

PINE VIEW FOUNDATION

# Alumni News

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Sarasota, FL

## dear alumni:

We have a ton of updates this issue, with several from some long-lost alumni. All the time I hear about how people love reading about their old friends, and how this little quarterly letter helps them keep in touch with the peers from their youth.

Hopefully, we can take this camaraderie a step further, with the launch of our new Web site, [www.pineviewfoundation.org](http://www.pineviewfoundation.org). Look for more information inside.

I haven't given an update of my own in a year or so, because day-to-day things are pretty much the same. My business, Communication Visual, is doing well—we just won our first Addy Award from the Orlando Advertising Federation, and we've signed on with some new clients. We're making the transition from freelancers to business owners quite nicely. And my husband and dog are both doing just fine. We took long weekends in Washington, D.C., and New Orleans in December, both to follow our favorite team, the Redskins. Fun times.

Look for the next issue in June, when we'll have all the college destinations of the Class of 2002 and this year's scholarship winners.

Have a colorful spring!



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### **Articles, Updates, & Pictures**

You are encouraged to submit timely articles and letters for publication in Alumni News. Our current printing process will not allow for pictures, but feel free to send announcements of Web sites where you may have posted these pictures. We reserve the right to revise and/or abridge all copy as needed.

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# Reunion News

## Class of 1978

**Randi Whitehead** and **Jane Zuknick Morgan** are planning a 25th reunion in Sarasota, Thanksgiving weekend of 2003. If you have not done so, please contact Jane at [Janie624@aol.com](mailto:Janie624@aol.com) or Randi at [randiwhitehead@hotmail.com](mailto:randiwhitehead@hotmail.com). They would also like to hear from Class of '77 and '79 alumni about any interest in joining our celebration. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Class of 1981

**Jeff Darling** wrote "Remember the Class Reunion we had a little while ago? (Has it really been 7 months already?!) Well those of in attendance actually got to see in person how much (or little) we had changed. Now the rest of you less adventurous people can enjoy the sights of the '81 class reunion from the relative safety and anonymity of your own home. Luke has been kind enough to make available his pictures of those of us not fast enough to be out of camera range. You can find them at:

<http://luke.fmsinc.com/pineview/>.

"If interested, we have an automated mail list of Class of '81 members that can make it a whole lot easier for anyone and everyone to send info to the entire '81 class. As we have only had seven people join the list so far, I've succumbed and done this email manually. Please take a look at joining the group list—it'd make these emails a whole lot easier. I've also set up a link to Luke's pictures there. We can add links to most any site that any of you would like to have added. You can find the info at:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PineView\\_Classof81](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PineView_Classof81)"

## Class of 1982

The '82 reunion is set for June 21-23, 2002, in Sarasota, with a kick-off Poolside Mixer Friday night, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel on Lido Beach. Any interested Pine View alumni and current/former faculty are invited to join the Class of '82 for an evening of reminiscing and catching up. A cash bar will be available. For more information, contact **Diane Bachman Warmbier** at 941-927-0115 or **Laura Corrente Robinson** at 941-423-6774.

## Class of 1992

If you haven't yet, be sure to contact **Jenna Ricci** ([jenna\\_benna18@hotmail.com](mailto:jenna_benna18@hotmail.com)) for information about the 10th reunion.

**Contact information for alumni is available for reunion organizers and for similar events and needs. Personal information is never provided for solicitation or to individuals outside the alumni network.**

# Web Site

The Pine View Foundation is stepping into the electronic age. We've had a Web site for a while, which was originally hosted by Sarasota-based Glimmer. But we rarely updated it—reunion news from 1999 was still posted in 2002—and it was behind the times in technology and design.

