

## 1962: Class Notes Archives

Yearbook photo: Class of '62 in Terminale: [Click here](#)

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



**Béatrice (Wellner) Sikon ('62)**  
(LSY: Terminale in 1962)



**Brigitte (Damade) Miailha ('62)**

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**In Memoriam:**

- **Louis Rey ('62)** († January 26, 2015)

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

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- **Dyllia Zannettos** (LSY: 2nde in 1960) wrote: "Just to say I'm fine and still working and living in Athens Greece. Would like old friends to contact me through Facebook."

- **"Blast from the Past"**: Dyllia Zannettos was also kind enough to send us some photos from the 1950's of her and her classmates at school. (Click [HERE](#) to see the photos)

- **Madeleine (Barraud) de Bérard** (LSY: Terminale in 1962) nous écrit: « Les souvenirs de mon "bac" s'estompent!!! Même si j'en ai gardé de solides amitiés : Pierre Sauvage, Jean Michel Giraud, et d'autres que les moins de ..... 40 ans ne peuvent plus connaître. Notre chère Barbara/Colette nous a quittés, nos petits enfants parcourent notre petite planète : Japon, Canada, Argentine, Australie..... et nous ne pouvons plus les suivre.

Notre fille Amelie a parcouru, cet été, le Chemin de Saint Jacques, de Vézelay à "Fistera" et prépare un "One woman show" sur cette expérience particulièrement riche. Vous serez prévenu de son spectacle.

Et pour le meilleur nous aurons, en août, nos 9 et 10eme petits enfants. Encore merci pour cette si enrichissante expérience du LFNY, il y a déjà longtemps. »

- **Violaine Coulondre** (LSY: 4eme in 1958) shared this with us: "Retired civil servant from the French Refugee Board, and presently living in Paris, has a daughter Juanita Sendoya, artist, and 3 grandsons Sué (11) Enki (8) and Hoël (6) all living in Bogota (Columbia) where, as their grandmother in her time, they are studying at the French Lycée Louis Pasteur."



**Thilo von Watzdorf ('62)** (LSY: 6eme in 1956) at the side of Princess Beatrix, former Queen of Holland



**Marie-Florence Estimé ('62)**

● **Jean-Francois Lloan Reyssi** (*LSY: 4eme in 1958*) shared this with us:

"Dear fellow alumni,

Jean Francois Lloan Reyssi, a.k.a. "Juan Francisco" in Venezuela where I live since I was 5 years old, (born in Paris; 95 Av. Victor Hugo). We moved to NYC in February 1957 for 3 years. I attended 1957-1958 the Lycée. Of that time the fondest memories. That year I used to ride my bicycle to the Lycée from home at 400 East 55th St. quite early to be able to ride a horse 3 times a week (rented from one of the stables, now gone, on the West side of the Park); I remember a secret crush for **Violaine Coulondre ('62)**, beautiful, the best student, and unattainable; the fist fight, horresco refferens, with **Edouard van Rijckevorsel ('62)**, the brilliant drawing talent of **Jean-Michel Giraud ('62)** (witness that year's yearbook), the benevolence of **Mr.J.C. Sasportas**, our Spanish teacher, the redoubtable but just severity of **Prof. Martin Kieffer**, our Prefect, the momentous fact that the French teacher, and all the others taught me to think imaginatively. Mother had her offices at 720 Fifth Av. where she took charge of Lancôme for the whole US, until the end of 1959. Went back to Caracas where I finished High School and went on to study law at Venezuela's Central U.(UCV). Graduated in 1966, went 2 more years for doctorate studies. Practicing law since 1968, in the Escritorio Tinoco Firm (full partner since 1973) until 1982 when I opened my own firm, Escritorio LLoan & Asociados. Constitutional Law teacher at the Andrés Bello, Catholic U.(UCAB) from 1972 until 2000, thus for 28 years, until I resigned upon the establishment of the 1999 Constitution which I considered to be a blueprint for autocracy. Sadly, time has confirmed that judgment. The pressure of legal practice and a somewhat lazy nature had it so that I only managed to present my PhD thesis in constitutional law last year (SJD); it was approved in November. That joy was added to a previous one when my first grandson was born in London in last September."

● **Marie-Aude Chevalier** (*LSY: Terminale in 1962*) wrote and shared her experiences since the LFNY:

"Left NY in 1962 for Geneva. Barely enrolled at the University of Social Studies with Jean Piaget as our teacher, had to follow our father to Leopoldville (Kinshasa) where the UN had assigned him., followed by a year of idleness in a town of ruins, the Lovanium University was closed post war. Back to Geneva in 1964. Married to Bernard Gateau in 1965, motherhood 1965 to Fabienne.

