



## 1986 Class Notes Archives

----- From December 2014 AALFNY Newsletter -----



● **Alessandra Gagliardi** wrote that she "is a Founder and Board member of The NY Arts & Sciences Salon, a monthly dinner series whose mission is to bring artists and scientists together for their mutual enrichment. She is also one of the founding members of the Research Foundation to Cure AIDS (RF2CA), a non-profit international alliance of researchers, clinicians, artists, fundraisers, activists and others committed to the cause of finding a cure for AIDS and distributing it to people in third-world countries. A freelance consultant for non-profits and small business, she runs a curated event listing site called Scoop du Jour: <http://Scoopdujournc.blogspot.com>. Many events are attended by her alumni friends."



TOP: Zoe Reverdin ('86);  
BOTTOM: Carla Hilber del Pozzo ('86)

● **Anne Bax** told us that she has "has settled with her husband, Guillermo Trejo, and her two children, Natalia and Julian (both 13 years old), in South Bend, IN. She is working at the University of Notre Dame, building the administration and finance of a brand new school, the Keough School of Global Affairs. When she comes home at night, she loves to hear her children say that French is their favorite subject (they were raised in Spanish and English), even if they do not agree that the music of the 80's is the best!"

● **Zoe Reverdin**: « Zoé étudie la danse à New-York puis à Genève auprès du Ballet Junior Béatriz Consuelo et enfin à la North Carolina School of the Art aux USA. Elle danse au Grand-Théâtre de Genève pour la Cie Philippe Saire, la Cie Laura Tanner et la Cie Tane Souter. Elle travaille à New-York avec le chorégraphe Merce Cunningham et successivement pour le metteur en scène Robert Wilson. En 1990, Zoé se lance dans la chorégraphie et crée la Cie Cliché, rebaptisée par la suite Cie Deep'n'Dance. Elle travaille aussi en tant que chorégraphe et assistante à la mise en scène pour divers opéras au Grand Théâtre de Genève et en Italie. Elle enseigne depuis 2002 la méthode Swissbody Pilates. » (<http://www.studiodesbains.ch/V1/>)

● **Alexandra de Grèce** « est la fille aînée du prince Michel de Grèce et de la princesse Marina, née Karella.....Alexandra a vu le jour le 15 octobre 1968 à Athènes. Elle a grandi entre la Grèce et la France,



TOP: Alexandra de Grèce ('86);  
BOTTOM: Claude Arpels ('86)



TOP: Geoffrey Lasry ('86);  
MIDDLE: Halimata Traoré-  
Hanne ('86); BOTTOM:  
Patrice Robinet ('86)

passant ses étés sur l'île de Patmos puisque son père l'écrivain Michel de Grèce avait renoncé à ses droits au trône lors de son mariage, l'interdiction du territoire grec ne s'appliquait pas à lui-même et sa famille à l'inverse du reste de la famille royale grecque. Alexandra est très liée à la France, étant du côté paternel la petite-fille de la princesse François, sœur du défunt comte de Paris. [Elle] a suivi des études en pédagogie au Bank Street Collège de New York et complété sa formation par un BA à l'Université de Brown.

Elle a épousé Nicolas Mirzayantz, vice-président du développement commercial international de Flavors & Fragrance lors d'une très belle cérémonie religieuse sur l'île de Torcello à Venise.....Le couple a eu deux fils : Tigran né en 2000 et Darius né en 2002. La princesse Alexandra et sa famille résident à New York..... Même si elle se consacre tout particulièrement à ses deux fils, [elle] déploie aussi toute son énergie au sein de l'association « Room the Grow » dont elle est membre fondatrice et qui vient en aide aux enfants déshérités au cours des 3 premières années de leur développement..... »

[\(http://www.noblesseetroyautes.com/2009/01/portrait-alexandra-de-grece/\)](http://www.noblesseetroyautes.com/2009/01/portrait-alexandra-de-grece/)

● **Carla Hilber del Pozzo** "is the founder and Director of Philanthropica S.A., a Geneva-based consulting firm working with non-profit organizations.....She helps them navigate safely in a changing environment where, more than ever, making strategic choices is determinant in order to make a difference.....she established her consulting firm in 2009. She started her career as a Communication and Philanthropy professional (Republic National Bank, Lombard Odier & Cie) and rapidly joined general management positions (SPG Group, Artveras).....She is the author of "Advisors as change agents in philanthropy", an academic research conducted across Europe and the USA.....She holds a Master in Consulting and Coaching for Change (Oxford Said Business School and HEC Paris Business School) and an MA in History (University of Geneva). She is also a professional coach and registered journalist.....Of Swiss and Colombian origins, she has lived in 9 cities in Africa, Europe and the Americas and is fluent in French, Spanish, English, Italian, Portuguese and Swiss German."

