



1978 Class Notes Archives

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----- From July 2017 AALFNY Newsletter -----

In Memoriam:

- **Henry Frank Weeden ('78)** († October 7, 2013)
(See [In memoriam section](#) of this newsletter for further details)

● **Riccardo Guariglia** (*LSY: 3eme in 1975*) wrote: "Dear friends and classmates, I seize the opportunity of this 2017 edition of the Class Notes, to present you with a short update on my life. After three wonderful years spent in Warsaw, in June 2014 my assignment as Ambassador of Italy to Poland terminated. I then came back to my homeland, in Rome, where I have started my new functions as Chief of the Diplomatic Protocol of the Republic of Italy. It is really a very challenging (and demanding!) function that gives me the chance to travel very often throughout the whole world! Just in the last year I have been in amazing countries like Ethiopia, Argentina, Indonesia, Cameroon, Mongolia, Madagascar, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam, Oman, Mexico, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Germany, Bulgaria, Romania, Korea, China, Spain, Malta, Brazil, and maybe I am forgetting some.....! Of course, my trips are always very quick, but nevertheless they give me the chance to appreciate "à vol d'oiseau" the beauty and richness of each Country. For the first time in my professional life, I find everyday in my work the same fascinating, multicultural environment that I still remember being present in our Lycée of New York! Family is OK: my wife Nelly is always very active, often helping me in my work, and our three children are grown up and have left the nest for studying/working purposes! Best regards to all of you, with renewed friendship."

● **Claude Cernuschi** (*LSY: 1ere in 1977*) is Professor and Chair of the Art, Art History, and Film Department at Boston College. He shared a listing of his most recent publications and lectures that can be seen at his website, by clicking [HERE](#).



TOP: Riccardo Guariglia ('78);
BOTTOM: Minda Zetlin ('78)



TOP: Pascale Rahman ('78);
BOTTOM: Laura Carducci-Artenisio ('78)

● **Marina (Elser) Kettaneh** (*LSY: 9eme in 1969*) wrote and told us that she “graduated from Barnard in 1982, with a minor in Cultural Anthropology and a major in Contemporary Art. I married a Lebanese in 1994, and have been living in Beirut for 22 years. We have three sons –aged 20, 19 and 17— all born there. I have kept in touch with **Lianne Coleman ('78)**, **Jacqueline de la Bruyere ('78)** and **Nanette Norwood ('77)**. Happy to have heard from the AALNY.”

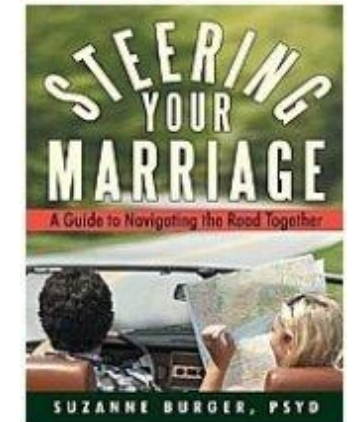
● **Alain Benzaken** (*LSY: Terminale in 1978*) shared this with us: “**Natalie Yates ('78)** and I participated in the Lycée Startup Weekend in January, a great event that promotes social entrepreneurship for students. This was a 2 day program with Lycée 3eme students in groups of 3-4, learning how to take an idea for a business, develop a product to sell, and prepare a 1 minute pitch to "investors". I was very impressed with all the kids and coached the team that won the event and a trip to San Francisco for the overall finals against other schools in the US! Check out their business idea and mission video at <http://cityrooftopgardens.com/> [or click on link below] I am advising/coaching them as they are continuing to develop this business. The Lycee is planning a second session of this program in May, in which I will also be participating in -- kudos to the administration, this is really great program and experience for the students. Over the years I have been very involved in technology startups in NYC and I know that the skills they are learning will be invaluable.”



TOP: Pamela Parness (*LSY: 4eme in 1974*); BOTTOM: Stephane Persiani ('78)

● **Carla Rosen Vacher** (*LSY : Terminale in 1978*) wrote: “My "hobby" (and hopefully future profitable activity) is progressing well... after launching Royal Road Entertainment S.a r.l., the Luxembourg affiliate of our Los Angeles-based start-up film production company in late 2014, we had the thrill of recently announcing our partnership with Netflix to finish Orson Welles' last unfinished feature film from the 1970s, *The Other Side of the Wind*, after reaching an agreement with the heirs and rights-holders. I have the honor of sharing the Executive Producer credit with Mr. Frank Marshall, legendary producer of Steven Spielberg's films, who actually worked with Mr. Welles on the film as a young associate. We are also in post-production with a Polish company on a co-production starring Josh Hartnett, John Malkovich, and Charlotte Rampling, entitled *Valley of the Gods*, after the stunning location in Utah used to showcase Native American mythology as part of the story about a reclusive trillionaire (John). We are looking forward to attending the Cannes Film Festival again in May and hopefully participating in fall festivals with our projects. On the personal front, I am pleased to share that we are finally (for real!) finishing the last part of our landmark farmhouse in the Grand Duchy, in the green countryside east of the capital city. Please come visit (once we get some furniture set up in the guest quarters!) Lots of love to everyone.”

● **Minda Zetlin** (*LSY: 9eme in 1969*) "is an author, speaker, and journalist whose work has appeared in publications from Inc. to New York Magazine to Computerworld. She is the author or co-author of several books, most recently *The Geek Gap: Why Business and Technology Professionals Don't Understand Each Other and Why They Need Each Other to Survive*. She is a board member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors. She lives in Snohomish County, Washington. with her husband Bill Pflieger, a large collection of computers and mobile devices, and two cats." (<https://mindazetlin.wordpress.com/>)



Suzanne Burger ('78) and her book



TOP: Andrew Penson ('78);
BOTTOM: Caroline Harcourt ('78)

● **Pascale Rahman** (LSY: 5eme in 1974) "is vice president and general counsel, EMEA, India and Brazil and is also deputy general counsel for Global Operations at Flextronics..... In her role as general counsel, EMEA, Ms. Rahman provides support on a range of site specific issues including corporate/commercial contract matters, disputes management, compliance related issues, labor law and other regulatory areas. In addition, Ms. Rahman is deputy counsel for Flextronics' Global Operations segment which includes the global procurement function. Prior to joining Flextronics, Ms. Rahman practiced with major international law firms in London, Paris, and Brussels. Previously, she had global responsibilities as general counsel for a leading manufacturer in the vehicle control systems sector. Ms. Rahman is experienced in international corporate and commercial law and in the field of anti-trust/competition law. Ms. Rahman holds law degrees from the University of Paris (II) and Oxford University and followed a comparative law course at Columbia University, New York. Ms. Rahman qualified as a barrister in the United Kingdom and is a member of the Inns of Court, Inner Temple, London professional association."

(<http://www.acc.com/chapters/euro/upload/01-acce-2012-speaker-biographies-by-session.pdf>)

● **Laura Carducci-Artensio** (LSY: 9eme in 1969) "est née le 6 novembre 1960 à Genève (Suisse). Elle obtient son diplôme d'Architecte DPLG en 1986 à l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris-Belleville. Elle crée son agence en 1988 et exerce depuis 2007 au sein de l'Agence d'architecture Laura Carducci. Elle est lauréate des Albums de la Jeune Architecture 1989 et reçoit le Prix de la première œuvre du Moniteur en 1992 pour le Groupe Scolaire Alain Savary à Evry (91). Ses activités majeures sont la conception et la construction de bâtiments publics, de logements sociaux et de bureaux." (<http://lauracarducci.fr/agence/>)

● **Stéphane Persiani** (LSY: 9eme in 1969) « est contrebassiste et compositeur. Son histoire commence dans la musique. Élevé aux Etats-Unis, ses premières influences viennent de son oncle Reggie WORKMAN, contrebassiste auprès de John COLTRANE, Wayne SHORTER et Art BLAKEY, et de son père, André, pianiste et arrangeur pour Jonah JONES. Arrivé en France en 1975, il étudie la contrebasse..... En 1998, il constitue un quartet.....et enregistre le CD « Le cinquième » avec ses premières compositions. À la même époque, Simon GOUBERT lui demande de rejoindre son quintet. Il joue également depuis 1996 dans le quartet de Steve POTTS et dans le quartet d'Hal SINGER, aux côtés d'Alain JEAN-MARIE et de Bob DEMEO. En 1998, il forme un quintet qui rassemble toutes ses influences et expériences musicales. Ce groupe, « COMPLEXION », propose un répertoire original de compositions personnelles. Il se produit sur des scènes nationales et internationales jusqu'en 2004.....En 2000, il est appelé par Michel Grailler, piano et Micheline Pelzer, batterie pour remplacer Albi Culaz dans le trio.....De 2002 à 2005, il s'inscrit dans le projet « Satierick trio » avec Philippe Allaire, piano et Cédric Routier, batterie. En 2002, il rejoint le quintet du jeune guitariste et compositeur David Pichaud. En 2004, il participe à la création du « Festival jazz 449 » Il accompagne également divers musiciens, dont les guitariste Guihoms de Ruffi, Rudy Blas, Jeff sterwann, les chanteuses Agathe Sarahoui et Gwendolyn Oud. En 2008, il s'investit à Centrale 7 pour la création « des dimanches de centrale7 » avec l'envie de faire partager son expérience musicale et proposer des rencontres artistiques lors « des bœufs de la centrale ».



TOP: Richard Hertling ('78);
BOTTOM: Aline Newton ('78)

(<http://centrale7.net/2008/et-aussi-stephane-persiani/>)

● **Suzanne Burger, PsyD** (*LSY: 4eme in 1974*) "is a clinical psychologist with 25 years of experience helping couples and families. A graduate of Yale University and Yeshiva University, Dr. Burger is a regular contributor to mental health and wellness websites. She lives in Pound Ridge, NY with her husband and three children." (<https://www.amazon.com/Suzanne-Burger-PsyD/e/B008CCRC5E>)



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

In Memoriam:

● **Corinne (Cléjan) Kerz** († November 30, 2015)

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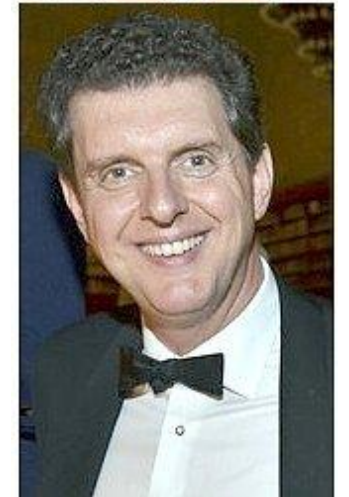
● **Paul Rachman** (*LSY: 6eme in 1972*) wrote: "It's been a very long time since I've really been in touch with anybody from the Lycée Français de New York. I attended from 12eme through 6eme and then went off to a boarding school in France through 3eme, until I returned to New York and attended a prep school upstate New York to finish High School. While I have come across many recent Lycée students, I have rarely if ever run into any former classmates from the class of '78. I do remember hanging out with one old friend **Sacha Lichine ('78)** while I was at Boston University in the early 80s but that's about it. My Lycée memories only get better with time --it was New York City in the mid to late 60's and early 70's -- how much better a memory scope can you have!