[My career:] Investors Overseas Services/Rotschild Bank (1967-1970), School Teacher, Chambéry (1970 -1971), Miles Laboratories Paris, Marketing Manager USA (1973-1975), Lexington (Kentucky), Manager Gourmet Food Shop (1977), Owner/President RSVP CATERERI Lexington (1980-1994), return to France, Upper Savoy (1995). My dad Pierre Chevalier died in 1972. My mom, 92, is in a nursing home. I have 2 grandkids : Victor 13, Elena 11 who live in Geneva. Fabienne has an executive position with World Intellectual Property Organization. I enjoy a happy retirement, still cooking for a few privileged clients and family. I feel really blessed to have



'Blast from the Past': TOP: 1950's school photos (click on Pdf file below for more); BOTTOM: Marie-Aude Chevalier ('62) in 1975



TOP: Jean-Michel Giraud ('62); BOTTOM: Patrice Berger ('62)

attended the Lycée for 7 years and to have had the opportunity of receiving the best education dispensed by wonderful teachers such as Mr. Brodin and Mr.Kieffer. Best to all."

● **Ronnie Hess** (*LSY: 5eme in 1957*) "writer and poet, grew up in New York City, attended the Lycée Français de New York and Julia Richman High School, and graduated from Hunter College, the City University of New York. She earned a master's degree in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

She began a career in broadcast journalism at Wisconsin Public Radio. In the 1980s, she was a reporter/producer for CBS News in Paris, spending nearly four years in France reporting on political, social, and cultural issues. After she returned to the Midwest, she worked for Minnesota Public Radio and Chicago Public Radio and was a freelance writer/producer for the "American Justice" series that aired on A&E. Returning to UW-Madison, she became director of communications in the Division of International Studies. During a sabbatical year, from 2004 to 2005, she taught middle school English in France. She has contributed to many publications – national, regional and local – including *Saveur*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. She was restaurant critic for several years for *Madison Magazine* and was a freelance arts critic for *The Capital Times*.

Until December 2011, she was a consultant to the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, directing the Academy's special events planning. She travels to France frequently and blogs every month for MyFrenchLife. Hess is an at-large member of the Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission. Hess was a Knight Fellow (then Professional Journalism Fellow) at Stanford University in 1978-79 and has received other journalism awards. She received a writer's grant in June 2006 to the Vermont Studio Center."

(<http://www.ronniehess.com/About.html>)

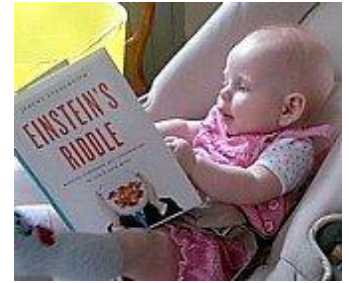
● **Brigitte (Damade) Mialhe** (*LSY: 8eme in 1954*) was the co-owner, with her husband Alain, of "Château Siran", one of the very rare Bordeaux wine estates to have belonged to the same family for over 150 years ..... In 2007, the fifth generation of the family, in the person of Edouard Mialhe [Brigitte's son], took over the management of the estate."

(<http://www.chateausiran.com/en/histoire/>)

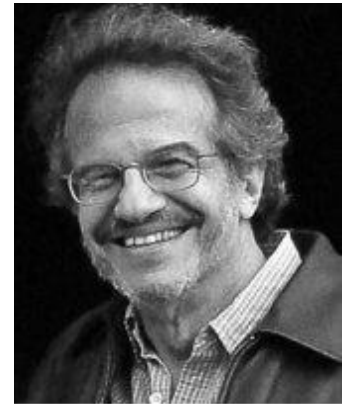
● **Marie-Florence Estimé** (*LSY: 9eme in 1953*) is the former Deputy Director of the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs & Local Development (CFE).....She has been responsible for the OECD Working Party on SMEs..... since its foundation in March 1993. She has developed its activities and studies on SME issues and policies in OECD countries, in the areas of globalization, innovation and competitiveness, employment and job creation, high growth SMEs, ICTs and e-business, management training, and women's entrepreneurship. She



TOP: François Courtines ('62);  
BOTTOM: Jean-François Lloan-Reyssi ('62)



Geoffrey Morson's grandchild  
Saskia



TOP: Pierre Sauvage ('62);  
BOTTOM: Renata Jansons ('62)

also developed an exchange of information and cooperation with non-member economies, international organisations, the business sector and NGOs and managed the preparation of the 2 OECD Ministerial Conferences..... and other global thematic conferences and their outputs. At the OECD, Mme Estimé also worked at the Development Centre, the Economics Department and the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry where she prepared and/or contributed to a number of studies. Before joining the OECD, she worked at the French Ministry of Economics and Finance.”  
 (http://2014.insme.org/images/CV/Marie-Estime-cv.pdf)

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**In Memoriam:**

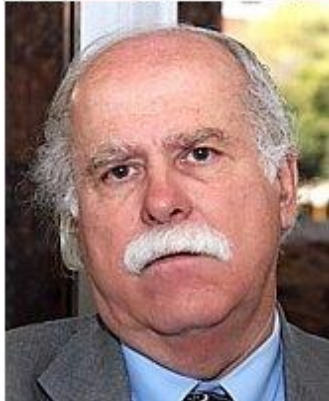
- **Joël Coigny** († August 30, 2013)
  - **Michel Doreau** († September 11, 2011)
  - **Colette (Barbara) Friedlander** ((† April 3, 2015)
- (See In memoriam section of this newsletter for further details, or click [HERE](#))

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- **François Courtines** (*LSY: 1ere in 1961*) is retired from the New York City Board of Education, and now lives in Lasserre (Midi-Pyrenées) France.

