fils électriques!!

Alors à tous ceux qui veulent échanger des émotions vécues, j'ai l'internet et des souvenirs plein la tête.....Homeless Anna"

● **Nadejda (Kondratiev) Popov** sent these greetings: "Dear All, Happy New Year to all! Bonne Année a tous! C HOBIbM GODOM BCEM!!! Kisses, hugs, gros bisous, etc., etc., etc. (as the King of Siam puts it so well...!)"

● **Theresa (Pearse) Eichenwald ('74)** sent us news about herself and her two sisters, **Antoinette Pearse ('68)** and **Eliana Pearse ('63)**:



TOP: Class of '74 Reunion (October, 2004); MIDDLE: Diane Rivers ('74); BOTTOM: Albertine ('Tinika') (Van Der Klaauw) Vialar

"I am providing information on Antoinette Pearse, Eliana Pearse and Theresa Pearse. The new names are Antonia Pavia, Eliana Houston-Boswall and Theresa Eichenwald. Eliana owns a school near London, Antonia has a Phd in Immunology but is now starting a studio to teach decorative art, and I am an Internist in Dallas and am married to a New York Times reporter."

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



Top: Robert Kulick ('74) and Vannessa (Kelmans) Kaufman ('74) Bottom: H el ene de Barcza ('74)

● **Avram Butch Kaplan** wrote to us from Los Angeles: "On the family front: Our eldest daughter Ariella is now a Senior at CSUN, majoring in English and hoping to get a summer job on 'Family Guy'. Our second daughter Maayan is heading for Austin this fall. She will start at Austin Community College and is hoping to transfer to UT as a sophomore the next year. We celebrated our son Elan's Bar Mitzvah on May 7th three weeks before his big ONE THREE! Lots of family and friends and he did a great job becoming a full time congregant at Adat Ari El. Work front has been pretty good too. Am in Post Production on Alpha Dog.....That's all folks..Need a vacation preferably to the Carribean!"

● **Helene de Barcza** wrote: "Dear Classmates, It's been fun and interesting to read the notes from the October reunion, one I unfortunately could not attend. In April I celebrated my 25th wedding anniversary, a very happy occasion! Still doing some photo styling (<http://home.mindspring.com/~mokus>), but spending more time with my husband's business (<http://www.surfacestudio.com>). And city folk will appreciate that I just bought my very first car... an upgrade from the bicycle, it is a ton of fun to drive to the beach or the store in a 1994 Saab 900s convertible! I keep it out on the East End of Long Island, where we spend weekends. My husband and I moved back "home" in 1991 when my mother remarried, so I am back in the old Lycee neighborhood on 96th St.: it has changed incredibly since we were kids, but definitely for the better. Warmest wishes to everyone, with many good memories of our years together. XOXO"

● **Jeremy Yates** wrote that he "went to Dublin Ireland with **Marguerite Yates '71**, his older sister, for St. Patrick's Day which is a madhouse with all the European College students taking Spring break where the beer is plentiful and the parties lively. But we had a good time seeing the sites and going on the Dublin GhostBusTour to see haunted Dublin, including Bram Stoker's old flat and many of the ghoulish sites that may have inspired him. Marguey even found a four leaf clover on Slaine Hill, while Jeremy was more interested in the prechristian Celtic aspects of Ireland which he attributes to his contact with Asterix, Obelix & Panoramix from his years at the Lycee. Salut les copains!"

● **Nadia Kondratiev-Popov** wrote: "I am still in Manila, in the hot, hazy, humid, extremely polluted atmosphere of this very third world country. I stress the third world-ness for those who have been in that world. It goes with corruption, crime, instability, a situation where the police or figures of authority are not necessarily your friends or interested in your well being. The other side of the coin is that, as ex-pats, we live in large, beautiful houses with household help and a certain ease of movement within the realm that ex-pats



TOP: Diane Rivers ('74) & Fabrice Laget ('74); BOTTOM: Alix (Gudefin) Perrachon ('74)

occupy, not all of society. We witness a level of poverty that is unimaginable until it has been witnessed first hand, routine injustices that a person from the developed world would not believe allowable even in theory. Our beautiful houses are equipped with electric and plumbing systems that are the subject of much of the local humour. There is a bathroom for every room, for example, and it is only after living here a while that you realize that that is the only way that you will have one working toilet, one working sink, one working shower, not always in the same room, but at least "a place to go". My computer has been fried even though it is plugged into a heavy duty voltage regulator; one power surge blew the regulator and the computer as well as several fuses. But here we are starting our sixth year of self-imposed exile.