I'm a film director. Started my career making music videos (Bad Brains, Kiss, Alice in Chains, Temple of the Dog, The Replacements...), I made a documentary, about early 80's Hardcore Punk music and youth culture in the Reagan 80's, called "American Hardcore" which went to the Sundance Film Festival and was distributed by Sony Pictures Classics. I recently edited a Jimi Hendrix documentary for Showtime from mostly archival footage. I occasionally make commercials. I also co-founded the Slamdance Film Festival --a sort of Sundance side bar festival focusing on first time filmmakers. Indie filmmaking is tough but I love it. I'm currently setting up another narrative feature, my second, and it was inspired by my childhood in NYC; there is a French connection in there :-). Would love to hear from any alums in the film business or creatives. I can be found on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and can be contacted through my website www.paulrachman.com"



TOP: Eric Maerten ('78);
MIDDLE: Isabelle de Geofroy ('78);
BOTTOM: Paul Rachman ('78)

● **Karine Sheffield Saleck** (*LSY: 5eme in 1973*) asked us to share this with her classmates: "I teach at the Lycée Francais in Athens and I do want to tell my classmates that I am organizing events around poetry and literature, so if they are poets and they wish to come to Greece, they can send me their poetry and we can have them speak at our AGORA. However we are not rich enough to invite them, all we do is create a conversation around a theme --the theme for our last poetry reading in November 2015 was 'MUTED'. I'll send the invite and the booklet for whoever is interested." (Click on [PDF file HERE](#) to view the invitation from the last reading)



TOP: Lutgarde Schrijvers ('78);
BOTTOM: Marc de La Bruyère ('78)



Philippe Erikson ('78) and his book

● **Carla Rosen Vacher** (*LSY: Terminale in 1978*) wrote: "Looking forward to seeing classmates and dear friends **Natalie Yates** and **Beck Lee** during my week "home" in NYC, and **Annabelle Cone** in Boston, where I will be for a college volunteers' meeting mid-March. Waiting to announce big distribution news for the first film of the production company in which I am a financial and producing partner, Royal Road Entertainment - exciting but crazy hobby! At least good fringe benefits, like accreditation at film festivals (attached photos from Venice Biennale, September 2015) Anyone care to join me in this venture, please let me know! Wishing all a peaceful (above all else), healthy, and joyous New Year, with love from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg." (Click on PDF file [HERE](#) to see Carla's photos)

● **Riccardo Guariglia** (*LSY: 3eme in 1975*) shared this: "After being posted as Ambassador of Italy to Poland, from 2011 to mid 2014, I left Warsaw for Rome. I had an amazing and interesting experience in Poland, a very hospitable country. With my wife Nelly we left it with a bit of sadness! But at the same time we were very happy to be back at home, where I was appointed Chief of the Diplomatic Protocol of the Italian Republic. A challenging experience that puts me in contact with the whole world! I travel a lot and, among other, I am responsible of the organization of the foreign trips of the Italian Head of State: only in this year, we touched 17 different countries! All our three sons, two boys and a girl, have taken huge profit of their studies in the French scholar system: two of them, 24 and 25, after finishing University, are already working in Milan, while the youngest one, the girl, now 22, decided to remain in Warsaw to finish the Faculty of Design over there. Really a cosmopolitan family! I look forward, after missing for almost five years, to come back to NY twice, in January and February, for the forthcoming visit to the US of the Italian President. Friendly regards to all classmates: the period I spent in the LFNY (1971-1975) is always in my heart! "

● **Andrew S. Penson** (*LSY : 4eme in 1974*) : "The son of a businessman who specialized in converting rental apartments into co-ops, Mr. Penson, who grew up on Manhattan's East Side, is a graduate of New York Law School (he sits on its board of trustees and is a prodigious fund-raiser for the school and for the United Jewish Appeal) and a former lawyer at Jones Day. He plunged into real estate in earnest in the mid-1990s by buying the debt on distressed properties, especially mortgages owned by Japanese banks. In 1998, he made an unsuccessful \$450 million bid for the Washington Redskins football franchise. He is the managing member of a Delaware-based limited liability company, Midtown Trackage Ventures, which includes his partners in Argent Ventures and two outside institutional investors..... Argent has invested more than \$2.5 billion in real estate, primarily in New York, California, Florida and Washington, D.C..... His interest in buying Grand Central was piqued in 2002 when the Roosevelt Hotel over the terminal's tracks was put up for sale. In 2006, Midtown Trackage Ventures..... bought Grand Central and 75 miles of track to Poughkeepsie and 82 miles to Wassaic, in Dutchess County.....The Metropolitan Transportation Authority..... pays \$2.24 million in annual rent on a lease that expires Feb. 28, 2274. The authority has an option to buy the terminal and the tracks in 2017, which it is expected to exercise, although the landlord can extend that date to 2032..... while he has not framed the deed ("It's just a piece of paper"), the thought of owning Grand Central Terminal had instantly appealed to him. 'It



TOP: Alexandra Raysse ('78 -- LSY: 4eme in 1974); BOTTOM: Eric Jacobsen ('78)

was the right time when the opportunity presented itself,' Mr. Penson recalled, 'although I immediately thought of the old joke about buying the Brooklyn Bridge.' "

(<http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/01/29/grand-centrals-flesh-and-blood-landlord/>)



● **Caroline Harcourt** (*LSY: Terminale in 1978*) "is a partner [at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP] in the Real Estate practice.....[and] represents developers, owners, investors, lenders and tenants in all aspects of real estate.....Ms. Harcourt has also represented large institutional investors in connection with complex commercial real estate financing transactions affecting all types of properties, including office buildings, hotels and gaming facilities, hospitals and health care facilities, regional malls and shopping centers, commercial and residential condominiums and mixed use properties.....Ms. Harcourt is the former President of WX, New York Women Executives in Real Estate." (<http://www.pillsburylaw.com/charcourt>)

● **Richard Hertling** (*LSY: Geme in 1972*) "provides regulatory and legislative advice and guidance and lobbying [at Covington & Burling LLP] to a diverse set of clients in a range of industries. He joined the firm after more than 27 years of federal government service that included senior positions in both Houses of Congress and the Justice Department, during which he was respected for developing strategic and tactical approaches to advance legislation." (<https://www.cov.com/en/biographies/h/richard-hertling>)

(Editor's note: Richard is the only person in US history to have run a Senate committee, a House committee, and a Cabinet agency's legislative affairs office for the Department of Justice).

● **Aline Newton** (*LSY: 2nde in 1976*) "is an Advanced Certified Rolfer, in private practice in Cambridge, Massachusetts for over 20 years. She served for many years as Chair of the Board of Directors of the International Rolf Institute..... She holds her BA from Johns Hopkins University and her MA in Education from the University of Toronto..... Aline has many years of experience with body-oriented approaches to psychotherapy as well as meditation. She also has studied cranio-sacral manipulation, visceral manipulation and energetic osteopathic techniques..... She has written and published many articles on aspects of movement, biomechanics and psychodynamics. In 2005, Aline developed the Physical Intelligence Program at MIT with the coach of MIT's gymnastics team. More recently she has been invited to consult with companies such as IDEO and to teach experiential anatomy workshops at Boston Conservatory and for yoga teacher training programs. Aline's research and writing interests span the range from the effect of touch on the brain to the parallels between Buddhist thought and the perspective of Rolfing. In her free time she studies music, and has recently co-authored Knowing the Trees of Cambridge. (<http://alinenewton.com/biographical-information/>)

● **Eric Maerten** (*LSY: terminale in 1978*) est Rédacteur en chef au Groupe France Agricole

● **Isabelle de Geofroy** (*LSY: terminale in 1978*) "is an experienced project manager [at Insignia Environmental] who has overseen the environmental permitting of large construction and utility repair projects throughout

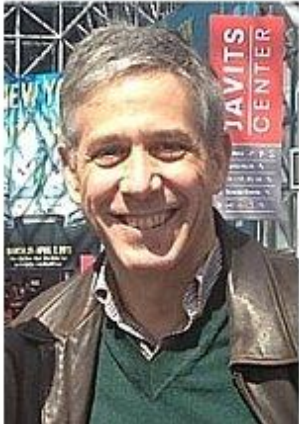


TOP: Annabele Cone ('78) & Natalie Hatgis ('78); MIDDLE: Hervé Borna ('78); BOTTOM: Barbara Weindling ('78)



TOP: Karine Ancellin Saleck ('78); BOTTOM: Laura Dodson ('78)

Northern California. She is trained as a botanist, with over 20 years of experience in plant identification and taxonomy. Isabelle has worked for environmental consulting firms for over 13 years, conducting ecological impact assessments and constraints analyses, protocol-level special-status plant surveys, and wetland delineations. As a project manager, she has taken multiple projects through the CEQA review process, including the preparation of the Biology section of Environmental Impact Reports, Mitigated Negative Declarations, and responses to agency comments. She has prepared permitting packages for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Isabelle has also implemented extensive mitigation and monitoring programs for special-status plant species, and has developed and implemented preserve management plans, wetland mitigation and monitoring plans, and riparian planting plans. Isabelle holds an M.A. in Conservation Biology from San Francisco State University.” (<http://www.insigniaenvironmental.com/keystaff.html>)



TOP: Victoria Preminger ('78);
BOTTOM: David Kaplan ('78)

● **Alexis Poinsard** (*LSY: 1ere in 1977*) est avocat associé au cabinet d'avocats Fidal. Il est « spécialisé en droit des sociétés et intervient principalement dans des opérations nationales et internationales de fusions / acquisitions, partenariats (joint-ventures), et restructurations de groupes de sociétés. » (<http://www.fidal.com/les-avocats/alexis-poinsard,0890095.html>)

● **Lutgarde Schrijvers** (*LSY: 5eme in 1973*) est Maître de Langues Principal à l'Université catholique de Louvain à Bruxelles.

● **Marc De La Bruyère** (*LSY: 8eme in 1970*) “serves as the Chairman and Managing Director of Maclab Enterprises, Western Canada's largest privately held residential real estate development and management company. [He] is a former consultant with McKinsey & Co. He has been the Chairman of Viewtrak Technologies Inc. since August 2012. He holds an MBA from the European Institute of Business Administration (INSEAD) in Fontainebleau, France.” (<http://www.bloomberg.com/research/stocks/private/person.asp?personId=215809897&privcapId=215556709&previousCapId=215556709&previousTitle=Viewtrak%20Technologies,%20Inc.>)

● **Eric Jacobsen** (*LSY: Terminale in 1978*) "joined Harvard University as full professor in 1993, was named the Sheldon Emory Professor of Organic Chemistry in 2001, and has served as Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology since 2010. He directs a research group of 20 graduate students and postdocs dedicated to discovering useful catalytic reactions, and to applying state-of-the art mechanistic and computational techniques to the analysis of those reactions. Several of the catalysts developed in his labs have found widespread application in industry and academia. These include metal-salen complexes for asymmetric epoxidation, conjugate additions, and hydrolytic kinetic resolution of epoxides; chromium-Schiff base complexes for a wide range of enantioselective pericyclic reactions; and organic hydrogen bond-donor catalysts for activation of neutral and cationic electrophiles. Eric's mechanistic analyses of these systems have helped uncover general principles for catalyst design, including electronic tuning of selectivity, cooperative



TOP: Marie-Florence Siclait Bell ('78) ; BOTTOM : Sonia Wieder-Atherton ('78)

homo- and hetero-bimetallic catalysis, hydrogen-bond donor asymmetric catalysis, and anion binding catalysis." (http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~minotti/about_ENJ.html)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- [Eric Maerten](#) rédacteur en chef de La France Agricole commente la manifestation des agriculteurs, éleveurs, et l'intervention de Manuel Valls.

