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Dear Potomac Community,

Perhaps nothing binds us as a community as much as our Potomac traditions. These annual rituals and celebrations provide a connection through time with people we knew and those we have yet to meet. Ask any alum who performed in Kindergarten Circus, May Day or St. George and the Dragon, or competed in Red and Blue, and the detailed recall will astound you. Many alumni parents continue to relive those magical moments through their own children, and new parents delight in the sense of community these occasions bring.

At Potomac we focus on developing exemplary habits of heart and mind, recognizing and nurturing that relationship through the learning traditions that are at the core of a Potomac education. From song to play to assembly to the exploration of our woods and streams, these are “everyday” kinds of traditions that also frame our school experience. Such activities both bind us to the past and encourage us to grow.

Music and play have always figured large in the Potomac experience, inspiring creativity, self-discovery and joy in learning. Singing and performing demonstrate a willingness to extend oneself, to take risks and build self-confidence. Celebrating play is central to our academic program, and not just for our young students. Students in the Upper School delight us with their spontaneous outbreaks of dance or creative games in the Quad. Red-Blue team competitions — organized play — have carried through the generations as families retain their team affiliations.

Assemblies began with the School’s founding in 1904 and continue to be important to this day. Described in the 1905 School Handbook as a rich environment for “splendid school spirit developed by the children themselves,” Assemblies remain at the heart of every division. Our values are transmitted through these recurring gatherings and instill a deep sense of enduring community.

I particularly revere the handshake and goodbye to our teachers at the end of the day for every student up through grade eight. Our older students continue to be greeted by faculty each morning when they arrive at School. These gestures are symbolic of the importance of the individual child at Potomac and illustrate how every student is known and valued.

The richness of our traditions doesn’t come from the events themselves, but from what they mean to us. We believe they inspire us to be worthy of our common heritage — the traditions of excellence practiced at Potomac for 106 years. Those that came before us have prepared the way; it is up to us to fulfill their expectations.



Geoffrey Jones  
Head of School



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# *The Power of* Tradition

A POTOMAC LEGACY



**A**s a unifying force, tradition strengthens the core values of an institution as it evolves over time, linking past to present and present to future. Traditions celebrate the passing-on of cherished values and practices and intensify the emotional connection students, families and alumni feel to their school. Tradition and vision have always walked hand in hand at Potomac. We are the beneficiaries of an extraordinary legacy of wise educators who developed and refined a profound vision of learning over many decades, from founders Edith Blair, Hetty Harrison and Ellen Thoron Leonard in 1904 to Carol Preston, Helen Seth-Smith, Bea Lindsten, Imogen Rose, Cammie Passarella, John and Sara Hebler, Jack Langstaff, and many others. The responsibility of that legacy is to ensure that we uphold the values of our forebears and do our part to fulfill — and carry forward — their vision.

We convey our values — of integrity, community, generosity of spirit and academic excellence — by the behaviors we model and the traditions we keep. Such traditions enlarge the scope and effectiveness of our educational program.

Shared celebrations are important components of the Potomac journey, from Opening Day to Graduation. Our dramatic productions, athletic contests, music performances and assemblies develop the habits of heart and mind critical to academic excellence. Our many academic traditions — the third grade science fair, the Greek Olympics, the sixth

grade Medieval Bazaar, to name a few — represent the culmination of units of study, while building shared memories and community. Our one-hundred-year legacy bequeaths a sense of history and tradition to our students, as well as access to common experiences across generations. This legacy also provides every student a sense of self as a member of the larger community.

While traditions are sometimes perceived to be unalterable, most have adapted over time to changing cultural realities, often with those changes becoming an integral part of the tradition. The Christmas Play, a beloved event begun by Carol Preston in the 1940s, has evolved into equally beloved multicultural celebrations such as the Upper School Winter Lights Assembly that reflect the modern demographic and inclusive ethic of the School. As Potomac has grown over the years, most notably when the Upper School was added in the 1980s, new opportunities have arisen to both adapt old traditions and develop new ones to integrate and embrace new members of our community. In fact, we must act imaginatively to develop the set of shared

attitudes and goals that comprise our heritage. That dynamic environment encourages creativity and ensures personal and community growth through the generations. As Cynthia Ivorian Jones, longtime Potomac teacher and administrator, noted, “A lot of our Potomac traditions have changed, and they have to change, very often for the better. It’s beautiful when traditions grow.”



From the archives: Kindergarten Circus in 1986.

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*“Beyond academics, I think the sense of community is Potomac’s strongest tradition. Having students, faculty and parents gather together to learn, to celebrate and to enjoy each other’s company is extremely important. Allowing children to lead, present, act, sing, speak — the list goes on — gives them a sense of confidence, of belonging, of caring, of pride, of accomplishment ... just to name a few.”*

—Middle and Intermediate School Science Teacher Mary Cahill

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As the *Potomac Term* magazine turns 50 (see sidebar on page 7), we take a look at ten of Potomac's most beloved traditions. Perhaps you have something to add — let us know by writing us at [alumni@potomacschool.org](mailto:alumni@potomacschool.org) or by posting on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/thepotomacschool](http://www.facebook.com/thepotomacschool)). Alumni, remember to stay connected with your classmates through the Facebook Potomac Alumni Group (search "Potomac Panther" to join).

## Assembly

Assembly has been at the heart of Potomac since its founding year. Initially conceived as a Friday general get-together, Assembly has always been a time to gather, share, perform, listen, learn and celebrate for more than a century of Potomac students and faculty. When the School moved to its current McLean campus in 1951, Assemblies were an important bridge that assured continuity and strengthened the community. To this day, Assemblies build school spirit and identity while offering an incomparable opportunity for children to speak and perform in front of a supportive audience from a very young age. "Morning Assemblies were wonderful, community times, very much like a family dinner," says former long-time faculty member Cynthia Ivorian-Jones.

Each time all four divisions gather for Opening Day, Thanksgiving and Closing Day Assemblies, the entire School is strengthened. And the regular weekly Assemblies within divisions pull the various classrooms together so often that the group experience becomes an integral part of each student's education. Students gain confidence as valued and contributing members of the School community. They learn to appreciate diverse viewpoints and to interact in a kind and generous way.



From the archives: Assembly in 1961.



## May Day

May Day has been part of the Potomac tradition since the School's earliest days. Former Headmistress Carol Preston nurtured the event over the years, but when beloved music teacher Jack Langstaff came to the School, he truly brought the festivities to life and incorporated many English traditions such as Morris Dance and a wealth of traditional folk music. Originally a Lower and Middle School tradition that took place outside on the blacktop, May Day has evolved and expanded to include all four divisions. In recent years music teacher Mimsy Stirn has made her mark on the celebration, giving many more students and faculty roles in the production.



From the archives: May Day in 1986 with John Hebel as the Muffin Man.



# Kindergarten Circus

Those who participate in the Kindergarten Circus remember it for the rest of their lives. “Alumni really treasure the memory,” says former Lower School Head Billy Orr. “Parents treasure it too.” Every year, colorful costumes and props come out and the latest crop of eager five-year-olds transforms into a charming circus troupe, complete with clowns, body builders, lion tamers with their trained lions, elephants, cheerleaders and tumblers. Ongoing for at least 50 years, the circus traditionally took place outside on the playground. Today it is held in the Preston Gym and continues to delight new generations of students and parents alike.



From the archives: Kindergarten Circus in 1986.

## The *Potomac Term* 50 years in print

**Fifty** years ago, the Potomac community received its first *Potomac Term* — then a periodic newsletter addressing the news and events of a growing and changing School. The brainchild of Rose Chatfield-Taylor MacMurray '35, Board Member and mother of Adelaide MacMurray Aitken '60 and Worth MacMurray '69, the newsletter was written and laid out at the MacMurrays' dining room table for its first three years of existence. MacMurray even paid for the first year's printing out of her own pocket.

Over time the *Term* has grown and changed, but it remains a key communication tool for the entire Potomac family, especially its wide-ranging alumni. In recent years the *Term* has highlighted the tradition of excellence at Potomac, focusing on the arts, athletics, early childhood education, technology and the “Craft of Teaching,” among many other topics.

# Potomac Profile

## SUSAN AND GREG LEWIS Revels

Past Potomac parents Susan and Greg Lewis remember their first encounter with Potomac's Christmas Revels in 1983. Fellow choristers in Washington's Choral Arts Society invited the couple to a Revels party following rehearsal one night. They arrived to find people weaving through the house, hand in hand, boisterously singing, with a piper leading the way. "Whatever that man was doing, we wanted to be part of it," recalled Greg. That man was Potomac music teacher, director and performer Jack Langstaff, who created the Christmas Revels at Potomac in the early 50s, drawing on his own family's traditions and songs that had been handed down through generations.

The musical tradition Langstaff created endures today with production companies in 10 cities, including the Washington Revels, with Greg as Executive Director and Susan as Company Manager. "Revels is about bringing families together, bringing communities together," said Greg. "While theater has the power to transform individuals, Revels has the power to transform communities and society."

Today's Washington Revels is located in a large, sunny building in Silver Spring with ample rehearsal space, climate-controlled costume and set storage, and welcoming office and meeting rooms on multiple levels — a far cry from its first home in 1971 in then-director Mary Swope's kitchen. Revels celebrates the seasons and cycles of life through traditional song, dance, storytelling and ritual from cultures around the world. At every performance, the audience is encouraged to join in, and they do — accepting the invitation to join hands with strangers and dance and sing.

When the Lewises first became involved with Revels they lived on Capitol Hill with their young son Kip. "I was so impressed with the kids from Potomac



who participated in Revels," said Susan. "They were comfortable with themselves and so thoughtful." One of the Potomac parents suggested Susan and Greg consider Potomac's pre-K, saying "Potomac is Revels made into a school. There is a great sense of community; each person is valued for what they bring." The Lewises applied for their son, thinking they would stay for a year while they transitioned to a new home in Chevy Chase. "Three lifers later we became ambassadors for the Admissions Department!" Susan said. All three of their boys participated in Revels beginning with the kids' chorus of 8- to 10-year-olds. "The experience was defining for all of our children," said Susan. "It taught them the value of community."

Washington Revels now includes year-round performances as well as numerous community and educational events. Greg explains that the goal is to create an organization that can engage and touch more people, especially across generations. As one Facebook entry points out, "You know you're a Reveler when you're a teenager and love hanging out with adults."



# Book Fair

Potomac instills in its students a love of reading and nourishes this love through such traditions as Book Fair. Initiated in the 1960s, Book Fair was originally held in the Middle School Square and offered new, hardcover books for children delivered by the Francis Scott Key bookstore. Today Book Fair extends across the Lower and Middle Schools and includes new books and thousands of used volumes donated by the entire community. Last year students collected and donated nearly 20,000 books for the Fair. One highlight for students is their official class visit, a chance to buy any books they choose. Another is “bag day,” the last day of the sale when customers can bring home an entire bag of books for two dollars. Four years ago a Cultural and Community Night was added to the festivities; Potomac families are invited to share their heritage including music, poetry, art, cuisine and dress. Proceeds from the Book Fair are an important source of support for Potomac’s libraries.



From the archives: The Class of 1959 after Book Fair.





# Nature Trails

Seen as emblematic of Potomac's strong connection to the outdoors, Potomac's nature trails hold an important place in the hearts of students, alumni and faculty alike. Throughout the decades since the School moved out of the city to McLean, teachers have incorporated the natural resources of the campus into the curriculum. Teacher Dur Morton established the trails among the ponds and streams of Potomac's forested campus during the 1950s, and they remain a valued retreat, educational treasure and important natural legacy to nurture and protect. Generations of students have captured tadpoles and turtles and dragonflies, built dams and bridges, and cleared and cared for the land they consider part of their Potomac education. In recent years, increased grants and funding have brought new attention to the stewardship of the land, resulting in improved trails and bridges, a resurgence of healthy, native species, the building and use of outdoor classrooms, and a regular community effort to clean up litter and plant trees and shrubs throughout Potomac's beautiful 90 acres.



From the archives: The Class of 1957 at an outdoor science class.



# Fall Frolics

From the 1940s through the late 1960s, Potomac held a precursor to today's Fall Frolics that was known as the Bazaar, a festival that featured baked goods and handicrafts. Re-introduced in 1977, Fall Frolics today is one of the School's finest community events, featuring a day of carnival games, a raffle, and a large marketplace of new and used goods. During the early years, the School Auction was held at the end of the long festival day, while the children went upstairs to watch a puppet show. Then for many years the Auction, named Friday Night Live, was held the night before. For the past several years, the Auction has moved to the spring but still remains linked to Fall Frolics as a fundraiser for faculty professional development and student scholarship programs. Since 1977, the two events have raised more than \$6 million for these programs and have provided countless hours of fun and community service for generations of Potomac students.





# Potomac profile

## ANGELA BULLOCK The Ties that Bind



“Traditions are the ties that bind together generations of Potomac students, parents, faculty and alumni.” So muses Angela Bullock, Potomac faculty member of 34 years. After teaching stints in London, Brussels, Dar es Salaam and Washington, D.C., Mrs. Bullock found her home at Potomac and says, “I’ve loved every minute of it.”

Mrs. Bullock has observed and participated in year after year of Potomac traditions and witnessed their emotive power and special meaning for our students. “Traditions are what our alums recall at Reunion,” she says. “Even alumni of many years back recall fondly their particular roles in our annual events. ‘I was the pig that went out to dig!’ And they say this very proudly.”

She believes it is important for older students to attend the events of the younger children. “The core of our traditions stems from the Lower, Middle and Intermediate Schools. Traditions in the Upper School are much newer.” She believes that this connection

between older and younger students is important for both groups and a good way for the many students who enter Potomac in the upper grades to feel part of the school.

“May Day is no longer just a Middle School tradition. It’s a whole school tradition. Older students sing along and the new students become part of these traditions even though they didn’t originally participate in them. When students come to the dress rehearsal of the Lower School Carols or the Intermediate School production of *St. George and the Dragon*, they understand Potomac’s heritage and are more connected as students and later as alums.”

Potomac traditions, like the School itself, have evolved over the years as times have changed. “The power of Potomac is that the School has been able to change beautifully and successfully over the years, when change is needed.” We have often taken existing creations, such as the music of Jack Langstaff — who was so crucial to the development of music and performing arts at Potomac — and turned them into something new.

Potomac has also built on the tradition of outdoor education, which evolved from Headmistress Carol Preston’s groundbreaking development of nature trails in the 1950s to today’s outdoor education program. “Over the years we’ve diversified, we’ve added an Upper School and new buildings, yet we have managed to maintain an important connection to the outdoors that is so important to our teaching.”

According to Middle School Head John Mathews, “Mrs. Bullock is wonderful to have in my division because while she knows, loves and celebrates the history and traditions of Potomac, at the same time she embraces innovation in teaching and learning.”

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## Q & A WITH CLARK LANDRY '95

Clark Landry is an entrepreneur and investor who has founded and sold several online advertising companies. He is currently co-founder and chairman at Focused Labs, a social media marketing and consulting company. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife and two children.

**This issue of the *Term* is about Potomac traditions.**

**So let me start by asking what were some of your favorites?** The Christmas play and May Day. They elicit a similar sense of tradition and wonder for students and alumni alike. As a younger student, you remember the older kids performing and look forward to the day you can participate yourself. By the time you're performing in the events, you're aware of their importance and tradition, and as a result enjoy them that much more. And few things evoke more of a feeling of nostalgia than watching the Christmas play or May Day as an older student or alum.

**Why do you think traditions are important? What is special about having a medieval celebration every year, or a Book Fair or a Fall Frolics?** These traditions are important because they promote a shared heritage and culture for each generation of Potomac students. Traditions provide students with a sense that they are part of a rich legacy that has existed at Potomac for a long time and will continue to exist in the future.

**What were the most memorable moments for you at Potomac?** Coming over the hill on May Day...Watching the Christmas play from the chorus stands as a fourth



grader...Varsity wrestling matches in the Preston Gym... Hanging out with the kids as a Summer Programs camp counselor...Playing trumpet in the band...Spending time with friends in the senior lounge.

**What about your time at Potomac is special for you today?** For me, it's the ongoing relationships I have with the people I met. The experience I shared with my Potomac classmates fostered some of the strongest friendships I have to this day. Two other things I value greatly are the rigorous academic foundation the School provided and the memories of the special teachers I had: Ms. Appleby, Mr. Harding, Mrs. Hebel, Mr. Weiss, Mrs. O'Neil, Ms. Whisnant, Mr. Bissell and many others.



# Shaking Hands

## At the End of the Day

All Potomac students come to know the proper way to say goodbye at the end of the day: look your teacher in the eye and shake hands. A small but important tradition, it teaches students to take a moment for connection, consideration and respect even during the most frenzied moments of departure and transition.

In Potomac's early days, the girls curtsied and the boys shook hands. "It was one of the graces that you taught younger children," says former Development Director Ginny Howard. In modern times, while many of the traditional formalities have been lost, this tradition of respect has endured in the Lower, Middle and Intermediate Divisions.

## Red-Blue Day

Red-Blue competition at Potomac is one of the great traditions of the School. Fourth through twelfth graders compete for the right to say at one of the closing Assemblies of the year, "Our team won." Every child, in every event, contributes toward the overall point total, so it takes a

huge collective effort to win the annual Red/Blue cup.

Potomac students are assigned to the Red or the Blue team when they arrive at Potomac; younger siblings who attend the School join the same team as the rest of the family. Students compete throughout the year in various games and activities. The competition builds to the Upper School Red-Blue Day at the end of the year, when students compete in athletic contests such as tug-of-war, capture the flag and soccer, as well as board games and other activities.



# Grandparents Day

Connecting the generations is important to the Potomac community, and Grandparents Day is a wonderful celebration of the special bond between old and young. Director of Development Ginny Howard started the tradition in the late 1960s. Mostly Lower and Middle School grandparents came to see how their grandchildren spent their days, and then were treated to song and dance at a special assembly. Non-grandparent “special” friends could attend, but there was one important rule: No parents! Today all four divisions participate, and last year a record number of grandparents and friends came to share the day.



# Class Plays

Cultivating poise as both an audience and a performer has always been a priority at Potomac. To that end, each Lower School grade and Middle School class performs its own Class Play at an Assembly every year. These plays are a great opportunity for students to see and be seen by their peers onstage.

The faculty enjoy the tradition too, some writing their own plays or adapting beloved books. The students revel in the elaborate costumes and the chance to perform together.

“Class plays are real bonding experiences. They let us see kids in different roles and expose them to their classmates in a different way. As teachers, we are always amazed at how sometimes the shyest, most introverted kids are stunning on stage,” says Middle School Music Teacher Mimsy Stirn.



From the archives: The Class of 1937 performs.



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## Q & A WITH TOM MACY '67



Potomac Alum Tom Macy is a retired teacher and administrator. He taught fifth grade and served as grade dean and assistant head of Middle School at Maret School in Washington, DC. Before that, he taught sixth grade at both Rye County Day School in New York and St. Dunstan's Episcopal School on St. Croix, USVI. His three siblings Mary '70, Susan '72 and Richard '80 also attended Potomac. Macy lives on Nantucket, loves to sail and enjoys renovation projects on his 214-year-old home.

**Let's start with your favorite tradition. What was it?** Book Fair. I can remember being a fourth grader and being so excited about books. And for the first time, I was roaming the Book Fair without being guided, choosing any book I wanted. I also remember Margaret Sherman, librarian at the time. She was so fond of books, and that love of reading was transferred to us.