**Geoff Wilson '96** graciously volunteered the services of his Gainesville company, Silverscape Technologies. It's only appropriate—six alumni and former students work for him: **Jason Shindler '97, Jesse Murse '96, Lincoln Anderson '98, Paul O'Neil '96, Rick Shriner '98, and Amber Wilson '00.**

And now, the long-awaited Web site is finally up! Announcing the debut of

[www.pineviewfoundation.org](http://www.pineviewfoundation.org)

The new site has a clean, professional design and accommodates many of the suggestions alumni have offered. We have sections for reunion news, downloading old newsletters, and a message board. Track down your friends, discuss issues of the day, plan your next get-together. And of course, there's still that famous form that sends your updates right to me.

We'll be adding capabilities as time goes on, so check it out, and check back often!



# Hearsay

**Lee Hayes Byron '95** finished her master's degree in Environmental Planning at Duke University in December.

**Chad Purdom '94** announced his engagement to Ana Maria Marina in the January 13 *Herald-Tribune*. An April 13 wedding is planned. Chad is attending the University of Miami Medical School and working at Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

**Alyssa Parlin '96** announced her engagement to Ronald Norval Brown in the December 9 *Herald-Tribune*. A January 20 wedding was planned. Alyssa is working at the Land Rover Main Line in Haverford, Pennsylvania.

**Audrey Scharfetter '00** and **Ryan Simonson '98** announced their engagement in the December 2 *Herald-Tribune*. A July 20 wedding is planned. Audrey is attending Norwich University in Vermont. Ryan is attending West Point Academy.

**Marjorie Strumpf '97** announced her engagement to Jamie Marc Cohen of Potomac, Maryland, in the February 3 *Herald-Tribune*. A May 26 wedding is planned. Marjorie graduated in 2001 from Brandeis University and is working for Montgomery County (Maryland) Public Schools.

**Phyllis Wollenberg** passed away on December 30. She was mother to two Pine View graduates—**Jean Schmeisser '75** and **Kurt Wollenberg '77**. She had been school nurse at Pine View for a while in the '70s. She also had a Senior Girl Scout troop based at a church near Pine View. Her obituary was in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* on January 2. A memorial service was held January 3. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to the Hospice Society or the National Audubon Society.

Jean can be contacted at her new North Carolina address ([jschmeisser@nc.rr.com](mailto:jschmeisser@nc.rr.com)); Kurt can be reached in Boston at ([krwollen@yahoo.com](mailto:krwollen@yahoo.com)).

**Nicole Woodruff '89** and **Christer Saarikko '91** announced their engagement in the February 3 *Herald-Tribune*. A spring wedding is planned. Nicole is attending the University of Florida and is working for Air Canada. Chris is president of Synergy Automation Inc. The couple lives in Tampa.

# The 70s

**Phil Bush '78** is vice president of corporate and national accounts for Telelogic, an application development tool company. He writes “My wife and daughter are my prime focus. I travel a lot, so when I am in Atlanta, I just like to spend as much time as I can with them. Pretty simple stuff, all told. We come to Sarasota once or twice per year to see my parents and we stay in a condo on Siesta Key. “During the fall, I handle Color Commentary for College Volleyball around the country. I end up on Sunshine quite a lot, broadcasting the SEC matches and the University of Florida. I also do some commentary for the weekly SEC and ACC TV shows. Very enjoyable, and gives me a break from my real job.

“I also do a lot of running, 10K races primarily. I’m hoping to do a Marathon one of these days. I’ll run the Disney half marathon in January, in case any other alums will be up there!”