[http://www.philanthropica.ch/pdf/biography\\_carla.pdf](http://www.philanthropica.ch/pdf/biography_carla.pdf)

● **Laurent Duveau** is CIO and Group Information Systems Director at VICAT.

● **Kadiatou Cissé Abbassi** is an education and project management specialist at USAID in Mali. "I contribute to the management of USAID/Mali's basic education portfolio, serve as technical advisor and support the basic education team in developing projects focused on the improvement of reading skills for primary school students in Mali; youth and children in the North of Mali in the post-crisis environment."

[www.linkedin.com/pub/kadiatou-abbassi/14/247/45](http://www.linkedin.com/pub/kadiatou-abbassi/14/247/45)

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

● **Claude Arpels** is interviewed ([Click here](#))



TOP: Salimata (Sally) Idé ('86); MIDDLE: Patrick Mercanton ('86); BOTTOM: Anne-Claire (Monod) Bossard ('86)

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

● **Planned reunion** in NYC: **Alex Gagliardi** wrote: "Hi Class of 1986 and its *alentours*: A few of us will be getting together for hot chocolate & real drinks on **Dec. 20th in midtown, NYC**. Please join us and feel free to invite other classmates with whom you are in touch! Exact time and venue to be announced. (Apologies if you live too far away to attend, but we wanted to be inclusive. Plus, some people may be in town visiting for the holidays, like Cecilie Birner, who got the ball rolling for this get-together!)"



● **Benoît-Laurent Durteste** "has been Managing Director and Executive Director of Intermediate Capital Group PLC since May 21, 2012.....Mr. Durteste is the Head of the mezzanine business in Europe and is responsible for France and South Europe. He joined the firm in 2002 and is based in London. Mr. Durteste served as an Investment Director at ICG since November 2005. He served as Mezzanine Executive of France and Executive Officer of France at Intermediate Capital Group Plc. He joined ICG from Swiss Re where he worked in the structure finance unit in London. He worked six years at BNP Paribas leveraged finance and for GE Capital in London, notably taking Chief Financial Officer position at a GECC portfolio company for GE Capital in London. Mr. Durteste speaks French and English. He is a graduate of the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris." (<http://investing.businessweek.com/research/stocks/people/person.asp?personId=9737233&ticker=ICP:LN&previousCapId=21145&previousTitle=INTERMEDIATE%20CAPITAL%20GROUP>)



TOP: Benoît-Laurent Durteste ('86); BOTTOM: Alessandra Gagliardi ('86 -left) & Claudia Pucci ('86)

● **Diane Feeny**: "As FACT's [French American Charitable Trust] first staff member, Diane was instrumental in designing the Trust's grantmaking program and hiring the other U.S. and French staff. Before becoming active full-time in her family's foundation, Diane worked as a campaign assistant at Greenpeace in Washington, D.C. Diane is currently Chair of the Board of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), and serves on the Board of the Center for Community Change. Her specific interests include philanthropic reform (making foundations more accountable, transparent and accessible to grantseekers) encouraging greater collaboration across sectors and between multiple stakeholders, and increasing funding to community-based organizations and intermediaries.

Diane was born in France and visits often for vacations and foundation business. She has a BA in history from Cornell University and an MA in philosophy and social policy from George Washington University. Diane currently lives with her husband and three children in Costa Rica." ([factservices.org](http://factservices.org))

● **Abderhamane ('Abder') Mounkeila** est professeur au Lycée Korombé à Niamey, Niger.

● **Selcan Kirca** is a Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of Galatasaray University, Turkey.

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

● [Gilles Dard](#) (président de Merrill Lynch - France): "Fonds souverains : rentabilité à long terme ou contrôle



TOP: Laurent Duveau ('86); BOTTOM: Kadiatou Cissé Abbassi ('86)

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

● **Myriam Tekaia** is the co-star of a movie released in France in September 2011 -- Le Cochon de Gaza (When Pigs Have Wings). (Click on links : for [reviews](#) of the movie, for [Myriam's filmography](#) , and to see her in a [trailer for the movie](#))



● **Judith (Hoenig) Adelson** wrote: "I'm back to work full time in an office after a nebulously long maternity leave. I'm the Senior Booking/Engagement Manager at Broadway Booking Office and excited to be working on such shows as WAR HORSE, SOUTH PACIFIC, LES MIS and a whole bunch of others. Though juggling family and work leaves little "downtime" I'd still welcome hearing directly from class mates and would try to get together face-to-face."

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

● **Alexandra (Suy) Gobbi** wrote: "We recently relocated from the Dallas area to Atlanta, Georgia as I was offered a new position as VP of Marketing & Communications with PRGX. Life has been very hectic with new schools, a new role in a new industry, but we are enjoying it. Unfortunately we haven't been able to buy a house yet as we are waiting for our house to sell in Texas."