**Did any of the Potomac School traditions have a lasting impact?**

Potomac traditions, particularly musical ones, influenced my teaching career. I gravitated towards schools, like Potomac, with good music departments and a "family" feel to them. Jack Langstaff was a big influence. What he had us perform eventually became the Revels. And, in turn, it was Carol Preston that influenced Jack. He said that Revels would never have existed if not for her. I performed in the first spring Revels in 1975 when I was in my early twenties.

**You worked at Potomac before you began your teaching career?**

Yes, I took a leave of absence from college and came back to Potomac, drove the bus and worked as a substitute teacher in various grades. It was a wonderful vote of confidence on the part of Bea Lindsten and Billy Orr (Middle and Lower School Heads, respectively).

**You have been active at Potomac for many years, as a class correspondent, attending Reunion and even participating in the May Day Morris Dance.**

**What keeps bringing you back?** My classmates. I see 12 of them fairly regularly — that is a true wealth of my life. And I see others from different classes. The School provided us with a great amount of time to get to know one another. That certainly is a tradition that I still see at Potomac.

I get back to Potomac about once every year. And I did come back about five years ago and participated in the May Day Morris Dance. May Day has a Roman foundation and is a reminder of history. The celebration shifts the attention from the day-to-day in the classroom and one learns something else; it's sort of a mini course with pageantry and costumes and performances.



# Farewell

## to the Class of 2010



Top: The senior class applauds the graduation day procession. Above: Senior Taylor Jones was chosen by his peers to give the student address.

A summer storm waited graciously for the Class of 2010 to celebrate its graduation in traditional fashion, outdoors under the Swing Tree on June 16. A class known for its energy, its playfulness and its strong leadership qualities, it was also the first to spend all four years in Potomac's new Upper School complex.

Graduating senior Jordan "Taylor" Jones was chosen by his peers to speak to those gathered. Comparing the

journey of life to writing an essay, he advised his peers to formulate a thesis "that's bigger than you" and to live it fully. Taylor assured his friends that they are well prepared for the future, as "Potomac won't let you leave without mastering the essay!"

Linda Anderson, retiring Chair of the History Department and 20-year veteran of The Potomac School, delivered a poignant commencement address with a lesson for the graduates on writing





Above: Retiring history teacher Linda Anderson urged graduates to seize opportunities and embrace challenges in her commencement address. Head of School Geoff Jones, right, presented diplomas to the graduates.

their own histories. “You are writing your own story with every decision you make—both big and small,” she told them. What is important, she advised, is to seize new opportunities and embrace challenges, and even get “into sticky situations that require courageous decision-making.” As graduates craft

their unique stories, they should be comfortable with their own choices, embrace their independent paths, and truly “enjoy the journey and live in the moment,” she said. Mrs. Anderson urged the new graduates to keep a healthy perspective about life’s journey and to stay in touch with one another.



# Colleges and Universities Chosen by the Class of 2010

Amherst College  
Arizona State University  
Babson College  
Belmont University  
Bowdoin College  
Brown University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
College of Charleston  
College of William and Mary  
Columbia University  
Concordia University  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Denison University  
Dickinson College  
Duke University  
Emerson College  
Emory University

Georgetown University  
Guilford College  
Hampton University  
Haverford College  
Howard University  
Indiana University at  
Bloomington  
Johns Hopkins University  
Loyola University Maryland  
Morehouse College  
New York University  
Oberlin College  
Princeton University  
Santa Clara University  
Sewanee: The University of the  
South  
Spelman College  
Syracuse University  
The George Washington  
University  
The University of Texas, Austin

Tufts University  
University of Chicago  
University of Michigan  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
Villanova University  
Virginia Commonwealth  
University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
and State University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington College  
Wesleyan University  
Williams College  
Yale University





# Upper School Awards

Upper School Awards recognize outstanding seniors within each academic discipline as well as athletics. The following awards were presented to members of the Class of 2010:



Upper School Award recipients (back row, from left) Drew Morrison, Enrique CuUnjieng, Paul Pemberton, David Freemyer, Alexander Nassikas, Samuel Lazerwitz, John Bennett, (front row) Claire Mattox, Amelia Moore, Grier Barnes, Isabella Gee, and Gillian Britton.

## Art

To that student who has enriched the school through his or her outstanding interest and achievement in art.

**Amelia Moore and Alexander Nassikas**

## Athletics

To that student who exemplifies sportsmanship, leadership and dedication in the spirit of competition at Potomac School.

**Claire Mattox and David Freemyer**

## English

To that student who has come closest to matching the Department's sense of an ideal English student by exhibiting several of the following qualities: personal growth in reading and writing (both critical and creative), enthusiasm for books and ideas, love of words and outstanding ability to make connections between a text and the world.

**Grier Barnes**

## Foreign Language

To that student whose enthusiastic pursuit of language study has been distinguished by extraordinary interest, consistent effort and high achievement.

**Grier Barnes**

## History

To that student who during his or her years in the Upper School has consistently produced outstanding work in the courses offered by the History Department and has actively pursued an interest in history and related subjects within as well as outside of the curriculum.

**Gillian Britton**

## Mathematics

To that student who achieved excellence and conveyed enthusiasm and love for mathematics to his or her peers.

**Paul Pemberton**

## Music

To that student whose musical skills have matured significantly while at Potomac and whose enthusiasm for music has inspired others.

**Enrique CuUnjieng**

## Science

To that student who has demonstrated unusually strong interest and competence in science through his or her performance in at least three departmental courses and in activities or projects outside the regular curriculum.

**John Bennett**

## Theater

To that student whose depth of commitment and love of the theater have inspired and enriched the drama program at Potomac.

**Samuel Lazerwitz and Isabella Gee**

*The Head of School Award and Seth-Smith Award are given to members of the senior class as selected by the Upper School faculty.*

## Head of School Award

To that student whose career at Potomac has been distinguished by outstanding achievements and by qualities of integrity, intellectual curiosity, self-sacrifice and consideration for others.

**Enrique CuUnjieng**

## Seth-Smith Award

To that student who has demonstrated a spirit of service to others, generosity to one's fellow students, and self-reliance and resourcefulness.

**Drew Morrison**



# REUNION

Clear blue skies and warm weather provided a perfect backdrop as more than 150 alumni and guests returned to campus for Reunion 2010. Alumni from the classes of 1938 through 2005 reconnected with classmates, friends, and faculty and staff for a weekend filled with memories and camaraderie.

The festivities kicked off Friday, April 30. A tour of the campus with Head of School Geoff Jones highlighted the familiar and the new, from the llamas out front to the new Lower School building. Alumni also sat in on classes and visited with their favorite teachers. At noon everyone met in the En-

gelhard Performing Arts Center for lunch and a viewing of the student art show before heading out to the Tundra for the traditional May Day celebration. Many reminisced about the songs and the parts they played many years ago.

Later that evening more than 125 alumni returned to campus to attend the All Alumni Cocktail Party. It was a beautiful evening on the new Lower School Fernandez-Kim Science Deck. Afterwards, the Class of 1960 and beyond celebrated their 50th reunion hosted by Head of School Geoff Jones and his wife, Carol, in their home. Great memories were shared by all

with special past faculty Imogen Rose and John Hebel in attendance.

On Saturday morning, alumni gathered to walk the trails led by Bern Hoffmann '86, Potomac's Environmental Sustainability Coordinator. After the walk, everyone pitched in to help plant a black gum tree donated by the Alumni Governing Council in celebration of Reunion 2010. Next it was on to the Kettler Crossroads and more tours of the campus led by Admission Director Charlotte Nelsen and several 2010 seniors.

Reunion weekend concluded with a Saturday afternoon luncheon. The Class of 1960 was

presented with the first Alumni Governing Council Tray for the highest Annual Fund participation. Music teacher Jerry Rich and an alumni group sang all the favorite Potomac songs, which many said transported them back to their days as students. Saturday night class parties were held off campus and, by all accounts, everyone had a blast.

Mark your calendars for April 29 and 30, 2011. Class years ending in 1 and 6 will celebrate milestone reunions, but all alumni are welcome!

For more photos, go to <http://www.potomacschool.org/alumni/reunions/gallery/index.aspx>.





Opposite page: Alumni planted a black gum tree donated by the Alumni Governing Council in honor of Reunion 2010. This page: Head of School Geoff Jones (left, center, with Walter Skallerup '70, Chris Andreas '83, and Sallie Ayers Barker '65) and Admission Director Charlotte Nelson (below, right, with Polly Graham Coreth '54 and Sally Hand Herren '54) led alumni on campus tours Friday and Saturday of Reunion weekend. Bottom: A tour group hears about Michael DeSantis '12's architecture project.



A luncheon on Friday in the Engelhard Performing Arts Center gave alumni a chance to see the student art show. Right: Helena Holmes Morrison '60 and Molly Warner '60. Below: Valerie Vesser. Below right: Gary Hill '79.



Chris Andreas '83 chats with Beal Lindsten (center) and Sara Hebel (left) at the Friday luncheon.

After not being back in over 20 years, fond memories quickly came flooding back. I had underestimated the strong impression Potomac School had left on me. As soon as I arrived I was struck by that same special feeling.

Walking the campus, it was as if I was a student again. The changes in the grounds and buildings were amazing. I was happy to see the llamas in their new home. The architecture and landscaping, all new yet familiar, still had that particular Potomac School flair. The School did a great job integrating the new with the old — incorporating many of the elements that make Potomac School unique. Talking to Mrs. Hebel and Mrs. Lindsten brought my visit full circle and created lots of new memories.

—Chris Andreas '83





Alumni, faculty and friends enjoyed a cocktail party Friday night outside the Lower School. Left (l-r): Mary Day Fitzgibbon '84, Isabel Day '79, Leyla Day '76 and Jane Day Rich '74. Below left: Dominic Dickerson '04, Ebony Wheaton '03, Clinton Johnson (guest), and Jasmine Morgan '04. Below: Dabney Schmitt and Wanda Hill. Bottom: Jake Gross, Cynthia Ivorian Jones, Pam Kloman, Michael Murphy '04 and Michael Nichols '04.







The Friday night cocktail party took place outside on the Lower School Fernandez-Kim Science Deck, right. Top left: Paul Letto '95, Dan Paradis, and George Wisecarver '95. Top right: Brian Pence '95 (center) and his wife Leigh with Sandy Gentles '94.



The Class of 1960 celebrated its 50th reunion and showed its support for The Potomac School's Annual Fund by winning the Inaugural Alumni Governing Council Reunion Tray, with 35 percent class participation. Reunion Class Chairs Lolly MacMurray-Cooper and Stephanie deSibour (holding tray) accepted the award on behalf of the class. Flanking them are Alumni Governing Council President Lola Singletary '78 and Head of School Geoff Jones.





The Saturday luncheon featured a sing-along of all the old favorites. Left (l-r): Adrienne Slaughter '78, Lola Singletary '78, Bettina Tierney '52, and Michael Coyne '00. Below left: Regina Lee '04 with Valerie Vesser. Below: Ben Quarles '95 and George Wisecarver '95. Bottom: Arielle Samuelson '04.



On Saturday, we attended the Reunion luncheon, where we were in awe of the beautiful new high school ... and got lost several times. We were especially excited to sit with Ms. Bolton during the sing-a-long and to reminisce with beloved history teacher Valerie Vesser, and her husband Dale. . . We're already looking forward to the next Reunion weekend!

—Maggie Beddow '04  
and Charlie Tansill '04

# news on campus

## Farewell to Retiring Faculty



Linda Anderson

### Linda Anderson

Teacher, Advisor, College Counselor, Dean of Students, Chair of the History Department, Model Congress leader, Community Service Director. In her 21 years at Potomac, Linda Anderson accepted a host of responsibilities and rose to every challenge she encountered with unmatched energy, confidence and capability.

On the eve of her retirement she said, “The best part of my job has always been learning new things. Every job I took on, I learned more about myself, learned things I never

knew I was capable of doing.”

Anderson first came to Potomac in 1989 to develop a K-12 community service program. After visiting and observing programs at more than 40 independent schools up and down the East Coast, she proposed a voluntary community service program that focused on exposure, commitment and reflection — mirroring Potomac’s philosophy in the classroom and on the athletic field. “We wanted Potomac students to build a commitment to service in their hearts — never to view it as a graduation requirement,” she said. That philosophy has sustained our community

service program over time.

While teaching ethics at Potomac in the early 1990s, she was selected to join a team of bioethics professors at Georgetown University’s Kennedy Institute of Ethics. The five-year project resulted in a national high school bioethics curriculum, which the group presented at national conferences and workshops.

Tapped as Potomac’s Dean of Students in the mid 1990s, Anderson also started teaching U.S. History. Always seeking new challenges, she moved into World History and AP U.S. Government. Action, service and equity, the essence of these courses, speak to who

Linda is as well. She sees the possibilities and works to fulfill them.

“Potomac affords people the opportunity to grow in ways you can’t imagine. You need to be a risk taker, you need to be able to step out of your comfort zone and say ‘Yes, I can do this.’” There is no doubt that Anderson will continue to seek opportunities in her retirement, which will include volunteer work at her local public high school. She is looking forward to traveling and spending more time with her family, particularly her grandchildren.



## Sara Harnisch

Launching our youngest learners in their Potomac careers has been Sara Harnisch's vocation for the last 17 years. On the eve of her retirement, she reminisced about the many Kindergarten teachers she has taught. "They are so much fun, so candid, so glad to see you each

morning," she says. During her years at Potomac she was always enthusiastic about our youngest learners and recognized the special qualities in every class.

"There are so many things I love about Potomac," she says, citing the sense of community, the opportunity and encouragement for everyone to grow, and the joyful learning environment. "There is a real

sense at Potomac that you can build on your own strengths. You can add something you are passionate about into the curriculum and ignite the students' enthusiasm."

She believes the emphasis on the arts and performance in the early years at Potomac has a particularly positive connection to a child's intellectual and social growth. "It is satisfying to watch the kids

who were initially uncomfortable sharing in front of others start volunteering to be at the front of the class as the year progresses."

Harnisch is retiring to spend more time with her family and to travel, but she plans to stay connected to Potomac as a substitute teacher. "I have enjoyed watching so many kids grow up," she says. "They remember me years later."



Donna Lewis



Sara Harnisch

## Donna Lewis

Childhood is a very special time, and Donna Lewis understands this in a profound way. Under her leadership the Lower School has become a model of elementary education. The hundreds of children who progressed through Lower School during her seven-year tenure as Division Head have been the fortunate recipients of her commitment to and vision of early childhood education.

Lewis has remarked many times, "I have a fabulous job!" In communications with parents, Lewis described her work as filled with both joy

and challenge. "Sometimes my responsibilities are as simple as bagging ice for an injury or celebrating the loss of a tooth. Now some might say this is not hard work, but I beg to disagree. The life of a child is a complex world; deciding to act or not is pivotal to developing independence of thought and strength of conviction. This is the work of understanding, with all your heart and mind, what makes a child tick. It is an awesome responsibility."

Much like an architect, Lewis saw her role as creating the kind of environment that would fuel every child's imagination, natural curiosity and inherent love of learning. She understood that

the Lower School is where a child develops all the building blocks he or she needs for a lifetime of education — learning how to work with others, solve problems, and appreciate the mind's ability to imagine, learn and grow.

She understood and inspired instructional excellence, ensuring that all of her faculty continued to grow through professional development programs. Lewis introduced a comprehensive, long-range program aimed at honing teachers' skills around a common language of understanding and best practices. She said that her teachers' knowledge and enthusiasm for the process of learning is "a sight

to behold."

Lewis infused the Lower School with her positive spirit. There wasn't a single aspect of her job that she didn't take seriously, whether it was choosing playground equipment, working with her third grade committees, or contributing to the K-12 administrative leadership.

Lewis has often said that she is fortunate to have made educating children her life's work and that she is a better person for having done so. As she takes her leave from Potomac, we thank her for her time with us and for modeling the person we want to become when we grow up.

## Students Celebrate Earth Day

Students in all divisions worked hard on Earth Day this year to beautify the campus as well as learn about and promote environmental responsibility. First



Students plant bushes as part of the Earth Day celebration on campus.

and eleventh graders planted native species throughout the campus, seniors finished building outdoor classrooms with new seats for the benches, and there was a big

cleanup in Pimmit Run. The Upper School gardening club and Middle School gardeners sold herbs and tomato plants grown on campus at a thriving Farmers Market, which also took donations from home gardens. The profits were returned to Potomac's gardening programs.

Students for Environmental Action (SEA) led an all-school Assembly in the Quad. They shared progress made on campus including energy savings and waste reduction as part of Potomac's overall environmental stewardship programs and as part of this year's Green Challenge, a competition



Students clean up Pimmit Run. Bags of litter pulled from the creek were presented at the Earth Day Assembly in the Quad.

among local day schools to save energy and resources, now in its second year.

## Byrnes Grantees Travel to Colorado, England and Austria

Three teachers awarded Byrnes Grants in May ventured far afield this summer in pursuit of learning experiences in visual, dramatic and musical arts.

Beth Dunkelberger, Kate Morgan and Tara Clayburn received professional development grants from Randall W. and Cheryl L. Byrnes as part of their program to recognize, reward and encourage outstanding educators in their efforts to bring knowledge, excitement and fulfillment to the children they teach. Randy Byrnes is a past parent and Trustee Emeritus.

Lower School Music Teacher Tara Clayburn attended the International Summer Course offered by the Orff Institute in



Byrnes Grantees (from left) Kate Morgan, Beth Dunkelberger and Tara Clayburn.

Salzburg, Austria, in July to further her knowledge of the Orff-Schulwerk philosophy of music instruction. This method of teaching, used at Potomac, uses movement, speech, song, games and instrument playing to teach even the most difficult musical concepts to children.

Middle School Art Teacher Beth Dunkelberger participated in a Photographic Encaustic Collage workshop offered by professional artist Miranda Lake at the Anderson Ranch Center in Colorado in late June. The workshop brought together the technology of the modern digital darkroom

with the ancient technique of encaustic, or hot wax, painting to allow participants to explore and create unique images and textures.

Kate Morgan, grade 6 teacher, explored two of her passions — Shakespeare and drumming — in a “once-in-a-lifetime trip” to England in late August. She participated in an educator’s workshop at the National Theatre to experience creative means to bring Shakespeare to life in the classroom. In addition, she performed with musicians from Brazil, France and South Africa at the Notting Hill Festival as part of an all-woman Afro-Brazilian percussion group based in Washington, DC.



# IS Students Capture Images from Space



A camera sent into space by Intermediate School students returned with many beautiful images.

Using a weather balloon to send a camera 20 miles above the Earth, Intermediate School students captured stunning images and video of the curve of the Earth's atmosphere dissipating into the blackness of space.

The students planned the mission for most of the school year. Using a simple styrofoam cooler from 7-Eleven, they programmed a small digital camera to shoot three pictures plus ten seconds of video each minute and then mounted it in the side of the cooler, angling it carefully in the hopes of catching the curvature of the Earth. The students loaded a tracking application onto a GPS-enabled cell phone that would send the balloon's location to a Web site every 30 seconds. To mitigate the -70 degrees F the balloon would encounter at high altitudes, the students added chemical hand warmers as a

heat source, installed lithium batteries in the electronics and insulated the cooler with newspaper.

On launch day, using trajectory modeling software and the latest weather forecasts, the students chose Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, as their launch site and predicted the balloon — which initially measured about five feet in diameter but was expected to expand to about 25 feet before bursting — would land somewhere in the countryside 20 miles northwest of Baltimore.