**Sheila Fernandez Roberts '73** finally sent us an update, at the urging of her aging parents who have been receiving the newsletter at their address for all these years. She writes “When I married my husband in 1985, he was an active duty officer in the Navy. At that time he was stationed in Japan where I joined him for the first three months of our marriage. We then moved to California and lived in San Diego until 1990. During those first five years I traveled to Red China, Hong Kong, Korea, and even ran across and had dinner with a PV classmate **Andy Preston '74** on one of my visits to Hawaii. My son was born at the UC Medical School in San Diego in 1988. In 1990, pregnant with my second child we moved to Rhode Island so my husband could attend Naval “Department Head School.” My daughter was born three months later at Providence, Rhode Island’s Women & Infants Hospital affiliated with Brown University. My husband was sent to the Gulf War and I bided my time in Sarasota with the kids before returning to San Diego to meet his returning ship in the spring of 1991. In 1993 we received orders to Guam in the middle of the Pacific. We lived there until returning to Florida in 1996. Settling in Orlando, Florida, with the two dogs and cat we brought with us from Guam, my husband retired from the Navy and returned to school to obtain his Master’s Degree from UCF. Guam was a wonderful get away and definitely wasn’t Kansas or Florida. I have many fond memories of our time on that Pacific Volcanic Island.

“Currently I am a financial and operations audit supervisor for the only elected Comptroller in the State. Orange County is a charter county like Sarasota but has an elected Comptroller as well as a Clerk to the Courts. Our County Charter grants the Comptroller the authority to audit the Commissioners as well as the other elected constitutional officer’s offices. While the annual financial statements are audited by independent CPA firms, our group provides operational and performance audits as well as fraud investigations of government abuse and waste.

“The family loves to travel, swim, snorkel and the children are into electronic gaming. We frequently visit Sarasota to see my parents and two brothers.”

**Jean Wollenberg Schmeisser '75** moved from Texas to North Carolina (and seems to be very happy about it!).

# The 80s

**Melissa Basch '85** is living in San Francisco, working as an attorney in intellectual property litigation for Orrick, Herrington, & Sutcliffe. She has traveled and lived in Central America and Mexico for nearly three years and participated in an archaeological excavation in Corfu, Greece. Her hobbies include running, indoor rock-climbing, photography, cooking, and party-hopping. When she practiced in Washington, D.C., she worked pro bono, representing abused and neglected children.

**Kimberly Braun '85** writes “I can hardly call this an update since I have been out of touch with everyone for so many years! It has been enjoyable to read the newsletter, and I hope my lengthy story will be enjoyable for you too....

“Upon graduating from PV I moved to California, a place I had always wanted to go. I rented a place on Mission Beach with two friends and had lots of fun taking in the ocean, sunrises and sunsets. Less than a year later I moved to northern California (Santa Cruz) and began college. The north appealed to me much more, with the style of life, and the diversity of beautiful terrain. I began working with the homeless and aged, along with spending many hours in prayer both with friends and alone with God. In 1991 I decided to join a Monastery in North Dakota. This lifestyle is a simple and joyful life—we held all in common, lived in silence to make for a prayerful environment, and we did gather once a day to talk, and talk and talk! I was in formation for four and a half years and had the respected duties of scrubbing the main corridor, taking out the compost (with snow skis in the winter!) and eventually cooking in the kitchen. I learned how to make everything from scratch—even our own butter and cottage cheese. We grew just about everything we ate! When my formation time was near completion I was asked if I would help in making the new foundation of a Monastery in Texas. I said yes.

“Upon going to Texas I was in charge of the liturgy (playing the organ, too). I also had the opportunity of giving formation classes, greeting people who came to visit, and eventually I was in charge of building our permanent Monastery. This entailed designing it (yes, learning to do shop drawings), acting as general contractor and fundraiser—by appealing for the donations of labor, supplies, and funds from the many people I worked with. The Monastery is patterned after the missions of the area (dating back a few hundred years). I tried to use materials that were natural for the natives to use—stone from the area, iron for fixtures, and wood for furnishings—yet the greatest work was the goodness of God in the hearts of the people I worked with from my concrete finishing crew, to suppliers, engineers, masons, electricians, carpenters...the stories I have in my heart are many! After the dedication of this new Monastery I asked leave from Rome to continue my studies. They gave me permission and I left June of 2001.