- **Dyllia Zannettos** (*LSY: 2nde in 1960*) wrote: " I am well and living in Athens, Greece. Am still working as a real estate agent despite the economic crisis, and can be found via my Facebook page. I would love to hear from old Lycée friends."

- **Juan Francisco (Jean-Francois) Lloan-Reyssi, Esq.** (*LSY: 4eme in 1958*) "is the founder and Senior Partner of ESCRITORIO LLOAN & ASOCIADOS. Lawyer and also Doctorate (1969) in Public Law (Universidad Central de Venezuela), he has been a Professor of Constitutional Law at the Universidad Católica Andrés Bello since 1972. [He is] arbitrator and mediator of the Centro de Arbitraje de la Cámara de Caracas and the Centro Empresarial de Conciliación y Arbitraje, created by the Venezuela-U.S. Chamber of Commerce [and] member of its Legal Advisory Committee.....Aside his native Spanish he is fluent in English, French, and Italian and has working knowledge of Portuguese. [He] is married and has two daughters. He has been an *ad honorem* lawyer for the French Embassy for the last 25 years and is Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite of France."



TOP: Mary (Molodovsky) Mcgee ('62); BOTTOM: Francisco Zapata ('62)



TOP: Jean-Claude Andriamaharo ('62); BOTTOM: Svetlana (Bielosoub) Caton-Noble ('62)

<http://www.lloanabogados.com/ENG/lloan.html>)

● **Jean-Michel Giraud** (*LSY: Term. in 1962*) « ingénieur Civil des Mines, diplômé d'un Master of Sciences de Berkeley et de l'Executive MBA d'HEC, a effectué l'essentiel de sa carrière au sein du groupe ELF puis TOTAL entre 1976 et 2006.

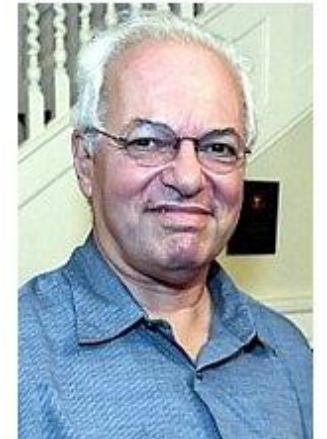
Il y a successivement exercé les fonctions de Directeur de Projets, Directeur Industriel Polymères, avant d'être nommé Directeur du Contrôle de Gestion d'Elf Atochem (1992-98), Directeur de l'Audit Interne en 1998, puis Directeur de l'Audit de la Chimie du groupe Total en 2000. Il est à l'origine du développement de l'Audit Interne au sein de la chimie industrielle du groupe, *worldwide*, ainsi que de la mise en œuvre d'un programme de sensibilisation et d'appropriation du contrôle interne par le management dans le cadre des nouvelles lois sur la sécurité financière. » ([http://www.finyear.com/SMG-Group-renforce-son-management-avec-l-arrivee-de-Jean-Pierre-Carlin-et-Jean-Michel-Giraud\\_a5446.html](http://www.finyear.com/SMG-Group-renforce-son-management-avec-l-arrivee-de-Jean-Pierre-Carlin-et-Jean-Michel-Giraud_a5446.html))

● **Patrice Berger** (*LSY: Term. in 1962*) is a Professor of History and Director of the University Honors Program at the University of Nebraska.

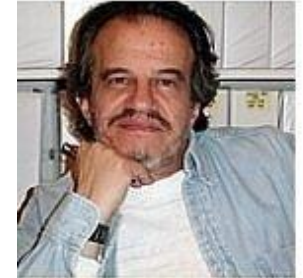
● **Béatrice (Wellner) Sikon** (*LSY: Term. in 1962*) "founder of Designs That Work, holds a degree in interior design from the Parsons School of Design and is an allied member of ASID. She has earned a reputation for the impeccable quality and expert management of her residential construction projects. After a 15 year career on Wall Street in systems planning for Chase Manhattan Bank, she turned her talent and experience to major home renovations in both San Francisco and New York City. With her background in systems planning, Bea focuses on infrastructure as well as interior design. In addition to new gourmet kitchens and marble-tiled bathrooms, rebuilt wood-burning fireplaces, expanded garages, extensive closet and storage space, new roofs, copper eaves and media centers, every house she restores features state-of-the-art electrical and plumbing systems, including complete wiring for computers, cable televisions, and intercoms in every room..... As hands-on project manager for her own and other projects, Bea's strategy is to invest in the highest possible quality, stay on schedule and create a beautifully updated "old" home that any family can move into in comfort."