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In Memoriam:

- [Philippe Coursodon](#) (†May 22, 2009)

- **Annabelle Cone** wrote: "Hi, I published an article titled "The Humorous Erotic in Wolinski and Brétécher" in the "International Journal of Comics and Animation." I am now working on an article on the American West in Belgian bande dessinée. I saw **Nathalie Hatgis ('78)** last winter in New York. Here is a photo of us in Chelsea at the Richard Serra show. We then headed to the Maritime Hotel which has a really cool lobby decorated in a sort of aquatic modernist style. I highly recommend it! Brilliant idea, Nathalie!"

- **Lianne Coleman** wrote: "I am still working in films and television as an actress. In my spare time I am creative and have an online store at www.zazzle.com/liannescreations where I've designed hundreds of custom items. I still keep in touch with several of my Lycée classmates and would love to hear from anyone who would like to get in touch."

- **Xavier Cabanne** shared this with us: "Although I only spent one year at the LFNY in 1971-72 I remember many of my classmates and would love to reconnect. Feel free to look me up and contact me. After the LFNY I finished high school at UNIS in NY, returned to France, went to undergraduate business school and completed the then obligatory military service. Afterwards, I went back to the US for an MBA degree in IS at the University of Pittsburgh, moved to Los Angeles then to Chicago where I have been for the last 24 years and raised 2 boys. After 20 years working in IS in financial institutions, I was given the opportunity to head in a different direction so I created *A Scenic Road, Inc.* My company organizes trips to several regions of France where I have many contacts, family and otherwise. Please visit my web site (<http://ascenicroad.com/>) and facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/aScenicRoad>) to learn about what I offer. Hopefully we can reconnect and maybe arrange a reunion in Burgundy!. Best to everyone." (Click on link below to access Xavier's website)

- From **Charles Giblain**: "Bonjour à tous...quelques nouvelles de Madagascar où notre projet Bionexx continue d'opérer. Voici quelques vidéo récentes postées sur Youtube qui parlent de nos activités." (Click on links below)



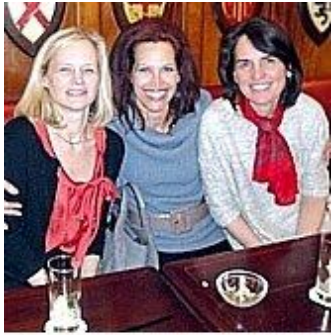
TOP: Frédéric Jaeger ('78);
BOTTOM: Jean-Pierre Cléjan ('78)



TOP: Andrew S. Penson ('78);
BOTTOM: Isabelle de Geofroy ('78) (left), Chantal Mariani ('78), & Monique O'Brien ('78)

Editor's note: Charles is being overly modest. His company is not only a major producer of a component of a "miracle drug" for the treatment of malaria, but it also provides an income source for thousands of small farmers in Madagascar. " Bionexx est une jeune société malgache créée en 2005. Elle a démarré une activité de culture et de purification de l'Artémisia Annu (AA), plante de laquelle est extrait un principe actif permettant de lutter contre le paludisme. Elle entre ainsi dans la composition d'une nouvelle génération de médicaments contre le paludisme, qui présente une alternative efficace aux monothérapies traditionnelles qui ne parviennent plus à venir à bout du parasite. Ce projet s'accompagne d'un vaste projet de petit paysannat, puisque l'entreprise achète l'AA à des petits paysans qui la cultivent pour la société."

Click here : [Documentary on Charles Gublain's production of Artemisinin](#) and here : [Interview with Charles Gublain of Bionexx](#)



TOP: ('78) Carla Rosen Vacher ('78) with classmates Stéphanie (Carson-Parker) Lancesseur ('78) & Ghislaine (Carson-Parker) Desbois ('81) [Paris, Harry's Bar, March 2012]; BOTTOM: Carla with Pia de Brantes ('78) [Maastricht, Netherlands, March 2012]

● **Kriti Siderakis** wrote: "Some ever brief news. I will never forget my years at the Lycée although I spent my last two years at Trinity, here in NYC. I want to give you some news, and can let you know I wrote a piece about the Lycée on an online site many years ago, as well as an interview with the architect of the new building. After graduation from Princeton University I spent many years in Paris and Nimes, working as an architectural designer and a design teacher for the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

I am happy to say that over the years I have been in touch with **Carla Rosen ['78]**, **Matthew Arndt ['78]** and **Natalie Yates ['78]**. Carla and Matthew live in Luxembourg. I have also seen **Susan Burger ['78]** at a Trinity reunions. She is living in Westchester and is a psychologist. Last year we spent an out of the blue New Year's Eve at Matthew's apartment in Paris, It was so amazing to get together with a Lycée classmate after decades! I can say that Matthew looks much like he used to. Slight, intelligent, fabulous.

I have been back in NYC since 1998, and am married to a French-born architect who is the director of Bernard Tschumi Architects. I continue my interest in drawing and writing, two skills that the Lycée greatly encouraged."

● **David Kaplan** sent us this update: "I'm currently an enrolled student at Columbia University in their MS Program in Sustainability Management and I'm exploring a second career in renewable/alternative energy."

● **Carla Rosen-Vacher** had some exciting news to share: "My "hobby" is taking off... the start-up film development and production company I invested in three years ago, Royal Road Entertainment (L.A.), made the front page of The New York Times worldwide in late October with the news of our finishing the great Orson Welles' last picture from the '70s, left unfinished in a vault outside Paris - in near-perfect condition. I was at the lab too (see photo!) In all, we have a slate of nine projects of diverse genres in various stages of development, some of which will shoot in Europe. Hope to connect with other folks interested or working in film and television!

Also wanted to share this wonderful image I found in the Boston archives of my aunt Anne Revere, Academy Award winner for Supporting Actress in *National Velvet* (1945), and a descendant of Paul Revere, with her husband, my producer uncle Sam Rosen, who looks just like his brother here - my Dad. Rest in peace, all."



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CLAUDE CERNUSCHI

Claude Cernuschi ('78) and his latest book

([Click here](#), too see the above-mentioned photo, and a newspaper article about the Orson Welles film mentioned by Carla)



TOP: Lianne Coleman ('78);
BOTTOM: In her role as a speakeasy dancer on the HBO show 'Boardwalk Empire'

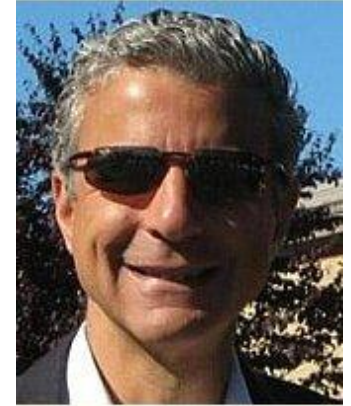
● **Philippe Erikson** : « Membre du Laboratoire d'ethnologie et de sociologie comparative (LESC) depuis 1984, Philippe Erikson (né en 1960) est titulaire d'un doctorat [.....] et d'une habilitation à diriger des recherches (2008) obtenus à l'université Paris X-Nanterre. Il a été allocataire du ministère de l'Éducation et de la Recherche, lauréat de la Fondation Fyssen et pensionnaire de l'Institut français d'études andines, avant d'enseigner à l'université libre de Bruxelles, à l'université Paul Verlaine de Metz puis à Nanterre où il a été recruté en 1996 et élu professeur en 2010. Ethnologue, spécialiste de la famille ethnolinguistique pano, [il] a longuement enquêté chez les Matis d'Amazonie brésilienne [.....] et les Chacobo d'Amazonie bolivienne [.....] En 2007, il a séjourné brièvement chez les Cashinahua du Pérou et a également pratiqué l'ethnologie en entreprise en France, aux États-Unis et en Grande-Bretagne [.....] Ses travaux portent essentiellement sur l'organisation sociale, l'onomastique et la construction des identités collectives chez les Pano ; la relation homme-animal ; les dimensions symboliques de la culture matérielle (masques, sarbacanes) et le travail rituel sur le corps (tatouages, chamanisme) [.....] » (<http://www.mae.u-paris10.fr/lesc/spip.php?article57>)

● **Karine Ancellin Saleck** shared with us a sample of her recent academic work: "Hybrid Identities of Characters in Muslim women fiction post 9-11" ([Click here](#) to read it) She also said: "I now teach English Literature for the OIB (A level style) British exams at the LYCEE FRANCAIS EUGENE DELACROIX in ATHENS Greece and I would love to find a partner teacher of Literature at the LFNy to do some work together and get the students to exchange and why not visit?"

Editor's Note: : Karine "has worked as a journalist in Brussels for six years. She was formerly a journalist in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania where she co-founded a newspaper with her husband that was censored and then banned by the government. After this experience she came to Belgium with her four children and has taken to teaching [.....] Karine received a master's degree in sociology at the University of Paris VII Jussieu. She is presently researching the question of Muslim identity in novels for her PhD work in literature on "Polar identities in characters of Muslim descent in English language fiction" at the Vrije Universiteit of Brussels. Her hobby is astronomy." (http://www.thewip.net/contributors/karine_ancellin_saleck.html)

● **Laura Dodson** "is an artist, educator and writer. She teaches photography and digital image-making at Pratt Institute and CUNY Queens College. From 1990 till 2007 she lived in Greece where she exhibited widely and was part of the faculty at AKTO School of Art & Design. A published essayist on photography and culture, she has been the New York correspondent for PHOTOgraphos Magazine, a journal based in Athens. She has a Masters of Fine Arts from Pratt Institute. Her artwork is included in numerous public and private collections." (<http://lauradodson.net/about>)

● **Marie-Florence Siclait Bell** "was born in Port-au-Prince [.....] She immigrated to the United States at 2 years of age and spent her formative years in New York City. As a teenager Ms. Bell co-founded Haitian Unified Girls



Alain Benzaken ('78) & Livia Corredor ('78)

(HUG). While at the University of Miami, she co-founded the Haitian United Student Association. She has resided in Miami since 1980. Ms. Bell has a long history of public service and has served on numerous civic and community boards. She is currently on the 11th Circuit Court Judicial Nominating Commission. She has been a board member of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau; the Society of Haitian American Professionals; Work Force Florida; past Chair of Miami-Dade County Petit Goave (Haiti) Sister City Committee; the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; the YMCA; the United Way Project Blue Print; Hands on Miami; Voices United; and One Nation. Ms. Bell has extensive experience in public/community affairs, including work for two Mayors. She is currently the Executive Director of Miami-Dade Land Acquisition and Facilities Maintenance Operations Advisory Board that provides oversight to the Miami-Dade County Public School system's operating [.....] Ms. Bell is a graduate from the University of Miami, and has studied at the University of Aix-en-Provence, France."

(<http://edocs.dlis.state.fl.us/fldocs/TaskForce/haiti/AdvisoryFinal.pdf>)

• **Sonia Wieder-Atherton** « est une violoncelliste française née en 1961 à San Francisco. Après ses études au Conservatoire national supérieur de musique de Paris dans les classes de violoncelle de Maurice Gendron et de musique de chambre de Jean Hubeau, elle étudie avec Mstislav Rostropovitch, puis deux ans au Conservatoire Tchaïkovski de Moscou [.....] En 1986, elle est lauréate du concours de violoncelle Rostropovitch. Dès lors, elle joue en soliste avec l'Orchestre de Paris, l'Orchestre national de France, l'orchestre national de Belgique, l'Orchestre philharmonique de Liège, l'Orchestre philharmonique d'Israël, l'Orchestre Gulbenkian de Lisbonne, l'Orchestre de chambre de Lausanne, l'Orchestre philharmonique du Luxembourg. Elle est invitée régulièrement par de grands festivals internationaux. Des compositeurs lui dédient des œuvres : Henri Dutilleux, Georges Aperghis (Le reste du temps, Profils pour le duo qu'elle forme avec Françoise Rivalland), Pascal Dusapin (entre autres un concerto pour violoncelle, Celo), **Betsy Jolas ('43)** En 1999, l'Académie des beaux-arts en France lui décerne le Grand Prix Del Duca. Elle est aussi compositrice et occasionnellement arrangeuse, notamment pour son disque *Un divan à New-York*. Elle a composé la musique originale du film *l'Amour conjugal*. »

(http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonia_Wieder-Atherton)

• **Claude Cernusch** (Professor and Chairperson, Art History, at Boston College) shared his latest publications with us:

-- "The Art of Wifredo Lam and the Anthropology of Lucien Lévy-Bruhl and Claude Lévi-Strauss," in Elizabeth Goizueta (ed.) *Wifredo Lam: Imaging New Worlds* (Boston College: McMullen Museum of Art, 2014), pp. 25-68.