“I now live in Washington, D.C., and am attending college. I am no longer a “Sister” (my religious name was Sister Mary Annunciata of Jesus); now I go again by Kimberly Braun, and hope to spend the rest of my life loving and serving people. If anyone wants to catch up I would love to hear from you. (maryannunciata@hotmail.com)”

**Tom Byron '84** writes “Many of you know that my father died in 2000, less than nine months after my son (and his namesake: Tom IV) was born. Eileen and I have been enjoying the eventful times of

parenthood during infancy and toddlerhood. Very exciting & a little strenuous; overall, lots of fun! We also moved into a bigger house recently—the amount of stuff a baby needs is remarkable! We’re still in Arlington, Virginia, and like it here. Big news recently was my participation as a volunteer at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake—I was a nordic ski patroller at Soldier Hollow, the venue for nordic events (cross-country & biathlon). While there I saw **Lee-En Chung ‘84** and just missed **Meghan Brady ‘84**, who saw lots of events. (I was working the whole time, so I didn’t get to see any other events—they tell me it was fun all around.) It was exciting to be part of this enormous event and particularly interesting to see behind-the-scenes as we took part in preparing for each day’s races & providing the standby medical support on the course for the athletes. Fortunately, none of the athletes needed medical attention on the course: All made it to the finish line (although a few needed some minor interventions once they got there). We had a few spectator incidents, but nothing major while I was there. It was an interesting change from my real job—handling appeals for the Justice Department’s Civil Division (although I am also a volunteer ski patroller on the weekends at Massanutten resort near Harrisonburg VA).

**Catherine Conroy ‘87** writes “I realized while reading the December issue that I haven’t sent an update in a while, and do have some news. I moved to New York on March 1 to take on a two-year assignment in my firm’s training office in Montvale, New Jersey. I’m living on the upper west side of Manhattan, and am enjoying being a big city girl! Though I’m not exactly one of the girls from *Sex and the City* (who really pays \$500 for shoes?—I’d rather buy a month of parking!) I’m having lots of fun, and meeting lots of new people. My new job requires some travel, so I was in Chicago on September 11, but my brother **Chris ‘00** who goes to NYU was staying in my apartment watching my dog Molly. He was in the subway on the way back down to school when the first plane hit, and was delayed for about half an hour. When he finally got out, he was late for class, so he went straight to the dorm, where he watched out the window as the towers fell. Another PVer and NYU student, **Jeremy Glassman ‘00**, went down to the towers immediately, took some incredible pictures, and ended up running from debris when the towers fell! He also was evacuated from his dorm for a week, and stayed with Chris and my roommate in my apartment until classes resumed. I was really glad that Chris and I were living in the same city for the first time in 14 years! I ended up driving back from Chicago, since the New York airports didn’t reopen for so long.

“Let me assure you, life goes on in New York. My mom came up in early December, and we did our part for the tourism trade, including a visit to the Today show, a Broadway play, shopping at Saks and a lot of dining. Now’s the time to visit—great bargains and smaller crowds make for a fun time in the big city!”

**Richard Dudas ‘86** writes “Here’s what’s happened in my life since I last wrote to the PV alum newsletter (back in the mid ‘90s).

“In 1996 I landed a job at IRCAM (a well-known computer-music research center) in Paris, France, where I worked teaching computer music and developing software. I decided to return to the US and pursue a graduate degree in 1998. By that time, I had been living in Europe for 8 years, and it was quite a shock to make the cultural adjustment back to the US.

“I finished my MA degree here at UC Berkeley in 2000, and am currently working on my PhD dissertation in Music composition (writing a concerto-grosso for harpsichord, electronic sounds and

string orchestra—seems almost like something we might have played in the PV Orchestra with Mr Bowermeister, albeit without the electronics!)

“To help maintain my chic Parisian lifestyle here in California, I’ve been working as a music software programmer for Cycling’74, Inc. My official title on my business cards is ‘Art Slave,’ which always elicits a few laughs.