([http://www.designsthatwork.com/Designs\\_That\\_Work/About\\_Bea.html](http://www.designsthatwork.com/Designs_That_Work/About_Bea.html))

● **Geoffrey Morson** (*LSY: Terminale in 1962*) told us that he has "a lovely and smart grandchild: Saskia, born 16 March 2015." He also sent us an article that he co-authored on the recent FIFA scandal, and addressing the question "What restraints are there on the power of the on the United States (or other countries) to impose their criminal laws around the world?" (Click [HERE](#) to read the article)



TOP: Annette Vock Lucas ('62) ;  
BOTTOM: Henri Polgar ('62)

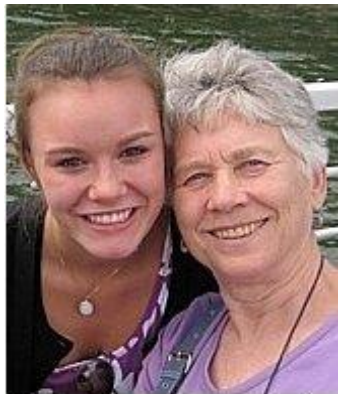


Pierre Sauvage ('62) and his award-winning documentary

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Dyllia Zannettos ('62)



TOP: Marjorie (Zilliacus) Wright ('62) & granddaughter  
BOTTOM: Agnes Claret de Fleurieu ('62)

● **Dyllia Zannettos** wrote: "I'm still living in Athens and still working as a real estate agent. **Béatrice Wellner Sikon ['62]** and her husband Larry came to Greece in early October and we spent a very pleasant time together."

● **Annette Vock Lucas**: "During her 45 years at Ursinus, Annette Lucas taught French and served as an administrator in the Dean's Office. Lucas was Chair of the Department of Romance Languages and later Chair of the Modern Languages Department. She has taught every French course in the curriculum. Lucas' commitment to education was honored at the 1986 Ursinus commencement ceremony, where she received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, and was honored again in 2010 when she received the Laughlin Service Award. While in the Dean's Office, Lucas served as an Assistant Dean and eventually became Associate Dean and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Lucas held several leadership roles in projects related to curriculum development, diversity and external and internal program reviews. Lucas' retirement plans include "catching up on the reading and research I have neglected in the past few years, learning a new language, doing volunteer work in educational programs and traveling."  
(<http://www.ursinusgrizzly.com/2013/01/24/distinguished-retirees-leave-ursinus/>)

● **Jean-Pierre Chalmin** wrote that he has been "married for 46 years to Eileen. Two children (Alain -44; Laura -42.) Five grandchildren. Always connected to and visiting family and friends in France."

● **Baron Thilo Von Watzdorf** "is one of the most eminent names of the nobility and high society, worldwide. He is also a very great name of the Art history [.....] Both French and German, son of Vollrath von WATZDORF and Simone ARNOUX, [he] is the cousin of H.M the Queen BEATRIX of Holland [.....] From a very eminent and historic German Family, [he] studied at the Lycee Francais , and is familiar with Kings and Presidents, everywhere in the world. But, he is always a very affordable, modest person, of a very rare humanity and solicitude for the others. Young, he became Director at SOTHEBY'S London and New York , playing a major role in the Art history of the 20th century,, for instance in the Diaghilev Ballet Auctions. [He] managed also - in 1988 - Habsburg, Feldman, a Geneva-based auction house , which opened a New York City office in a grand town house on the Upper East Side, with a department specializing in Impressionist, modern and contemporary art. Later, familiar with Japan and Asian cultures, [he] opened GARUDA , first gallery specialized in Contemporary international Masters, in the upscale district of Thong Lor-Ekkhamai in Bangkok. He was the first art dealer to sell Picasso, Andy Warhol, Donald Baechler, Yukinori Yanagi or Robert Rauschenberg, etc, in Thailand. After this unique experience, [he] chose to promote the Asian Arts with a Gallery of the same name,



TOP: Ronnie Hess ('62);  
MIDDLE: by Suzanne Slesin ('62) and others  
BOTTOM: Jacques Fombrun ('62)  
[-- Books by Suzanne Slesin](#)

located at OP Place, a prestigious shopping centre close to the ORIENTAL Hotel. [He] is today retired. He lives in different properties in Asia and Europe.”