TOP: Francine (Benzaken) Glick ('74); BOTTOM (left to right): Diane Rivers ('74), Alexandra Lichine ('75), Vanessa (Kelmans) Kaufman ('74)

Sergei, my husband, works for the Asian Development Bank. He's working on projects in China, mostly. As a "trailing spouse" I have found some things to do. I got an MBA from Herriot Watt University that does distance learning quite well. I was coerced into being the secretary of the spouse association of the ADB. That means that I edited their newsletter and as not too many people contributed material, I've had fun filling the pages myself with articles and illustrations which have amused most readers but have distressed the more conservative ones. They are now very relieved that my time is up and another spouse has taken over and all will return to the way it was before, when the spouse newsletter could be happily confused with any other ADB document.

Otherwise, I have been painting and am working on a book about Manila incorporating pictures and stories. Meanwhile, I have participated in art exhibits here and helped set one up and designed and published its catalogue. I've recently launched into grant writing as a way to be 'gainfully employed'.

We spend our vacations traveling in the region as much as possible, though the summers are spent in Europe, mostly. I haven't been back to New York since summer 2001. After the Sept. 11 horror, the price of the airplane ticket became prohibitive. So, I see my family in France and we also go to Russia to see Sergei's family; life is made of compromises. My warmest affection to all the class of '74! I wish I could have been at the reunion!"

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

- The class of '74 held a [class reunion](#) on October 2nd.
- **Diana Flescher** wrote: " I want to tell you that I wrote to Dominique Ferrer after you contacted me, and she just called me from Paris yesterday. we talked for nearly an hour (after 35 years!). It was really wonderful. So thanks again for being the 'middle-man'."
- From **Jessica Levine**: "I'm still living in Berkeley, California with my husband and two little girls adopted from China. I divide my time between writing (scholarship about American literature and fiction) and a new



Michele (Schenck) Zefferi ('74)

business I've started practicing traditional, compass-style feng shui."

- **Theresa (Pearse) Eichenwald** wrote: "I am a physician and doing very well in practice. I am married to a New York Times reporter who is also an author (he has written several books; one is going to be made into a movie starring Matt Damon). I have three sons age 13, 10 and 7. I also have a dog who is truly a mutt. My parents are still living at the age of 90 and 93. I would love to hear about my classmates."

- From **Jeremy Yates**: "I am now the proud uncle of Alexander Yates Cacciato, son of Natalie Yates Cacciato and Richard Louis Cacciato. I am now having a great time bonding with him. I am also looking for Flavia Westerman Dobinson who was with us in 11ème. Has anyone seen her?" Micheline Dugué MD '87 contributed news of his recent birthday party: "Jeremy celebrated his birthday with family (his mom as well as Natalie and Richard), Lycée friends (Alessandra Gagliardi '86 and me), and almost a dozen other family friends of all ages, on Sunday, October 24th. Natalie hosted a delightful home-cooked meal complete with mulled wine and tarte tatin. All the guests brought a clean joke to share and had a great time!"

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

- **Peter Basch** writes: "I just celebrated my 3rd wedding anniversary to Ellen Sandler, a comedy writer and coach, and to my two step-teens, Max and Molly. Professionally, I create presentations for CS&B, Tenet Healthcare, and Amgen, and computer-consult for Kohn Communications. I am looking for clients who need presentations in Powerpoint or Flash."

- From **Avram Kaplan**: "The family is well. The oldest daughter, Ariella, is a sophomore at CSUN. The second daughter, Mayaan, is a junior at Oakland High School and the boy, Elan, is in 6th grade at Bridges Academy."

- **Alix (Gudefin) Perrachon** tells us that her business "Alix Unlimited, was established in 1991 after a decade working as an editor of two oriental rug magazines, and publishing many articles on oriental and decorative rugs, textiles, and antiques. This all stemmed from my 15-month sojourn in Turkey where I first wrote on the job. Through my long-established contacts in the wholesale trade, I'm able to offer my clientele products and services."