-- "The Self-Portraits of Gustave Courbet," in Jeffery Howe (ed.) *Gustave Courbet: Mapping Realism* (McMullen Museum of Art, Boston College, 2013), pp. 31-58.



TOP: Lianne Coleman ('78);
BOTTOM: Anna Migluolo ('78)



TOP: Carla Rosen Vacher ('78);
BOTTOM: Isabelle de Geofroy ('78)



Riccardo Guariglia ('78)

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TOP: Lianne Coleman ('78) ; BOTTOM: Daniel Lamothe Jost ('78)

● **Annabelle Cone** wrote : "I am spending the fall of 2012 in Paris directing the Dartmouth foreign study program. After my regular checking in with my very good friend **Stephanie Carson-Parker**, I had coffee with **JP Brandt**, whom I hadn't seen in a very long time, at a cafe on the Boulevard de Montparnasse, near Reid Hall where I teach. It was also with great pleasure that I met **Roger Liwer ('68)**, the Lycée newsletter author, editor, master culler himself, who, among many pleasurable attributes, mixes a wonderful martini. Paris is quite overwhelming at times. If I were to pick out one moment that seemed very Parisian (there have been many), on a late Saturday afternoon, walking back to the apartment rue de Rennes, walking through throngs of people outside the FNAC, I saw the actress Sandrine Kiberlain walking out of the FNAC onto the busy sidewalk. I was amazed at her anonymity amongst the crowd of shoppers. Otherwise, I have added quite a few entries to my blog on consignment shops and vintage clothes (just google "fringarde"). 2012 will have been my year in France, first Lyon, then Toulouse and now Paris!"

● **Lianne Coleman** shared this with us: "I'm still acting on TV and in films. In addition to that I have decided to completely embrace my creativity. I have always loved photography and I use many of my photos to design cards, gifts, etc. You may see my designs on my website at www.liannescreations.com or in my online store on zazzle at www.zazzle.com/liannescreations. Attached is a recent photo, and for fun I thought I'd add another photo of me when I worked on the HBO show Boardwalk Empire (season 3 episode 2). I was very briefly seen as a dancer in the speak-easy. "

● **Carla Rosen Vacher** told us that she "enjoyed going "home" to vote in person the first week of November and to party with close friends in Pittsburgh, PA, my last place of residence before moving to Luxembourg ten years ago (already!) Thanks to the President's re-election, our great Ambassador Robert Mandell will be staying on for a while --excellent news for us staff at the Embassy. On the hobby (investment) front, have been actively helping start-up L.A. film production company Royal Road Entertainment with its first feature, for which I will earn a producing credit! Best wishes to all for very happy holidays."

● **Sandra ('Chantal') Setton-Mariani** wrote: "I want to share that it brings me great joy to remain friends with several of my classmates of '78: **Isabelle De Geofroy, Monique O'Brien, Kareen Sain-Aude Millard, and Lianne Coleman**. I have a few pictures of us on my facebook page (under my professional name of Chantal Mariani): <http://www.facebook.com/chantal.mariani>."

(Editor's note: To access Chantal's professional website, [click here](#). Chantal also sent us a poem entitled *A Hero's Journey on Earth*. See [Alumni Creative](#) section of this newsletter)

● For news on **Frédéric Jaeger** see class of 1984, below, for an article about him and his sister Véronique.



P. Brandt ('78) & Nathalie (Caste) Calmettes ('78)

● **Jean-Pierre Cléjan** ""is the Technology Executive for GreenLogic LLC, headquartered in Southampton, NY with offices in Roslyn, NY. He is well versed in the use of technology and alternative energy systems. He gained his background while earning an Engineering and Applied Science degree from California Institute of Technology and from his many years of fieldwork. His engineering background includes fluency in solar electricity systems, solar water and pool heating systems, geothermal heating/cooling systems, wind turbines, and energy efficiency. He is a recognized public speaker, and trains architects, engineers and LEED APs throughout the tri-state area. His current focus is in engineering 'zero-energy buildings' with no energy consumption and carbon footprint. Mr. Cléjan is also a graduate of Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass." (<http://www.greenlogic.com/Bios/Jean-Pierre-Clejan/>)



● **Andrew Penson** "is the President and Founder of Argent Ventures LLC. He has been involved in all phases of the firm's development since its founding. Prior to Argent, Mr. Penson led the real estate investment division of Amroc Investments Inc., a leading investment firm and the predecessor to Avenue Capital, a multi-billion dollar hedge fund. Previously, Mr. Penson practiced law with Jones Day. He is a member of New York Law School's Board of Trustees. Mr. Penson earned a B.A. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a J.D. from New York Law School." (argentventures.com)

● **Claude Cernuschi** sent us this update on his latest publications:
 - *Barnett Newman and Heideggerian Philosophy* (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2012)
 - "Paul Klee and Language" in John Sallis (ed.) *Paul Klee: Philosophical Vision; From Nature to Art* (Chestnut Hill: McMullen Museum, Boston College, 2012), pp.106-33.
 - "Defining Self in Kokoschka's Self-Portraits" *German Quarterly* 84 (Spring 2011): 198-219.
 - "Painting with Drops, Jets, and Sheets," (with Andrzej Herczynski and L. Mahadevan) *Physics Today* (June 2011): 31-36.
 - "Depth and Surface, Will and Representation: Egon Schiele and Arthur Schopenhauer," in Jill Lloyd (ed.) *Birth of the Modern; Style and identity in Vienna 1900* (New York: Mirmir Verlag, 2011), pp. 172-97.

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In Memoriam:

- [Matthieu Bonnifay](#) (†April 30, 2011)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- [Chantal Mariani](#) presents a sampling of taped TV programs

● **Carla Rosen Vacher** wrote: "I have been very busy at work at the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg with the recent arrival of our new marvelous Ambassador, Robert Mandell, a political appointee (businessman) from Orlando, FL. On the hobby front, I have solidified my lifelong passion for films by investing in a start-up



Louis-Eric Durand ('78) and
Carla Rosen-Vacher ('78)



TOP: Natalie Yates-Cacciato &
husband Richard;
MIDDLE: Pierre Savy ('78);
BOTTOM: Jean-Marc Urbini
('78)

production company in Los Angeles, "Royal Road Entertainment", with an exciting slate of projects, and by attending film festivals such as Berlin, Cannes and Deauville (American Film Festival), for the first time this fall. Just spent a great Thanksgiving holiday in London including watching the great Roger Federer at the ATP tennis tour finals. Will be "home" in New York for the year-end holidays - very sad without my Mom but good to stay connected and hopefully catch up with many friends! Best to everyone."

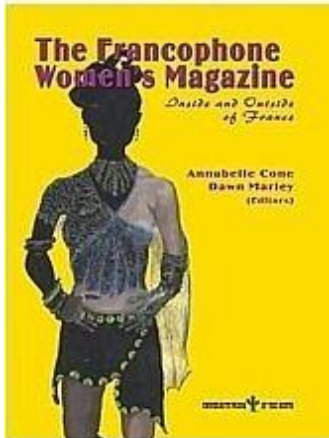
● **Dara Seng Sourinho** wrote: "Down memory lane: The two years I spent at the Lycee happened a long time ago (4eme et 3eme). They were brief but I remember --well, a few things at least-- a few people! I live now in California. Who knows until when?! Our son is in college in Boston, so we wonder which new destinations should be on our list. Time flies! Anyway, to all the 1978 classmates I knew and the ones I could not meet, Happy Holidays, Joyeuses Fêtes de fin d'année, wherever you are!"

● **Annabelle Cone** wrote: "I'll be directing programs for Dartmouth in Lyon and then Toulouse in the winter and spring of 2012. Any alums living in and around those cities? Please contact me, I would love to hear from you. And for those interested in *bande dessinée*, my article on *Bécassine during wartime* has just come out in the European Journal of Comic Art."

● From **Riccardo Guariglia**: "After three and a half years spent in Rome, as Director for European Countries in the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, I will move with my wife, at the end of December, to Warsaw, Poland, where I have been appointed as Ambassador of my country. I will miss the busy life of Rome, as well as all my frequent trips to European and all former Soviet Union Countries, but I am sure that it will be a new challenging page in our lives, in a very friendly and beautiful country. Our two sons, Raffaele (21) and Nicola (20), will stay in Rome, and continue their studies at the University, while our daughter, Maria Benedetta (almost 18), who got her French "Bac" last July, decided to follow us and attend Polish University. Cheers to all of you, and if anybody comes to Warsaw, especially from the class of 1978, it will be a pleasure for me to meet her/him again!"

● From **Jean-Pierre Clejan**: "Now in the solar energy business. Living on Long Island, divorced with two teenage sons, enjoy skiing, sailing and watersports."

● **Alain Benzaken** was recently appointed Senior VP at Buddy Media and "has been involved in technology and startups throughout his career, leading large technology teams at some of the most successful NYC startups. Before joining Buddy Media, Alain was VP of Technology at TheLadders.com from 2006 to 2011, helping the company achieve significant growth and revenues. Previous to that, Benzaken was an executive at Priceline.com, serving as Vice President, Development, International Systems, where he launched e-commerce travel products in Europe and Asia, and was the architect of Priceline.com's Customer Systems. Alain is also on the board of the NY Tech Meetup, the largest meetup in the world with over 18k members, and a big proponent of the NYC tech startup scene." (*buddymedia.com*)



Annabelle Cone ('78) and the new book she co-edited



Sacha Alexis Lichine ('78)



TOP: Geoffrey Knauth ('78);
BOTTOM: Jonathan Feldman ('78)

- **Lianne Coleman** "received her BA in Theater: Performance/Production from Marymount Manhattan College. After following a different career path for many years, Lianne is making her theatrical debut in *Glimpses of a Modest Life*. She is currently working as a background actress on several TV shows and films and also works as a commercial print model. Lianne is a native New Yorker and divides her time between her Upper Manhattan neighborhood and the Catskill Mountain Area."
(<http://www.trnfljswa.obpk.com/actshow.xzc?PK=17341>)



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 - "Depth and Surface, Will and Representation: Egon Schiele and Arthur Schopenhauer," in Jill Lloyd (ed.) *Birth of the Modern; Style and identity in Vienna 1900* (New York: Mirmmer Verlag, 2011)

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- **Annabelle Cone** told us that she "co-edited a book that finally came out in January. Its title: "The Francophone Women's Magazine Inside and Outside of France" (University Press of The South, editor). My contribution is on mothers in *Marie-Claire*. Otherwise, I had a wonderful but much too quick visit with **Carla Rosen** ('78) in Brussels and The Hague. I will never forget drinking beer on the Place des Sablons in Brussels and walking through a *hofje* in The Hague."