([http://www.eastwesttravel.net/Baron-Thilo-Von-WATZDORF-a-legend-of-the-Arts-of-the-20th-century\\_a931.html](http://www.eastwesttravel.net/Baron-Thilo-Von-WATZDORF-a-legend-of-the-Arts-of-the-20th-century_a931.html))

● **Béatrice Shalit** , « née à New York. Après des études en France et aux Etats-Unis, productrice et réalisatrice de télévision au Niger puis au CNDP en France. Auteur de dix romans chez Stock, Bernard Barrault, Flammarion et Julliard. Egalement auteur de scénarios pour la télévision, pour le cinéma et de pièces radiophoniques. Derniers livres parus : *Familles et autres supplices* (2000), *Ne m'appellez plus Varsovie* (2003), *Merci d'être venu* (2006), *Danse avec ma mère* (2009) [et] *Qui veut tuer Rosa Hoffman* (2011) »

(<http://www.babelio.com/auteur/Beatrice-Shalit/40618>)



Beatrice Shalit ('62) and her latest book

● **Henri Georges Polgar** “is a 1968 Charter-Trustee of the Panamerican-Panafrican Association and currently serves as the Foundation’s Executive [...] During his early years with the Foundation, M. Polgar was the protégé and piano student of the Pa/Pa’s Chairman, Dr. Robert Starling Pritchard and in 1972, accompanied Dr. Pritchard as a member of the Pritchard Concert Ensemble (PCE) during his concert tour of Africa. The Pritchard Concert Ensemble gave a Command Performance before Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda and toured major towns and cities in Zambia. One of the focal points of the PCE tour was the momentous meeting between Dr. Pritchard and African liberation leaders during their countries’ fight for independence. In 1987, M. Polgar also accompanied Dr. Pritchard during his tour of China and the Pacific Rim countries The tour of China culminated in a Sino-US Sports and Cultural Exchange Agreement with the Shanghai, China Culture and Sports Commission and with All-China Sports Federation in Xinjiang Province [.....] In 1988, M. Polgar appeared in the Black History Month Founder’s Concert at “Applecrest” [.....] M. Polgar was a recipient of Lincoln University President’s Award during the 1988 Homecoming and Rededication Day Concert at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania (the nation’s oldest institution of higher education for African and African-American students) [.....] As Pa/Pa NGO Representatives to the United Nations ECOSOC, M. and Mme. Polgar collaborated with members of the Onondaga Indian Nation in Central New York to bring to public attention the dire circumstances of life on the Nation and the murder of a prominent and outspoken critic of the Nation leadership (Mr. Ronald Jones). They attended the UN Indigenous People’s Day; gave their support to a complaint presented to the UN Commission on Human Rights, and assisted in publishing a newspaper, “The Onondaga Progressive,” as a voice for those on the Nation whose human rights have been violated [.....]”

(<http://site1.pacinternational.org/advisors2.html>)



TOP: Jacques Toselli ('62);  
BOTTOM: Geoffrey Morson ('62)

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

● **Jean-Michel Cousin** wrote: "The Cousin's are fine and have now been living in Nice for 5 years. Diane (15) and Gabriel (12) are growing fast. Mariam frequently travels for her work at the Observatoire de Villefranche sur Mer."

● **Dr. Christine (Lieberman) Flamm** is a pediatrician practicing in Vienna, Austria.

● **Geoffrey Morson** wrote: "**Colette Friedlander ('62)**, **Dyllia Zannettos ('62)** and Geoffrey Morson enjoy the alumni newsletter and website; they keep in occasional contact by e-mail; and they have had some pleasant mini reunions in Paris, and look forward to more."

● **Claude Lestelle** a partagé ceci avec nous: "Je suis sur le point de rendre définitivement mon tablier de traducteur à l'ONU et de m'installer sous les cieux plus cléments de la région toulonnaise."

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

● **Marjorie (Zilliacus) Wright** "and her 15 year old granddaughter, Melanie, spent a wonderful week in Paris last July. Photo taken [above] on the Seine boat ride after a busy (and crowded) visit to the Louvre. "

● **Jean-Michel Cousin** wrote: "Thanks for your continuing efforts in favor of the class of 1962 ! You may want to inform the alumni that I am now retired and living in Nice. Should any of them wish to make contact with me I would be delighted to exchange news."

● **Madeleine () de Bérard** was kind enough to share with us a *Conte de Printemps* that she wrote, entitled *L'aviateur et les hirondelles*, "une histoire absolument vraie arrivée à mon grand oncle l'an dernier." See *Alumni Creative section of newsletter*, or [click here](#).

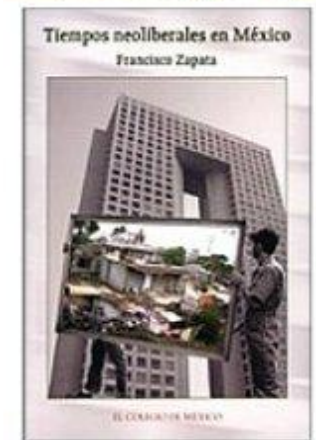
● **Claude Lestelle** sent us a humorous discourse on "Français" which can be read in the Alumni Creative section of this newsletter or by [clicking here](#).