TOP: Selcan Kirca ('86);  
BOTTOM: Lamia (Abuhaidar)  
Moukheiber ('86)

● "The dapper, well-groomed **Ewan Rellie** works in finance, but he's better known for his social presence and for his Brit designer wife, Lucy Sykes. The son of a British diplomat, Rellie was raised in London and attended the right schools (Eton, Cambridge) before joining the investment bank Schrodgers. Stints in the Singapore and New York offices followed, and he remained with the company until 1996, when he went off on his own and co-founded Business Development Asia LLC, which assists American companies seeking to invest in Asia. It's not his banking career, though, that's made him something of a name in town—it's his ubiquity on the social circuit. If there's a society photographer in the house, you can count on Euan and his wife Lucy to jump in front of the flashbulbs. Euan and Lucy now have two sons, both of whose full names are insanely pretentious—Heathcliff Felix Alastair Euan Rellie was born in July 2003 and Titus Jasper Jake Icarus Rellie was born in March 2007. The Rellies live in the West Village....." ([cityfile.com](#))

Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

- Musician [Alain Nkossi Konda](#) in a promotion clip for the BREEZE SESSION
- **Euan Rellie** at the *Fabulous Women Event* (at minute 1:34)



TOP: Diane Feeney ('86);  
BOTTOM: Abderhamane  
(‘Abder’) Mounkeila ('86)

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

● **Judith (Hoenig) Adelson** wrote: "Our second child, Zev Isaac, was born June 12th. Hannah (2 y.o.) is a doting big sister. Life is good in Great Neck as mother and "rebbetzin". I'm slowly getting back to work freelancing as a booking agent for live theatrical shows. I am also adding to my resume a producing credit working on a terrific one man show called BASIC TRAINING starring Kahlil Ashanti."



● "**Henry Palacci** is a co-founder and the CEO of Extreme Energies. He brings expertise in the operation and strategic development of businesses, of varying sizes, involved in technology and serving a wide range of markets. He has extensive experience in building successful teams of professionals to develop and execute business plans, including under the very difficult circumstances found when turning around distressed businesses. Mr. Palacci holds an MBA from INSEAD (Fontainebleau, France). He also earned a BS from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, in International Law and Organization."

<http://www.extreme-energies.com/management.asp>

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

**BIRTHS/NAISSANCES:**

● "**Henry Palacci** and Dr. Liana Palacci and their son Edward, 22 months are happy to share their joy of the arrival of Mark, born 15 January 2009 in Chicago."

● And from **Astrid (Martheleur) Lyons**: "September 3, 2008 had a gorgeous baby girl, Avery Fortune. Her two year old brother, Noah, is elated!"

● **Judith (Hoenig) Adelson** wrote: "Judith and Seth are expecting their second child in early June. Their daughter Hannah is currently 17 months old. Judith continues to work part time as an booking manager, booking national tours of theatrical productions on behalf of producers."

● **Judith (Hoenig) Adelson** wrote: "We are expecting our second child in the beginning of June. Our daughter, Hannah, is now 17 months old. I still work for the same company I've been with since retiring from dance in 2001, only now part time. I am an engagement manager, booking tours of Broadway shows and other theatrical entertainment on behalf of producers."

● "**Euan Rellie** turned 40 and feels a little bit old and creaky. He continues to run Business Development Asia LLC ([www.bdallc.com](http://www.bdallc.com)), the Asia-focused investment banking firm he co-founded in 1996. The banking environment in the 13th year of the company's existence is not especially friendly, but BDA continues to grow – albeit with belts tightened – and is operating reasonably successfully through small offices in New York, London, Bahrain, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Seoul and Tokyo. His wife Lucy Sykes is making some money designing



TOP: Anne Dufau ('86);  
BOTTOM: Lunavi (Amea) Parish ('86)



TOP: Myriam Tekaia ('86, left) and Emma (Skoble) Bonnet ('84) at the October 5, 2011 reunion in Paris, organized by the LFNY; BOTTOM: New movie co-starring Myriam

chic children's clothes at newly affordable price points ([www.lucysykes.com](http://www.lucysykes.com)) and consulting at Ralph Lauren, which helps. Son Heathcliff (5) is at school at St. Luke's on Hudson St, and Titus (nearly 2) will soon begin at the West Village Nursery School. The family is happy, economizing in New York and Bridgehampton."