The Saturday, June 6, launch of the balloon and its cargo went off without a hitch. The students monitored the balloon's path on an iPad, but as expected, the phone signal was lost eight minutes into the flight. The students broke for lunch and a visit to the battlefield at Gettysburg, knowing the flight would last three to

four hours. Finally, their frequent checks of the iPad delivered wonderful news: Google satellite images showed that the payload was in the middle of a large field. Unfortunately, there was also a bit of bad news: the balloon had flown over the Chesapeake Bay and had landed on the Eastern Shore, a four-hour drive away!

The long trip to recover the cooler revealed a resounding success: The camera held hundreds of gorgeous photos and videos. The cooler had taken about 2.5 hours to float to 105,000 feet, and just 37 minutes to return safely to Earth via a bright orange parachute. Mission accomplished!

The adventure was featured in *The Washintgon Post's* KidsPost section on July 13. To see more photos and video of the flight, go to [www.potomac-school.org/news/space.aspx](http://www.potomac-school.org/news/space.aspx).

## New Science and Engineering Club Delves into Rocketry

Potomac Upper School students, led by sophomore Maggie Thompson, established a new Science and Engineering Club in 2009-2010. In addition to exploring various subject areas through field trips and special lectures, the group competed in the Team America Rocketry Challenge, a contest sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and the National Association of Rocketry (NAR). Along with thousands of students from across the country, the group was challenged to

design, build and test a model rocket, with the goal of reaching a particular altitude and flight duration with a certain payload as set by this year's contest rules. The Potomac students constructed and launched two rockets on a total of 11 flights with an egg as cargo. Nine times they successfully carried the egg to altitudes of 500 to 750 feet and returned the undamaged egg to the ground. Though the team didn't make the contest finals, the group learned valuable lessons and plans to compete again next year.



The Upper School Science and Engineering Club designed, built and tested model rockets as part of a national contest.

# athletics highlights





## Growing Wrestling Team Has Strong Season

Last winter's varsity wrestling squad pulled out an excellent record of 11-8 and boasted its largest roster ever, with 20 boys on the team. In addition, longtime Coach Steve Bissell notched his 100th wrestling

team victory during the season.

Despite being a young team, with half its members in the ninth grade, the wrestlers were well served by their strong numbers in all weight classes. Senior Gabe Cor-

rochano had an outstanding season in the 103-lb weight class, winning the MAC tournament (the team placed fourth) and placing fifth at the state tournament. Senior Captain John Henry Strong also won a match at the state tournament, competing at 171 lbs. Sophomore Kip Strong finished the season with an 18-5 record at 119 lbs. and a second-place finish at the MAC tournament. Nick Cueva also placed second in the MAC at 285 lbs.

Coach Bissell notes that he tried a number of new training techniques last winter, including having the boys flip truck tires across the room, use a sledge hammer on tires, and grip and lift sandbags covered in neoprene -- workouts that paid off for the team. "There was a good team feel this year," he said, as opposed to a focus on individual performance. He is looking forward to an outstanding upcoming season.



Gabe Corrochano (below) was Potomac's sole MAC wrestling champion last year at 103 lbs. Gabe defeated Jack Barthwick of Sidwell Friends, the number one seed, in a close match 8-7 to win the championship. Far left, Kip Strong takes down an opponent. Left, Chris Graves.





Top: Softball players Claire Mattox, left, and Ann Bellinger. Tennis players Austin Ness, above, and Michael DeSantis, right.

## Boys Tennis Takes Home 13th MAC Title in 16 Years

An outstanding boys tennis squad had its best season in nearly a decade, with a conference record of 14-0 and an overall 17-1 record. The Panthers entered the state tournament

favorable to win, but were not able to capture the final honor – and lost in the semifinals to previous state champion Collegiate School from Richmond. Earlier in the season the boys posted a phenomenal

5-2 win over Collegiate, but were not able to repeat in the post season.

Previously the Potomac team had clinched the MAC title with a decisive 7-0 win over Georgetown Day School,

moving into first position over Sidwell and Maret. This marked the 13th time in 16 years that the Potomac squad claimed the end of season honors.



## Softball Finishes with Outstanding Record

Led by Captains Claire Mattox and Ann Bellinger, the varsity softball team finished with an excellent 9-3 regular season record last spring. An impressive early season win over Flint Hill and a dismantling of a strong National Cathedral squad set the tone for a notable season. Mattox and Bellinger were

both honored with post-season awards (see page 35).

Potomac was still in the hunt for a championship until the last two games of the regular season schedule. Disappointing late inning losses against top teams Saints and Maret, however, dropped the team to fourth in the league. ISL and State tournament play

ended in first round losses to outstanding teams.

The young, strong team benefited from a deep roster and outstanding hitting. Coach Brian Parry, who celebrated his 20th year coaching softball, says he “would argue they were the best hitting team in the ISL,” despite the competition’s top pitching. Potomac’s

pitching was steady throughout with sophomore Lily Biggar “a model of consistency and composure,” says Coach Parry. Other standouts included Kate Perry, who turned in a stellar season at third base, and Emma Wright sparkling in center field. A spring training trip to Orlando helped build a close-knit and cohesive team.

## Baseball Finishes Second in League



Varsity baseball had an outstanding season, with a 14-4 regular season record and an overall 16-5 record. The team finished second in regular season MAC play and second in the MAC tournament, in both cases behind traditional powerhouse Flint Hill.

Captains Colin Cummings, Enrique CuUnjieng and Nick

McGregor led the young team for many impressive wins, including a 16-5 victory over league rival Sidwell Friends as well as victories over strong competitors Bishop Ireton, Bullis and St. Stephens & St. Agnes. On the mound the team was led by McGregor and Matt Giordano. Standouts at the plate included Conor McNerney, CuUnjieng and

Cummings.

Coach Ken Tyrrell was at the varsity helm this year for the first time after two years coaching JV. “It’s good to see the success we had and good to see the momentum building around the baseball program,” he says. He noted that with only three seniors on the team and a lot of key players returning, the team is looking sharp for the 2010-2011 season. The team should “look to build off the success and maybe win the MAC next year,” he said.



Baseball players Conor McNerney, left, and Colin Cummings, above.

## Girls Lacrosse Makes Semis in State Tourney

The varsity girls lacrosse team advanced as far as the semifinals of the Virginia state lacrosse tournament to close out an excellent 11-7 season. The girls defeated Bishop Ireton to move into the semifinal round but fell in a disappointing loss to an outstanding St. Stephen's & St. Agnes squad.

The team had also advanced to the semifinals of the ISL tournament, where they lost a close 9-8 game to a strong team from Georgetown Visitation.

The team was led by captains Dori McAuliffe and Maddy Fabiani, who was injured much of the season but continued to provide strong leadership. "The seniors this year were a strong class, a deep class," says Coach Julia McCombs. "They worked hard at practice, kept the team focused, and were great leaders on and off the field."

The team was able to fulfill a goal they had set for the season: to beat Bullis, which the seniors had not done in their Potomac careers. They also played especially well in early

season games against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes and Bishop Ireton. Though the former was a loss, the girls played an excellent game against a dominant opponent.

Although the team lost six seniors to graduation, a strong group of remaining players should make for an outstanding 2010-2011 season.



Girls lacrosse players Jackie Pfeiffer, above, Charlotte Morris, far left, and Dori McAuliffe, left.





## Post-Season Awards

The following students were honored with Post-season awards by the Independent School League (ISL), the Mid-Atlantic Conference (MAC), the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association (VISAA) and *The Washington Post*.

### ISL All-League Team Selections – Spring 2010 (girls)

**Lacrosse:** Charlotte Morris  
Jackie Pfeiffer  
**Softball:** Grace Dewey  
Claire Mattox

### ISL All-League Team Selections – Winter 2009-10 (girls)

**Basketball:** Grace Dewey  
Claire Mattox

### MAC All-League Team Selections – Spring 2010 (boys)

**Baseball:** Colin Cummings  
Conor McNerney  
**Lacrosse:** Tristan Dellar  
Adonis Hoffman  
Connor Laughlin  
Nick Shashy  
Felipe Toso  
**Tennis:** Zach Hublitz  
Ned Mandel  
**Track & Field:** John Bennett  
Brendan Evans  
James Harter  
AJ Jones  
Nicky Kensinger  
John Steele

### MAC All-League Team Selections – Winter 2009-10 (boys)

**Basketball:** Cullen Hamilton  
**Wrestling:** Sebastian Corrochano

### VISAA All-State Teams – Spring 2010

**Baseball:** Conor McNerney – *Second Team*  
**Girls Lacrosse:** Dori McAuliffe  
Charlotte Morris  
**Softball:** Claire Mattox – *First Team*  
Ann Bellinger – *All Academic*

### VISAA All-State Teams – Winter 2009-10

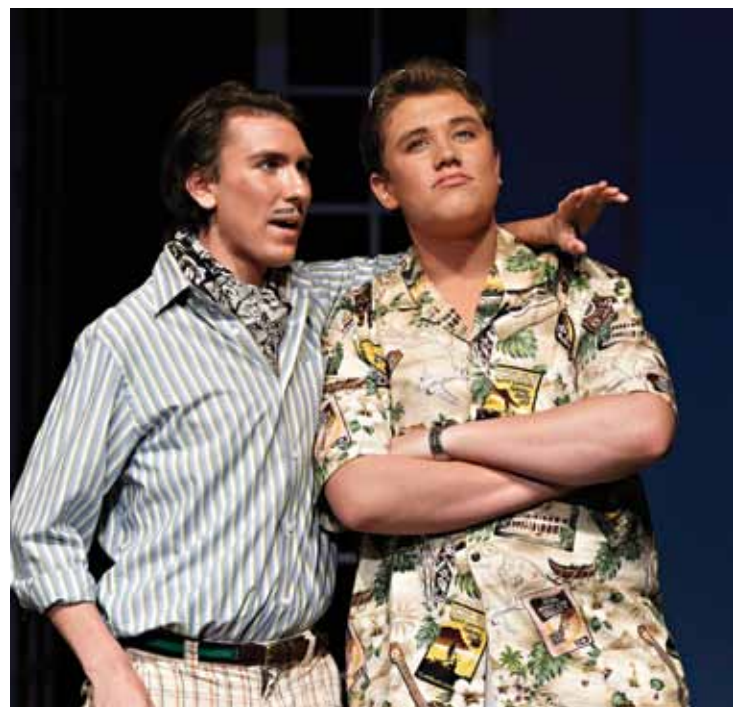
**Boys Basketball:** Cullen Hamilton – *Second Team*  
**Diving:** Chloe Grishaw

### *The Washington Post* All-Met Teams – Spring 2010

**Girls Lacrosse:** Charlotte Morris  
*Honorable Mention*  
**Softball:** Claire Mattox  
*Honorable Mention*  
**Boys Tennis:** Zach Hublitz  
*Honorable Mention*  
Ned Mandel  
*Honorable Mention*

Photos: Potomac athletes honored with post-season awards included (top, left to right) Ned Mandel, Claire Mattox (#2, celebrating with the team), Brendan Evans and Tristin Dellar.

# arts focus



Students from all divisions displayed their talents in various productions last spring. Top left: Upper School actors in the musical, "The Robber Bridegroom." Top right: The Intermediate School musical was "Oklahoma!" Above: Middle School performers at the annual Bells, Bands and Strings concert. Right: The Upper School spring play was a modern take on "The Merry Wives of Windsor."



## From Forest to Furniture

Potomac students have worked for the past two years to harvest, mill and use — in various functional art and architecture projects — hardwoods from the campus' forests.

The process starts with any large hardwood that falls or is

taken down on Potomac land. If deemed usable, it is cut into boards or beams by professional sawyer Chris Bird, who comes to campus twice a year with his enormous hydrolic saw. The wood is allowed to season in the open for about six months, then is taken to a kiln off campus to be dried further and milled into usable sizes. Finally it is brought back to campus to be made into art projects or furniture, or sold or traded for services.

In Upper School classes, students have put the campus' beautiful hardwoods to use in a number of furniture projects for communal use. For example, a piano bench in the Upper School Crossroads, created by members of an architecture class, was made from a cherry tree that stood just



outside the right field fence on the Gumtree Field. The tree was taken down when it began to lean too far over a neighbor's property. The walnut coffee table in the East Building entrance, also made by an architecture class, came from a tree that fell into the stream in the woods. The large study table in the Crossroads with a diagonal inlay and a bench that



sits in the Civali Courtyard were made as part of senior projects. And several outdoor classrooms have been created using rough sawn white oak for seating.



Students and faculty worked together to turn fallen trees from the Potomac campus into art and architecture projects.



Potomac students often have the opportunity to perform off-campus. Above left, the Madrigal Singers toured Manhattan in March, performing at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Bartholomew's Church and Trinity Church Wall Street. Above right, the Intermediate School Chorus presented an outdoor concert in May at the Palladium's Civic Place Green in the center of McLean.



# slice of life







Opposite page: Middle School garland girls perform as part of the traditional May Day festivities. Left, minstrels in costume at the Middle School Medieval Bazaar. Below, Upper and Lower School students enjoy time together in Assembly.





Top: A proud grandmother spends a morning at school for the annual Grandparents Day. Above, third graders show off their projects for Science Fair. Right, a student presents what he has learned about Egypt.





Far left, Lower Schoolers dressed in costume for Colonial Day as part of their studies of Colonial times. Near left, a strongman at the Kindergarten Circus.



Silently and using only their hands, fourth grade students build a paper city stretching across Ramsey Assembly. The team constructed roads, skyscrapers, swimming pools, a football stadium, and an "Alcatraz"-esque jail.







Top: Red-Blue Day featured its usual tug-of-war battles and enthusiastic cheering sections. Far left, Middle Schoolers compete in the Greek Olympics. Left, Lower and Middle Schoolers demonstrate their skills at the annual Jump Rope for Heart Assembly. Above, Intermediate School science students study propulsion by building pneumatic launchers and experimenting with the effects of angle and pressure on the distance tennis balls will travel.

# alumni activities

## Seniors Join Ranks with Alumni

The Class of 2010's 93 members were inducted into The Potomac School Alumni Association May 18 in an event dubbed "preUNION 2010." The traditional Senior Dinner in their honor was held in the Kettler Crossroads. Lola Singletary, President of the Alumni Governing Council, Laura Miller, Director of Alumni Relations, and Margo Thronson, President of the Senior Class, welcomed the soon-to-be graduates into the alumni community. The classmates filled out a time capsule questionnaire to be opened at their fifth reunion.



The Class of 2010 (left) enjoys its Senior Dinner in May. Top: Aysia Pate. Above: David Freemyer. Top left: Tristan Dellar and Hanna Rocks.



# Alumni Enjoy Summer Happy Hour

More than 75 alums gathered for the annual Potomac Alumni Summer Bar Night at George in Washington, DC, on June 24. Alumni from the classes of 1991 to 2006 re-connected with old friends and

met new ones. The event attracted graduates as well as Panthers who left Potomac when they were younger. A few out-of-town alums even dropped in after hearing about the event from friends.



Alumni enjoying Happy Hour with old friends included (above, left to right) Annie Harris '05, Truman Morrison '03, Kelly O'Meara '05 and Willie Morrison '06; (left) Patrick Frailey '06, (unidentified), Maria Bissel '06 and (unidentified); (top left) Steve Shashy '04 and Skipper Calvert '01; (top middle) Patrick Frailey '06 and Caroline Kettler '05.

## Alumni Athletic Breakfast

A group of alumni returned to campus March 11 to learn more about Potomac's athletics programs at a breakfast hosted by Jamie Sullivan '96, a member of the Alumni Governing Council; Rob Lee '78, Director of Boys Athletics; and Cas Blanchard, Director of Girls Athletics. Pictured from left: Reed Landry '99, Trenholm Boggs '99, Jamie Sullivan '96, Rob Lee '78, James Quigley '84, Win Huffman '99, Bill Miller '96, Libby Huffman Wilkinson '96, and Cas Blanchard.



# Alumni Visit Campus

A number of alumni have recently returned to campus to share their experiences with students. Among them were Drew Durbin '04, Marcus Ginyard '05 and Stephanie Amann Kapsis '01.

Durbin spoke to the Upper School at a special assembly and fundraiser for Anza (the Swahili word for "start"), an international development company he founded after college. Anza makes affordable tools for farmers and families in East Africa such as solar cookers made from recycled plastic bags, water sanitation devices made from used jerry cans, and simple carts made from scrap automobile tires.

Ginyard spoke at an Intermediate School assembly in May. The national merit scholar, double major at UNC and five-

year member of the Tarheels NCAA Championship basketball team shared his memories of Potomac, saying it was here "I built my best habits as a student and as a person." He told students, "You'll understand later how special this place is."

Amann Kapsis, managing director of programs for Teach for America and former Potomac student body president, addressed the Upper School in March as part of the Distinguished Speakers Series. Amann Kapsis said she was inspired by Teach for America while working on her senior project at Potomac. Her interest in service through education continued during her undergraduate and graduate years at Princeton and Pace University, respectively.



Clockwise from top left: Marcus Ginyard '05 speaking to the Intermediate School in May; Stephanie Amann Kapsis '01 addressing the Upper School in March; and Drew Durbin '04 in East Africa for his international development company Anza.



## Alumni Visit Terra Cotta Warrior Exhibit

More than 65 alumni and guests gathered at the Mayflower Hotel's Town and Country Bar in Washington, DC, February 23 for cocktails and conversation before heading over to The National Geographic

Society's Terra Cotta Warrior exhibit. Potomac faculty Cort Morgan, Daniel Shannon, Graham Bauerle and Sara Cleveland provided insight and expertise as they led small groups through this fascinating exhibit.



Top: Members of the Renzy family at the Mayflower reception Ann Bellinger '10, Ann Renzy Maclean '86, Rachel Renzy Meima '86, and Dawn Renzy Bellinger '77. Bottom left: Lola Singletary '78 and Sally Anne Epstein '78. Left: Potomac faculty and staff Cort Morgan, Graham Bauerle, Dabney Schmitt, Daniel Shannon, Linda Anderson, Lois Rothman and (back) Lois' husband Roger at The National Geographic Society.



## Alumni Battle Students in Spring Sports

Alumni returning to campus May 22 to compete in lacrosse, baseball and tennis enjoyed perfect weather and challenging opponents. Alumni lacrosse players took on the boys varsity team and delighted

fans with an exciting one-point victory. Alumni were also victorious over the varsity baseball team. Tennis players enjoyed hitting the ball around and playing matches with students and parents as well.



Students and alumni met for friendly contests on the courts and fields of Potomac in May. Alumni proved their mettle by prevailing in both lacrosse and baseball.



# ALUMNI

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## Dear Alumni:

Tradition is a cornerstone of the Potomac experience for students, faculty, administration, staff, parents and friends. A thread weaves its way from kindergarten to twelfth grade and from student to alumni, active teacher or staff member to retiree, and current to past parent. Potomac is a unique academic institution with core beliefs in individual worth, the ability of children to learn, explore and develop and, ultimately, to become responsible adults, equipped to make a positive difference in the world — in other words, to lead exemplary lives.



In this issue of *The Term*, we focus on the many traditions that enhance the Potomac learning experience. Through the arts, students express themselves and are given the opportunity to present, recite, dance, sing, play an instrument or exhibit their handiwork. Through athletics, children learn the value of teamwork and the excitement of personal bests. Through assembly by grade-level and as a student body, we endow a sense of belonging and history. Through reunion and alumni relations, we maintain connectivity between schoolmates and between today's Potomac and its former students. These elements, separately and combined, instill life-long learning, create friendships and foster a spirit of excellence.