● **Agnès Claret de Fleurieu**: "Officier de la Légion d'Honneur, Commandeur de l'Ordre National du Mérite et Chevalier du mérite agricole. Diplômée de Sciences Po, ENA promotion 1976, et ancien auditeur de la 45ème session des Hautes Etudes de la Défense Nationale.

Inspecteur Général de l'Equipement depuis 1995 et membre du Conseil Général des Ponts et Chaussées, elle est la première femme issue de l'ENA à y occuper les fonctions de Président de section.....Elle a préalablement à sa nomination à l'Inspection Générale de l'Equipement en 1995, occupé des fonctions de



TOP: Jean-Michel Cousin;  
BOTTOM: Dr. Christine  
(Lieberman) Flamm ('62)



TOP: Svetlana (Bielosoub) Caton-Noble ('62);  
BOTTOM: by Francisco Zapata ('62)



responsabilité croissante comme chargée de mission à la Direction des Affaires Economiques du Ministère de la Coopération (1966-1968), chargée de mission à la direction des Industries Agricoles et alimentaires; Assistant au Fonds d'Orientation et de Régularisation des Marchés Agricoles ;et chargée de mission au cabinet de Michel Cointat, ministre de l'Agriculture (questions budgétaires et internationales) (1970-1972). A la sortie de l'ENA, elle a, de 1976 à 1980 comme jeune Administrateur Civil au Ministère des Transports (Mer), été en charge des négociations internationales maritimes bilatérales. De 1980 à 1987 elle a été successivement été Attaché Financier près la Représentation Permanente de la France auprès des Communautés Economiques, Conseiller des Affaires Etrangères à la Direction d'Europe Etrangères et au Service des Questions Atomiques du Ministère des Affaires et Premier Conseiller à l'Ambassade de France à Yaoundé. En 1987, elle devient la première femme Délégué Général du Comité Central des Armateurs de France.

En 1994, elle est, au ministère des affaires étrangères, chargée de mission auprès du Directeur des Français de l'Etranger et des Etrangers en France. Elle rejoint en février de la même année, le Cabinet de Madame Simone VEIL et est nommée, en avril 1995, conseiller auprès du Ministre d'Etat, Ministre des Affaires Sociales de la Santé et de la Ville. De novembre 1996 à janvier 1998, elle est Secrétaire Général du Haut Comité pour le Logement des Personnes Défavorisées et, de janvier 1998 à janvier 1999, Secrétaire Général du Haut Conseil à l'Intégration." (<http://www.femmesaeeena.com/interviews.html>)

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

- **Ronnie Hess** wrote: "Last October, a book of my poems, "Whole Cloth: A Poem Cycle," was published by Little Eagle Press. This November, my "Eat Smart in France," a culinary travel guide, published by Ginkgo Press, will be out." (For more details on Ronnie's books, click here: <http://uwpress.wisc.edu/books/4896.htm> and here: <http://lileaglewholecloth.blogspot.fr/2009/11/whole-cloth-by-ronnie-hess.html>)

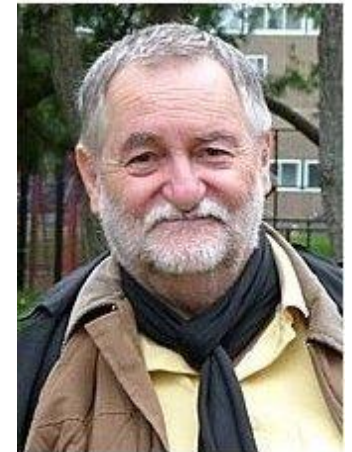
- **Jean-Michel Cousin** told us that "the Cousin family (Jean-Michel, Mariam, Diane-13 and Gabriel-10) has been living in Nice for three years now and we do like it here."

- **Svetlana (Bielosoub) Caton-Noble** nous écrit: "Chers amis, Colette, Claire, Madeleine, Pierre, Claude, Peter, et tous nos "forever young" anciens de la classe '62 - salutations chaleureuses! Je regrette de manquer trop souvent l'occasion de contacter mes amis. Grand merci à Roger Liwer et Alessandra Gagliardi . Je ne manquerai pas l'occasion précieuse d'être en contacte.