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



● **BIRTHS/NAISSANCES:** From **Catherine Begin** : "Mon mari Frédéric et moi avons l'immense joie d'annoncer la naissance de notre fils Guilhem le 7 mars 2007 à Paris. Nous nous émerveillons chaque jour devant les progrès de Guilhem, ses sourires et, ...son appétit gargantuesque. A trois mois, Guilhem a le format d'un bébé de 7 mois. J'ai déjà repris le chemin du travail mais compte limiter mes déplacements en province autant que possible, c'est déjà difficile de quitter mon petit garçon tous les matins. Nous sommes comblés."

● **Andre Christopher Heltai** wrote: "I presently live in Los Angeles and have two children." (*Andre Christopher is an actor, and you can see the films he played in, by [clicking here.](#)*)

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

● [Click here](#) for news of **Nicholas Blechman**



TOP: Frederic Binder ('86);  
BOTTOM: Hedi Filali ('86)

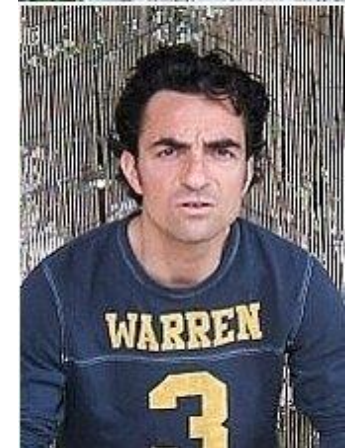
● **Euan Rellie** wrote that he " is still managing Business Development Asia LLC, which he co-founded in 1996. The company now employs 55 professionals doing investment banking and M&A advisory work in New York, London, Bahrain, Mumbai, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Seoul, and Tokyo. He continues also as Chairman of Lucy Sykes New York, his wife's children's clothing company. Euan and Lucy live in the Meatpacking District, and spend weekends in Bridgehampton, with their sons Heathcliff (4) and Titus (8 months)."

● **Judith (Hoenig) Adelson** wrote that she and her husband, Seth, welcomed a baby girl, Hannah Vered, on Sunday, August 19th. Hannah was named after Judy's mother in a formal name ceremony performed at Temple Israel in Great Neck, NY.

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

● **Judith (Hoenig) Adelson** and her husband Seth wrote: "We're excited to announce that we're expecting and Judy's due date is around August 16, 2007. We have decided that we don't want to know the sex! But we're enjoying everyone's predictions. We began by referring to it as 'Peanut' but have now moved onto 'Mango' which seems more appropriate given Judy's size but may need to upgrade to 'Cantaloupe' soon."

● **Euan Rellie** wrote: "Still living in the Far West Village with my wife Lucy Sykes Rellie. Just celebrated our fifth wedding anniversary, on May 4th, 2007. Our second child, Titus Jasper Jack Icarus Rellie was born at St



TOP: Judith (Hoenig) Adelson ('86);  
BOTTOM: Stephane Naudin ('86)

Vincent's Hospital, March 21st, 2007.

Lucy continues to design and sell beautiful high-end children's clothes at Bergdorf Goodman, Best & Co, Scoop etc, and online at [www.lucysykes.com](http://www.lucysykes.com). I am the Chairman of her company.

I have spent the last eleven years co-founding and building Business Development Asia LLC. BDA advises Western multinationals and PE firms on mergers and acquisitions in Asia, and vice versa. We now employ 50 professionals in eight offices. All the hard work is beginning to pay off, and we have a booming client list. I attach a photograph of Heathcliff, aged 3 1/2, and Titus, aged 1 month, sleeping in April 2007."



TOP: Robby Amar ('86);  
BOTTOM: Alexandra (Suy)  
Gobbi ('86)

- **Selcan Kirca** shared this with us: "I currently live in Istanbul, Turkey with my 4 year old daughter Jasmine Papadopoulous. We recently got divorced with her father who lives in Athens. I am now teaching at the Université de Galatasaray (The only french and very prestigious University in Turkey). I teach Français Juridique and Judicial English to Senior students at the Faculty of Law. I lost my father two years ago and it as been quite an ordeal for me and my whole family but life goes on and I hope that everyone is fine. I miss you all and if you ever pass by Istanbul don't forget to call me! My computer crashed yesterday so I will try to send you a picture of myself as soon as I get my notebook back!"

- **Astrid (Martheleur) Lyons** wrote: "Got married on 11th December 2005. Had a son, Noah Hubble Lyons, on 3rd December 2007. Started my own consulting business so that I could be at home as much as possible to raise Noah. Loving life!"

- "**Dr. Lance Brown** is currently the director of Dermatologic Surgery at The Skin Institute of New York and is a Clinical Instructor of Dermatology at New York University School of Medicine. After graduating from college at New York University College of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Brown remained at New York University to persue his medical degree, where he was elected into the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He subsequently completed an internship in Internal Medicine at Yale University and continued his medical training in Dermatology at the University of Miami Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery, where he excelled in skin cancer surgery, and was given the University's Departmental award for "Excellence in Skin Surgery". Dr. Brown also specializes in a variety of cosmetic dermatologic procedures, including the enhancement of fine lines and wrinkles with the use of collagen, permanent implants and Botox injections."