- **Francine (Benzaken) Glick** writes: «I have my own company named Water Journey. We manufacture and market an alcohol-free instant hand sanitizer. We market into many market segments such as education, government, military, spa and beauty, travel, leisure, foodservice.»

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- **Nadejda Kondratiev** is still residing with her husband and son Vseva in Manila.

● **Helene Mokus de Barcza writes** : « I saw Duncan Youngerman '74, Dan Chayefsky '74, and Claudia Baena-Soares '74 in the last few months, and am in touch with Supriya (Sabrina) Swerdlick '74, and Berthe Ake '74. I continue to have my own business, styling photoshoots for advertising (Camel, Absolut, Toshiba, Saks Folio) and doing most of the i.t. stuff for my husband's business (he rents hard surface backgrounds to stylists and photographers) as well. We're celebrating our 22nd wedding anniversary in April! It doesn't seem that long, and we have 2 wonderful godsons, a niece and a nephew for that family feeling! A few classmates asked me to mention what a success my husband, Joseph Szilva's, participation was in a group show at Garner Tullis gallery last May. Thanks so much to everyone, including Gloria Tulliu '73, Diane Rivers '74, Susan Schwenger '80, Paul Schwenger '84, Alessandra Gagliardi '86, and Claudia Baena and her husband, who joined us that evening. He is currently showing out of his studio. I have been busy working on some great holiday specialty catalogues and print advertising, mostly tabletop and still life with some character/wardrobe thrown in. Had a great summer on the East End of Long Island and hope that everyone is well.»

● **Michèle (Schenck) Zefferi** nous écrit à propos de la réunion organisée par un groupe d'anciens à Paris le 9 avril. « C'est avec un peu d'appréhension que je me suis rendue avec mon "petit" frère Claude à la première réunion organisée pour les anciens du Lycée à Paris. Nous étions une quinzaine à avoir fait le déplacement. Les classes s'échelonnaient de '71 à '93 et, à défaut de s'être connus à NY, les anecdotes sur la vie du Lycée, les profs et les surveillants nous ont ramenés, souvent dans le rire, quelques années en arrière. Certains avaient également partagé quelques moments inoubliables chez Barthélémy où c'était l'occasion de rencontrer les frères et soeurs des copains et de connaître les élèves des autres classes. Malheureusement le « very short notice » ne nous a pas permis de rameuter tous les anciens que nous cotoyons encore chacun de notre côté. La prochaine réunion devrait donc réunir bien plus de monde. Je souhaite également profiter de ce message pour suggérer que la liste des anciens par année précise la ville et le pays de résidence. Bravo encore pour cette initiative!»

● **Marzena Laszewski** writes: “Hi everyone! What can one say 28 years after graduating from the Lycée Français? I'm glad I found this website and am looking forward to hearing from some of my old friends. I went to college in Boston (at the suggestion of Sylvie Kleinman '74) and took a roundabout route to get to medical school also at Boston University. I trained at Beth Israel Hospital/Harvard Medical School in Internal Medicine/Primary Care and finished in 1990. I married my college sweetheart while still living in Boston. We then moved to Fairfax, VA for about four years where my husband studied Historic Preservation at Mary Washington College. We are now happily settled in Rocky Mount, North Carolina (half-way between NY and Florida) where I am enjoying my practice in a large multi-specialty group. We like the warmer climate and the "small town" atmosphere. Everyone here is into golf and basketball. We have two wonderful girls, Sophie, age 10, and Emily, age 7. Unfortunately, these days I don't get to use my languages much--only when singing in the church choir or with an occasional patient. We only get back to NY about once or twice a year to visit my dad who still lives in New York and will be turning ninety this year! I would love to hear from my classmates--

Dan, Alix, Chantal, Phillipe, Odile, Marie-Jose, Sylvie, Diane--to name just a few. Best regards to everyone and hope to hear from you soon. I guess that our thirtieth reunion is around the corner!"