The School we alumni know and love is alive and well, educating students and creating memories. The “look” of the campus may be different, but the feeling of being on campus remains the same. I encourage you to stay interested in Potomac by reading *The Term* and e-correspondence including Llama Notes; to share details of your life/career with class correspondents or Laura Miller, Director of Alumni Relations; and to visit whenever you are in the DC metro area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lola J. Singletary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lola J. Singletary '78  
President, Alumni Governing Council



# class notes

We encourage you to visit the alumni online community at [www.potomacschool.org](http://www.potomacschool.org) to keep in touch with former classmates and find out how to participate in current Potomac School activities. To submit an item for Class Notes, contact your class correspondent or Director of Alumni Relations Laura Miller at [lmiller@potomacschool.org](mailto:lmiller@potomacschool.org). Some classes need a designated correspondent — if you are interested in serving as a representative for your class, please contact Laura Miller for more information.

We reserve the right to edit submissions to Class Notes for style and length.

**Got Facebook?** If you have a Facebook account, search and join the official Potomac Panthers Alumni Group!

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1938

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**Bill Pearson**, renowned for his cruises and his dancing with Eleanor, reports, “Eleanor and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary with a 39-day cruise through the Panama Canal, out to San Diego and back to Fort Lauderdale in January. Got my wings clipped a bit in April when I had a slight stroke which kept me in the hospital for eight days and in rehab for two more weeks. Everything is fine now and I’m back to walking my usual eight miles a day or more and dancing whenever possible. We’re heading to California again at the end of August for a granddaughter’s wedding in Burbank and from there to Chicago for what will probably be the last national reunion of the 104th infantry (Timberworld) division. They’re running out of attendees. Then in October we’re flying to Venice, Italy, to start another cruise, which will stop in several ports in the Mediterranean before returning transatlantic to Fort Lauderdale. Provided we both stay healthy, we’ll be cruising again to the Caribbean for the month of February.” Bill’s new e-mail address is [wpearson247@comcast.net](mailto:wpearson247@comcast.net).

Your scribe, **John Dugger**, attended a couple of reunions—at

Potomac, he believes that he was the most senior Potomac graduate on the premises. At the Naval Academy, the 65th reunion of his class of 1946, a wartime class graduating in 1945, it appeared that only a third of his class of more than 1,000 still survived, and of those, about eighty made it to the reunion, most of them vigorous and replete with sea stories. His more exciting news is that his daughter **Patsy Dugger ‘91** is to be married on an official occasion in San Francisco in August 2010 with a celebration in October in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Her fiancé is Isaac Newton, a Californian whose family, none physicists, came from Newton, Massachusetts. Patsy’s mother, **Norma Dugger**, formerly of The Potomac School Board, is fully occupied with preparations for the celebration in Mexico.

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1942

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**Katharine Stanley-Brown Abbott** writes, “Gordon and I are doing well on the North Shore of Massachusetts. For me, tennis, walking, volunteer work in Boston; for Gordon writing, his boat, the local health club. And for us both, the joy of being included in the lives of our

four children and five grandchildren, who all live within an hour of Manchester. I hope the rest of our small but select class are doing well and will send along their news for the next issue of *The Term*.”

**Geraldine Warburg Zetzel**, who lives in Cambridge, MA, has announced the publication of her latest book of poetry, *Mapping the Sands*. The book will appeal to those who value poetry “for the expansion of the spirit, as well as for music and the sensuous pleasures of language.” It is available from Mayapple Press, Bay City, MI.

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1943

**Day Ely Ravenscroft** writes, “I am in Montana visiting about 25 family members of younger generations—I am the last of my generation in my family and in my husband’s. Will return to AZ and continue working hard on changing the current bad perception that our state has of the wonderful hard-working, kind and family-oriented immigrants both legal and illegal. I love AZ but there are some weird laws here.”

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1947

**Julian Alington** is retired and living in England. He is now widowed and has four children and eight grandchildren. His cousin, **Rue Hill**, was last known living in Montreal about ten years ago, but he has lost touch.

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1949

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**Georgia Harwood Blackmore** writes, “I am very grateful for my four years at Potomac. I fondly remember the old school on California Street with the winding stairways and home-like classrooms. Now, as an old lady, I keep myself feeling young

while my husband, Bill, and I rescue, foster and find good homes for dogs. During the past ten years, we have given at least 150 dogs a second chance. It is heartwarming work, better than playing Bingo at our age."

**Mary Gale Buchanan** writes, "I am enjoying living in Annapolis, Maryland! I am giving occasional tours of the Naval Academy."

**Gladys Roberts Thomas** writes, "I left the Washington area in 1959, 10 years after graduating from the ninth grade at Potomac. My entire adult life has been spent in New York. I retired in 2007 from the Starr Foundation, a major grant maker in medicine, education, culture and other fields."

1952

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**Evelyn Scofield Rowland** writes, "We are now spending our summers at Swan's Island, ME, and winters in a condo in Madison, GA. We have seven grandchildren. Our eldest son and wife are in Kolkata, India, where he is heading up the Consular Section; they have two girls, ages 9 and 8. Our middle son is in Atlanta, where he is Director of Sponsorship and Marketing for Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center. He and his wife have three children, boys, ages 9 and 5, and a girl, 7. Our youngest son lives in Santa Fe, NM, and works at Los Alamos National Lab. His wife owns Santa Fe Dry Goods store on the square in Santa Fe and they have two boys, ages 7 and 3"

1954

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**Daphne Barnard Davis** writes that after graduating Potomac and living in Antwerp, Paris, Aruba, Nassau, London and New York, first as a diplomat's daughter and then as an international banker's wife, she and Michael came to "rest" in Stonington, CT. She now finds herself driving a tractor and trying to create "points de vue" out of New England hardpan. "What has life come to? A rather nice thing, considering the alternatives!"

**Anne Livingston Emmet** is the proud grandmother of six children—two boys and four girls. She is painting and writing these days and just celebrated a big birthday in Boston with her sister-in-law and **Sandy Robinson Righter** steering the birthday ship. They had such a good time, and Anne says they all look better than 20 years ago! She is going to Antarctica this November for a month. She sends her love to everyone and wishes we could all get together more often.

**Sally Hand Herren** wrote that they have really enjoyed their winter get-aways, this year to Argentina and Chile on another Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) trip. Their trip last year with OAT to China (including Tibet) convinced them that they are one of the best for traveling with a small group (12-16), bringing a country's culture and history alive, creating adventurous moments, and keeping an active pace. At home Sally is enjoying golf, tennis and bridge (the latter with **Polly Graham Coreth**), and keeping her brain alive being a docent at Hillwood Museum and Gardens with its fabulous Russian and French collections. Her children are a joy to them, Michael and Allison close by for the moment, and Lisa and Charles and their sweet granddaughters (3 and 5) about to move from NY to California...too far!

In the past 6 months, Sally has enjoyed keeping in touch with Potomac pals: **Roman Fullerton Hynson**, **Mary Coffman Luzzatto**, **Eda Darneille Doyle**, **Didette Van Slyck**, and **Willia Fales Eckerberger** who spends half her time in Washington and the rest in Sweden. **Polly** and **Sally** went to our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion together and were amazed at the expansion of Potomac!

**Edie Murphy Holbrook** is now on the board of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy and is enjoying the challenge. The focus is on U.S. national security issues. Violinist Misha Simonyan, her "Russian son," 24, just made his debut at Buckingham Palace, performing for Prince Charles, then with the New York Philharmonic in June, and is now recording with Deutsche Grammophon. Her daughters Anna and Sara are busy with work and kids. They will be visiting briefly this summer. It is very hard having them both on the West Coast.

**Emily B. McLean** writes, "**Tina Knox Radigan** and I had two wonderful lunches while she and Charlie were here. The weather for Florida was unusual and so cold. We were dressed up like Eskimos. So good to see her and catch up! Last June my 11<sup>th</sup> grandchild was born. The grandchildren range in age from 26 to one. Such fun! Call if you are in the Ft. Myers area. It's usually paradise!"

**Tina Knox Radigan** writes, "In September, we will have been living down here in the Northern Neck of Virginia for four years. We just love it here, and living on the water is very special and relaxing. We both play a lot of golf, and Charlie keeps very busy serving on two Boards, volunteering at the library and serving as Guardian Ad Litem for some clients that are physically or emotionally handicapped. We spend three months in the winter in Ft. Myers, FL, and get to see **Emily McLean** when we are there. Our daughter, Kate, is still living in Chicago and has two children, Laura (19) who will be a sophomore at Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA, and Lucy (2). She is very busy with Lucy and looks after two other children in her home. Our son, Josh, is still Food & Beverage manager at Washington Golf and Country Club. He is getting married on September 17 on Kiawah Island to a wonderful gal. He has a son, Knox (4), by his first marriage."

**Betsy Clifford Reynolds** wrote that Chris, Laura and Jenny are well and busy with their lives. Grandson Cliff (19) is going to Tufts and spent a year in China. Grandson Henry (17) will spend his junior year

in Jordan (Arabia) and will learn Arabic.

**Sandy Robinson Righter** is still in the city of Boston but they have a little place in Mattapoisett, MA, on Buzzards Bay, so they are able to get away in the summer and on week-ends. They also have a small, rustic cabin on the island of North Haven, Maine, that they nailed together, literally, with their kids 24 years ago, and they go up there for a couple of weeks in August. Their children live in Providence and NYC, and their 4 grandchildren are scattered, with one starting Film School in New York this fall, and another going into her junior year at DePaul University in Chicago. Sandy's husband, Jim, is still practicing architecture and she is still involved with community projects and music, and is heading this summer to sing Brahms for a week with the Berkshire Choral Festival (she wonders if there might be others who do this, too?) Sandy sees **Anne Livingston Emmet** quite regularly, and in the past year also got together with **Avis Bohlen Calleo** and **Lalitte Carusi Smith**, and caught a glimpse of **Daphne Barnard Davis**. She also sees **Didette Van Slyck** from time to time, now married to Jimmy Hammond, an old friend of theirs. She says there are several Potomac girls in and around Boston, different classes, and of course, whenever they see each other, they break into a rousing chorus of "Great Days and Jolly."

**Lalitte Carusi Smith** has just returned from Paris where she visited her sister, **Ceci Carusi Pose '49**. Last fall she had dinner with **Sandy Robinson Righter** in Massachusetts, having not seen her in many years. She is struggling with golf, which she took up about five years ago in order to play with her husband, Dick Smith. He has a low handicap and luckily is patient and a good teacher! Lalitte's children and grandchildren visit them often in East Hampton, where they live year-round.

1955

**Eliza Kellogg Klose** writes, "I have moved to New England to join Harding Bancroft, whose twin sister, **Mary Jane '57**, is a good friend of



my sister, **Celina Kellogg Moore '57**. They introduced us after Harding's wife died in 2007. Celina and Mary Jane met at Potomac in the 1950's."

**Prue Lloyd Rosenthal** writes, "My husband, Ami, and I just spent 5 days with **Eliza Kellogg Klose** and her friend Harding Bancroft.... We had a wonderful time in Stratford, Ontario, with other friends eating great food and seeing plays, including *The Tempest*, which was "our" 8th grade play, with Eliza starring as Prospero!"

## 1957

**Marjorie Hornblower Johnson** writes, "I am writing from Hangzhou, China, where I am visiting my son Conrad, who teaches yoga here. It is ...full of adventure, despite the killer heat and the "Plum Rains." Yesterday, for example, we went around the corner to a hole-in-the-wall Chinese doctor, who did acupuncture and moxibustion on my arthritic knees. A few weeks ago I went to my Concord Academy 50th reunion and enjoyed seeing Potomac classmates **Mary Jane Bancroft** and **Jo Field** there too. Both looked beautiful. The reunion was a catalyst for Chuck and me to take time off from work and come east from Colorado for a couple of weeks. We also got to visit **Susie Cooley** and Kim Berton at their farm in the northeast kingdom of Vermont. Susie is as full of beans and wonderful as ever. Her new crop of lambs were out playing in the fields. Old friends are the best ones."

## 1960

**Constance Casey** writes, "My husband, Harold Varmus, has stepped down after 10 years as president of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, as he said he would when he took the job. He'll be director of the National Cancer Institute, so we'll be dividing our time between New York City, Washington, DC, and Old Chatham in upstate New York. Our new (smaller) New York City apartment is walking distance from the American Museum of Natural History, where I'll be using the library to research the pieces about creatures I'm writing

for the online magazine, *Slate*. It's a happy return to the subject I first got very interested in at Potomac, thanks to **Duryea Morton '48**. I'm also writing about plants for the magazine of the American Society of Landscape Architects."

**Adelaide MacMurray-Cooper** writes, "Our 50th Reunion was a poignant occasion: very little of 1960's nest of cinderblock buildings was recognizable among the splendid construction of 2010, but the school's emphasis on academic achievement and community responsibility was still very evident, and we "happy few" were warmly welcomed: **Stephanie deSibour**, **Molly Warner**, **Helena Holmes**, **Lyn DuVal**, **Debbie Shapley** and myself came, and **Connie Casey** and **Becky McCandlish** had hoped to be there. As always, the combination of reminiscence and more recent news was deeply rewarding, and we concluded that the passage of fifty years had served us well! On a sad note, Becky's husband Larry Burckmyer died in early June after a long illness. He was a friendly, generous man, an entrepreneur and sailor who will be much missed. His memorial service in Marblehead was packed with friends and family."

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**Wendy Neel Ellsworth** writes, "I am still traveling around the U.S. teaching beading classes. My book *Beading - The Creative Spirit: Finding Your Sacred Center through the Art of Beadwork* is selling well. I will celebrate my mom's, **Mary Wilson Neel '32**, 92nd birthday with her in New Hampshire on July 20. My husband

and I now have a beautiful, fully solar powered home in the Colorado Rockies where we spend three months each year. Have beads will travel! I am starting a foundation to help the Umoja Uaso Woman's Village in Archer's Post, Kenya, where I have traveled to work with the women and taught them new beading techniques and product designs. I saw **Perrin Dulany** this past spring and **Barby Franklin** too."

**Dede Fryer Hacking** writes, "Jeremy and I are alive and well in Oakville, ON. I am building my business as an interior decorator, redesigner, stager and organizer. My website is [www.eleanorhackinginteriors.com](http://www.eleanorhackinginteriors.com). Finally realizing my childhood ambitions now that both sons are grown and flown. Neither of my offspring is married. Both live in NYC. Eldest completed a great trip around the world—topped off with a 6-week Arctic whitewater canoe trip—eating 'off the land.' Youngest coordinating international events for Major League Baseball and loving every minute. In addition to my business, I enjoy badminton, tennis, bridge and mah jong. Anyone travelling to the Golden Horseshoe is welcome to stay."

**Wendy Millar Phillips** writes, "My husband and I divide our time between NYC and East Hampton. We are fortunate to have one son and his wife here in NYC. Our oldest son and his wife and 1-year-old daughter live in Boston. The baby girl is quite a novelty after four sons! Our son Peter was married in January and lives in San Francisco. Thomas, the youngest, is a senior at Middlebury. I look forward to reading about the Class of '63 and hope to see classmates more often in the future."

**Christopher H. Ripman** writes, "My son Seth (19) has just finished his freshman year at Johns Hopkins, having bitten off seven courses and three simultaneous shows. I guess the 'I just can't say NO, it sounds so interesting' gene got passed on.... My older son Ben has abandoned NASA (where he was, for a time, a rocket scientist) for sunny Southern California to try out being a POSSLQ (Person of the Opposite Sex Sharing Living Quarters) with his lady love (and working for the census). Hope-

fully, this year he will complete the grad school apps in astrophysics and get his head back into the stars.... And me? I continue to provide employment for six people, which is no mean feat these days, though I have to say that my business—architectural lighting design—has never been so challenged in the 30 years of its existence and I would love to hear that a few more good people weren't afraid to build something in these trying times."

**French Gamble Wallop** writes, "Too many years have flown by to believe that in three years, we will have to have a 50th reunion! I am traveling often to London, Geneva, Doha, Abu Dhabi, Istanbul and Oslo at the moment on behalf of both corporate and private investment clients. In 2000, I sold both firms that had become too large for me to run effectively and with the attention they deserved. Then I started a smaller firm all over again! Complete madness, but I love my clients and work....My 'group' has offices in London, Geneva, Abu Dhabi, Doha and Singapore. My wonderful son, Scott, lives in Washington and is thriving in his work. It is the best thing any parent can wish for—to see one's children do well and be happy, too! Now I am just counting the days and weeks for some grandchildren to appear! Life is good and yes, you can survive a divorce from a politician!! I am also active doing pro bono work with JEM, a proactive group protecting lives and liberty for the people of Darfur."

## 1964

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**Debbie Bell** has been happily married and living in NYC for ages. Her job is still the same (working for a union). All is well with her and her family.

**Joan FitzGerald Denny** is still doing yoga, writing and is involved in many community projects. Joan is doing well and enjoys living in Cambridge.

**Laura Merriam Fay** has been traveling extensively this past year, partly work-related and partly for pleasure. Her daughter Alexandra lives on the East Coast and has a delightful young son named Charlie. Her other daughter, Francesca, has moved back to San Francisco after a stint in NYC. Laura and Paul are healthy and happy and encourage anyone from Potomac to look them up if/when in California. Luckily, Ali and Laura are able to see each other several times a year.

**Lynn Dominick Novack** is still in Dallas with her family. Recently she transitioned to a job at the SMU Tower as a Senior Fellow in national security. She and her husband John have found time to travel to Patagonia several times where they do some serious photography. Lynn is hoping to put together a photography show later this year in Dallas.

**Penny Flather Parke** writes that she has two sons; one of whom is employed and the other is still attending college. She has seen **Guru Sangat** (Truffy Angleton) in Wisconsin a couple of times. Still living outside of Chicago, life is good, and she'd said she'd love to see everyone again.

**Ali Peake** reports, "I'm still in Hartford and teaching Spanish in one of West Hartford's two public high schools. My son Trevor married last May in North Carolina and my youngest daughter, Avery, married this past May in Slovenia (her husband plays professional hockey in Austria). My middle girl, Morgan, is moving to NYC from DC. All is good and my work keeps me very busy, although the thought of retirement (if only I could afford to) does enter my mind these days!"

It seems that many of our classmates are out of town, since I've not heard from the majority of you. I was struck, while talking to Debbie, Guru Sangat and Joan how, as I was listening to their voices, I was able to clearly see their faces again... all of us in those pale blue Potomac unies. I hope sincerely to hear from all of you next time. Let's get this thing going!"

**Guru Sangat** (Truffy Angleton) writes, "the 60's have a whole new

meaning, don't they? We're living in Great Falls, VA, which you'd think was in another state when I was growing up and asking my Mum for a ride to Georgia's house. Mum is living with us, and at 88 gets around quite a bit, writing poetry and visiting her pals, and entertaining anyone who gets in her aura. Our daughter (Guru Sadhana) is married to Hari Mandir in New Mexico with two delightful kiddos—a four-year-old daughter (Siri Sunderi) and a 3 ½-month-old son (Akai Dharm). Our son, Sada Sat Simran (yes, my dad just shook his head when he heard that one) is married to Guru Das and they expect a girl in September. Thought you'd enjoy a little roller coaster ride with some Sikh names. I love being a Granny, as many of you do, so we're out there quite a bit. In June we got spiritually recharged at the Summer Solstice yoga festival.