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

- **WEDDINGS/MARIAGES:** [Judith \(Hoenig\) Adelson](#)

- **Paul Grigaux** told us that "he recently accepted a position to head up one of Southern California Edison's divisions ([www.edisonesi.com](http://www.edisonesi.com)). Paul, Gail and their three children (Olivia, 9, Sophie, 7 and Julien, 3) now live in Mission Viejo, half way between Los Angeles and San Diego."



TOP: Kaisa Akerlund;  
BOTTOM: Mahiratra  
(Rakotomalala) Raveloson  
( '86)

● **Constance (Choel) Cazenave** wrote: "Après plus de 10 ans passés au sein du groupe Sara Lee à Paris, j'ai suivi mon mari muté à Hong Kong. Je ne travaille plus et m'occupe de notre fille!"

● **Mboahangisoa (Rabetafika) Andrianoasy** shared this with us: "The past six months have been filled with renewed connections, beginning with a trip over Labor Day weekend to Camp Normandie (owned by Mr. and Mrs. **Kasriels**) by Lake Champlain in the Adirondacks. I had not been there since I was 8, and decided to head out there with my husband Chris and son Sebastian (born in February of 2003) to show them where the summer camp was where so many lycee students passed the lazy days of their youth. I also recently bumped into **Jean-Luc Pedanou ('87)** on the way to work in my neighborhood and came to find out that we have been neighbors (literally 2 blocks from one another) for the past two years! He let me know that **Angele Yonke ('86)** called him out of the blue just a few days prior. **Kadiatou Cisse ('86)** (married 2 years ago), now working at Winrock in Mali, came to NY for a visit and we managed to see each other. After 20 years, there were tears of joy and tons of hugs (which my son couldn't quite understand). We dusted off the old LFNY 50th anniversary yearbook, recalled all the stories and drama moments which either involved philo or boys and couldn't believe how those times were so much less complicated than the real life of being married career women trying to juggle it all. Lastly, I got in touch with **Judith Hoenig ('86)** who you all know lost her mother a few weeks ago, to present my condolences. She let me know that she recently married over the summer and was happy that her mother was able to be present. Hope to be able to reconnect with many more of you!  
P.S. Camp Normandie is now Normandie Beach Club for adults only as of this past summer- Mr.K would love to see more anciens du lycee, so please make a trip out there if you can."



Didier Ganin ('86) & Andrée Bogaerts ('86)

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

● **WEDDINGS/MARIAGES:** [Astrid \(Martheleur\) Lyons](#)

● **Alessandra Gagliardi** writes: "I was happy to host a small holiday cocktail this past December to thank those who have worked so hard on the Alumni Council with me. It was a great opportunity to spend quality time with delightful friends who share a similar interests & goals. I have had many wonderful chance encounters with alumni over the years and have been enriched by those I have met through this community. I just returned from a trip to Paris, where I met with many anciens I had previously only known via emails. I was very happy to catch up with **Catherine Bégin**. In my 'other lives' I am a Public Relations consultant, a sailboat racing enthusiast, a member of an inspiring wellness group called 'Instantaneous Transformation,' and a passionate Swing dancer. My first Lindy Hop performance will be at the end of May here in New York. I'm happy to announce that **Angèle Yonke & J.E. Flory** have volunteered to plan our 20th reunion this Spring!"

● **Astrid Martheleur** shared this with us: "Living in London for the past two years. Working as the head of development and distribution for the launch of Liberty of London's luxury brands business. Very happy."



Valerie Struye ('86) & Paul Grigaux ('86)



● **Jean-Gabriel Neukomm** sent us this update: "I am a principal at an architectural firm in Tribeca (SPaN) that specializes in high-end residential and retail design.....We are in the process of completing the Core Club which has been an incredibly exciting project to develop and see to fruition. I am also currently working on Calvin Klein's apartment as well as a rehab of his Madison Ave store. My wife Sara Ogger is a senior officer at the New York Council for the Humanities, the state arm of the NEH.....I enjoyed the LFNy website, and would love to see if I could get in touch with various classmates."



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

● **Euan Rellie** wrote: "Still living in the Meatpacking district - even though it feels like a commercial for MTV Spring Break - with wife Lucy Sykes Rellie and son Heathcliff Rellie, now nearly 2.....Running Business Development Asia LLC, doing cross border M&A advisory work, with 30 staff in New York, London, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Seoul and Tokyo [www.bdallc.com](http://www.bdallc.com). I'm also Chairman of my wife's high-end children's clothes business; the clothes are stocked in Barneys, Saks, Neimans, Scoop, Selfridges, Harrods etc but you can buy online [www.lucykykesbaby.com](http://www.lucykykesbaby.com)."