TOP: Nicole (Girod) Owens ('78); BOTTOM: Deborah (Nitke) Bedrossian ('78)

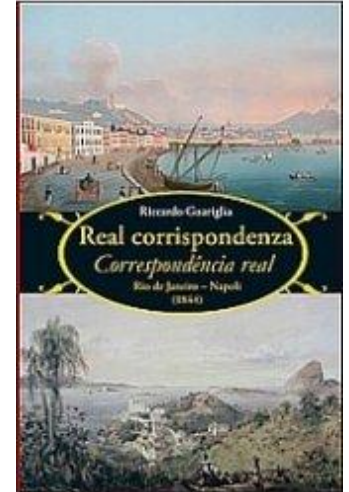
- **Sacha Alexis Lichine** wrote: "I am living with my family in Hong Kong, from where I am developing Asian markets for my wine business. My company is divided into three segments, Chateau d'Esclans which produces some of the finest estate bottled Provencal Rose in the world (www.chateaudesclans.com) and Sacha Lichine which produces branded new world style wines from the south of France (www.sachalichine.com). I also own a Bordeaux based negociant firm that bears my name. For those who remember me and wish to reach out, they can do so at vconstantin@sachalichine.com"

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- The New York Film Academy presents an interview with [Paul Rachman](#), as part of its guest lecture series
- [Sacha Lichine](#) talks about his wines

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

- **Louis-Eric Durand** nous écrit: "Bonjour à tous ! La vie est loin d'être un long fleuve tranquille, mais forme



TOP: by Riccardo Guariglia ('78);
BOTTOM: Greg Dale & family

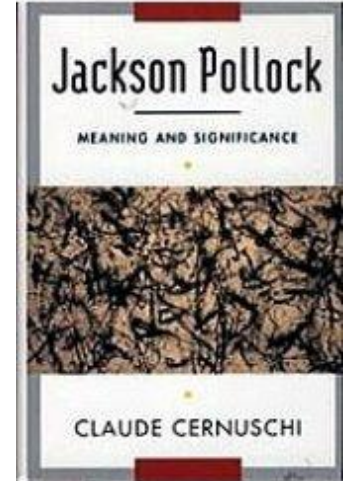


Top: Chantal Mariani ('78;
Bottom:Natalie Yates
Cacciato '78 with Alexander

des méandres et des deltas croisés parfois aussi surprenants que sympathiques... Ce petit voyage dans le passé à travers ce site...étonnant, voire spectaculaire, en fait partie et sachez, personnes que j'ai pu rencontrer, apprécier ou détester, admirer ou mépriser, bref croiser dans nos vies de fourmis que ce que vous êtes devenu m'intéresse beaucoup : nous avons tous changé. Échangeons nos impressions. Ma porte vous est grande ouverte !"

● **Carla Rosen-Vacher** shared this with us: "I traveled to L.A. to attend the American Film Institute Life Achievement Award on June 11th for Michael Douglas, with whom I worked on the great film "Wonder Boys" in Pittsburgh, PA in 1999 - I had met him on the set and am still on the board of trustees of the Pittsburgh Film Office, so wanted to be at the event at Sony Studios - on the historic sound stage where "The Wizard of Oz" and "Spider-Man", among others, were filmed. It was a dream evening - I was able to congratulate Michael personally and also speak to Jack Nicholson - who presented the award - and to the wonderful Curtis Hanson, director of "Wonder Boys" and "L.A. Confidential". A treat to see other favorites like Annette Bening, Tobey Maguire, Martin Sheen, Benicio del Toro (a real doll!) and watch Bob Dylan perform the title song from "Wonder Boys" which won the Oscar!"

● **Lianne Coleman** wrote: "Dear Fellow Classmates: I thought I would bring you up to date on what's been going on with me since leaving the Lycee. After graduating from Marymount Manhattan College with a degree in Theater, I ended up in the airline industry. I worked for both TWA and Air France for more than a decade. After leaving my job in revenue management at AF and several years of career exploration, I am finally working as an actress. In addition to this I am an associate at a new website called www.thefrenchcommunity.com. We are a social and professional networking site that is connecting French and English speakers around the world. I think you might enjoy the site, so please check us out. I would love to hear from any of you. A bientôt j'espere."



Alain Benzaken ('78) &
Roshanara (Akhund) Robin
'78)

- **Jan-Philip ("JP") Brandt** organized an impromptu, [mini-reunion](#) picnic on July 17, 2009 for his classmates. He invited them (with the AALFNY's assistance) to show up at the Champ de Mars, right next to the Eiffel Tower.



**TOP: Carla Rosen-Vacher ('78) (left) & Annabelle Cone ('78);
BOTTOM: Stephanie Carson-Parker ('78) & family**



- "**Fady Nakad** is a Graduate Environmental Engineer from Georgia Tech, specializing in Biological Wastewater Treatment Modeling, Process Design and Solid Waste. He also holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech as well as a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the same University, specializing in Construction Management. Joining Associated Consulting Engineers in 1994, Mr. Nakad has worked in various capacities on a large number of Environmental, Infrastructure, Marine and other such projects and is currently the Area Manager for Abu Dhabi." (<http://www.aceintl.net/flash/index.htm>)

- "**Paul Rachman** began his film career making underground hardcore punk films and music videos for bands such as the Bad Brains, Gang Green, Negative FX and Mission of Burma while he was in college at Boston University. He quickly rose to become one of the of the industry's top music video directors at Propaganda Films in Los Angeles, where he worked with such artists as Alice in Chains, The Replacements, Pantera, Temple of the Dog, Sepultura, Roger Waters, Joan Jett, and Kiss. He has also directed several award-winning short films, most notably *Memories* with Joe Frank (1992), *Drive Baby Drive* (1995), *Bang Bang* (1999), *Home* (2001), and *Zoe XO* (2004). Paul made his feature film directorial debut in 2000 with *Four Dogs Playing Poker* starring Forrest Whittaker, Tim Curry and Olivia Williams. In 2006 his seminal punk documentary *American Hardcore* (2006) world premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and was picked up and theatrically released by Sony Pictures Classics. Paul is also one of the founding filmmakers of the Slamdance Film Festival. He is currently working on a new documentary with *American Hardcore* writer Steven Blush and a new narrative feature film." (<http://www.paulrachman.com>)



Alain Benzaken ('78) & Roshanara (Akhund) Robin ('78)

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● **Marie-Christine (Speyart) Van Hövell** wrote: "Hello dear classmates! I just found the AALFNY with so many good memories! We are now almost turning 50 next year, realizing how fast time goes! I settled in the Netherlands, married Max van Hovell tot Westerfliet and we have a son Pim (14). Feeling truly European, but very international too! My profession is city development. You can view my account at LinkedIn, registered under the name "Kien van Hovell" and read about it. Thanks to internet! I never went back to the States, but would like to take Pim to New York in due time. Looking forward to meet you again then. We could also plan a reunion in Europe for those of you who are living there. Please let me know if you are interested."

● **Jean-Marie Atamian** is a partner at Mayer Brown LLP. He "handles complex commercial litigation before state and federal trial and appellate courts. He has extensive securities fraud litigation experience, which has included representing corporations, financial services firms, accounting firms, and individuals in Rule 10b-5, control person, insider trading, stock manipulation, and R.I.C.O. actions (and class actions), as well as in arbitrations and grand jury investigations. His extensive banking litigation experience has included representation of U.S. and foreign banks in lender liability and fraud actions.....Education: Columbia University Law School, JD, 1984; Columbia College, BA summa cum laude, 1981; Phi Beta Kappa, Dean's List" (*Mayer Brown LLP, roweandmaw.co.uk*)

● "Catherine Munera, PhD, Biostatistics and Statistical Programming, Purdue Pharma L.P.: In her seven year career at Purdue, Catherine has progressed from individual contributor to head of biostatistics and statistical programming. Her ability to navigate complex statistical issues combined with her leadership skills and dedication to project work make her a pleasure to work with and a highly valued member of the R&D organization. The important role she plays in both product submissions and due diligence for in-licensing activities has earned her the respect of her peers." (*Healthcare Businesswomen's Association, hbanet.org*)

● **Claude Cernuschi** is Professor and Assistant Chair of Art History in the Fine Arts Dept. of Boston College. He wrote and told us that he recently published the following: *The Subversion of Gravity in Jackson Pollock's Abstractions* (with Andrzej Herczynski, Physics Department, Boston College) *The Art Bulletin*, 90 (December 2008):616-639, and: *Rouault and Expressionism in Stephen Schloesser (ed.) Mystic Masque: Semblance and Reality in Georges Rouault, 1871-1958* (Chestnut Hill: McMullen Museum, Boston College, 2008), pp. 215-228. He also gave the following guest lectures: Fall 2008: *Defining Self in Oskar Kokoschka's Self-Portraits* (German Studies Conference, St Paul, Minnesota) and: Spring 2008: *Pollockian Mechanics* (with Andrzej Herczynski), Dean's Colloquium, Boston College.

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

- **Natalie Yates Cacciato** and **Carla Rosen-Vacher** organized a [class-of-'78 reunion](#), in NYC in April 2008, and sent us a report and some photos.



- "**Richard Hertling** is Acting United States Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legislative Affairs. He reports to United States Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty. Born and raised in New York City, Hertling is a graduate of Brown University and The University of Chicago School of Law. He is also former Chief of Staff to Sen. Peter G. Fitzgerald (R-IL) and a longtime veteran of Capitol Hill." (*Wikipedia*).... "[Fred] Thompson's campaign team also added Richard Hertling, who recently left the Department of Justice as acting attorney general for legislative affairs. Hertling has a history with Thompson. During his tenure in the Senate, Hertling served as a press aide to Thompson." (*marcambinder.theatlantic.com*)
- **Lianne Coleman** wrote: "Hope you are well. So much to tell. I got a call from a woman trying to locate me on behalf of my old Lycee chum **Marina Kettaneh (Elser)**. Marina had been sending me Christmas cards for the past few years from Lebanon but somehow my emails never reached her. I had no clue how she ended up there married with three kids. We hadn't seen each other in about 14 years and Marina was coming to New York and wanted get together. A friend of Marina's arranged a lovely lunch at the Colony Club and we had

loads of fun catching up. I also got to meet Marina's handsome husband Tarek who so graciously took time from his very busy schedule to have coffee with us.

As for me I'm making my Off-Off Broadway debut at the Producer's Club in an original play called *Glimpses of a Modest Life*. I am playing the supporting role of Mama. Although I have a BA in Theater from Marymount Manhattan College, I never did anything with it and have decided it's now or never. I'd love to hear from some of my classmates. Where's my fellow actress **Sandra (Chantal) Mariani**? Happy 30th Anniversary to all....I forgot to mention that I made my real theatrical debut at the Lycee in a **Beck Lee** production. Chantal (Sandra) Mariani played my Mom and **Mireille Francois** played my twin. The family resemblance was always uncanny!"

- **Caroline Harcourt**, Special Counsel with Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP "represents large institutional investors in connection with complex commercial real estate financing transactions, with a special focus on the origination and disposition of construction loans, interim and permanent loans (including loans intended to be securitized) and mezzanine loans. Her experience covers a broad range of property types, including office buildings, hotels, residential condominium projects and shopping centers.....Ms. Harcourt joined the firm in 2005. Previously, she was a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop LLP. Ms. Harcourt received her B.A., cum laude, from Princeton University and her J.D. from Columbia University. She is the former President of WX, New York Women Executives in Real Estate, and the former Vice Chair of the Real Property Committee of the International Bar Association. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York." (*cadwalader.com*)

- **Anne Zeifman** is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (Cornell, 1986) and an Associate Veterinarian at the Mid Island Animal Hospital.