Meanwhile, I'm teaching yoga, making art and music, and helping Mum out with this and that. Our son is a musician in the traditional Indian "Raag" style, and he and his wife live mostly in India, from which he travels the world with his merry band singing in Sikh temples and teaching at youth camps.

Next time we have a reunion, let's get together and sing! My husband can take turns to accompany us on any song, as well as some of you. It could be fun. I'd love to see you all. Please call if you're in the area. Love to you all."

**Jocelyn Danielson Tennille** lives in Miami. She is out in Idaho for a few months and is getting many family visitors throughout the summer, which is what it's all about. She's doing considerable work around Miami, volunteering much of her time in 'good works.' I haven't seen her in a while, but we're able to keep in touch via her children who

are my niece and nephew!

1967

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1968

**Jeremy Gordon** writes, "I am still living in McLean, enjoying freelance editing projects, and staying involved in Potomac through my son, Max, who will be in eighth grade there. See you at the 45<sup>th</sup> if not before!"

**Peggy Gill Schaake** writes, "My husband and I just returned from a 6 1/2 month sailing trip down the Intercoastal Waterway and over to the Bahamas, where we went to several islands and back up the waterway to Annapolis. The trip was chock full of experiences. We will be leaving in October to visit the islands we missed. Living on a boat is a true experience. Our cat protested in the beginning but quickly became an experienced boat cat. Saw **Simone Jorissen** briefly while she was in Washington. She planned on seeing **Moosie Chavchavadze** and **Laura Wainwright** as well. Simone looked wonderful as always. She is ageless!"

1969

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**Liz Blair** wrote that she enjoyed visiting Potomac's new Lower School building last March. "It's a beautifully designed structure and every classroom still has a door to the outdoors."

**John Cochran** writes: "I have two kids in college and one in high school. Betsy is an avid runner and health nut (I'm not). Raising our family has been a wild ride. We have a great combination of scholars, athletes and socially adept children.

No one of us has it all and yet each one is amazing. We laugh and cry together all the time. Well actually I don't cry much but I could.



"The above photo documents one of my passions. Our 16-year-old son was my guide as we floated and fished the Colorado River in the mountains of Colorado last month. Sam rowed the raft, netted my fish and took the photo, and then he drove me half-way home. I caught more fish than he did, but he says that's because he does all of the rowing. It simply doesn't get any better than this.

"I still work a lot but am starting to wonder why, given the choices all around me."

**Ted Davis** writes, "All things considered with the numerous distractions in the crazy world we find ourselves in, the family and I are doing well. I'm 10+ years into working for Equinix selling data center space to those in need of a secure location to house their IT infrastructure. Laura and I moved to 13+ acres in Leesburg four years ago. We're putting the finishing touches on our "restoration" of the house and property, which had been neglected. I can say that helping maintain a property of this size keeps you fit, but my golf game has suffered! Laura spends many hours a week tending the beds and ever-expanding vegetable garden. Our daughter Amanda is living in Belfast, Northern Ireland, completing a Master's program at Queens University in literature. She loves Ireland and may find a way to stay there; we plan to visit later in the year. James is preparing for community college this fall as he explores what he really wants to do. At the moment he's expanding his very solid guitar talents and study of the Japanese language."

**Sandy Dominick**, Class Agent,



writes, “I’m first of all gratified by the level of response from you all to my requests for news. (Some of you need to do better, and you know who you are!) I’m still in sunny Arizona, and still working for Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic. [Until recently] I was Area Director for the state, but have just accepted a new position as Manager of Organizational Relations for the western U.S., primarily focusing on Board development, growth and maintenance. My biggest news is the arrival of my granddaughter Maddi, who was born on May 27, five weeks early but weighing in at 6 lbs 3 oz, 19.5 inches, and a full head of curly black hair. Good thing she didn’t go to term!! She has joined her older brother Ayden, who turned two last April. My twins are going to be 19 in August, and are both starting their second year of college here locally. I’m happy to have the opportunity to serve as agent, because as I may have mentioned before, my time at Potomac was the happiest of all my academic experiences. To this day I feel very connected to both the school and to all of you. That’s a good feeling to have.”

**Addison Edwards** writes, “Hello to everyone from Carcassonne, France. I hope you have had a pleasant year... It has been fun watching some of the South Africa Soccer (Foot Ball) Championships. And so far the American team has been playing quite well. It brings back memories of our 7th grade Potomac soccer team. We had a good team and a lot of fun.”

**Jim Epstein** writes, “Still living in Tacoma Park and working in DC. Working on a slew of exciting projects: shared space campus for progressive organization and intern housing on U Street, a large-scale local food system based in the northern Virginia Redmont region. Daughter Justine taking a gap year before heading to Colorado College. Can’t complain in spite of the tough economy”

**Biz Orr Fawkes** writes, “I am still in the Northern Virginia area with my own two kids starting to leave the nest...My son Michael has just completed his first year at the University of Virginia and is home for the summer. He is just starting

a business training youngsters in lacrosse. My younger son is starting his senior year and is also a varsity goalie in lacrosse, so they keep us busy at tournaments around the area. I am taking some time off from my work in recruiting right now as I recover from back surgery. Won’t be dancing in the near future. My husband Larry continues in the software business, and fortunately we haven’t been hit too badly by the economy. We have three stepdaughters in Florida and one grandchild there and another on the way, so that keeps us busy. I am very excited that my mother has finally moved back to the area and has bought a condo in Ashburn, VA, so is close to us. I have seen **Nina Davis** on a trip to Charlottesville where she is living now, and keep in touch with both **Martha Soyster Hynes** and **Debby Harper Hailey** at least once a year. Hope all is well with everyone else.”

**Debby Harper Hailey** writes, “I live in Rockville, MD, with my husband Gary and four kids—three are out of college, one has a job, two are in grad school and our fourth is a sophomore in high school. I run a nonprofit that raises funds for Canterbury Cathedral in England.” (Note from the class correspondent: She wrote that what she remembers of me is my sticking straight pins into the skin of my fingers all the way to the head, and that “only boys would do that.” Nice to be remembered for something, I guess!)

**Steve Wolf** writes, “We hosted a small, wonderfully intimate reunion dinner on May 1 in DC—**Worth MacMurray**, **Ted Davis**, **Anne Sprunt**, yours truly, and respective spouses—a lot of catching up and fond memories. Our mini-reunion was further enlivened by the presence of my mom and **Craig Davis’** mom, who lives a stone’s throw from us... To commemorate the occasion, we opened some of **Don Blackburn’s** 2006 Emeritus William Wesley Pinot Noir and raised a toast to Don’s memory. As you may know, Don passed away on April 23, 2009, after a battle with an exceptionally rare cancer... Nearly until the end of his life, [Don] remained at the helm as the winemaker for

**Emeritus Vineyards** (he became renowned in California for his expertise in Burgundian winemaking techniques, which he brought with him to California after having lived and studied winemaking for years in Burgundy). He was also working full throttle on his many personal projects, most notably writing, right up to the end—and lived his last few months as fearlessly and fully as he had the previous 50 years. It was a privilege to have known Don and to have been his friend since our early years together at Potomac. There is a wonderful website to Don’s memory, initiated by Don’s lovely wife, Colleen, at <http://donblackburn.webs.com/>, and below is a photo from their 2006 wedding at Half Moon Bay in California.



Shortly after our reunion, **Craig Davis** was in town, and he and I caught up over dinner... Craig divides his time between Chicago, where he has a number of real estate ventures, and a home in the country which he is renovating. Craig’s sister, **Cathie Kaplan ‘73**, teaches science at Potomac, and our daughter Sage will have the pleasure of being her student when she enters Potomac’s kindergarten in the Fall!

As for me, my career in the U.S. Public Health Service, after nearly 20 years, continues to take interesting turns (mostly good), and has taken me over the past several years to perhaps my most interesting assignment of all, as medical director for the U.S. Marshals Service. My work there has run the gamut from medical support for U.S. Marshals “ConAir” flights (see below) to medical fact-finding missions to Guantanamo Bay in preparation for the

administration’s plans to close the detention facility (now in limbo), to more mundane medical administration and policy development.



My wife, Lisa Kelly, is a pediatrician in private practice in Northern Virginia, and she clearly has a lot more fun at work than I do, singing songs as she enters exam rooms, wearing crazy socks, and tickling four year olds. As for our spare time, as the parents of a delightful five-year-old girl, we are clearly at a different stage of our lives than most of the class of 1969, but having a helluva lot of fun. My low back, however, reminds me from time to time why we were intended to raise children at a much younger age.”

**Cy Vance** writes from New York: “Our two kids, Clare and Simon, are in college, we’ve moved back from Seattle to New York City in 2004 (and we’re experiencing Arizona-like heat right now), and thankfully everyone is well.” (Agent’s note: In case any of you have been living under a rock for the last year or so, Cy was elected as Manhattan District Attorney last November. Congratulations, Cyrus!)

1969

**Rachel Whetzel Casselman** writes, “Living up here in beautiful Maine. All three girls will be in college this fall. Taking my youngest out to Colorado to go to Western State. The middle girl is at Johnson and Wales in Culinary in Providence, and the oldest will be a senior at St. Lawrence University. She just came back from a semester in Findhorn at an Ecovillage and now I can’t eat anything unless local, in season, organic — I think never been alive! The list goes on. I still work when I want at various nursing homes and I am loving it.”

## 1970

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**Jeremy Gordon '68** is administering a Facebook page as a collection of reminiscences for his younger brother, our sorely missed classmate **Sam Gordon**. "Friends, I enjoy my role in keeping the Potomac class connection going, a process made easier by e-mail and Facebook."

**Jane McAllister**, class correspondent writes, "Say it ain't so! We have apparently reached retirement age! Attendees of the 2010 Potomac Reunion included: **John Dillon, Garrett Jewett, Robert Kessler, and Sandy Skallerup**. John was impressed with the Potomac property and remarked on a deer he photographed near the lower pond. ("There were no deer within 20 miles of Potomac in 1973.") Dinner guests that evening at **Bill McElwain** and Susie Crudgington's beautiful home were the usual (mostly) locals: **Garrett, Robert, Matthew Kimball** with his wife, Lydia; **Travis Brown; Duncan Krieger** with his wonderful young son Gabriel; and myself. **Bobby Rock** joined for dessert (after missing the class photo, but his visage has miraculously appeared in the photo supplied by Garrett originally shot by Lydia, below).



Bobby was unable to attend reunion events (other than dessert), but he was in town from LA for his family's memorial service for his beloved stepfather. **Philip Frisbee**, from the somewhat local Plains, Va, was unable to attend due to illness, but he remains in our hearts; we send him our love and best wishes. Nor could **Dana Strong** attend, but she called to wish us well." Of the dinner **Duncan Krieger** wrote: "It really

was nice to see everyone. Big thanks to Bill and Suzie for hosting us again with such grace." **Garrett Jewett** wrote, "We all had a terrific time. Thanks once again to Susie and Bill. Let's all stay in touch and maybe in five years we'll break into double digits! Happy May Day all!"

**Maggie White Momber**, writes, "All the best from Munich, land of football fever! The reunion dinner sounds like a great time and regret that I couldn't make it. Thanks to those who have joined the Class of 1970 Facebook group: **Dana Strong, Garrett Jewett, John Dillon, Melinda Titus, Bobby Rock, Sandy Skallerup, Sarah Bucknell Treco, Travis Brown, Krikky Rose Jaffe, Sarah Meeker Jensen, Tiggie Lowry, Mary D. Macy, Anne Phillips Martin, Linn Cary Mehta, Antonia Palfrey, Nat Parker, and Peggy Moorehead Williams**.

**Lindsay Potts** writes: "I've retired! Just in time to watch most of the World Cup with appropriate beer in hand for the afternoon games. For now, just being a better guardian to my sister and better board member with local nonprofit. Also doing a bit of traveling with my husband, including a trip to Eastern Europe last February."

**Melinda Titus**, in town in July for her uncle's memorial service, was accompanied by her three daughters, one a recent graduate of Simmons College with an MA in library science, one a nurse practitioner, one a student at a college in Florida.

**Sarah Bucknell Treco** hasn't sent particular news from London, but thanks to her, the 1970 class Facebook page is launched. Sarah was unable to attend the reunion, but often visits the area in her role as member of the National Advisory Board for DC's National Museum of Women in the Arts.

**Dana Strong van Loon** writes, "Am newly divorced and have started massage college. Daughter Margot is at American University; other daughter, Nina, a junior in high school. Boulder is still gorgeous, as is my simple vacation home on Water Island, US Virgin Islands, which is available for rent for those who like to be off the beaten path."



Dana Strong van Loon

## 1971

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**Tina Adler** writes, "After clamoring out of the recession trenches this year (last year was the pits), I'm writing for different groups—including AARP's online news site... seems I'm about the right age to really understand their needs. Doug and I are looking forward to our first vacation by ourselves since the kids were born—two weeks in Spain (excuse me, I have to pinch myself), staying at a friend's apartment on the coast. The kids think they have the better deal—their beloved nature camp in WVA. Mikaela is entering her last year at Burgundy, where Doug teaches, and Ella is starting

middle school there, so it will be her turn to have Dad as a teacher. Visit me on Facebook (Tina Adler) or twitter (tmadler)!"

**Chrissie Albert Carnes** says, "Summer means taking the grandchildren (who are girls 8 and 6 and boys 4 and 2) on fun outings! This is way cool! Other than that I work about 25 hours a week as a veterinarian, work around my 10-acre farm, and just plain enjoy life. It's all good."

Caught up with **Peter Albritton**, who is still at the Smithsonian's American History Museum after 27 years! His latest exhibit is an expansion of the First Ladies Gowns. Ask him what he thought of the latest inaugural gown! Peter's wife of three years is Anastasia, a self-employed interpreter, whom he met while each was watching their (now 8th grade) sons playing soccer. Now he's got two soccer sons (William and Anton) and a soccer mom wife! He also has daughter Grace, a sophomore at VCU. Sister **Penny Albritton '74** is into bicycling and triathlons and sister **Elisabeth Albritton Horst '75** is retiring with her husband from Minnesota to New Mexico, where she will continue yoga instruction and they both will work on their arts — weaving and crafts for her, painting for him. Peter surprised me by saying he'd only been at Potomac for 7th and 8th grade (I felt like I'd known him for ages), but he fondly remembers many of our classmates and promises to make it to a reunion one day.

**Frank Bennett** writes, "Teri and I were in Barcelona during the World Cup in an apartment with five of the recent grads from the Potomac class of 2010—**John Bennett '10, Tristan Dellar '10, Annela Wilson '10, Grier Barnes '10** and **Tori McCaffrey '10**. The boys took their post graduation trip to London, met the girls in Amsterdam in a youth hostel, went to Paris and then met us in Barcelona. Teri and I got a week in southern Spain on our own and then flew there to take care of them—at least during the daylight hours. Our opinion was the small cities in southern Spain—Cordoba, Sevilla and Granada—were the best part of the trip. **Philip Bennett '13** stayed home and played in summer



lacrosse tournaments, which tells you a lot about ninth grade priorities! We definitely had an interesting year in our family with a senior, a freshman and a kindergartener at the same time. John will be at UVA next year following in both his parents footsteps—it will be nice to have him nearby and available as a source of student tickets to football games. Things are going well at Simplicity where we continue to be the largest online seller of mobile phones and other wireless devices in the U.S.—we just added HP, Sony and Dell as clients—call for advice! Please come by for a visit if any of you are going to be near McLean.”



Frank Bennett's family and friends in Barcelona.

**John Chester** wrote us with the sad news that his father had died. “Dad was a consistent supporter of Potomac, with three children (**John, Isabelle ’77, and Charlie ’81**), two grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews attending. Who knows how many soccer games, Christmas assemblies, and square dances he attended over the years!”

**Nancy Cox Harris** wrote, “Married for 21 years (and counting), three kids ages 19, 16 and 13, live in Silicon Valley (lived there for 23 years with five years off in Europe when kids were young), work part time as a lawyer for large law firm (K & L Gates). I get back to the East Coast several times a year to see my family—my parents at 80 and 85 are still healthy and well (knock wood), as are all my four siblings who also attended Potomac. Life since ’73 has been good, hope it stays that way!”

**Cathie Davis Kaplan** writes, “The new Lower School Science lab is great! It is light-filled and spacious, even big enough to have a large walk-in aviary for the cockatiels! This spring a second grade class of

students found a parakeet outside. As we have had no luck in locating her home, she will join the cockatiels in the aviary in the fall.”

**Lelee Frank Hazard** writes, “My life is now completely devoted to getting visas for traveling children and driving to UVA tennis camp. Have a great summer!”

**Carrie Gibson's** performance company, Had to Be Productions, is going gangbusters. Check it out at [www.hadtobe.com](http://www.hadtobe.com).

**Alexandra Sandy Harvey** is a trial lawyer with her own firm in Boston, mostly handling employment and contract cases. Last year, she cut her hours and took on a job running a local non-profit community center. She writes, “It has been extremely time-consuming to run both the law firm and the non-profit, but I have enjoyed it. It's helping me define what life will be like post-law career, which will be within the next few years. Everything else is the same. We live right in Boston and are enjoying raising the kids in the city. My husband, John, is still in the investment business. My daughter, Riley, is starting high school this fall, which I can't believe, while my son, Sam, is starting middle school. They both play a lot of sports, and I love going to their games. I'm sure I'm not the only one who thinks it's strange that we're in our 50's. I sure don't feel that old! I ski a lot in the winter and hike, bike and run in the summer, but it does take some extra stretching to keep the injuries/soreness at bay! I'm sorry I couldn't make the last reunion. I everyone is doing well and look forward to seeing you all in 2013.”

**John Hargrove** is evidently unwell, and I let his mother know how sorry our class would be to hear it.

**Tony Hass** wrote, “We've been living in New York now for six years and have settled in. Our boys, Henry (age 11) and Will (age 9) are in school in the city and keeping us busy. Soccer seems to have taken over our lives with multiple games and tournaments on the weekends. I miss the days of one sport per season and no weekend practices. But, they are happy playing and turned us into World Cup fans. Brazil in 2014? Otherwise, they were

at camp in Maine last summer and had a great time, which allowed me to visit the Reynolds (**Anne ’72**) there. New York has its trials and tribulations, but all in all, we're glad we made the move. My job at an investment firm has kept me busy. One of the perks is covering clients in Texas so I spend a lot of time in Austin. Anna and I took the boys there for a long weekend which I'd recommend to all. LBJ's ranch, the Alamo in San Antonio, great hill country scenery and excellent Tex Mex, BBQ and margaritas, will keep us coming back. Best to all!”

Class correspondent **Liza Gookin Hodskins** writes, “In July 2009 I worked my last day (of six years) at Potomac, and two days later started as the aide to Jay Fiset on the Arlington County Board. He's Chairman, so my hours are crazy, but it's a great place to work—and it's one mile from home so I get to bike or walk every day. He's very much into 'green' issues, as am I, so it's really a lovely match. Otherwise things are the same—same house, same husband, same dog, parents still alive and kicking, but some new friends and a new outlook! I've had to cut a lot of things out (like editing the neighborhood newsletter, catering, etc.), but it's been worth it. The one thing I do miss in the job is those lovely weeks and weeks of school vacations! Still, Steve and I did take two weeks to see the UK and Ireland, spending a bit of time looking for ancestors' lands and castles. We stayed at a Potomac parent's house (the Donovans) in Cork, which was lovely. Recently I saw **Keith Ausbrook** and also **Diana Morgan's** mother. Diana just moved down to be with her in horse country, and both are doing well. Thanks to everyone who wrote in—if you didn't, I know it's because I didn't have your contact info! Write me to update me, and if you 'friend' me on Facebook I'll send you the other Potomac '73 people I have. (Classmates only, though, please.)”