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

● **Astrid Martheleur** writes: "Hello everyone! I can't tell you how great it was to read all of your updates. While much has happened over the years, I feel that all can be summed up in a very abridged paragraph: Since leaving the Lycee, my professional vocation has always been in fashion- specifically launching new designers to the domestic/international market. Currently, I am the VP of global sales and merchandising for Diane Von Furstenberg for the past 5 years. I recently moved to London for the company, where I met a wonderful (younger!) man. Perhaps this time a runaway-bride I will not be! I have no children-yet- but have 2 great dogs- one of which belonged to my brother Didier, who very tragically passed away in the summer of '97 at the age of 28. That having been said, times have certainly been tough. For the most part though, I feel very blessed with my life and look forward to more alumni updates!"

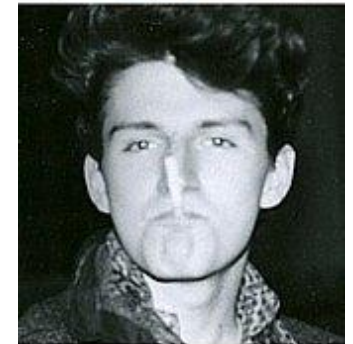
● **Lance Brown** is a Dermatologist practicing in NYC.

● **Anne Bax** writes: "After 7 years of thoroughly enjoying consulting, I decided to join the University lifestyle again (in the Continuous Education Division). The idea, of course was to recover the work-life balance that would give me more time to be with our 3-year old twins, Natalia and Julian. Living in Mexico makes it difficult to attend reunions, but I would love to hear from old Lycée Friends."

● **Euan Rellie** wrote: " I have moved back to live in New York and married Lucy Sykes. I run an Asia-focused M&A boutique. Our first child, the likeable but absurdly named Heathcliff, was born on July 31, 2003."



TOP: André Christopher Heltai ('86); BOTTOM: Catherine Bégin ('86) et son fils Guilhem



Mboahangisoa "Prisca" (Rabetafika) Andrianoasy ('86) & Antoine Sartoretti ('86)

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



TOP: Alessandra Gagliardi ('86); MIDDLE: Dr. Lance Brown ('86); BOTTOM: Stephane Naudin ('86)

● **Births/Naissances:**

Heathcliff Felix Alastair Rellie was born to **Euan Rellie** '86 and wife, Lucy Sykes, on August 2nd of this year. The Rellies live in New York, where Euan is a financier and Lucy Sykes is the glamorous fashion editor of Marie Claire magazine. Their May 4th, 2002 London wedding was featured in the Valentine's 2003 issue of Town & Country.

● **Marcy (Stitt) McLeod** '86 writes: "On July 15, 2003, my husband and I had a baby girl, 9lbs 3 ounces. Her name is Kaeli Rose and she is a terrific baby. She brings us joy every day. We are totally blissed out!"

● **Darius Solomon** is the President of Gryphon Building and Management Corporation, a real estate and contracting company. He lives in New York with his new bride, Enez (see [Marriage](#) section.)

● **Thirza McAuliffe** writes: "I am thrilled [that I am] successfully managing two homes and making use of that French in Chamonix where I have been wintering for five years as a ski bum." In her non-ski-bum time, Thirza runs a garden design/installation business in New York State.

● **Nathalie Poux-Guillaume** writes: "I'm currently working for a French consulting firm in Paris (Eurogroup - 450 consultants) in the Bank and Financial markets sector. I've been working there for almost 8 years and I'm a director there."

● **Judith Hoenig** shared this with us : « I've been quietly reading all the news and decided it's time to stop lurking and share my own update. Since graduating the Lycée, I danced professionally with such companies as the Joffrey Ballet, Bat-Dor Dance Co (Israel), national tour of "The Phantom of the Opera", etc. I recently retired from performing and now work for a company that general-manages Broadway shows and tours. Currently I manage the national tours of "Oklahoma!" and - if you have 2-6 year olds and you live in the US you'll probably know the shows -"Blue's Clues Live!" and "Dora the Explorer Live!" which will be coming to Radio City in April '04. I recently saw Thirza McAuliffe at her brother's wedding, George ('84). Thirza is a landscape gardener living in Woodstock, NY who spends all free time either skiing or thinking about it. This past summer I bumped into Francis Konda and we've managed to hang out a few times. He's still in the music biz --does anyone remember the band he and his brother Alain were in --"Indaba Eyes"! I'm living in Manhattan and am eager to hear from classmates."