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- **Riccardo Guariglia** informed us that he written a book --*Correspondencia Real, Rio de Janeiro-Napoli (1844)* "that was recently published by 'Thesaurus Editora' of Brasilia (bilingual edition, in Italian and Portuguese)."

- **Greg Dale** wrote: "Our daughter, Maya, has just turned two, and is the center of our lives. She's just starting to put sentences together, and even though she understands both English and Japanese, her little phrases are decidedly leaning towards the latter. The only French I can manage to pass on is when I sing "*Frere Jacques*" to her. We have taken her to Paris, though, and plan to visit often, so maybe she'll pick it up by osmosis.

Work-wise things are going great. I just directed an original Japanese play at a famous, 1600-seat theater in Nagoya, and had the honor of being the first foreign director ever in its 110-year history. Happily, the play was a big success. In June, I'll be starring in my first major role here at the New National Theater, the equivalent of Broadway. Most of my lines are in Japanese and English, with a smattering of German. I hate to admit it, but my polyglot experience at the Lycée really has come in handy.

I've also finally landed a literary agent, of sorts, in Hollywood, and hopefully he'll be able to sell my handful of

screenplays. In the meantime, anyone out there who knows Nicole Kidman's dog-walker or Nathan Lane's masseuse and can get my script to them, your help is greatly appreciated.

Just want to let **Alain Benzaken ('78)** know that I'd love to hear from him. I tried to send several emails to him and they all bounced back."

- **Brigitte (Puillandre) Quesnel** nous écrit: "Je vis à Rueil Malmaison dans la région parisienne depuis le mois de Septembre. J'ai déménagé à de nombreuses reprises suite aux différentes mutations de mon mari. Je suis mariée depuis 27 ans avec Lucien qui est cadre dans une société d'auteurs. Nous avons deux filles: Victoria, 22ans, étudiante en art dramatique à Lille et Elisabeth, 18 ans, qui est en hypokhâgne au lycée Montaigne à Bordeaux. Après l'université, j'ai enseigné l'anglais quelques années mais j'ai arrêté à la naissance de mes filles et je l'ai jamais regretté. Je serai ravie de retrouver d'anciens camarades, peut-être à l'occasion du 30ème anniversaire de notre promo."

- **Carla (Rosen) Vacher** wrote: "This past summer, we finally moved into the first renovated part of our landmark farmhouse in the Moselle region of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, so will be happily celebrating Christmas at home! (unfortunately guest quarters are not up and running until sometime next year, as those who have survived such projects will well understand.) On the volunteer front, in addition to my work as elected secretary of the Harvard Club of Luxembourg and coordinator for the newly-launched Wharton Club, I became involved in local civic action as part of a planning committee for our village."

- Rabbi **Jonathan Feldman** is Associate Director of Manhattan Jewish Experience. "A native New Yorker, Jonathan attended Cornell University and completed his Ph.D. in Philosophy at New York University. He received rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University. He enjoys exploring Central Park and its zoo with his wife Shifra and four young children..... Jonathan is known for his open smile, warm manner and readiness to answer any and all of your questions." (jewishexperience.org)

- [Claude Cernuschi](#) is Professor and Assistant Chair, Art History, at Boston College, Fine Arts Department. He is the author of these books: *"Not an Illustration, but the Equivalent": A Cognitive Approach to Abstract Expressionism* (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 1997), *Jackson Pollock: Meaning and Significance* (Harper Collins, 1992), and *Jackson Pollock: "Psychoanalytic" Drawings* (Duke University Press, 1992). For more news on Claude, [click here](#).

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- [Click here](#) for news of **Eric Jacobsen** .

- **Annabelle Cone** wrote: "I got together with old lycée chums who were passing through New England just a few days apart from each other. First a photo of **Carla Rosen-Vacher ('78)** and me standing in front of Boston

Harbor, June 5th, 2007, when we met up in Boston for the day. We visited the brand new ICA which is an architectural wonder. Two days prior to that, I had gone to the Emma Willard School in Troy, NY, to catch up with **Stephanie Carson-Parker ('78)** whose daughter Maxime had just completed a post-graduate year there. Also pictured is Stephanie's husband Bruno. Carla was in town for her Harvard (25th) reunion, Stephanie and Bruno were attending their daughter's graduation before driving to Montreal where she will be attending Concordia University."

● **Carla Rosen-Vacher** wrote: "**Annabelle Cone** and I managed another successful meet-up in Boston on June 5th (see picture taken at Institute of Contemporary Art on the beautiful waterfront). I was in town for my 25th Harvard College reunion, a fantastic experience, partly thanks to guest speakers President Bill Clinton and Bill Gates - who joked about finally returning for a degree! (honorary doctorates of law). On the work front, I continue to enjoy being at the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg as Commercial and Economic Specialist, foreign service national staff, with the State Department. Dominique survived the ArcelorMittal merger and is thriving as head of capital investment purchasing worldwide - despite a brutal travel schedule. I am holding down the fort at home and looking forward to our move into the newly-renovated part of our farmhouse in July - won't be able to host guests overnight until next year when phase 2 is completed, but at least I can make dinner! Best to all. Carla"

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

● In our newsletter #20 (December, 2003) we reported that **Stéphane Dehais '85** informed us that his brother **Philippe Dehais ('78)** passed away on May 5, 1990 in London, England. One of Philippe's classmates --**Frankie Mondjo-Leger ('78)**-- wanted to share her remembrance of Philippe as well, which is published in the *In Memoriam* section of this newsletter.(Click on **link** below.)

● News of [Tania Rostain](#)

● **Natalie Yates Cacciato's** son Alexander (3 years old) is now enrolled at the Lycee in "la Petite Section" (Nursery)."

● **Alexander Sasha Bardey M.D.** is a Clinical Instructor in the NYU Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry.

● "**Alain Benzaken** is Vice President of Technology for TheLadders.com.....Prior to TheLadders.com, Benzaken was CTO at Ground Travel Technology Team, Inc..... From 1998 to 2002, Benzaken was an executive at Priceline.com, serving as Vice President, Development of International Systems, where he launched e-commerce travel products in Europe and Asia.....Benzaken has an M.S. in physics from Yale University and a B.A. in physics from Columbia College. He is fluent in French and English." (*TheLadders.com*)

● **Riccardo Guariglia** wrote: "Life in Brazil, for me and my family, goes on greatly! I've been living in Brasilia for two years now, and I still consider my experience here rewarding and fascinating. Work in the Embassy of Italy is extremely interesting, especially in this period of important political elections. Private life, also, could not be better. We keep traveling around, discovering fantastic places: the last was Fernando de Noronha island, 700 miles away from the coast of Brazil, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. A real paradise (it is called call the "Galapagos of the Atlantic"), which is really worth visiting . Cheers to all, Riccardo."

● **Carla (Rosen) Vacher** shared this with us: "Continue to enjoy managing commercial relations and advocacy for American companies at the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg. We are looking forward to myriad activities as the "European Capital of Culture" for 2007. On the volunteer front, I am helping to launch the Wharton alumni club here and continue to serve on the board of trustees of the Pittsburgh Film Office from a distance. Will be happy to be "home" in NYC for the Christmas and New Year's holidays this year and see the Lycee friends who are around. Best to everyone."

● **Charles Gibrain** just started up a new company, and he wrote: "Bionexx is a company.....involved in the cultivation and extraction of Artemisia Annu, a Chinese plant. The objective is to produce ACTs to combat malaria. I still reside in Madagascar with my family."

● **Nicole (Girod) Owens** wrote: "It has been ages since I received an Alumini magazine (probably because I couldn't afford dues) but I was happy and sad to receive the most recent one. I was happy because it gave me news of classmates with whom I've lost touch. Over the years, I wish that I had stayed in contact with some of you but life took me in a totally different direction. I was very sad to hear the news of Frederic Kapner's death. I still remember him with such fondness; it makes me smile because I remember him always with a smile on his face.

It has been decades since I last stepped foot in NYC. I've been wanting to return for a visit but circumstances have not allowed me. After I graduated from Rutgers, I served over 12 years in the Air Force. It was a very rewarding experience and although I had mixed feelings about leaving, I knew I chose the right path. I met my husband, Tom, in the Air Force, married him almost a year to the day after we met and I left the Air Force at the end of my maternity leave after having our first child (Michelle who is now 11 years old).

We were soon tranferred to Tinker AFB, Oklahoma...the same year the movie "Twister" was released. Needless to say we had a certain image of Oklahoma. We would have never thought that this state would become our home. Tom and I added two boys to the mix, Tommy (9 1/2 yrs old) and Jack (8). I homeschool all three of my children, so I am pretty busy. In addition, I work as a part-time Sales Rep for K12, Inc., a top-notch curriculum company.

Tom has been out of the service for six years and works as an AWACS simulator instructor pilot for L-3 Communications.

Our daughter Michelle is a musical theatre pro and, if I make it back to New York one day, it will probably be because she is performing on Broadway. I am unbashedly proud of this little dynamo and have no clue where

she got her talent.

Tom and the boys love sports and I enjoy tagging along to basketball games, baseball games, golf, etc. We live on six acres although we are within city limits. It is so enjoyable out here. My parents have been living in Fort Walton Beach, FL for the past 20 years (I was assigned there for 5 years) but with my dad starting to suffer some of old age's problems, we are looking at building an addition to our house for them. Please wish us luck as we progress through this.

I hope to hear from some of my classmates now that I have resurfaced. Although I disappeared, you have been in my heart always."

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

● *Avis de Décès*: [Frederic Kapner](#)

● **Liane Coleman** sent us this news about **Marie-Jeanne Gouamba**: "I'm actually writing on behalf of one of my classmates. I was just given a copy of a novel called *Mawa Femme de Las-Bas* written by Jeanne Gouamba, a love story. We knew her as Marie Jeanne Gouamba class of 1978. This is her first literary effort and she would love to have it sold here in the US and eventually translated into English."

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

● **Annabelle Cone** wrote: "I have been teaching at Dartmouth College for ten years as a senior lecturer. This spring I am teaching a French class along with a LFNY class of '04 named **Corinne Wyeth** who is my drill instructor (teaching assistant). I'm sending along a photo of the two of us taken in a classroom in Dartmouth Hall.

As for news about me in general. Where to begin? Well, let's see, three years in New York City after college were spent renovating a house in Park Slope, teaching at a private school, and working in film and video. Then I moved to New Hampshire and also went to Brown for my PhD in French Literature, soon followed by child number 1 (Rosalie) and child number 2 (Clara). I am busy with teaching and children, and enjoying all of the above.

I stay in touch with **Stephanie Carson-Parker** and **Carla Rosen** who are both on the other side of the Atlantic in French speaking countries with French husbands! I guess the only way for me to keep up my French was to teach it. Anyone needing "un bol d'air" can come and visit me in Cornish, NH. My email address is *[available upon request]*."

● **Lianne Coleman** wrote this touching message: "I ran into the Haitian lady Rosie (I think that's her name) who worked at the Lycee in the lunchroom for the 'lunch chaud'. She used to live near me and comes around every now and then. I can't believe we still recognized each other after all of these years, especially since I didn't even eat the hot lunch. She looks the same too. She was nostalgic about the good ole days when M.

Galy was around."