Quelques nouvelles récentes de mon centre d'entraînement et ma compagnie de ballet classique à Long Island: Cet été nous avons présenté un ballet en trois actes - Le Lac des Cygnes. Au mois de septembre nous avons présenté un morceau de mon ballet "Fleur de Neige" (Snow Maiden) à un événement extraordinaire à Sea Cliff au bénéfice du 'Paul Klebnikov Fund'- une organisation Russo-américaine qui avance la liberté de la presse en dépit du danger. Au mois d'octobre quinze de nos élèves se présenteront au Concours de Danse Classique, The Long Island Ballet Competition- le 23 Octobre au Théâtre Maguire- SUNY College in Old Westbury. Finalement nous sommes en préparations pour le ballet Casse Noisette qui aura lieu le 4 et 5 Décembre au



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BOTTOM : Madeleine (Barraud)  
de Bérard



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Théâtre Maguire à SUNY College in Old Westbury. Tous les renseignements sont sur notre site [www.lumiereballet.com](http://www.lumiereballet.com)"

● **Pierre Sauvage** informed us that "his new documentary short, *Not Idly By -- Peter Bergson, America and the Holocaust* ([www.chambon.org](http://www.chambon.org)) won the documentary award at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival, and will be released in 2011."

On the Internet: [Pierre Sauvage](#)



Videos of LFNY alumni on the internet:

● Author **Suzanne Slesin** is interviewed by TV Host Cognac Wellerlane (at minute 4:22) (Click here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loJXOMz7-fl>)

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

● **Geoffrey Morson** shared this with us: "Together with Paul Smith (voted UK Lawyer of the Year 2008) Geoffrey has co-authored a book entitled *How To Be An International Lawyer*.

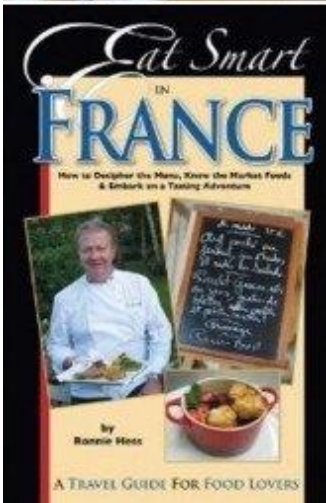
It is available here in electronic format (or, click on link below):

<https://www.eversheds.com/documents/How-to-be-int-lawyer.pdf>

Geoffrey was also involved in all the Eversheds publications listed at the back of the book. Some are available electronically and others (like the French legal dictionary) are only in paper format.

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

● **Madeleine (Barraud) de Bérard** nous écrit: "Je ne sais si ça peut interresser les anciens: nous avons fait le chemin de Saint Jacques, el Camino Francés, comme on dit en Espagne, en juin 2006; aux âges respectifs de 62 et 68 ans. Voici en pièce jointe un extrait des notes prises pendant ce temps merveilleux." *Go to Alumni Creative section of this newsletter, or click on link: <http://www.lfnyalumni.org/en/news/no.27/10/1258>*



Both books by Ronnie Hess ('62)

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

● **Svetlana (Bielosoub) Caton-Noble** nous écrit: "Grand merci à **Roger Liwer ('68)** pour la chance de retrouver les amis inoubliables et les beaux souvenirs. J'ai revu **Colette (Barbara) Friedlander ('62)** lors de ses visites à New York et je rencontre souvent **Alda Popa ('63)**. J'espère revoir un jour **Claire Henderson, Madeleine (Barraud) de Bérard et Pierre Sauvage (all '62)**. Cette année, le 27 Avril 2007 je me suis retrouvée au Lycée avec ma compagnie de ballet ou plus exactement notre compagnie de ballet - mon partenaire est un danseur et chorégraphe d'origine Bulgare. Nous nous consacrons à développer un centre de formation et une compagnie de danse classique à Long Island, New York. Il est bien possible que nous reviendrons au Lycée ce printemps. Contactez moi, je serai très heureuse. [email address available from AALFNY upon request]

On the Internet : Svetlana (Bielosoub) Caton-Noble: <http://www.lfnyalumni.org/en/news/no.25/53/1033>

- **Francisco Zapata** is a professor at El Colegio de México and Director of Sociological Studies. He received the Manuel Rodríguez Lapuente medal, a Social Sciences prize that was awarded to him at the University of Guadalajara's Center for Social Sciences and Humanities.

- **Pierre Sauvage** has allowed us to re-print a speech he gave to the Alliance Française of Kansas City on November 10, 2007, regarding Chambon-sur-Lignon, a small hamlet in France, which opposed the Vichy government, and saved 5,000 Jews from extermination during World War II. To read it, click on link below: <http://www.lfnyalumni.org/en/news/no.26/10/1176>

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

- **Svetlana (Bielosoub) Caton-Noble** wrote: « Un appel téléphonique d'une ancienne amie de classe est une surprise incroyable ! Clairs et beaux souvenirs vont à M. Pierre Brodin, Mme Micheline Tison-Braun et M. Kieffer. Grand merci à M. Theze de m'avoir présentée à l'association. A present je m'apprete à retourner au Lycée et presenter un spectacle avec ma compagnie de danse classique, Lumiere Ballet! » *Click on [link](http://www.lfnyalumni.org/en/news/no.25/53/1033) for more news of Svetlana:* <http://www.lfnyalumni.org/en/news/no.25/53/1033>