“My most recent travel adventure was trying to make my way to the International Computer Music Conference in Havana, Cuba, the week of September 11 (which is coincidentally my birthday). After having gone through a lot of trouble to get official papers and a university-backed permit from the U.S. Treasury, etc., I was determined not to miss out the chance to go there. Since there were no flights in the U.S. that week, I had to rent a car, drive down to San Diego and hitch a lift across the border into Tijuana, Mexico, where flights were running as normal. It was a genuine ‘road trip.’ and a lot more fun than I expected. Mrs. Mayo would be glad to know that I finally had a chance to revive my rusty Spanish after all these years! As for Cuba... well, it reminded me a lot of Florida, so I really felt at home! “This Spring I’ll be at SUNY Buffalo, where I have my first american university gig teaching... you guessed it... computer music, yet again. I don’t think I’ve ever seen more than a few inches of snow in one place at one time, so it should be pretty interesting, to say the least...

“I guess that’s all the news that’s fit to print.”

**Kiri Ambler Forney ‘85** writes “Well, it’s been a long time since I last updated my info for the newsletter so...I’d better start way back. In 1994 I moved back to Sarasota, after living in Tampa for several years.

“I moved into my childhood home to live with and take care of my Grandmother, whose age was beginning to catch up with her. It was great to have that time with her and get to hear the stories from her youth that I otherwise never would have known. Thelma passed away May 31, 1997, at the age of 86 and is greatly missed.

“I ended up taking a job at Ringling School of Art and Design Library as Periodicals Collection Manager and Interlibrary Loan specialist. I eventually trained to become a Preservation Specialist so that I could assist with the Special Collection Archives and do book repairs and Library binding. I was there for seven years and LOVED it. In February of 1996 I traveled to Sweden where I spent a month visiting friends, going to museums, and doing research at the Royal Library in Stockholm. The highlights of my trip were cross country skiing AND the chance to see and take sketches from The Canterbury Codex. This illuminated manuscript is from 780 A.D. and is one of the best preserved of the Celtic style manuscripts, as it has been in the possession of the Swedish kings since the 1600s. What a thrill it was to be there as we opened the vault and removed it from its preservation wrappings. The last time it had been viewed was in the 1960s. I’m still using the sketches I made that day as inspiration for my paintings.

“After I returned from Sweden, I met my husband David, who was a new hire in Ringling’s Photography Department. I guess you could say it was love at first sight. We were married July 3, 1996, and honeymooned at the Chalet Suzanne in Lake Wales, Florida. It is one of the most romantic spots in Florida and, if you visit, you will see our celebration tile in the memory garden.

“In May of 1999 we were happily surprised with the news that I was pregnant. I had a normal

pregnancy up until the very end when complications set in and I was on bed rest for the last six weeks. Our son Aidan was born three weeks early on January 17, 2000, (after 17 hours of labor) at 5 lbs., 4 oz., and mere 17 inches long. After a difficult infancy, which precipitated me giving up my job to become a stay at home Mom, I am pleased to report that Aidan is now a healthy, happy, energetic, way too smart for his own good, way WAY too cute for his own good, nearly 2-year-old.

“My husband David has just completed a degree through the PEL program at Eckerd College and took a job in October at C&D Fruit and Vegetable Co. in Bradenton, as the Manager of their shipping operations. Prior to that, he had been the regional Sales manager for Sinar Bron, a Swiss company that manufactures and sells high end photographic equipment and digital camera systems. Sales is a great job when the economy is good, but the events of September 11 put a serious crimp in photographic sales so this new job came at just the right time. Let’s face it, everybody has to eat! David loves his new position and is looking forward to the challenge of getting and keeping the company’s computing resources up and running and keeping those cucumbers going to market.

“I continue to be a stay-at-home Mom and am considering home-schooling our son. I’m still actively painting, making quilts, and gardening. I’d love to hear from alumni in the area. Take care and hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday Season.”