- From **Riccardo Guariglia**: "Dear friends of the LFNY, it is really amazing to read news from all of you in the "class notes" columns! Congratulations for the patience and dedication of those of you who work on this beautiful site. Here are a few updated elements on me and my family's life: we now live here in Brasilia for six months. It is an extremely interesting experience for all of us. The life is very pleasant, local people are really friendly, and -as compared to other cities in Brazil - everything looks very quiet! When we have time, we travel around: there are so many beautiful things to see, especially related to nature, which is unspoiled. Recently, we spent a few days on a fantastic beach, between Salvador (what an exciting town!) and Ilheus: real paradise! Our children (Raffaele, 15; Nicola, almost 14; and Maria Benedetta, 12) are having great time, also at the "Lycée Français de Brasilia", and we are all charmed by the warmth of this country! My work, as deputy head of the Italian Embassy, is also very rewarding and challenging! Hope to meet or get in touch with some "camarades" of 1978; cheers to all!"

- **Roshanara (Akhund) Robin** wrote: "I just found out about this web site through my good friend **Monique Pujol**, the only Lycée class mate I have kept in touch with. What a voyage down memory lane. Nostalgia, nostalgia ! My news : I have been living in France for the last 16 years. After quite a bit of professional exploration, from Unicef reports office, to film production manager, to personal assistant to a Cuban/American business man I started my own textile business, working mostly with artisans in Pakistan. It's hard work, very competitive but I love it. I am very happily married to Tibo (2nd hubby) and have two fantastic children, Teymour (15) and Soraya (3). We just bought a home in Versailles and I would love to organize a class reunion one of these days!" ([Roshanara's website](#))

- **Suzanne Bettina (Gleckman) Gleason** wrote: "I'm a freelance writer living in "Nolita" (forgive the expression) with my son (Joe, 7) and daughter (Bettina, 8), my boyfriend, and 3 cats. I left my job as beauty/health editor at Harper's Bazaar when my daughter was born, and now I write about beauty, health, fitness, and various quirky personal essays for magazines like Self, Glamour, Elle and am currently writing a book with a psychologist. I'm currently working on a special feature about a dominatrix (!) and will be a subject in a photo book called Black & White. "

I'm still in touch with **Livia Corredor**, my first best friend at the Lycee -- I was being punished for some minor crime in 12e and sitting outside the class with the surveillant when Livia and her mother walked in. She was the "new kid in the class" and --because her hair was even longer than mine -- I knew we'd be friends for life. I was right! I also occasionally talk to **Kriti Siderakis** and owe **Natalie Yates** a much overdue phone call. I was also extremely close to **Nicolas Reynard**, who died a few months ago in a plane crash in the Rio Negro in the Amazon. We'd just spoken a few days earlier and he was due to talk to my daughter's class at UNIS about the Amazon a few weeks later. I've since been in touch with my classmate **Eric Jacobsen**, who was also a good friend of his."

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

● **Charles Giblain** wrote: "Since my last update, major changes. After 8 years in Executive Search, I decided to switch fields and moved to Madagascar. We have been there for the last 2 years. I currently run a textile company (cotton growing, spinning, weaving, finishing...) based in Antsirabé. I employ over one thousand peopleand trying to compete against the Chinese!! If you drop by in the region please give me a buzz."

● **Carla (Rosen) Vacher** wrote: "As of April 2004, I assumed the position of Commercial Specialist with the Department of Commerce at the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg. I have enjoyed working directly with the Ambassador on supporting U.S. business interests in Luxembourg, increasing U.S. exports and also assisting Luxembourg companies do business in the U.S. On the home front, the renovation of our farmhouse is progressing well - we're taking the positive approach to the long timeline, since the quality is excellent! Hope to see Lycee friends soon. I've been fortunate to keep up with Annabelle Cone, Natalie Yates and Dominique Richard, whom I saw last summer on the Riviera! Will be happy to host guests as soon as the house is done (2006??) All the best to everyone."

● **Riccardo Guariglia** shared this with us: "Dear 'camarades', recently I have given to Class Notes a brief summary of my life, since I left the Lycée Français, in 1975. I now have to update my personal information, as I have just moved from Bruxelles to Brasilia, where I am now the Deputy Head of Mission of the Italian Embassy in Brazil. It happened that I didn't know almost at all Brazil, when I arrived here last month: it is a fantastic country (rather a continent!), and Brasilia is an amazing and incredible city to live in! The family is OK, and the three children are attending the "Lycée Français de Brasilia", respectively in 3ème, 4ème, and 6ème (all classes which I have attended in New York, from 1971 to 1975!). I look forward to hear from all of You! Cheers from Brazil, Riccardo."

● From **Greg Dale**: "Where to start? After graduating from Princeton in 1981, I spent the next ten years acting and directing in NYC, then moved to Tokyo where I've been for the last thirteen years. I'm acting and directing here, too, in Broadway level plays with Japanese theater companies. I'm also doing lots of commercial narrations in English and French (something I owe to my eight years at the Lycee). Three years ago, I married Yayoi Miyamoto and am living in bliss in our new home. No kids yet."

● **Fred Kapner** reports he has moved from Milan to London to edit European political and general news pages at FT. (*Note: Fred passed away in 2006*)

● **Lianne Coleman** sent us this amusing news about the Lycee: "I don't know if you are aware of this but I was at the Bronx Botanical Gardens the other day and they have the Holiday Train Show until Jan 9, 2004 which depicts replicas of historic landmark buildings in miniatures made out of leaves, branches, mushrooms etc. There in front of me was a replica of the Lycee Francais on 72nd Street. I nearly fainted dead away. I hope everyone has a chance to see it. It was really cool."

● **Geoffrey Knauth** wrote: "My wife Robin just completed her Th.D. at Harvard and teaches at Lycoming College. We have two sons, Alexander (7) and William (5)."

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● **Births/Naissances:**

[Barbara Weindling](#) '78 gave birth on July 1, 2003 to a baby boy, Gavin Randolph Cohen.

Our council's own [Natalie Yates Cacciato](#) '78 wrote: "After years of rubbing noses, my husband and I are delighted to announce the birth of our son, Alexander, on September 9, 2003, four days before our 17th wedding anniversary!"

● **In Memoriam:** Stéphane Dehais '85 informed us that his brother [Philippe Dehais](#) '78 passed away peacefully May 5, 1990 in London, England.

● **Livia Corredor Duffee** writes: “I have recently retired from a big law firm and am attempting to have a solo practice based on real estate law. This allows me to spend more time with my husband, David Duffee, and three children: Alexandra (13 years), Helena (11 years) and Nicholas (5 years).”

● **Annabelle Cone** shares this with us: “I am married, have two children, Rosalie (12) and Clara (9). I’ve been teaching at Dartmouth full-time since 1995, and received my PhD from Brown University in 1993. Life in Cornish is generally peaceful. It’s a nice place to visit if anyone is in the area!”

● **Riccard Guariglia** writes: “Dear old "camarades" of the Lycée Français: I have learned of the Alumni Association from the son of a friend, and immediately connected with the beautiful web site. It has been so nice to read and get news from a few of you - old "camarades" of the Lycée in the years 1971-75 (from 6ème to 3ème), period in which I had the luck to be a pupil of the Lycée.

Here, in a nut-shell, my personal history since then. From 1975 to 79 I have lived in Warsaw (I got my BAC in West Berlin, since I was following school courses by mail from Poland). After that, the family moved back to Rome; I graduated in Economics in Rome University in 1983, and at the beginning of 1985 I joined the Italian Diplomatic Service. I served in Rome from 1985 to 1989, and then moved to Cairo, Egypt, where I stayed until early 1992. After, I was appointed Consul of Italy in Bruxelles, until 1996. Back in Rome again, I have been dealing for four years with Balkan affairs (Albania, Kosovo....). Since 2000 I have again been posted in Bruxelles, as First Counsellor in the Italian Delegation to NATO. I will stay here until next summer, and then, who knows....I got married with Nelly in 1989 (just before our assignment in Egypt), and have three children, Raffaele (13), Nicola (12), and Maria Benedetta (10), all of them attending the Lycée Français of Bruxelles. I would like very much to have more news about old friends of New York, and hopefully also meet one day some of them.Don't hesitate to contact me! Best regards to all of you!”

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● **Daniel La Mothe Jost**, MD writes: “It is a pleasure to find this Association. I have spent a good moment reading and scanning the content. I will let Charles Gibrain '78 and Jean-Paul Pietro Castro '79 know about this site. There are many other alumni in NY but I have lost touch. The promotion of '78 was quietly dispersed after the BAC. I was left back a year and a lot of old friends went off in '77. I was not surprised to note the failed relationship between the Lycée and the Alumni Association. From 5ème to Terminale the powers-that-be never seemed to care much. The only people who matter are our friends, and some exceptional teachers who I remember and continue to love deeply. In my time the administration was a mere annoyance. I look forward to a new Lycée for the new century. The challenges are going to be great. That the Lycée will be present for our children excites me. I have married and my daughter Chloe is 3. I live in the Midwest, practice medicine, raise horses, and have lasting memories of the Lycée. You have all done a superb job with this site. If anyone knows where Tarik Rahal '77 is, please let me know. Please feel free to contact me.”

● **Carla (Rosen) Vacher** writes: “After graduate school, I moved to Duesseldorf, Germany to work in consumer product marketing for Henkel for almost two years and then was transferred to Henkel France in Paris as part of the executive rotation program. I stayed on for five years and was promoted up to group product manager for laundry detergent and loved it. Subsequently I was asked to apply for the position of Protocol Officer as part of the State Department in the U.S. Embassy in Paris and was hired by the late Ambassador Pamela Harriman for whom I worked for two years in the Residence. I became close to the Ambassador and miss her very much, as well as the tremendous experiences I was privileged to have. After staying on for Ambassador Felix Rohatyn, I left my position to get married and moved into my husband's home in

the suburb of St-Remy-les-Chevreuse near Versailles. We moved within a year to Pittsburgh for his promotion to CEO of the U.S. subsidiary of his engineering firm. I continue to volunteer in Democratic politics, after having served as elected officer for Democrats Abroad in Paris for six years and also delegate for President Clinton in Chicago in 1996, the highlight of my political involvement. Professionally I found a new career in fundraising for non-profit organizations, including social service agencies and cultural institutions and am a Trustee of the Pittsburgh Film Office and member of the Alumni Board of the Lycée.” [Since emailing us this information, Carla sent us the following update announcing her return to Europe:] “After four years back in the United States (Pittsburgh, PA), I am returning to Europe, specifically Luxembourg, for my husband's new position as Vice President for Industrial Investments for Arcelor, the multinational steel conglomerate. It is rewarding to settle into such a diverse and thriving international community where I can put my French and German to good use again. I hope to return to the public sector there eventually, after enjoying my time at the U.S. Embassy in Paris so much, once work on our landmark farmhouse is completed. While it will be painful to be away from dear friends in the U.S., I am happy to retain active ties as a trustee of the Pittsburgh Film Office, class of 1982 chair of the John Harvard Society Council for Harvard College and long-standing volunteer in political campaigns.”

● **Dr. Ann (Kraus) Hansen** is the primary veterinarian at Pacific Equine. She graduated from Tufts veterinary school in 1985, and completed an equine internship and surgical residency at Tufts. Dr. Kraus-Hansen worked at the Animal Health Trust, a lameness and orthopedic specialty practice in Newmarket, England, and subsequently took a position as a Research Fellow at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine. She was a faculty surgeon and Chief of Service at Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine, prior to moving to the Pacific Northwest and establishing a private practice. She has authored a number of professional articles, and has lectured nationally and internationally on lameness and physical therapy topics.

