

PINE VIEW FOUNDATION

Alumni News

February 2003

Sarasota, FL

dear alumni

Last month I asked anyone with an e-mail address to consider switching to the online version of this newsletter. We had a decent response; about 80 alumni opted in. But we'd like more. So if you're Web-inclined, please send me a note at [**pvalumni@earthlink.net**](mailto:pvalumni@earthlink.net). (Note: If you received the announcement of the newsletter in your e-mail, you're already on the list. There's no need for you to request it again.)

I've been enjoying the snowy winter here in the Mid-Atlantic, particularly my first-ever White Christmas. Earlier in the fall, I ran into **Hilda Canes '95** downtown, who mentioned that a lot of alumni are living here in the capital. I have not run into anyone else since, but am curious to know who's here. Perhaps we can replace (supplement?) the annual alumni reunion in Sarasota with smaller reunions in various regions. Send me your thoughts.

Here's wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2003!



Reunion News

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The newsletter is published four times annually for distribution to alumni, teachers, parents, and friends of Pine View School, Sarasota, FL.

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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Class of 1977

The "20-Something Reunion" kicks off July 25 with an informal gathering at a local crab shack. July 26, take a tour of the new campus, and enjoy an adults-only dinner, location TBA. Sunday, July 27, head to Siesta Beach for a picnic and party under the pavilion. Contact **Les Welter** (508-359-9289, <lwelter@fas.harvard.edu>) or **Margaret Eggers** (760-433-0903, <megggers@hargis.com>) for information or to RSVP.

Class of 1978

The Class of '78 is planning their 25th reunion Thanksgiving 2003. The festivities will include

- A family-oriented beach party, Friday, November 28, 2003, from noon to 4 p.m., at **Tori Rahi Ackerman's** cabana on Lido Beach. Bring the kids!

- An adults-only evening, Saturday, November 29, 2003, from 7 to 11 p.m., at the home of **Kate Hansen O'Connell** in Sarasota.

We are continuing our efforts to locate missing Zetas: Chamberlin, Coleman, Dunn, Heinlein, Hollibaugh, Jordan, Knox, Mathes, Noble, Riley, Smillie, Torbert and White. Please contact **Jane Morgan** at <Janie624@aol.com> if you have any information. Invitations requesting RSVPs will be mailed or e-mailed this summer, so stay tuned!

Class of 1988

Hello Pine View 1988 classmates! After receiving many surveys from various classmates, we are proceeding on reunion plans. We have chosen July 19-20 for the reunion weekend to be held in Sarasota. We are now scouting out venues and setting a schedule for weekend. The bulk of the activities will take place on Saturday, July 19.

We had a fantastic reunion last time and want to have another great one. I was pleased to receive surveys from classmates who attended last times as well as some who didn't. This reunion is for all of us and we want your feedback and attendance!

Please pass the word. Contact **Jennie Peluso** at <jpeluso@intrepidcapital.net>, **Becky Self Hill** at <selfrebecca@hotmail.com>, or **Melissa Feldman Schildkraut** at <srqmama@hotmail.com>.

Class of 1993

Wendy Lerner, Kate Martin, and Kelli McMahon continue to plan the Class of 1993 Reunion. The Reunion will take place during 2003, date and details TBA. Thank you to all of the members of the Class of 1993 who have responded to our survey! Details about the reunion will be forthcoming. Contact either **Wendy Lerner** <wendylerner@hotmail.com> or **Kate Listwan Martin** <kmartin@swflp.com>.

Minigrants

The Pine View Foundation is pleased to announce that it has furnished 16 minigrants to teachers for special projects in all grade levels. A donation of \$1000.00 from SRQ Magazine, owned by **Wesley Roberts '90**, publisher, and **Lisl Liang**, editor, has funded four of our grants.

The Pine View Foundation strives to encourage innovative teaching techniques and the implementation of creative and unique learning experiences. Additional funds can be used by some of our applicants for ink cartridges, digital cameras and camcorders, additional art books, and various projects. Please remember these teachers when you make donations to the foundation or answer requests on the holiday wish list.