**Lianna Cleland Gantt ‘82** writes “I got married! On October 6, 2001, I married Dan Gantt in Bedford, New York (Westchester County). Dan is a very fun-loving and warm man. He is my very best friend in the world. Dan is a partner in a prominent New York City law firm and a bona fide sports nut. We spend much of our free time eating peanuts and cracker jack in Yankee Stadium. We also travel to Washington, D.C., for every Redskins home game. Despite our rousing cheers, they manage to lose an alarming number of games. [Ed: Hail to the Redskins!]

“Fellow classmates **Sarah Allgood South ‘82** and **Liz Derr ‘82** attended my wedding. Sarah was ravishing in blue as my Matron of Honor. Liz made sure I arrived at the church dry and on time. We shared lots of champagne and conversation; it is a weekend we will always remember. I think Sarah, Liz, and their creditors may still be remembering it. Apparently, Ms. Derr and Mrs. South were spotted lunching and flashing credit cards in the posh shopping district in neighboring Greenwich, Connecticut. Sarah boasts of negotiating a fine deal on several Pashmina wraps.

“I have been very busy since graduating from Pine View. I attended MIT, graduating in 1986 with a B.S. in Materials Engineering. I took a job in Boston, but being my usual restless self, I needed a career change after only one year. I proceeded to the Yale Law School, graduating in 1990. I practiced intellectual property law in New York City for 10 years, but being my usual restless self, I needed another career change. I have returned to my first love, the piano. There is nothing more liberating (and humbling) than trading business suits, corporate clients and courtroom antics for blue jeans, smiling students, and a melodious piano studio.

“I look forward to introducing you all to Dan at our reunion in June!”

**Taggart Siegel ‘87** was listed as lost in the last newsletter, but his sister **Harper ‘92** got us in touch. Taggart writes “I am happily married to Cris (Tina to her family), getting ready to celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary on January 18th. We have two daughters, the oldest, Cheyenne, will be 4 on New Year’s Eve, and our baby, Kalin, was born on March 14th of 2001. There are some somewhat-

outdated pics of them at <http://www.smilingtiger.com/baby/newbaby.htm> for anyone interested to see what my offspring might look like.

“The 4 of us live with a hound dog named Bubba and a yard-dog that just had puppies in Trenton, Florida. About 30 minutes West of Gainesville, out in the middle of nowhere. Ten acres with an acre catfish pond and a shooting range of sorts. Heaven, as far as we are concerned...

“I have worked in the IS/IT industry for about 8 years, spending a few with a Financial Services company called Fiserv, and then getting bought up by Unisys a few years back. Unisys (<http://www.unisys.com>) offered me a position as a Systems Analyst when I hired on, which allows me to work from home, meaning I get to spend all the time I can with the family. They are real supportive of it, which means I have a great lab here in the house—a couple racks of servers, a houseful of PCs and laptops, and all my phone lines. The neighbors aren't sure what to think, but they sure like getting free computer help and advice. I spend my days helping banks overcome down servers and routers, and getting my industry certifications.

“In my offtime I like to build and play with radio control Monster Trucks (see my latest here at a site I am slowly setting up <http://www.clodbuster.com>).”

**Daniel Shmalo '85** is living in Atlanta, working as an attorney for Holland & Knight.

**Marc Sokol '89** writes “Marc, Shari, Daniella, and Zoe are moving into our first home .(We have been out-growing our condo over the last three years and have just closed on a home in Beverlywood, California.) We spend our spare time lately taking care of Zoe, our 5-month-old, as she is a very high-maintenance baby!

“Shari teaches at a private school here in Los Angeles and I have been with Nestle for the last three and a half years. I manage a group of programmers that delivers business-critical support applications to manage our FoodService business as well as enable and automate existing business practices via the Web. “Anyone visiting LA is welcome to give us a call and have a place to stay—we can be reached at [skarpel@aol.com](mailto:skarpel@aol.com)”

**Sarah Allgood South '82** added her own take on the Cleland-Gantt wedding: “**Lianna Cleland '82** married Dan Gantt of Bedford, New York, on October 6, 2001, in Bedford.