We were all so sad to hear of **Tommy May's** death last year. Many of us were able to attend his services, which his parents and brother **Terry ’71** greatly appreciated.

**Louise Putnam-Stoner** is going through changes in life as many of us do, but all at about the same time. Her mother, Esther Willcox (Auchincloss) Putnam, died in January after a long illness. Her daughter Jenny, 22, graduated from UVA in December; son Nick, 19, just finished a very successful first year at James Madison University; daughter Sarah, 16, is recovering from a knee injury and looking forward to entering her junior year at Middlesex in Concord, Mass. Divorced, she moved out of “the old neighborhood” last year into a “wonderful apartment” in Charlottesville, and this summer moved “almost all my belongings to a loft in Boston July 4th weekend (me, alone with a 26 foot U-Haul, driving into Boston... I leave the rest to your imagination). Nick is the current occupant, as I still have my job at UVA and am attempting to figure out a way to work from a distance.” She continues to volunteer with the Patients & Friends Research Fund, which raises awareness and funds for cutting-edge research at the University of Virginia Cancer Center. “If there are any of you who are [in Boston] who would be interested in meeting for a cup of coffee or a drink some time this fall, drop me an email!”

**Tom Resor** writes, “I am still working at Nobles and now work primarily as a college counselor (I still teach English and coach hockey and lacrosse). Three of my five children have graduated from college and are living and working in Boston, Jackson Hole, and Seoul, respectively. My fourth child will be a junior in college this fall, and my youngest, Matthew, will be a senior at Nobles. He and I were in DC briefly a few weekends ago (too briefly to call on friends, unfortunately) to visit colleges and see my father and brother, Jamie, whose daughters attend Potomac. While Matthew and I took self guided tours of American, GW, and Georgetown, I was flooded with great memories from my Washington and Potomac days. I vowed to make it back for our 40th! As our numbers at home keep shrinking, my wife has been able to spend more time on developing her adventure travel company, Adriatic Kayak Tours ([adriatickayaktours.com](http://adriatickayaktours.com)), which offers sea kayaking, biking,

and rafting trips on the Dalmatian Coast around Dubrovnik, Croatia, and further south in Montenegro on the Bay of Kotor. Basically, over the past few years, we have renovated an apartment in Dubrovnik and a house in Montenegro (available for rent starting in August) as that part of the world has rebounded after the Balkan wars. It is beautiful and fascinating area. Best to everyone.”

**Armin St. George** is Vice Chairman/Sr. Vice President and one of two co-founders of Crosswater Productions, Inc. ([www.crosswater.net/keymanagement.html](http://www.crosswater.net/keymanagement.html)) and Digital Messaging Services, Inc. He writes, “All is well on the health front thankfully. Like everyone else, business encountered a sharp decline during the past 18-month economic slowdown. On the positive side it forced us to focus our creative resources in other areas, one of which has established a niche for us in the medical community where we provide customized content to medical groups/clinics that educate patients and employees about the groups’ practices. Not only does it satisfy my creative psyche, but the frustrated doctor in me now gets to learn more about the profession I once wanted to pursue.

“Still do a lot for the retail sector and traditional media, including a show that aired on PBS last year and is now scheduled to air on ABC in mid-September—“Proving Holiness” with Martin Sheen as the narrator. My creative partner, John Michael Adamo, wrote the score for the program. Also discovered new ways to attract the attention of the online generation with new mobile marketing programs, which has become a fun exploration as well.... I remain an eternal optimist despite the difficult times.”

According to Facebook, **Tom Warnke** is married and living in Long Beach, California with two children, Brigid (18) and Aidan (14).

## 1974

**Barbara Parrot Katz** writes, “Still designing and building gardens in the DC Metro area, although for sure, the size of the projects has been reduced in 2010. Been at this for 25 years, and dream of ‘retiring’

but don’t think that day will ever come. Howard and I just had our 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary—impossible to believe. Nicholas is 26, in London, and searching for a decent job in green energy/real estate — struggling but optimistic. Olivia is 22, in Boulder and finishing up school. All in all, much to be grateful for.”

## 1975

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**Margaret Evans Beers** wrote that a lot is going on in her life. This year was a banner year as she turned 50 and will celebrate 30 years of marriage to David. They have put two daughters through college: Parker is an actuary, living in Massachusetts, and has been married for three years. Daphne is living in New Orleans and considering graduate school. Their youngest daughter, Charlotte, is in her senior year at Oberlin Conservatory while their son, David IV, is still at home and in Middle School. Margaret owns a small clothing agency, but her passion is still singing. She is the paid section leader of a choir at a parish in Suffield, CT, and is also the soprano vocalist in Trio Cantabile, featuring a harpist and pianist that accompany her. They perform classical repertoire in and around the Hartford area. She writes that she hopes a local DC member of the class will step forward to host a future reunion...soon!!!

**Peggy Griffin Begor** writes, “I am still on the Eastern Shore of Maryland—in Oxford—some of you may remember visiting at my parents’ house on Peach Blossom Creek. I have now moved to the Tred Avon and no longer have my old ‘sailfish’ but have an equally old ‘sunfish’ if any one feels adventurous—kayak too—which is easier to launch!! My youngest goes off to college in mid August—at Coastal Carolina

in Conway, SC. His sister is also in S.C.—at Clemson. Now working at my 7th non-profit in Talbot County—fundraising for a day care that also has before and after school care in four of the county schools. Not sure how I ended up in that area of work but our past board president, **Cammy Passarella**, was head of the Potomac Lower School and moved here when she retired (was also great friends with Nora McCarthy Mancha)—small world!”

**Jay Howard** is in Knoxville, TN, where he is starting his third year as director of development at Webb. He and his wife, Wendy, plan to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. Son Evan is a rising junior at University of Alabama. “Roll Tide!” Daughter Bailey is a rising high school senior, daughter Maddie is a rising junior, and daughter Halsey is a rising eighth grader. They all attend Webb.

**Susan Holmes** and her husband, Matt Heller, moved to Chicago two summers ago. She writes that “Chicago is a great city, but it isn’t New York and it isn’t home...” Their son Nathaniel Heller will be a junior at Middlesex in Concord, MA, where Susan has gotten very involved with the admissions and alumni department. She hopes to have a Potomac reunion cocktail party in Chicago!

**Lizzie Edgeworth Cantacuzene** was planning a 12 day trip to Portugal when she wrote. Last year she caught up with **Margaret Evans Beers**, her husband, David, and son, David IV, for dinner. **Susan Holmes** and her husband Matt were in town also last year from their new home in Chicago and came to dinner as well. She also ran into **Peter Arundel**, who also commented on his upcoming 50th. He reported that **Chipper Chapin** finally got married for the first time a couple of years ago. Edward, Michael and Peter all attended the wedding in NYC. Lizzie works part time at Maret School, where Nicholas (10) is enrolled and Elizabeth (9) will be going this fall. Her youngest, Clarissa (8), will be in her last year at Beauvoir.

**Tzu-Lin Li Toner** is in NJ but will be in D.C. a lot this summer where her oldest, a rising senior at Middle-

bury College, will be interning at the International Trade Administration. She keeps in touch with **Deedee Kerr**.

## 1976

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**John Brooks** is in his 12<sup>th</sup> year in Atlanta at the Centers for Disease Control. He’s an epidemiologist and conducts research aimed at improving care and treatment of HIV-infected adults domestically. He also provides technical assistance to CDC studies in East and Southern Africa. Still sees patients at the local VA hospital and loves clinical medicine. Just bought first pair of real glasses. Recently developed an interest in bird watching; glasses help. Happily partnered with same guy for past 10 years. Attempts the NYT crossword daily; presently able to complete all puzzles through Wednesday and most Sundays.

And from **Kofi Burbridge**, musician of awesome talent (including, still, flute!): “It’s so great to connect with old friends, ESPECIALLY the ones from Potomac. Since I’ve missed all of the previous ones, I’m putting my foot down and not allowing any performance to block the way to the party this spring.”

**Stephen Hill** writes, “Since **Mr. Rollings** 4th grade class, I’ve loved music. I’ve loved television. And now I have an awesome job in both as President of Music Programming and Specials at BET. I get to work with/hang out with all of your kids’ favorite stars and produce shows like The BET Awards; cable’s most watched Awards show last year (and this year... so far). All the while, I get to remain childlike in my fascination and wonder. Currently living in NY and walking five avenue blocks to work daily. I love up on my nephew, Charlie (son of **Gary Hill ‘79** and current trustee) whenever I can. But the best thing in the world: I’m madly in love with the woman I want to spend the rest of my life with. She’s even a DC native! Looking forward to introducing you to



her at our 35th reunion! I am the luckiest guy I know!"

Class Correspondent **Julie Just** writes, "After not a lot of news in recent years—the email inbox had gone dark—we have a flood of amazing reports from Potomac class of '76. Our classmates have been busy doing some truly remarkable things.

As for me, I'm still thoroughly enjoying my job as Children's Books Editor of the *New York Times*, which enables me to read books like *Twilight* and *The Golden Compass* for work. Our 35th reunion is coming up in the spring, so I hope to see everyone there!"

**Brad MacKenzie** writes, "I've been traveling all over the country lately, since I started Telluride Vodka. It's made from Telluride mountain spring water and corn, which is gluten-free and naturally sweeter than wheat or potatoes. A few of our classmates can tell you that it's really good. It should be available soon at more places in D.C., but as of this writing, you can only get it from Joe at Ace Beverage on New Mexico Avenue."

**Jonathan Mudd** writes, "I was delighted to see some old Potomac schoolmates come out to my gig in June at Jammin' Java in Vienna, Va. My combo will be doing a return engagement there on Sept. 8, and will be at The Birchmere in Alexandria in November. My latest record, *Truth Lies*, has been getting some nice press notices. More info on my music website: [www.muddmusic.com](http://www.muddmusic.com). Otherwise, I just want to know if **Tom Hoopes** is still wearing that Greek sailor's cap, whether **Jay Hass** can still play the mouth-drums, and if **Julie Just** is still all about "Tor-toises: Milwaukee."

**Tony Poole** and his wife Elizabeth still live in Arlington with their twin daughters Alison and Natalie (12) who attend Williamsburg Middle School. Both girls are active in soccer, basketball, volleyball and swimming and have been tearing up the water this summer as members of the Highlands Swim Team. Tony and **Scott O'Gorman** live nearby and see each other on occasion—Facebook has also become a fun way to keep in touch with Potomac classmates from nearly 35 years ago.

**Sandra Blinoff Sassow** writes, "My husband, Nick, and I have started a design and manufacturing company in the renewable energy sector. We design distributed energy systems, with our first two products being: Muckbuster, a small anaerobic digester that converts organic waste into energy, and Windbuster, a small vertical axis wind turbine. We are headquartered in UK, but will be starting a U.S. subsidiary in January. My oldest daughter, Juliana, is at SCAD, studying fashion and fine art. My middle girls, Valentina and Bianca, are starting Wycombe Abbey school in the UK this September. My son, Luca, is just about to turn 7."

## 1977

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**Wendy Arundel** writes, "Life changed dramatically this spring when my children (Charlotte (12) and Ben (14)) both decided to move in with Skip in Wellesley. But since raising tweens and teens is no picnic (as my classmates confess), I'm trying to see this change of script as an opportunity to grow The Mudroom, my organizing business. Have stepped away from marathon training and I spend much more time at the gym on machines that buff but aren't as hard on my knees. Even sold my trusty treadmill on Craigslist."

**Tania Hendrick Coffey** is having fun, most of the time, mothering horses, dogs and her amazing and athletic bad boy, Alexander, at her Bad Horse Ranch in Steamboat Springs, Co. I think she's okay with all of us visiting her whenever we want.

**Paul Duke** writes, "I am out in Los Angeles, where I work as a kind of consultant between the U.S. and Chinese film industries. I worked for several years for Columbia Pictures on a bunch of Chinese movies in Beijing, Shanghai, Xinjiang and elsewhere and that was a lot of fun. My parents got sick in 2005 and I spent a few years in DC dealing with their health situations as they passed away. It was a tough time but

I have to give huge thanks to **Tim Makepeace** and **Caroline DiBona Makepeace '76** and their amazing kids for cheering me up with 100% reliability. For the moment I'm trying to stick in LA more and enjoy the sunshine and turn myself into a writer not a producer. We'll see."

**Four Hewes** writes, "I ran a six-mile trail race Sunday after helping manage the Urban Epic Triathlon all weekend. Being outdoors is the best way to enjoy living in Maine. My daughter is learning to love sailing. The campus of her school, Friends School of Portland, reminds me of our old campus—one of the reasons I picked it. Summer is lovely here; you're all invited to come visit. (Winter's pretty great, too.)"

**Vicki Howard** writes, "I am enjoying my summer with my 14-year-old daughter. I went to my 30th high school reunion at Foxcroft school and saw **Tania Hendrick Coffey** and **Sara Faulkner Maley**. We are off to the outer banks in August."

**Lange Johnson** writes, "Still in Oakton, Va, with daughter Zoe and wife Liz. Zoe is getting ready for kindergarten at Oakton Elementary. Celebrating 14th wedding anniversary this year. Recently got back into competitive tennis, playing both singles and doubles in the 45 and over division. Yikes! Really enjoyed catching up with classmates at the 30-year reunion—haven't seen much of anyone since that gathering, but Facebook is the great equalizer. All the best to everyone!"

**Rufus Johnson** writes, "After 23 years of enjoyable parenting, I'm finally at the "empty nest" stage and am eager to enjoy my new-found freedom. My oldest daughter, Whitney, is in grad school at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. My son, Rufus III, is in the Army National Guard and is attending the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and my youngest daughter, Nina, is college-bound in the fall. Seems like only yesterday we were attending Potomac recess and hiding from **Mr. Kloman**."

**David Macdonald** writes, "As some of you may know, I have spent the better portion of the last year dancing on the illusory Greek isle depicted on the stage of the Winter

Garden Theater on Broadway in NYC that holds the iconic theatrical experience that is Mamma Mia! Alas, and yet thank God, my journey there is coming to an end in October. I will bid it an affectionate fond(adie)ue. It has not been without an element of cheese.

"In August I will be pulling double duty by working on both Mamma Mia! and the final workshop of the much ballyhooed new musical by the gentlemen from 'South Park' entitled Book of Mormon. I will be developing several roles in this workshop, including those of Joseph Smith and Satan; some feel I am well-versed for the latter. Life is good."

**Rich Macy** writes, "I have lived in Potomac, MD, for the past four years (after a five-year stint in Atlanta). I live only a few houses from **Chris Caskin** though we have only seen each other a couple of times. I work for the Federal Corporation PBGC. I am coming up on my 25th wedding anniversary with the girl I started dating senior year of college. We have a rising HS senior girl who is delightful—but naturally teenage Alzheimer kicks in whenever her friends call, text or FB and she seems not to remember we exist (it's really not that bad). I also have a rising seventh grade son who is my payback for being sarcastic and smart to my parents when I was his age."

**Sara Faulkner Maley** writes, "It was so great to catch up with **Wendy Arundel**, **Vicki Howard** and **Tania Hendrick Coffey** at our Foxcroft Reunion (30th!). Life is wonderful for the Sara Faulkner Maley Family. We have been living in Rappahannock County, Va, on our small Four Lochs Farm for 10 years. We have way too many animals: goats, chickens, dogs, horses, sheep, birds and fish. Husband, Donnie, is a farrier and a whip for Thornton Hill Hounds. Oldest daughter, Virginia, is a senior at the University of Arizona in the Race Track Industry Program; son, Mason, just graduated from Ligonier Valley High School in PA; and daughter Alice is a foxhunting fool riding her homebred Conemarra Pony, Willow. I am a Pediatric Vision Therapist (the most incredibly rewarding job), and man-

age our Winchester, VA, clinic. So happy to have re-connected with so many of you on Facebook and want to hear more of your stories.”

**Stephen Millett** writes, “I have applied for a new job! Working with NOAA, NMF, and CG, and local authorities, recovering sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico for rehabilitation, recovery and eventual release back into the environment, as well as recovery of dead turtles for necropsy.”

**Ptolemy Tompkins** just published his fourth book, *The Divine Life of Animals*, and is working on a new one—*The Modern Book of the Dead*—that should be published by Simon & Schuster sometime in 2012. Writing is often pretty boring work, and he’s very much enjoying being in touch with a lot of his old Potomac friends through Facebook, which he checks a little more often than he probably should.

## 1978

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**Adrienne Slaughter** writes, “Things here are fine and ever-changing. Joshua and Daria are now rising third and fourth graders! Joshua will attend OUR Potomac School (I am overjoyed!!) this fall and Daria may, she’s on the waiting list. Currently, I’m in an eight-week post-doc Bridges to Business program (marketing track) at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA (Pamplin School of Business)... I LOVE it. I’m also teaching online.” She hopes to get a tenure-track university job in the DC area this fall. She saw Potomac Alumni Governing Council President **Lola Singletary** at the Potomac reunion this spring. Her sister, **Gerri-Ann Barker ’79**, is well, with her son Gordon at Rutgers and daughter Alex a rising 3rd grader in Winston-Salem, NC.

**Jane Sommers-Kelly** writes, “Although on vacation now back in Fontainebleau au France where we lived 1998-2007, we are now based in Chapel Hill, NC, as I work at Duke. Two boys 13 and 12 and a

great husband Robert who is a busy stay-at-home father.”

**Julie Warder** writes, “I am still living in Phoenix with my husband and three children. I was in DC for the wedding of **Bern Hoffmann ’86** and was able to catch up with some people from my teaching days at Potomac; **Faculty Bill Cook** and **Cort Morgan** and my past kindergarten student **Albert Pingree ’00** and his fiancé Mary Ann Robinson. I dragged my kids around Potomac sharing old memories and of course made them sit on the llamas for a photo! They thought the new playgrounds were quite amazing! I thought all the new facilities were! I can’t wait to catch up with classmates again at our next reunion!”

**Hildreth Willson** writes, “We’ve just returned from a long weekend in Gold Rush country... We are looking forward to a badly needed vacation—beach, Mad Martha’s ice cream, The Vineyard Sound, and fresh seafood beckon. All of which reminds me of flying into Boston, which makes me think of Cambridge, which summons thoughts of **Jack Langstaff’s** Christmas Revels. My husband, Chas, will sing in the California Revels’ Christmas production this year, upholding those wonderful winter solstice music traditions we were lucky enough to enjoy with Jack at Potomac. I suspect a dragon may be slain. May all your dragons be slain as well.”

**Curt Winsor** writes, “All 3 daughters now attending Potomac: **Julia ’23 (K)**, **Eliza ’21 (2nd)**, **Devon ’13 (10th)**.”

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**Dan Clemente** writes, “I am still living in the DC area with my family. Married with two boys, CJ (11) and Max (8), who keep us busy. I’m at Boy Scout Camp with CJ as I type. I have an agency with Farmers Insurance and my wife, Kelley, works for the Rec Center by our house. Would love to see anyone still in the area.”

**Vincent Johnson** writes, “I’m living in Gaithersburg, MD, now and working at NIST (15 years now... wow). Carla, Isaiah (11), and Delaney (9) are all doing well.”