● **Vivianne (Hanania) Kurzweil** was lucky enough to meet up with two very close Lycée friends during August and September: Ioana, who was in from Europe for the summer with her 4 children and Diana Flescher, currently a women's doctor in Jerusalem and mother of 2 girls. Vivianne is in her 12th year of teaching Math at the Lycée; her husband Bob is a Senior VP at Alliance Capital Management, their daughter (19) is in her second year at NYU and son (16) is currently a junior in high school. Vivianne also decided she had better catch up with Francine (Benzaken) Glick after too many 3 minute phone conversations and did so this October: Francine and her husband Paul are currently living in Livingston, New Jersey and their eldest daughter, Joelle, is currently a freshman at the University of Rochester. Their second daughter, Natalie, is in tenth grade. Francine started her own business several years ago and is currently seeking early stage financing. Her website can be found at www.waterjourney.com. Her husband, a computer scientist, is a consultant at Bell Laboratories. Francine's parents are living in New York and are doing fine. Her mother, Mme. Benzaken (former teacher and Directrice du primaire) is retired and volunteers several days a week at The Alliance Francaise. Francine would love to hear from any of her classmates.»

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● **Avram (Butch) Kaplan** writes: "I have been in LA since 1985 and working as an independent producer since 1993. I am married to a woman from Mexico whom I met in Jerusalem, and we have 3 children, 2 girls and a boy (17,15 and 9). Do you know how I might track down Serge '73 or Philippe '74 Pinchinat?"

● **Sylvie (Kleinman) Batt** writes that she "was delighted, one dreary day last January to see weird and wonderful things appear on a normally dreary and functional e-mail list." After studying and working as a translator-interpreter in Paris, she moved to Dublin 15 years ago. After obtaining a Masters in Linguistics at Trinity College, she is now starting a PhD on translators and interpreters in the 1790s, and is also training the next generation of interpreters. Part of her research involved a lot of soul-searching on effective management of bilingualism. She has a teenage daughter named Claire, and despite the above, aspires not to be a boring academic! She adds: "Delighted with the LFNY web site and getting in touch with friends, anyone coming to Ireland for a visit?"

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● **Luisa Skoble** is currently living in a beachside community in Rhode Island in a house that she built, working at a historic not-for-profit psychiatric hospital where, as a Geriatric psychiatrist, she runs the geriatric unit. Luisa is also a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University.

● **Julie Davis** was just named President of Lifestyle Ventures, the publishing company she joined as Editor in 1994. Julie was previously the Editorial Director of the company's seven magazines which include Dance Spirit, American Cheerleader and Pointe. Under Davis's direction, LV will launch their first business to business publication, Dance Retailer News, in February 2002.

● **Avram Butch Kaplan** writes: "I attended the Lycee from 1st grade through Sixième. I left in 1969 when my family moved out of the city to Princeton, NJ. Now that I am 45, I came across the Lycée email from my brother David Kaplan. I live in Los Angeles, CA and work as a motion picture producer. The last film I completed is entitled "John Q. " and will be released in February 2002. It stars Denzel Washington, Robert Duvall, James Wood, Anne Heche and Ray Liotta. It was directed by Nick Cassavetes. I am curious about some of my friends from grammar school, notably Philippe Pinchinat, Philippe Erving, Lavinia Lorch, Rachel List and Peter Basch. Any information you might have regarding these anciens will be greatly appreciated. Thank you."

● **Vanessa (Kelmans) Kaufman** has been living in New York with her 2 children (now in college). She had her own real estate firm for over 15 years (Andrew Emmet & Co.) specializing in upper end residential sales and rentals, and has just launched a new relocation and concierge service (Andrew Emmet Premiere) merging the concept of comfort, luxury and lifestyle. The companies are named after the middle names of her boys.

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● **Sylvie (Kleinman) Batt** is currently living in Paris with her 13 year old and is a college lecturer after having been freelance for many years. Is in touch with Lisa Erich '74 who recently remarried and is manager of Two Boots in Brooklyn, NY.

● **Julie Davis** is the editorial director of the New York based magazine publisher Lifestyle Ventures and is currently responsible for seven magazines including POINTE, the international magazine of ballet. She has written over 30 books and launched 12 different magazines for various publishers. Julie has two children, Sam, 8, and 12 year old Alexandra who has just finished her first year of French at middle school in Connecticut.