“**Sarah (Allgood) South '82** and **Liz Derr '82** were there to help the bride. It was a wonderful wedding and the highlight for us came when a big storm broke out just as the bride had to leave for the church. Liz wrapped the bride in a large piece of plastic and got us all into the car and drove us to the church. It reminded us all of Driver's Ed class, only we were much better dressed! The wedding went off without a hitch and a lovely reception followed at the home of the bride and groom. The three of us spent the night at Lianna's house the night before the wedding and spent the time catching up on the previous 19 years and certainly not sleeping. We have vowed not to let so much time go by without seeing each other. We are looking forward to our class reunion this summer and hope everyone else will come.”

**Susan Stubbs Stauffer '85** wrote to announce the birth of her sixth child. Seth was born October 12, 2001, and joins siblings Jacob, Victoria, Sarah, Monica, and Jodi. Susan and family are now living in Bonita Springs. She writes “I still think of all of you—you know who you are...”

# The 90s

**Ruth Dubinsky '96** writes “Thanks for all of the newsletters, I always enjoy reading them and today it’s a great diversion from my daily work tasks. Anyway, I’d like to announce that I recently got engaged while on vacation in Paris. My fiancé, Marc, and I met and dated at Lehigh and are planning an October 2002 wedding in Baltimore, where we both live and work. I am still working for FMC Corporation as a Chemical Process Control Engineer. Marc is employed with Northrop Grumman working as a mechanical analysis engineer. We plan to remain in the Baltimore area after we are married to continue to develop our careers and eventually our family. That’s all the news for now.”

**Coquina Hembree '97** writes “I graduated Winter 2000 from Liberty University with a bachelor of science in English. I graduated Magna Cum Laude. I am a 9th and 10th grade English teacher at Lakewood Ranch High School. I am the girls varsity assistant coach and the junior head coach (soccer). Other than heavy involvement with school and soccer, I’ve been traveling with friends around the country. I keep in touch with about 15 or 20 people from Pine View (my class).”

**Adam Levy '97** is a third-year medical student at the University of Miami School of Medicine. He’s been traveling a lot, including trips to Greece and the French Riviera.

**Kelli McMahon '93** writes “I am inspired to write after just reading Bob Gruen’s experience of the attack on the Twin Towers. I wasn’t nearly as close in proximity as Bob, but, having gotten to work a bit early that morning, I saw the towers fall from my 18th-floor office on 28th Street and Broadway. I was walking towards the window when our beat-up old radio announced that the first tower was falling. When I got to the window, there was the biggest hole imaginable in the Manhattan Skyline. In the wake of all that has happened since, I am glad I was an eyewitness; I wouldn’t have believed it otherwise. I am also glad to hear that the PV expats living in NYC are ok, as far as we have heard. I know we all, otherwise, were left scathed by the attack: my friend Shaun’s brother, a New York City police officer, was killed while playing his part on the initial rescue team.

“Since September, my own life has been in a bit of turmoil—fitting to the climes of the times. In the week after Thanksgiving, the apartment that I shared with my boyfriend was burgled (Tuesday), I lost my job (Thursday) and we were burgled again (Thursday). Now, after a much-needed holiday in England (from whence my boyfriend hails) we’ve decided to move back to London. (It’s a move back for both of us, as I had a brief stint there in 1999.)

“It is nice to hear news of my classmates **Catherine (Cathy Hall) Herring '93** and **Angela (King) Kinder '93**. I wish them both well. I also am excited to hear that **Doug Zare '93\*** is a prof. at Columbia Univ., my alma matter, and wished I’d known sooner since I live in the University’s neighborhood. Thanks to **Jeffrey Zare '93** for the info.