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**Christopher Andreas** writes, “Angelica Jude Andreas was born on June 28 at 8:40 pm weighing 6lbs 5oz, 19.75 in. long. She arrived 4 weeks early ... but she’s doing great. Thankfully, as preemies go she was on the big side.”



**Annette Poblete** writes, “I’m still living in Manhattan and working part-time as an in-house counsel for an ExxonMobil-Shell joint venture. This fall, my daughters, Maia and Rachel (ages 7 and 4,

respectively) will both be attending a small private school downtown where the students ring handbells during Christmas Lessons and Carols, display replicas of illuminated manuscripts in the hallways, and put on musicals in fifth grade (though, sadly, no Gilbert and Sullivan). Would love to hear how my classmates are doing!”

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## 1985

**Barclay Sharon Cadieux** writes, “Still living in Charlotte, NC, after 16 years—with my son, Spencer (10). I LOVE my job as a Child Life Specialist at Levine Children’s Hospital. I make a difference in the lives of children everyday and it is incredibly rewarding. I am traveling to Southern CA in July with **Julia Dugger** and **Carter Ong (Laurence Smith’s** wife) to celebrate our 40th. I have enjoyed keeping up with fellow classmates and their updates via Facebook. Cheers to everyone!”

**Chrissy Wyman Coughlin** writes, “In addition to my life as a singer-songwriter, I have started working for an adventure travel company, A World Away Travels. We run trips all over the world and I am working on getting Potomac students and alumni involved! This picture is of me in Torres del Paine National Park in Chile.”



Chrissy Wyman Coughlin



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**Tom Arundel** graduated this past May with an MBA from the University of Maryland. Now that he's finished 18 months of balancing school with a full-time job, he returns to his role as eCommerce Manager at Marriott International, and to his family, including wife Kara and two boys, Nathan (5) and Jack (2).

**David Belin** was married to Delphine Chanel in 2000 and has two boys, Augustin, 9, and Théo, 6. He writes that he's "now living in the Boulder, CO, area where I recently built a house with my brother; exploring a new career path after selling my antique businesses in NYC & Paris; cycling competitively and enjoying the Colorado lifestyle."



David Belin and family

**Tyrrell Carr Januzzi's** children Quinn and Ellison are now 3 1/2 and 2 years old, respectively. "**Erin Boyle Alvino** and I live close to each other (and try to see each other often), and in May, **Claire Hamady**, Erin and I got together in NYC for drinks."

Class correspondent **Danielle Kleman Porak de Varna** writes, "My husband, Victor, and I were transferred to Colorado in August 2009 and our stay in Colorado has just been extended. We just love being out West as every day feels like a vacation and we enjoy the 300+ days of sunshine! **Allison White Woods** and I found out that we live close to each other and see each other regularly in lovely Boulder. In late summer, Victor and I are off to Switzerland for Victor's high school reunion, see our friends and family and then we finish with a vacation on the Mediterranean. When we return, we will be closer to ski season!"



Class of '90 at the 2010 Reunion in May.

In March 2010, **Rebecca Chaudhry Stein** gave birth to twins—two beautiful boys—Luke and Jake! Rebecca is doing really well and loving motherhood.



London, Logan and Ricky Stokes



**David Strazan** holding Logan Stokes (**Ricky Stokes'** son) with son Harbor Strazan and wife Jessica Kober.

## 1991

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Since **Liza Blank** left Potomac's green lawns in 1991, she has lived in South America, San Francisco, and Brooklyn. She has been in Brooklyn since 2001, when she moved to the city to get her Master's in social work. She has worked as a bilingual child and family therapist and is currently the founding social worker at the DREAM Charter School in East Harlem.

Class correspondent **Thea Lehming Brandt** enjoys the Seattle life with her husband (Adam), two year-old son (Nicolas) and Bernese mountain dog (Dash). She continues to work as a usability engineer, conducting usability studies for web-based applications and designing web interfaces for her clients. Thea temporarily hung up her mountaineering boots when Nicolas came onto the scene, but because of

his early love of hiking and climbing, she and Adam may very well be showing him the ropes of glacier travel sooner than they thought that they would.

**Darius Brawn and Lisa**

**Jankowsky Brawn '92** had a blast at **Josh Stinchcomb's** wedding in CT last Sept. **Tim Wisecarver**, **Mike Semchyshyn**, **Morgan Till** and **Peter Heller** were also in attendance. This spring he and Lisa enjoyed a fun dinner in NYC with **Antonia Stout '92**, who was visiting from L.A. They also enjoyed a recent visit from Morgan and Peter who came to stay with them for a night in CT. As we know, it's always great to see old friends! Darius and Lisa recently relocated to Connecticut from Chicago. They truly enjoy being out of an apartment, and their kids and dog love having a backyard. Tennis is big for the family, and little Julian has learned that he has a love of scuba diving.

**Chris Chaplin** met up with his brother (**Jon Chaplin '94**) in Costa Rica where they got to enjoy some wonderful weather and great surfing conditions. While at home in Los Angeles, he enjoys surfing north of Malibu and has met up with **Simon Lamb '91** to hang ten a few times with him. He sees Simon and **Masud Khan** (frequently, as they both also live in L.A.). Jon (Chaplin) came out to L.A. for a visit in late April and he and Chris had dinner with **Cora Olson '96** and Jen Dubin at Din Tai Fung, a well-known dumpling restaurant. Chris is taking the California bar exam in July 2010, intending to focus on entertainment and intellectual property law.

**Patsy Dugger** has lots of great news! She still lives in San Francisco, and joined Ecos Consulting in March as director of commercial and industrial utility programs after spending nine years at PG&E running energy efficiency programs. Around that same time, she got engaged to Isaac Newton—and they are getting married in October in Mexico. They recently purchased a beautiful flat in SF and moved in together. Patsy sends out love to our class and friends!

**Jessica Ryan Guzman** and her

family now reside in Alpharetta, GA, after living for two years in Southern CA. They are thrilled to be experiencing parenthood for a third time after the birth of their daughter, Mia Greene Guzman, in August of 2009. She is adored by her older siblings Julia (12) and Christian (8).

**Tanya Malik** is enjoying living in a small town in South Carolina, where she works for a local ad agency as an art director. She is fortunate enough to get to take her dog there with her most days.

**Kate Rylander Morley** and her family relocated to the Raleigh, NC, area almost three years ago after 10 years in the LA area. She currently works for the YMCA of the Triangle Area in the Wellness and Aquatics departments at the Cary Family YMCA. Kate's husband David is a video editor and currently working for TV-One. Her daughters Abby and Elizabeth just started grades 7 and 4, respectively. They share their house with two cats, two mice, and one collie.

**Ale Plesch** writes, "Still living quite a life in Bali ... mastering the art of surfing." He also continues to wow us all with his skillful and powerful photography. Ale has also worked to help bring attention to Yayasan Senyum, The Smile Foundation of Bali.

**Amy Mancha Redstone** still lives in Fort Collins, CO, with her husband, Victor, son Nathan (7) and daughter Caitlin (4). They love the weather and atmosphere of the town. Amy enjoys her job at Agilent Technologies as the Global Relocation Program Manager, where she manages the vendor who moves



Kate Rylander Morley and Amy Mancha Redstone

Agilent employees around the world. She recently got a chance to travel to Cary, NC, for work. While there, she met up with **Kate Rylander**

**Morley**, along with her two daughters. The two enjoyed their time together, catching up and sharing some laughs about old times at Potomac. Amy also looks forward to starting a Grandparents Day at her son's school this year, based on the success of this event at Potomac. **Charisse Mortensen McElroy** chairs Potomac's effort and has been kind enough to provide her with the outline of the day's agenda.

**Josh Stinchcomb** had a beautiful outdoor wedding in Connecticut last fall. Fellow 1991 Potomac alum in attendance included **Josh Bowers**, **Michael Semchyshyn**, **Chris Heinz**, **Tim Wisecarver**, **Morgan Till** and **Peter Heller**. Josh and his wife enjoy living in Brooklyn Heights, and he works at Condé Nast as the publisher of their websites.

**Morgan Till** writes, "It's been a busy last year or so here in Washington and abroad. I'm still producing for the PBS NewsHour; 12 years there now. I spent about a month in Afghanistan last year (over 2 trips), traveling from the high mountain outposts of the Korengal and Pech valleys in the east with the U.S. Army to the southern reaches of Helmand Province; the expanses of Kandahar in 110-degree-heat (in early MARCH); and on foot patrols in the restive areas bordering the Panjshir Valley. Had occasion to twice venture inside the heavily-guarded confines of the Presidential Palace to produce interviews with Hamid Karzai, including his first broadcast interview just days after he'd been awarded re-election last November. My travels have also taken me to Pakistan with the Secretary of State, in Islamabad and Lahore. Perhaps the most astonishing stop was Port-au-Prince, for 10 days after the earthquake. Just crushingly sad, and destruction on a mind-boggling scale. Other reporting trips took me to the inner sanctums of the Vatican to report on its reaction to the sexual abuse scandals and, most recently, nine days in Brazil to report on (what else?) the World Cup—and Brazil's growing and important oil industry in the wake of BP. Also spent 10 days in Vancouver at the Olympics (where my father lives now), though that was purely for fun and a bit of R&R.

"In my spare time, I spend a lot of time with my brother, **Tom Till '94** and mother at our farm near Charlottesville. I also see quite a bit of **Tim Wisecarver**, **Mike Semchyshyn**, **Bill Barton** and **Jamie Stump** and **James Quigley '84** here in Washington; and I am in regular touch with **Peter Heller**, **Josh Bowers**, **Josh Stinchcomb** and **Darius Brawn**."



**Morgan Till** at Kandahar Airfield, southern Afghanistan, waiting for a C-130 flight back to Kabul.

**Tim Wisecarver** recently met up with fellow '91 alums **Sunil Budhrani**, **Tallman Johnson**, **Billy Barton**, **Morgan Till** and **Michael Semchyshyn** to discuss the glory days and consume beverages in Arlington, VA.

## 1992

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**Ally Bloom's** son, Teddy, finished his first year of kindergarten at Potomac. It was a joy for Ally to watch him participate in the Lower School Carols and the Circus to mark the end of the school year. Ally's second son, Ben, starts kindergarten next year—he will be in the same grade as **Eric Malawer's** son. It has been great for Ally to return to Potomac in a new role and see her children become a part of the community she has cherished. Ally recently attended the wedding of **John Cecchi** this year and saw many Potomac alumni including **Stuart Salyer** and **Stephen Salyer '99** as well as **Mike Semchyshyn**. She has also been fortunate to see a few of our classmates over the past year. Ally saw

**Shauna McBay** in Monterrey, CA, and met her beautiful daughter, **Skye Lee**. She ran into **Emily Brunk Jones** and her daughter, **Lucy**, at Browne Academy in Alexandria and saw **Tamara Bechara** in New York City where she continues her successful acting career, including work on the CBS hit show "The Good Wife."

**Eric Malawer's** son Miles will start kindergarten at Potomac this fall.

## 1993

**Jonathan Brady** writes, "I have been working as a photographer for 10 years mostly in the UK and find myself often covering the English Premier League soccer (football) season. This summer I was lucky enough to be selected to cover the World Cup in South Africa for EPA, an agency that I string for. I have included a picture of me at pitchside during halftime at the Paraguay v. New Zealand fixture in Polokwane in a rather fetching orange bib. The World Cup was an amazing experi-



[Jonathan Brady at the World Cup

ence and the atmosphere throughout was terrific. If anyone has not had the chance to visit South Africa yet I cannot recommend it highly enough. Covering the World Cup was the second time I have visited there and both times it has been brilliant. If any of my old classmates are travelling through London they are welcome to ring me on the number below. I haven't seen anyone from my year since I bumped into **Adam Tully** and **Matthew Stinchcomb** at Oberlin in the mid 90s. tel: +44(0) 7931 541 489."

**Erin Cleary** had twin boys on February 26, 2010. **David Eoin** and **Robert Fulton** are both doing well.



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Sandy Gentles

**Perry Aldigé Shure** had a baby boy, Benjamin Edward Shure, on June 12.

**Chris Winland** welcomed his second child in April 2010.

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**Meredith Bower** writes, "I am getting married this September, and our two mutts will be the ring bearers. Honeymoon will be 2.5 weeks in New Zealand—can't wait!"

**Scott Farrell** and his wife had a baby girl on June 15. Everyone is doing great.

**Reed Kuhn** writes, "I'm still living in Arlington, VA with my wife, Karin, and working for a boutique strategy consulting firm that dabbles in private equity and venture capital. Karin starts med school right down the road at GW this fall, so it's good that I have hobbies while she's in the library/hospital for the better

part of the next decade. I launched Calvert Strategies this year as my science-nerd hobbies have finally become monetized. My first iPhone app premiered to rave reviews in the App Store in June, and I have begun professionally consulting UFC fighters through my unique statistical analysis of mixed martial arts."

**Kimberly J. McCorry** is proud to announce the birth of her son, Peter Connor McCorry, who was born on June 22 and joins big brother Jack (14 months). Mom and dad are happy to be a family of four and are learning quickly how to play "man-to-man!"

Barrett and **Mary Katherine Tribble Peters** welcomed a son, Lochlan Tribble Ross Peters, on June 18, 2010. They live in Richmond, Virginia.

**George Wisecarver** and wife, Katie, announced the arrival of their son, William, on June 12, 2010. William was 9 lbs and 21.5". Mom and baby are happy and healthy!

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A group of Potomac alums from the class of 1996—including **Will Lamson**, **Brett Nelson**, **Tom Serafin**, **Leah Lipsky Shaheen**, **Michael Shaheen**, and **Jamie Sullivan**—descended on Skaneateles, NY, in July for the nuptials of longtime bachelor Parker Kelsey and his bride-to-be, Bethany Abbott. The festivities kicked off on Friday night with a rollicking ride on the venerable skiff, the *Judge Ben Wiles*, over the storm-tossed waters of Lake Skaneateles. The ceremony and reception were held at the stunning Anyela's Vineyards the following afternoon. The Potomac crowd greatly enjoyed the Kelsey's inspiring dance floor performance, catching up with each other, and sharing a host of Potomac stories from the early to mid 90s.

**Yael Feder** writes, "I just got engaged this past weekend. My fiance surprised me with a trip to Chicago

to attend Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival and proposed. We are living in Manhattan and look forward to planning a wedding for next year, most likely in DC. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather and doing well."

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In response to the January 2010 earthquake, **John Morrison** was deployed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, as a planning manager with Virginia Task Force 1, Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue team. In their 14 days in Haiti, the team made nine live rescues and assisted other rescue teams with seven more. The team also participated in other humanitarian work including shoring damaged hospitals and setting up donated tents at a local children's hospital.

**Scott Trabandt** won an Emmy for Best Evening Newscast from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Scott produces the 11pm News for NBC 4 in Washington, D.C. The winning show chronicled the first night of the deadly Metro crash in June 2009.

**Courtney Young** lives in Wilmington, NC, and is the development and marketing director for the Annual International Cucalorus Film Festival.

## 1998

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**Kate Coyne Coyle** writes, "I was married to Ryan Coyle on May 8 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in

D.C. I was fortunate to have **Rachel Wright '96** and **Rebecca Rader Brown '99** standing by my side as two of my bridesmaids. The Potomac School Madrigal Singers, directed by **Jerry Rich**, performed three songs during the ceremony, including Biebl's Ave Maria with solos performed by my brothers, **Michael Coyne '00** and **Sandy Coyne '95**. **Vail Breed**, **Carolyn Starr Doolittle** and **Edward Smith** also attended the wedding celebration that continued at Union Station following the ceremony.

"I am group vice president at Makovsky & Company, a public relations firm in New York, where I consult on behalf of healthcare companies. I am also a founder of the Young Professionals of the American Heart Association in NYC and serve on the New York City Regional Board of the American Heart Association. My husband just completed his first year at Columbia Business School. Prior to pursuing his MBA, he was an equity research analyst at FrontPoint Partners, a division of Morgan Stanley Investment Management."



Kate Coyne Coyle and Ryan Coyle

**Lizzy DeMuth Gresham** writes, "I was in DC last week and spent time with **Susan Reynolds Spies** whose son, Cooper is the same age as my third, Ben (4 months), brother to Henry (4) and Alice (2). It is wonderful to share parenthood with childhood friends! We took the kids to Potomac for a walk and some heartfelt nostalgia. Then I was off to Colorado for my sister, **Catherine DeMuth Lauer's '01** wedding. It was beautiful!"

1999

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**Belen Aquino** and her fiance Drew are getting married in October. She is living in Chicago where she working as a professional photographer.

**Anne Blaney** is living outside of New York City, teaching high school English. She recently got engaged, just finished her first half-marathon, and sees Rachel Shuler a lot.

**Trenholm Boggs** writes, "Still living with **Reed Landry** and **Win Huffman** in Georgetown, where Reed and I hosted the Class of '99 reunion. I got engaged to Avery Easley in February and will be married in January 2011 in Austin, TX. The wedding party will include Potomac Alums **Todd Kincaide**, **Reed Landry**, **Jody Goehring**, **Doug Trabandt**, **Win Huffman**, **Yorke Allen**, **Jamie Sullivan '96**, and **Christian Gomez**."

**Shauna Burgess Friedman** and her husband Jon just welcomed a baby girl—Claire Rebecca Friedman—into their family on June 29. She's doing really well and they are enjoying life as parents. They are living in NYC where Shauna is working as a litigator at WilmerHale. She spent the last three months doing a

pro bono fellowship at an organization called Urban Justice Center that provides free legal services for community organizers in the city.

**Daryn Cambridge** and **Alyson Lipsky** are living in Falls Church, VA, with their dog Reginald. Alyson is a Research Associate at Development Alternatives, Inc., and is pursuing a PhD in Public Policy and Administration from George Washington University. Daryn is Director for Knowledge & Digital Strategies at the International Center on Non-violent Conflict and is an adjunct professor at American University where he teaches two courses: Education for International Development and Peace Education.

**Charlotte Hutton Cox** and her husband Austin are living on Oahu, Hawaii, where they have been for two years. Their days are filled with beaches, hiking, running, and enjoying paradise at its finest.

**Win Huffman** helped organize *Goals for Good's* first annual lacrosse game on April 27, which raised more than \$10,000 for the Alzheimer Association. As team captain for a charity lacrosse event Huffman said, "It wasn't hard to get guys to commit.... Hunter and I broke out our lacrosse rolodexes and tapped our friends, and they went and recruited their friends. We had guys asking their MLL teammates to come down and play. It just snowballed into these great rosters that we knew would make for an entertaining game for the fans, which is really what it was all about." Another familiar face on the field was **Trenholm Boggs**.

**Pamela Kasenetz** is in the middle

of her internal medicine residency at George Washington University and is considering a career in pulmonary/critical care or infectious diseases.

**Liz Nightengale '81** visited with **Dabney Schmitt** (Potomac Director of Development) at an art auction in Hanoi, Viet Nam, held to honor the memory of Dabney's son **Landon Schmitt**. Landon's Hanoi friends came together to raise money for The Landon Carter Schmitt School for Children with Visual Disabilities being built in Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province, Viet Nam. For more information go to [www.lcsmemorialfund.org](http://www.lcsmemorialfund.org).