● At the time of the Alumni Association's Soirée at the Avignon-New York Film Festival in April (brainchild of our own classmate and master promoter Beck Lee), Natalie Yates Cacciato received several bits of news and commentary:

From **Alain Benzaken**: "Great job with the web site once again. The News stories were great, especially that fighter pilot over NYC. It's always fun to read that newsletter, there are tidbits everywhere... I wish I had a 13 year-old daughter to send over to Stephanie's, sounds like a great thing to do. Hell, I would go, I still have a crush on her from 9eme! Anyhow, I just reserved for the Film Festival, I'll see you there next week. I've been very busy with my new job and I haven't had time for anything else... »

And from **Daniel Lamothe Jost**: « I wish I could be there, but I have to stay with my patients. I do hope to join a meeting soon. And I too, had a crush on Stephanie. Is anyone out here in Missouri?»

Annabelle Cone reported: « I am still at Dartmouth, still living in Cornish N.H. Still have two daughters. Different husband though. He is Dutch, his name is Remko and he now works at NOAA in Maryland, which shortens the commute quite a bit (the KLM flight from Boston to Amsterdam was getting a little tiring not to mention costly). Now we are regulars on Southwest Airlines, Baltimore to Manchester. I have seen a great deal of Stephanie Carson-Parker in the many years that separate us from graduation so long ago. Her daughters and my daughters get along well together, I just wish they could see each other more often. I also see Carla Rosen from time to time. Have her penned in for June! » **Carla** wrote : « So sorry to miss Beck's event!!! Our first hearthrob!!! Please say hi and congrats from me.»

● **JP Clejan** shared this bit of news and an appeal « [I'm] single now and happily living in Long Island (where I will stay to be near my children). Fortunately, I'm only 1/2 hour from Manhattan, so I can be in town at will (I also have customers and business events there). I am doing the singles scene (the modern way using networking and match.com), and both getting used to dating again, and adjusting to the way things have changed since I was last single. I see my sons a great deal, and have done a ton of skiing this winter with them... FYI - my ex-wife has the house in Manhasset, where the kids live; I'm sharing an estate in Sands Point (Port Washington) with a Senior Citizen who lost their shirt in the tech stocks and needs a boarder to pay her property taxes - her house is incredible. I still have the ski house at Stratton, which I run as a share house in the winter and a rental property the rest of the season. » JP is especially interested in meeting Cancer, Aries, Sagittarius or Pisces women looking for a long-term relationship, and will furnish his match.com ad to classmates interested in fixing them up.

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

● **Charles Giblain** writes: "After graduating in '81 from Columbia, I spent 5 years in the Persian Gulf for Schlumberger. I took a break and did my MBA at Wharton where I in fact met my future wife. Joined a strategic consulting firm Mars & Co based in Greenwich (6 years). I then changed fields about eight years ago and became a partner of an Executive Search firm, Eric Salmon & Partners (a small boutique firm...we have grown since and are present in five countries Paris, Milan, Frankfurt, London and New York). On a more personal note I have been married for the last ten years and we have two children -a girl named India who is six years old and a boy, Cyrus who was born in November."

● **Stephanie Carson-Parker** is looking for a possible summer exchange for her 13-year old daughter and a friend.

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

● **Jean-Christophe Turot** est Docteur en médecine et travaille à Joué-lès-Tours en France. Il nous écrit: "J'ai eu connaissance de votre association et de votre site grâce à Marie (Fontanet) Gousseland '78 qui m'a retrouvé en Touraine 25 ans après mon départ de NY. C'est avec plaisir et émotion que je redécouvre des noms familiers faisant surgir des souvenirs et des visages que je croyais enfouis à jamais dans ma mémoire. Bravo pour votre dynamisme et continuez!"

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

● **Jean Pierre Clejan** is living in Manhasset, Long Island with his wife and two children, Andre (5) and Thomas (3). He is a Technical Sales Consultant with Sandata, a computer systems integrator and ASP out of Port Washington, New York. JP is in contact with Marc Stowe and Natalie Yates, and really enjoyed the get-together that Natalie coordinated last year for the class of 1978. He and his wife are avid skiers, sailors and windsurfers.

● **Bruno Villa** is currently managing Internet and marketing companies. In 1999, he sailed with one other companion around the world: divorced, no kids; he is learning to fly in Reims where he is most of the time.

● **Natalie Yates Cacciato** writes: «Since the last Class Notes, I've been busy with several Lycée-related initiatives. This past March I participated in the Class of 78/79 mini-reunion in Paris. Many thanks to Stephanie, Annyvonne and Lilian for planning the details and pulling it off... As a result of the terrific College Panel that the LFNY Alumni Association sponsored in January with the College Counseling office, I helped a Terminale student with his college application essays. It was a very interesting process and he, his family and the College Counselor seemed to value my contribution far more than I, which is, of course, very satisfying... At Blue Iceberg, we continue to sponsor a Lycée alum as a paid student intern at our website development firm. Our management team continues to be impressed with the kind of focus and quality education that Lycée students receive-- dispelling the rumors one hears on the street about the School being in crisis. In June the Class of '78 was well-presented at the Alumni Cocktail, even though it wasn't a reunion year for us. Many thanks to Beck Lee '78. I encourage classmates who have the interest to volunteer and get involved.» Natalie also serves as a member of your Alumni Council and a Vice President of the Alumni Association of the LFNY, Inc.

● **Marie-Christine (Fontanet) Gousseland** writes from New York's Upper West Side,: «My brother and his wife are moving back to NY for 2 years...His oldest daughter will be going to the Lycee in the fall. The younger one could not be taken because they were full. ...Almost made it to the June meeting. I will definitely try to make the next

cocktail.. So who showed up? Was pleased to read Alain Benzaken is doing well and gave a talk. Any news about Livia? I am trying to find /trace some old classmates.... They are Giovanni de Luca, Claude Cernuschi and Jean Christophe Turot.....I tried to send Claire Delannoy an email but got "rejected".I was thinking of Barbara Weindling a while back. I remembered a weekend when she had invited me over for a sleep over or something and their housekeeper had made fried chicken and that was an usual treat for me!»

- **Nicole (Girod) Owens** wrote in response to the Alumni Cocktail invitation: «Would love to come, alas, my husband will be out of town for 4 months during that period and I have no one who can take care of the children here in Oklahoma. Best wishes to all. Peace and Blessings, Nicole.»

- **Régine Benjamin** sent her regrets from Paris to Natalie about the Alumni Cocktail in New York: “It's been a long time...I hope you are well. I'm glad to see that you are getting a good response from classmates. You and Beck and others are doing a great job. Congratulations! I'm sorry I won't be in New York for the get together that has been organized. I would have loved to participate. I'm sure it'll be lots of fun. I hope you all take pictures! Thanks for keeping me posted. Nice seeing all these names pop up! Good hearing you're all getting back together for a little "reunion" d'anciens élèves.”

- **J.P. Brandt** wrote shortly after he arrived in New York: “I just got back in town. I'm sorry I keep missing all the reunions (in Paris as in NYC)... I'm never in the right town at the right moment.” Like several classmates, J.P. seems to commute back and forth between New York and Paris with his latest (3-month-old Julia) in tow.

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- **Stephanie Carson-Parker** sent her regrets for the New York reunion last August, so now she and Annyvonne Jeanmaire '79 are spearheading a Reunion of '78/'79 in Paris on Sunday, March 25. Stephanie had sent the following message: "I've been living in Paris since forever, married a goodlooking Frenchman named Bruno and we have three beautiful daughters Maxime 11, Camille 8 and Gabrielle 4. Worked in advertising for a few years, then moved on to public relations and more recently joined the French bank Société Générale to manage its relations with the media. I miss the States, NY and the Lycée increasingly more as I get older (growing pains ?); hope to make it back some day."

- AALFNY Council member **Natalie Yates Cacciato** writes: "Since our Class of '78 reunion in New York in August, I'm happy to report that Richard (my husband and partner) and I have moved our web development firm Blue Iceberg to an office in the Garment District. The area between Penn Station and Times Square is very colorful and full of energy, but everything is relative. I occasionally run into Natalie Hatgis who just escaped the Garment District to open her new handbag and accessories store in the Meat Packing District! I attended Alain Benzaken's "Bridge to Business" presentation at the Lycée about his work at Priceline.com-- very interesting. I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make to our Mini-Reunion in Paris on March 25. The Association can always use your ideas as well as financial support to keep the lines of communication open. Thanks!" Natalie also reports news from **Fred Kapner**. [Note: *Fred is deceased, January 2006*] "I saw Fred in Milan in February. He recently moved back to Milan from London to become the Milan Correspondent for The Financial Times. He and his Italian wife had just moved to London to help improve their daughters' English, so when he's not on deadline, or looking into Italian schools for the girls again, he's doing the weekend commute until the end of the school year. Fred described for me his peripatetic life after the Lycée, opening the Paris office of Bloomberg, working for Business Week, and discovering that there are other countries in Europe besides France!"

- **Beck Lee** reports that he saw Pia de Brantes at the restaurant Chez Josephine when she breezed in from Paris, where she has own PR firm.

- In January **Stephanie Carson-Parker** and **Annabelle Cone** (who was living in Lyon with her daughters for 3 months) spent some time in Paris together and "poured over

my old photo albums full of pictures of many of you (many from K's Kasriel ski camp)." Annabelle is a senior lecturer at Dartmouth College. PhD in French from Brown in 1993, 2 children. " I live in Cornish , N.H. pop. 2000, which is a luxury considering the girls' public school classes are very small and very family supported. Overall, life is good, well-balanced, especially since I get dropped into high density pop. situations fairly frequently, which reminds me how nice it is to return to the rural way of life, even if I have to drive (to buy) milk rather than take the elevator down and cross the street!"

● **Claire Delannoy Leconte** nous écrit: "Je ne serai pas à Paris le 25 mars, dommage, j'aimerais tellement deviner qui est qui et voir resurgir des souvenirs! J'arriverai à Paris en Mai, pour soutenir le moral de ma grande fille qui passe son bac. Si certains souhaitent venir me voir, je serai basé en région parisienne, plus exactement à Croissy sur Seine, joli coinSinon c'est à Phnom Penh que je vous propose de venir! A bientôt."

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● **Kriti Siderakis** practices architecture at SOM in NYC, after doing so in France where she met and married Joel Rutten, a fellow architect, while they were working together on the much acclaimed European library at Nîmes, the Norman Foster project opposite the Maison Carrée.

● **Natalie Hatgis** designs and makes high-fashion handbags and accessories under the label Violette Nozieres.

● **Eugene Kliot** creates specialty sports bags using his own patented design.

● **Alain Benzaken** is a technology guru at priceline.com.

● **Beck Lee** has his own PR firm, and works with some very interesting enterprises (the play "The Countess"; the Avignon Film Festival, and the restaurant Chez Josephine, to name a few.) Beck was mentioned in the NY Times recently, in terms of how "The Countess" is the only event in NY that has made mention of the (real) millenium by discounting its price 2001 cents.

● **Monique Pujol** has her own special events and catering business.

● **Caroline Harcourt** is a partner at Simpson Thatcher, specializing in real estate development law.

● **Annella White Dignes** formerly ran specialty cruises and now runs a household with 3 children and 2 dogs. She is also building a family business in France along with her husband.

● **Anna Migliuolo** owns a children's bookstore in Torino, Italy, and visited the States this August to see her nieces, nephews, mother, brothers, Lycée friends, etc.

● **Barbara Weindling** worked in her family's diamond jewelry business, managing all of their production facilities in exotic--- "hard to travel to"-- places around the world until it was sold a couple of years ago; she's now breaking into the e-commerce world.

● **Natalie Yates Cacciato** has left the family-owned office furniture design and manufacturing business, which she ran with her husband Richard; they now have a strategic website development firm called Blue Iceberg.

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- **Alain Benzaken** says hello from Stamford CT.
- **Annyvonne Messing** emailed us from Houilles, France where she is currently Financial and Administrative Director at Euredit S.A