“Since I don’t know where I will be at the time of printing, take down my e-mail, all, and get in touch with me: [kellimcmahon75@aol.com](mailto:kellimcmahon75@aol.com).”

**Tricia Ruf '97** writes “I’m still in New Orleans after graduating Summa Cum Laude from Loyola University with a BS in Elementary Education. Graduation was a bit hectic, as both **Betsy '97** and I graduated the same weekend. I am currently working on a \$2.5 federal grant that focuses on technology integration and implementation in teacher education programs and in the inner-city schools. It’s been a fantastic learning experience for me and given me some great opportunities, including publishing some journal articles and presenting at national conferences. I’ve also decided to stay at Loyola to attain a master’s in Elementary Education with a concentration in Reading. I also tutor and teach in an after-school test-prep program. One last bit of info: My parents have recently moved to Portland, Oregon, so Sarasota is no longer the Ruf home base!”

**Kirstin Pether Severs '90** is living in Sarasota with her husband Tim and their two-year-old son Ketch. She is working as a financial consultant with Salomon Smith Barney, and keeps busy running and renovating historic homes.

**Cindy Skipper '96** writes “I have an undergraduate degree in Accounting and Finance from Florida State. I will graduate with a master’s degree in Math Education from Florida State in the spring. I want to teach high school math, and this semester I am student teaching at Riverview.”

# FLAG Convention

I went to the FLAG (Florida Association for the Gifted) convention. It was great. There was no one from Pine View that I knew. I am so sorry that no one is interested in advocating for gifted children. Florida's Board of Education is in the process of changing the definition of what is gifted. That will have a great impact on the future of gifted education. Did you know that minority children take a different test and have a different standard to meet to be considered gifted? Did you know that you can be gifted and special needs at the same time? It is called twice exceptional. Did you know there is a real shortage of teachers who have the gifted endorsement and actually are qualified to teach gifted students. Do you know the difference between enrichment and academic gifted programs? What does your school system have and why? Do you know what FAPE is? Do you know what an EP or an IEP is? Do you know when and if these are required? Is a pull-out or an all-day immersion program better? What does the gifted label do for your child? Are the failures and successes your children (or you) are having common for the gifted? Do you have other parents of gifted children to use as a sounding board? Do you know about the emotional characteristics of gifted children and are their needs being met at school or home?

There are so many benefits to joining and becoming active in FLAG and learning about the many areas of gifted education even for selfish reasons. Just send in your money and get the newsletter. Join the National Association of Gifted Children (NAGC)! I did not know how much I did not know until I had a chance to meet and listen to people in FLAG. Did you know that the University of South Florida is one of the leaders in Gifted Education in the country, if not the world? They have a master's degree program available through the Internet that is so good that other schools have not offered this program because they could not compete.

FLAG can be found at 5101 Lake in the Woods Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33813-2942

Dues are	\$25	one year individual
	\$45	two year individual
	\$60	three year individual

The dues are a combination for FLAG and PALS. PALS is Parents for Able Learners. Able Learners are bright children who do not meet the criteria of the state-imposed rules. PALS works both for those identified as gifted in Florida and for the able learners. Mostly on gifted issues—advocacy, assisting gifted parent groups, providing resource info for parents (usually parents of gifted).

FLAG also gives mini-grants to teachers each year and scholarships to graduating students and has a gifted teacher of the year award. There are 3 FLAG newsletters per year and 6 PALS newsletters per year. There is a coordinator for each region in the state. The PALS Web site is <http://members.aol.com/pals222/>. You can also subscribe to the Fla-Gifted-Alert for the latest information on rule changes and legislation impacting gifted education at <http://mailer.csit.fsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/fla-gifted-alert>.

**Lyn Hochman '75**

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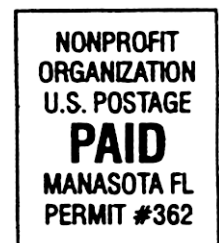
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