Dabney Schmitt and Liz Nightengale '81

**Ian Lindsay Shinsato** writes, "After moving to Japan in 1986 I attended international and American schools there, then came back to DC for my BA and MA at American University. I majored in international relations. Following that I worked at the World Bank for a few years as a contractor, then for a government contractor for about three years. After feeling that I needed a change I started doing independent consulting for about a year and a half, and while doing so I spent a year in Korea working and studying the Korean language. I have recently started working for the Department of State and will be moving to Indonesia this June as a foreign service officer with my wife, Carolyn. We were married last summer in Korea."



Ian Lindsay Shinsato in middle

**Meredith Shuba** recently moved back from London where she was getting a degree in the Conservation of Paintings. She and her husband Paul are now in Richmond, VA, starting up a men's shirt company called Ledbury.

2000

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**Nicola Fucigna** is pursuing an MFA in poetry at the University of Arizona in Tucson. She misses you all.

**Jon Haworth** has had a very busy spring teaching and traveling around the United States. He took a four-day trip to Las Vegas in early February only to get stranded on the West Coast during the blizzard. He was able to travel to Los Angeles and San Francisco before finally making it home two weeks later than scheduled. He also started a blog and was featured as one of the top bloggers on Wordpress in May (go to [www.jonhaworth.wordpress.com](http://www.jonhaworth.wordpress.com) for more information). He will be in the DC area this summer before most likely traveling back to London from September to December to spend some time job hunting and looking for more permanent work.

**Naa-Young Yun Hirschmann** got married in 2006 to Greg Hirschmann, who is an architect. She is a musician in a band called Eternal Summers. She plays gui-



Class of '99 at the 2010 Reunion in May.





Jon Haworth, Mr. Thomas, Ben Rose, Mrs. Niels, Milada Hejtmanek and Mrs. Anderson at Reunion 2010 in May.

tar, sings and writes the music. Their debut album is coming out on Kanine Records in September with worldwide distribution, and they will be on tour this fall in the U.S., so keep an eye out for them!

**Kathleen Kiernan** married Ivan Harnden on May 30 in Chatham, MA, and her bridesmaids were all Potomac grads. Her two maids of honor were her sisters **Cara Kiernan '03** and **Meaghan Kiernan '05** and her bridesmaids were **Courtney Fischer**, **Katherine Twomey**, **Maura Myers**, and **Aly Sudow**. Ivan and Kathleen started their residencies at Duke University Medical Center last month and are both loving it so far! They are very happy to be back on the East Coast!



(L to R: Aly Sudow, Courtney Fischer, Kathleen Kiernan Harnden, Katherine Twomey, Maura Myers)

**Fran Kranz** this summer was in New York acting in a play off Broadway called "The Bachelorette." He has been working in television

and film for the last few years since college and has been living in Los Angeles where he grew up, so being involved in New York theatre is a good change of pace. He is sorry that he missed the reunion and hopes that he gets to see all of his old classmates at the next gathering in December.

**Lucinda Brown Revell** got married in April. She's half way through getting her MBA at INSEAD, for which she's been studying in Singapore and France. Over the summer she's living in Cambodia and working for an investment fund focusing on emerging markets.

After a year in Nashville working as a Teach for America Corps Member teaching Algebra 2 and Geometry, **Aly Sudow** is transferring back to the Bay Area. She writes, "I'll be living in San Francisco and working in Hayward at a charter high school called Impact Academy—still teaching math. Thanks to **Ashvin Saxena**, **Marcel Gauthier** and **Gail Niels** (Potomac Past Faculty) for their words of wisdom and encouragement over Facebook this past year!" Before she leaves Nashville, she is working to finish her Master's in education administration and supervision.

**John Warin** has been living in Boston working for a consulting firm for the past three years. This fall he is moving to Chicago to attend The University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He is excited to move to the Midwest!

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**Stephanie Amann Kapsis** was married in May 2009 to Jim Kapsis, whom she met during her senior year at Princeton. They were married in a lovely ceremony at the Oxon Hill Manor just outside of Washington, DC. Steph and Jim are currently living in Del Ray, Alexandria, and Steph continues to work for Teach for America.

After getting married during the summer of 2009, **Bryan Bennett** and his wife Emily are living in Washington, DC. Also in the area, working in real estate, is **Rory Byrnes**. **John Ohly** lives in the Tysons area, and is getting married on October 2, 2010, at his home-away-from-home in Stowe, Vermont. His best man will be **Skip Calvert**, who splits his time between Virginia Beach where he flies for the Navy, and Old Town Alexandria. **Garrett Clarke** will be married in September 2010 to Paige MacDonald at a ceremony in Bedford, New York. Garrett currently works for Microsoft and is getting his MBA at Columbia.

**Alex Cheek** graduated from Harvard Business School in May 2010 along with Potomac classmate **Whitney Petersmeyer** and will be working for Teach for America. She will be married in the Harvard Chapel over Labor Day weekend 2010 to fellow Harvard College and Harvard Business School classmate Matt Segneri. They are living in Boston, though Whitney will be traveling to New York City frequently for her job.

We have several classmates living in

New York including **CJ Fahey**, at Columbia's Business School; **Tom Cannell**, who resides in Park Slope, Brooklyn; and **Eric Kasenetz**. **Lauren Grass** will be moving to New York City in August 2010 and starts at Columbia business school this fall. **Stirling Kelso** continues to work at Travel + Leisure magazine in New York and is getting married in Austin, Texas, on October 9, 2010. **Elissa Brown** is working in documentary film and was most recently the assistant producer for "By the People," a documentary of Barack Obama's campaign, which was recently nominated for five Emmy awards and can be seen on DVD or HBO. **Daphne Chester** is still living in New York City and works for Neuberger Berman, an asset management firm. **Elena Knappen** is living in Ft. Greene, Brooklyn, and is an excellent third grade teacher at an Achievement First Charter School in Brooklyn. Look for pictures of her and her class in the September 2010 issue of Vanity Fair!

**Kate Jackson** works at Reuters' London office, covering the business beat on their online television launch. She is also getting married in London next spring. **Marian Smith** married on May 29, 2010, in D.C. and is an editor at MSNBC's London office. **Cecily Hutton**, also recently engaged, is living in Amsterdam. **Lina Gomez** currently resides in Bogota, Colombia, where she and her boyfriend Roberto Clausell have launched a series of glossy city and lifestyle magazines in Cartagena and Bogota.

**Steven John** and his wife, Kristin, are still in Los Angeles. She is a teacher and he is doing something or other. They have a bunch of pets. Also, they will be celebrating their 5th anniversary in October (which is, admittedly, madness). Oh and Steve's first novel is being published next year. Please buy it so he can eat food.

In the fall of 2009 **Caroline Leith** received an MBA from The University of Oxford, Said Business School. She is now living in DC and working in the School of Public Administration at American University.

**Noah Miller** writes, "Earlier this year, I planned a 10-day trip to visit

friends in Kaishay, Japan (where I had worked for the prefecture in '07)—turned into a five-week, six-country tour of South Asia. It was a great time and too many memories to share here, so just ask me about it (one lesson: not all sushi is the same... raw poo-sei? Not good)." Now he's back in Northern CA and saving up for that dream car, a '69 Chevelle SS-454.

**Mallory Shear-Heyman** is directing three children's musicals for Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo, MD, this summer. She is also finishing her Master's in theatre education at Catholic University.

**Laura Smith** is working on a seismic research vessel, where she spends 50 percent of her time out at sea collecting data to map the geology under the ocean. This past year alone her ship has been in Norway, India and Qatar. One of her favorite parts of the job is driving the small boats out in the middle of the ocean, while another great part of the job is working with people from every continent! Laura also spends 25 percent of her time in Norway where she works in the Oslo office (and engages in all sports Norwegian, including their passion of cross country skiing). The remaining 25 percent of her time Laura has spent traveling and building a sailboat with her boyfriend in Argentina, which will be launched in September!

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**Elise Jett Baran Canfield** and Neil Richard Canfield were recently married at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Washington, DC. The Rev. William C. McFadden, who officiated at the wedding of the bride's parents in 1979, performed the ceremony. Elise taught at Washington Latin PCS for the past two years as a math teacher and will be a math teacher at Georgetown Prep in the fall. She graduated from Brown and was a Fulbright fellow from 2007 to 2008 at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, where she studied linguistics. Alums in the wedding party were Elise's siblings: **Brendan Baran '99**, **Mieke Baran '00** and **Anneke Baran '08**. Other alums in attendance: **Will Lamson '96**, **Molly Langer '03**, **Mary Thomas '03**, **Owen McAleer '08**, **Tim Shaheen '00**, and **Ben Martin '00**.

**Ashley Bender** is still working at Google in NYC and getting her MBA at NYU during the nights. She does get a chance to see fellow classmates **Cynthia Starr**, **Eric Rosenthal**, **Ashley Seidlitz** and **Peter Carrington** often!

**Anne Benveniste** writes, "I'm still loving living in London and have just moved into a new place in Notting Hill. Memorial Day weekend saw fellow Potomac alums at both **Alexa Rubenstein's** and **Lisa Rainey's** weddings—which were in the same weekend! Both weddings were a lot of fun and the girls looked stunning. I am spending the summer traveling: over July and August will be in San Sebastian, Stockholm and Peru, where I'm visiting the Amazon and Machu Picchu. Peru will be my first visit to South America so I'm really looking forward to it. In September, I'll be in NYC for a week and I'd love to see anyone who is around! As always, if anyone is in London, I would love to get drinks and catch up."

After splitting her summer between

two D.C. firms, **Sarah Duncan** is finishing her final year of law school at Vanderbilt this year. She hopes to return to the D.C. area to work at a firm, but may take a detour elsewhere in the country for a clerkship for a year or two.

**Elizabeth Fabiani** is currently living in Ann Arbor, MI, and working for Google where she has been for the past three years. She's looking forward to seeing the Potomac crew over Thanksgiving!

**Sarah Fennell** writes, "Potomac Alums **Truman** and **Willie Morrison '06** formed the country rock group The Morrison Brothers Band a few years ago, and are currently touring the East Coast all summer with their bandmate, a singer-songwriter and Potomac graduate **Julie Grass '05**. On June 18, the Morrison Brothers Band sold out the Birchmere in Alexandria, VA, for

the second straight summer, with Potomac graduate **Chris Ayer '00** opening the show with an acoustic set of his own. Many Potomac alums came out to hear them play. ... The band is hard at work on a follow up to their debut album "Midnight in Virginia," released on iTunes in the fall of 2009." Follow The Morrison Brothers Band on <http://themorrisonbrothersband.com/>.

**Maya Jaafar** writes, "I just finished my third year teaching art and outdoor education at Potomac. This summer, I am taking a course through the National Outdoor Leadership School for outdoor educators, focusing on mountaineering and rock climbing. I am spending the rest of the summer in Maine, and likely staying in Maine through the fall."

**Ian MacLeod** writes, "In August I will finish a year-long adventure



Truman and Willie Morrison



Forest Kettler, Sarah Fennell and Andrew Warin at the Birchmere





Alexa Nicole Rubenstein

teaching English in Seoul, South Korea. I will touch down in Vero Beach, Florida, and spend a semester taking biology courses at a nearby state college and re-acclimating to my homeland! While in Florida I hope to hone my surfing, scuba diving and spearfishing skills. Let me know if anyone comes down to Florida, I'd love to meet up."

**Cal Nannes** writes, "I just started my fourth year of medical school at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. I decided to pursue a combined residency in internal medicine and pediatrics. This year I'll be starting the application process, but I'm also looking forward to some electives and time off."



Lisa Rainey Wedding

**Lisa Rainey** got married to her college sweetheart, Jamie Fraser, over Memorial Day Weekend in Kiawah, SC. She was so thrilled to be able to share beach time, dance parties, and the ceremony with many of her Potomac friends. After honeymooning in the Mediterranean, Lisa is working for a boutique healthcare consulting firm to help hospitals and physician groups strategically navigate the implications of the new Health Reform Bill. She looks forward to earning her Master's in Healthcare Administration from

UNC's Gillings School of Public Health in May."

Many members of the Potomac Class '03 gathered on Kiawah Island, SC, for Lisa Rainey Fraser's wedding.

(Bottom row from the left: **Lauren Huber, Elizabeth Fabiani, Alison Heyman, Rachel Dyke, Pamela Barris, Cynthia Starr, Caroline Dalton, Elizabeth Cook, Ashley Bender.**)

**Alexa Nicole Rubenstein** was married to Dr. Evan Lockwood Rachlin on May 29, 2010, in Boston. Two of Alexa's Potomac classmates, **Anne Benveniste** and **Mary Morrison**, were bridesmaids. Alexa is a financial analyst in the New York office of Goldman Sachs, where she works in private wealth management. Her new husband received an MD/MBA from Harvard two days before the wedding. He is an associate at McKinsey & Company in New York.

**Andrew Warin** is working for Booz Allen Hamilton in DC. He sees many of his fellow Potomac alums around the district. It was great coaching McLean youth soccer this past spring, and he looks forward to another great year with the Alumni Governing Council.

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Love is in the air. **Katie Johnson** is getting married to Matt Critchfield on August 7 in Washington, DC. They plan to return to Boston this fall, where Katie will finish her final year at the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Boston University.

**Kevin Mayer** was in the desert of Twenty-nine Palms, California, this summer with his battalion (1st Battalion/8th Marines) for a month-long pre-deployment training event called Mojave Viper. Kevin's deployment in August/September will probably take him into the Embedded Training Team in Northern Helmand Province of Afghanistan, where he will be living and working with the Afghan Army for about eight months in a mentorship and advisory role.

tutor. Sam has been back from Spain since the middle of May and is working for a public relations/public affairs firm in DC.

**Wil Stiner** is still making magic on the big screen. He recently finished post-production on his second piece for Volvo and is editing an experimental feature-length adaptation of Plato's Symposium. Wil is about to release his first feature, "Ser o estar,"



Caroline Reid



L-R: Jessica Zunzer-Whitaker and Caroline Reid

**Caroline Reed** married Mark Peterson on April 10 in Bluffton, SC (see photo). They are now living in Old Town, Alexandria, where they both work at Clark Construction.

**Sam Simon** also just got engaged to her boyfriend, Dan Grunfeld. She completed her Master's in public relations last August (2009) from Syracuse University and spent the following nine months in Spain traveling and working as an English

which he directed bilingually in Spain in 2007 and has started production for his second feature film. What's the next film about? Wil said its logline (synopsis) is "The water dripping from two opposing hands ringing out a towel."

**Ryan Yonkman** also got married last winter.

**Jessica Zunzer-Whitaker** graduated from USC with a Master's in

social work and is working as a child and family therapist in Santa Monica. She focuses on children with autism and other developmental disabilities and is getting her license in clinical social work.

**Ryan Yonkman** also got married last winter.

Last but not least, **Robbie de Picciotto**, **Drew Peterson** and **Edmund Rucci** are still rooming together in Boston. Robbie and Drew just returned from a trip to the World Cup in Johannesburg and a safari in Botswana. Robbie will be starting an event marketing job at a sports agency called Octagon, and Drew is still working for Altman Vilandrie, a technology consulting firm. Edmund is currently in Melbourne, Australia, on a transfer through his job at Bain & Company (where **Regina Lee** and **Margot Kabalkin** also work!).

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After graduating from Yale, **Stephen Dobeck** returns to Washington, DC, to start work with an IT consulting company, New Signature.

**Sam Gulland** graduated from Princeton in June and was commissioned as an Army Officer on graduation day. He writes, "I am committed to doing four years active

duty in the Army after completing AROTC. I will be an Infantry officer and will head to Fort Benning, Georgia, in February to complete the Infantry Officer Basic Course and

Ranger School; after that I'll go to Fort Drum, NY, to lead a platoon in the 10th Mountain Division."

**Patrick Frailey** was recently commissioned into the US Navy. Patrick will attend flight school in Pensacola, FL, to become a Naval Flight Officer.

**Virginia O'Connell** graduated from University of South Carolina Nursing School in May and will start work as an RN at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston on August 1.

**Zach Swope** is working at the Center for Addiction Research at the

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), working on a study on adolescent marijuana and alcohol abuse and addiction. As a research technician, he gathers "all sorts of information about the families and teens and provide that to the therapists who will use that in their treatment programs" and to the lead psychologists, who will publish a study analyzing various treatments for teens with addiction.

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Notes for the class of 2010 will begin in the spring 2011 issue.



# in memoriam

## Faye Schwartz Kronisch

Upper School English Teacher Faye Kronisch died March 24 following a long illness.

Mrs. Kronisch was a gifted teacher who leaves behind a wonderful legacy. All of us at Potomac will miss her and send our warmest condolences to her husband Mark, her children Mimi and Nathaniel, and her grandchildren.

A teacher for 34 years, Mrs. Kronisch often said, “I have the almost perfect job.” And according to Assistant Head of School Sheila O’Marah, “Potomac experienced — not an almost — but a truly perfect teacher. Astute, animated by ideas and the students who sparked those ideas, and thoughtfully analytical, Faye entered her classroom as a conductor might step forward, aware that rehearsal was vital and that ultimately the culminating orchestration emerged not from the conductor, but from the combined talents and efforts of the individual members. She cheered September’s arrival, happily noting that once again she would be engaging with ‘new students, new books, and creative, thoughtful and engaging discussions.’ As she expected much of her students, so she expected more of herself. As a teacher, a mentor, a colleague and a friend, she was unequalled.”

**Marian Kirk Appel ’32**

**McDonald Blackburn, Jr. ’69**

**Eleanor Ong Chatfield-Taylor ’39**

*Former faculty*

**Amy Corcoran ’80**

*Sister of Leila Corcoran ’82*

**Muriel Maddox ’36**

**Sally Peck Meyer ’51**

*Sister of Mary Peck Burr ’58*

**Lisette Littlehales Roberts ’41**

**Jan Wouters ’69**

# FACULTY MEMBER Gives Back

For Potomac teacher **Sharyn Stein**, the past 18 years have been focused around the hundreds of students she has taught, coached and mentored.

In the classroom, Stein unlocks the mysteries of seventh- and eighth-grade math. When not teaching, she serves as an eighth grade advisor, oversees discipline and student life within the Intermediate School, coaches Potomac softball and girls soccer, and leads the community service efforts of the seventh and eighth graders. Seventeen of her summers have included Potomac Summer Programs, with 15 of those years as director of the Discovery Camp and the past two as director of the Counselor Assistant program. A National Board Certified teacher in early adolescent math, Stein is the first middle school teacher to receive the Williams College George A. Olmsted Award for Excellence in Secondary Education.

When asked to reflect on what originally brought her to Potomac, Stein recalls how quickly she noticed that the School aligned with her belief that it was “all about the kids.” She recalls that she immediately fell in love with the students and observed that they lived the Potomac mission of acting with kindness, civility and generosity of spirit — the same guidelines that motivate Stein in both her professional and personal life.

It is impossible to measure the impact that Stein has had on the lives of Potomac students and families. As much as she has given to her students, however, she feels they have reciprocated by helping her grow as an educator, a coach and a person. Sometimes, she says, the enjoyment of seeing her students smile and have fun is as much of a



reward as seeing them master the material she is teaching.

Stein says that her journey from college to graduate school to Potomac was made possible, in part, by the generosity of strangers — who helped finance her education through the grants and loans they helped fund. Appreciating how valuable the aid was in her own life, Stein has chosen to give back by including Potomac in her estate plans. By becoming a member of the Second Century Endowment Society, she feels she can help uphold what she describes as Potomac’s valiant efforts to provide financial aid to worthy students. “Potomac provides so many amazing opportunities for kids and adults to grow and learn, and I am happy for any small part I can play in helping kids take advantage of the special gift that is Potomac.”

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