● **Laurence (Lajunias) Lobry** est architecte du patrimoine, spécialisée dans les monuments historiques. Après son diplôme d'architecte (formation de 2ans) elle restaure «les vieilles pierres de France!» Elle ajoute: «J'ai monté mon agence il y a deux ans après 15 ans de collaboration avec des architectes en chef des monuments historiques et ma foi, je travaille beaucoup, c'est passionnant, mais je ne ferai pas fortune! Parallèlement, j'ai "pondu" 4 enfants (maintenant entre 19 et 10 ans). Leur père, mon mari, est un "commercial" indépendant qui a monté deux journeaux dont un (Rebondir) revendu l'année dernière et qui est un peu connu. Je ne revois plus personne en France. Je sais que Olivier Paul '74 a fait HEC et qu'il est marié. J'ai revu à Paris, puis en Thaïlande, Etienne Danois-Maricq '74.»

- **Etienne Danois-Maricq** graduated from McGill University in 1977, then joined the multinational firm Schlumberger, living and working in 13 countries in the Middle East, Asia and Europe. In 1995, he joined BOC Edwards, a British based multinational company, as President of the Asia division based in Hong Kong. He has just relocated to Madrid, Spain, with his wife Jasmina and daughter Florentina.
- **Paolo Castaldo** is working in Rome as a General/Laparoscopic surgeon at San Giacomo Hospital. He practiced for some time in northern Italy, as well as doing surgical training, for a few years, in the States.
- **Hélène Mokus de Barcza** works as a professional photo stylist, styling still life and table-top props as well as wardrobe, for advertising and catalogue photography. She also does wardrobe for television commercials. Hélène and her husband, Joseph Szilva, live in Manhattan and just celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary.
- **Vivianne (Hanania) Kurzweil** celebrated two graduations this June, her daughter's from high school (hello, NYU!) and hers from the Bank St. Graduate School of Education. Her son is entering 10th grade and she is one year behind Hélène Mokus de Barcza, coming up on 20 years of marriage! Vivianne also serves as a member of your Alumni Council and Secretary of the Alumni Association of the LFNY, Inc.
- **Léa (Parkan) Mirshak** nous écrit de la Suisse, où elle travaille comme professeur: «Bonjour à tous les ami(e)s du Lycée Français que je n'ai malheureusement pas pu revoir, sauf certains. Cela fait si longtemps en effet depuis 1974, le temps a passé si vite et c'est par un ami très proche Andrea Migliuolo que j'ai eu connaissance du site du Lycée. Le plaisir de revoir les photos de nos professeurs sur le site ne me laissent pas indifférente. Parle-t-on encore en français? Beaucoup d'articles sont plutôt en anglais. Vous savez en Helvétie on parle un peu de tout, mais je voulais dire un bonjour aux anciens en français. Amicalement d'une ancienne qui garde de merveilleux souvenirs du lycée français de N.Y et du Bac.»
- **Robert Kulick** writes: «I am a commercial real estate broker with The Lansco Corporation in Manhattan. Married with children—two little girls, 3 and 9. I live in Katonah in Northern Westchester where the deer and the antelope roam. I also serve as a member of your Alumni Council and Treasurer of the Alumni Association of the LFNY, Inc.»

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- **Stephan Haimo**, a lawyer at Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher LLP in New York City says he is reliving the Lycée experience with my two daughters Karine, 16 and Natalie, 12.
- **Vivianne Hanania Kurzweil** is currently finishing her Masters in Educational Leadership from Bankstreet Graduate School of Education in NYC and expects to graduate in May '01. She is currently in her 10th year of teaching Mathematics at the LFNY.

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- **Nadia Kondratiev** Popov emails us from her new home in the Philippines where she says « the climate is hazy, hot and humid absolutely all the time. It makes summer in NY seem like a cool spring breeze! And electricity is so expensive (5 times NY prices) that you try not to turn the AC on until you're nearly dead...I sometimes take out the old home movie of snow storms..."
- **Ioana Giurgiu** was in from Spain for a 2 week vacation- her sister Florica '75 and Vivianne Hanania Kurzweil caught up with each other this summer in West Hampton Beach for a lovely afternoon of sun, kids, food and wonderful conversation.