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

- **Ronnie Hess** works for the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where she is Director of Communications and Publications (Division of International Studies and Programs):  
"Ms. Hess is responsible for all internal and external communications, including print and electronic media, campus liaison, press and media relations. She also oversees International Studies and International Institute Web sites. She represents International Studies on the Arts Institute's Assembly.....Prior to joining International Studies in 1998, Ms. Hess was an award-winning broadcast journalist. She began her career at Wisconsin Public Radio and for many years was a CBS News reporter and producer, based in New York and Paris. She returned to public radio in the 1990s with positions at Minnesota Public Radio and in Chicago. She has written and produced television documentaries for A&E's 'American Justice' series." *(From University of Wisconsin)*

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

- **Pierre Sauvage** informed us that "Jean-Michel Giraud organized a wonderful reunion in Paris on Feb. 12."

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

William Rodarmor ('60) was kind enough to send us these updates on two of his classmates:

- **Andre Vasu** ('62), who practices thoracic surgery in Punta Gorda, Florida, avoided a close encounter of the blast kind with Hurricane Charley, whose 150-mph winds tore his roof and demolished his medical practice building. In his very grim photos, his office looks like a Baghdad bombing. Good thing André himself had the good sense to be 1,400 miles away in Rhode Island. He writes: "We watched on the radar screen as Charley went directly over our house. My wife Peg said, 'Good thing we weren't home. I would have been out of there at the last minute and would have been hit in the head with a flying 2 x 4.' My F-27 sailboat went airborne, flipped 180 degrees, and smashed on the dock, amputating three ten-inch-thick pilings. Need new roof coverings but contents of home OK. Medical office destroyed. But all is well and we will come back to fight another day."

- William continues: "**Geoffrey Morson** ('62) has made a splash of another kind, by contributing half a dozen biographies to the massive new Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. "All my articles are on fairly specialized subjects," Geoffrey writes from Cambridge, "but Hamilton will have a quite wide appeal." That's putting it mildly. An 18th century diplomat, Sir William Hamilton was famous both as an art collector and a jilted husband. His lovely young wife Emma took up with Lord Nelson, the already-married hero of the Nile, and they all then lived together openly in London. "That would create a stir even today," writes Geoff. "In 1800, it was an outrage, but people had to swallow it. Nelson was the military hero of his era and was needed to defeat Napoleon at sea (which he did). It would be as if Laura Bush ran off with Dominique de Villepin. Or Madonna with Bill Clinton. Or Dolly Parton with Vladimir Putin."

*[Editor's Note: We don't know whether Geoffrey knew it when he quipped about Laura Bush and Dominique de Villepin, but Dominique is a LFNY graduate, class of '71.]*

- **Ronnie Hess** wrote: "I'm in France for the year and will reconnect with Colette Friedlander and Violaine Coulondres. Colette has remained a close family friend over the years.....I'm teaching school in Dijon for the year and will return in May to the United States where I am director of communications in the Division of International Studies at the University of Wisconsin. I'm in Dijon not only to teach English at the "college" level but also to do research on French education. Reconnecting with some anciens eleves would be interesting for me. Similarly, if you know of any anciens profs who are in France I would also like to get in touch with them. My mother, Tina Hess, who taught English at the Lycee, lives in Florida and will be 94 on October 24. She still thinks fondly of her many years at the Lycee."

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

● **Jocelyn Radifera** writes: "I retired from the World Bank in 1997, but have been appointed by my government to be Ambassador of Madagascar in Tokyo from this September 2003."

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

● **Marjorie Zilliacus Wright** recently sent in this news: «I just found the Lycée website. I have lived in Marlboro, VT for the past 30 years and visit New York often, but I have lost contact with all my classmates. I have seen Suzanne Slesin's name in the Times and in books for years! Also saw Pierre Sauvage's film about his life in WW 2 on TV. Does M. Kasriels still run his summer camp? I see the ad in the New York Times every year! I married soon after leaving the Lycée in 1962. My husband is a potter (his work can be seen at Gallery Dai Ichi Arts on 57th St.) We lived in Washington DC for 4 years, followed by 3 years in Japan, and since then have been here in Vermont. We have two sons and a 5 year old granddaughter. My French is probably OK, but difficult to write after too many years of no practice. I studied towards a MAT degree in teaching ESL and French, but ended up as a travel agent for 17 years. (Didn't really want to teach high school French!) Just stopped working in December. I would love to hear from anyone who may remember me.»

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

● **Jean-Michel Giraud** nous écrit, à propos de notre bulletin: "Je profite de la présente pour exprimer toute ma reconnaissance à l'excellente équipe qui nous adresse ces nouvelles qui font renaître tant d'heureux souvenirs et, par la mémoire déjà, reliant nos liens du passé."

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

● **Dr. M. Andre Vasu** writes to us from Punta Gorda, Florida, to express his condolences on the passing of Prof. Martin Kieffer.