● **Catherine Bégin** s'est mariée avec Frédéric Diaz, en France, le 9 août, 2003.

● We are pleased to announce the marriage of **Darius Solomon** '86 to Enez Paganuzzi on June 22nd, 2003.



TOP, Left to right: Gloria Tulliu ('73), Letitia Orti ('86), Alessandra Gagliardi ('86); MIDDLE: Myriam Tekaia ('86); BOTTOM: Judith (Hoenig) Adelson

This is a New York love story: the couple met at Fordham University, both lived in New York during their courtship, and then they celebrated their wedding at the Central Park Zoo.

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

● **Daide Traxler** writes: « Wasn't it great to read words from Bubu (Mboahangisoa Rabetafika) who still remembers what great friends Lance Brown and I used to be in those happy days of childhood. Great to hear Lance is doing well too! Would love to see them both, so they could meet my wife Coco and my kids (Marta 12, Bianca 4 and Vieri 2) . I'm living in Swizerland and working for an Italian jewlery company called Bvlgari. Haven't seen anyone from the Lycée in years then I bumped into a classmate of my brother Manoli ('80), called Coralie Turettini '80: she's doing fine, lovely and smiling married and expecting!!»



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● **Hesham Elsafty** writes: “I am working for a Canadian bank (been with them for about ten years). They posted me to Egypt about 3 1/2 years ago. I got married in Sept. '99 to my wife, Mona. We had our first son, Hussein, in August 2000 and our second, Abdallah, in November 2001. We have our hands full. I really have not been in touch with a lot of people from the Lycée. I saw Marc Maschino several times in New York, Cairo and Canada. Our last meeting, however, was several years ago – same goes for Leslie Aackpo and Jean-Luc Pedanou. I used to visit the U.S. very frequently. My last trip, however, was in summer 2000 (it was the first time I visited the U.S. West Coast after living in North America for over 13 years!). On my next trip to the U.S., I shall make it a point to visit New York. I'll let you know and we should have a reunion!”



**Euan Rellie family: Fall in Sagaponack, and Euan and Titus Rellie: Winter in Bridgehampton**

● **Marcy (Stitt) McLeod** writes : “Hey there! Marcy McLeod - formerly Marcy Brown, formerly formerly Marceline Stitt - here. Went to UCLA straight from the Lycée in 1986 and stayed in the City of Angels. Fell in love with my dreamboat in 1991, and made it legal in 1999. I teach 1st and 2nd grade in a Multi Age program at a charming school nestled in the Hollywood Hills called Wonderland Avenue Elementary School. I can't believe I can sum up so many years so succinctly. Anyway, I get pangs of nostalgia when I visit the Lycée page as a fly on the wall, so I decided to speak up finally. Does anyone know how to get in touch with Mr. Phillip Tedeschi, English teacher from years ago? Hope everyone is healthy and happy.”

● **Mboahangisoa (Rabetafika) Andrianoasy** writes: “I have been visiting your website over the past few months and I have to say that you have done a great job at getting so many of us together again virtually. A bit of news about me. I currently run my own business importing crafts from Madagascar (MADAME) while working as Managing Director for DMOC - a freelance firm in NYC's Village. I married about five years ago to Christian Andrianoasy, a fellow malagasy whom I actually met in NYC. I hyphenate my name sometimes to throw people off into an endless spelling bee... As to former classmates...the last time I saw Davide Traxler '86 I think I must have been 8 years old so you can imagine how overjoyed I was to read that he is doing well.



**TOP: Angèle-Marie Yonke ('86); MIDDLE: Kadiatou Cisse ('86) (left) & Mboahangisoa (Rabetafika) Andrianoasy ('86); BOTTOM: Vaness**

Ironically I recently bumped into his old friend Lance Brown '86. Lance owns his own dermatology practice in NYC. I speak to the Vanderzypes once in a while (Laurent '86 and wife Gwen), but we have been too busy to actually find a mutually convenient time to get together. A final footnote: our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones this holiday season; my husband used to see clients practically everyday in those towers and ironically on 9/11 he was running five minutes late. We both view life quite differently since those attacks and hope that other people realize how precious it is."

- **Judith (Mlockier) Audrain** kindly writes us: "I want to congratulate you on all the hard work that you are doing. I am extremely impressed by it and I realize that it must take a great amount of time to do the excellent job that you are doing. Whenever I read letters that you send or different info on the website it reminds me of the good old times" Judith lives in Forest Hills with her husband, Pierre. She is kept very busy between her family life (daughter, Mélanie, is now 16 months old!) and school. She is doing her Ph.D in Toxicology at St. John's University (from where she also got her M.S. in 1997 in Pharmacology) and keeps in touch with Catherine Bégin. Judith and Pierre plan on taking a trip to France in the summer so that friends and family can meet baby Mélanie.

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- **Paul Grigaux** writes: "I got married in '92 to Gail, a wonderful woman that I had actually met at the Underground nightclub back in my Terminale days! Gail and I now have 2 girls: Olivia, 4 yrs, and Sophie, 2 yrs. We live in Westfield, NJ and return to France regularly. I work for GPU, a multi-billion dollar energy company, as Director of Business Development, responsible for GPU's corporate venturing. I keep in touch with Gabriele Piperno '86 and Nathalie Poux-Guillaume '86. Gabriele has 3 children, 2 girls and a boy. He is married to an Italian woman, Antonella, and lives in Grenoble, France working for HP. Nathalie lives in Paris and works very hard for a consulting company, and travels quite regularly."

- **Davide Traxler** wrote to us from Switzerland on Sept. 13, 2001: " I am married with three kids. Look forward to getting news about the alumni group when it circulates. This is certainly a moment in which New York is in the thoughts of all of us as far away as we might be."

- **Aurélie Jacquand** is currently living in Boston. She writes: "After I left the LFNY in 85, we moved back to Paris; I studied engineering there and came back to the States in '91 to get a PhD in chemical engineering at MIT. Met my husband David there, we got married in '93, and we now have two little boys, Jerome 2 yrs and Raphael 6 months. I am on paper a "Research Assistant Professor" in the Chemical and Biological Engineering dept. at Tufts University, but I also teach classes in addition to doing research. I am not in touch with many alumni any more; the only one I really still correspond with is Tania Revault d'Allonnes '86."

- **Robby Amar** writes: "I am happy to see this website. I am still in contact with a few friends from '86, I don't

have their email since we are still communicating via Morse code (just kidding). I've lived in Los Angeles for the last 10 years and have a little boy, Cole, who just turned 6 and is the best thing that has ever happened to me. I hope you are all well and I look forward to hearing from any of my old friends (or enemies!)."

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- **Sebastian Fernandez** is currently a dealer of antiquities (mostly Pre-Columbian) and ethnographic art; he lives in Murray Hill, here in New York City. He is still in contact with his best friend, Alain Frank '87 and would love to hear from other classmates.

- **Richard Folliguet** travaille et habite Miami; il a deux enfants et possède sa propre boîte de journaliste.

- **Selcan (Kirca) Papadopoulos** is currently living in Athens, Greece.

- **Judith (Mlockier) Audrain** wrote in: «Unfortunately I won't be able to attend [the Alumni Cocktail] because I don't have anyone to look over my baby daughter. Her name is Melanie and she is going to be 9 months old a week from today. She was born on September 8th, 2000. I hope you have a great time and that lots of people do show up. Say Hi to everyone from the 1986 Promo for me! Judith»

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- **Jean-Emmanuel Flory** nous envoie de ses nouvelles de Paris: «Grâce à vos initiatives, j'ai pu reprendre contact par email avec des "lost friends" de la promo '86. Vivant en France et près de Paris, j'ai retrouvé après 17 ans, le 14 septembre dernier, [name removed upon request] et Nathalie Poux-Guillaume. Dès que l'on s'est vu, l'on s'est reconnu tout de suite; c'était un réel moment de joie, de connivence et de 17 ans d'histoires à raconter. Profitant du passage à Paris de Paul Grigaux, de son épouse et de leurs deux petites filles, quelques jours après, j' ai eu tout autant de plaisir à les voir. J'espère renouer ces bons moments de retrouvailles, et je lance un appel à ceux et celles de la promo qui vivent en France où en Europe, pour reprendre contact et fêter ça.»

- **Marie-Noelle (Colas) Pierce**, recently married to John Pierce, is currently living in New York and working in the Marketing Department of Swanke Hayden Connell Architects, where she specializes in historic preservation and restoration.

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- **Thirza McAuliffe** has been living in Woodstock, N.Y. for the last 9 years. She owns her own garden design, installation, and landscaping business. Her specialty is large flower gardens. Thirza spends the winter months in Chamonix, France snowboarding.

- **Laurence (Québé) Michelet** spent a whirlwind week in New York this summer, where she stayed with old chum Alessandra Gagliardi. Laurence marveled at the many changes in New York and compared it to her native Bretagne where she lives with her two adorable girls and works as an administrator for the superstore, Michel Caugant.

- **Ariane Waldvogel** travaille à la Mission permanente Suisse d'observation auprès des Nations Unies à New York. Elle travaille essentiellement dans le domaine du développement et de la coopération.

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- **MARIAGES et FIANÇAILLES:** Congratulations to **Marc Maschino '86** on his marriage to Susan Savage. Classmate Alessandra Gagliardi '86 attended the wedding, which took place April 22nd, in Canada.