Barber, Peggy and Spies, Maggie

Scanning for Adventure. A scanner and funds for additional cartridges to be used by both fifth grade classes. \$350

Delaney, Deborah

Florida Studio Theatre or "Bus-To." To offset costs to students of bus transportation for the entire fourth grade (161 students) to attend two performances at Florida Studio Theatre. Post show discussions, free class workshop on Expository Writing and/or an FCAT pep rally. \$350

Devaney, Mary Alice

PVTV Studio Headphones. Six two-way radio headsets to allow students to communicate during tapings and live broadcast without being heard by others. \$350

Stage Make Up. To purchase the benchmark textbook, *Stage Makeup*, and a basic stock of stage makeup to use with the drama class and the Drama Club. \$350 UNDERWRITTEN BY A 1997 ALUMNUS

Diodati, Tony and Wilson, Rebecca

It's a Snap. Digital camera to create visual images on electronic portfolios and to enhance classroom newspaper articles. \$350

Ewell, Retsy

Spray Away. Equipment to utilize the \$1,600 spray booth currently in the art room, but not useable without the needed air-brush and compressor. Will support students in AP Art and ceramics for years to come. \$350

Friedland, Nancy

Keep the Writing Going Long After the FCAT. Bare books for 180 fourth-grade students to be used for an illustrated children's book. These will be shared with other elementary grades. \$302.33

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Harris, Terri

Roman Mosaics. Materials to design mosaics during a study of the Roman era. \$200

Johnston, Patricia and Munoz, Erina

Islamic Tile. Materials to design tiles using the techniques available to Muslim artists of the Middle Ages. \$200

Maughan, Denise

That Darn Weevil. Students travel to Myakka and to Selby Gardens to do in-depth studies of the weevil that is invading native bromeliads. Study incorporates scientific methods while gathering data, organizing data with math, and analyzing patterns of weevil infestation. \$350

Mitchell, Pam

Photo Journalism Project. A digital camera for use in the high school *Torch* and the *Elementary Torch*. \$350 UNDERWRITTEN BY SRQ MAGAZINE

Olson, Stephanie Gould

Aim High. Materials for Activities for Integrating Math and Science (AIMS). Used by fifth grade; then they in turn will mentor and reinforce what they have learned to peer teach students in grades 2–6. \$250

Robins, Loisanne

The Whole Note. A digital camera to create a chorus Web page. \$350

Ruiz, Lyna

Publishing Writers Workshop. Scanner so that students can have illustrated published writings for use by the fourth grade. \$100.00 UNDERWRITTEN BY SRQ MAGAZINE

Smith, Charlotte

Stories Make the Difference. *Adventures in Art* books set of 20 books plus other books dealing with lives of the artists to be used as a springboard for study of styles and periods for use by grades 2–5. \$350

Squires, Fran

The Primary Python. Support for the *Primary Python*, a literary magazine created for grades 2–5 as a showcase for literary excellence. \$350 UNDERWRITTEN BY SRQ MAGAZINE

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.

Hearsay

Lauren Echstenkamper '02 received the Youth Pioneer Scholarship from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. Lauren was selected for her extraordinary leadership in a project that benefits the community. She created a reading program at Alta Vista Elementary School which provided books and narrated books on tape for students who might not otherwise have access to reading materials in their own homes.

Todd Stern Goldstein '93 married Monica Taranto Odilon of Rio de Janeiro on July 27, 2002, in Brazil. The couple resides in New York City.

Miles Edward Huene '94 married Melissa Lynn Higgins of Lake Mary, Florida, on August 29, 2002, in Gainesville. The couple honeymooned in Lake Tahoe, California, and resides in Gainesville.

Stephanie Katz '91 announced her engagement to Apolonio Alvarez Lirio III of Beckley, West Virginia, in the October 27 *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*. A May 25, 2003, wedding is planned. Stephanie is a psychiatry resident at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Sterling McMahon '02 and **Alex Zacharias '02** were awarded grants from the Curtis W. Miles Scholarship Fund, maintained by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. Students are chosen based on their academic performance, financial need, teacher recommendation, and an essay. The awards were presented by **Ron Skipper**, father of **Cindy '96** and **Jay '98**, and husband of teacher **Ann**.

Marianna Leigh Rashkin '93 married Jonathan Harry Yellen of New York City on October 13, 2002, in New York City. Matron of honor was her sister, **Alissa Woska '89**. The couple resides in New York.

Philip Byron Reed V '86 married Rae Ann Elizabeth Darling of Sarasota on August 11, 2002, in Sanibel. The couple honeymooned in Paris and Orlando, and resides in Chicago.

Susan Marie Stemitz '90 announced her engagement to Jeffrey Alan Berkowitz of Sarasota in the October 20 *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*. A May 24, 2003, wedding is planned. Susan works for Pinnacle Towers in Sarasota.

Alison Vedral '98 announced her engagement to Michael Eggleston Jr. of Nokomis in the December 15 *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*. A February 2003 wedding is planned. Alison graduated from UF in 2001 and is employed by H2O Environmental.

Amanda Wietrzykowski '97 completed her second gig as Musical Director for Sarasota's Players Theatre in the December production of Sandy Wilson's *The Boy Friend*.

Deaths

Van (Malcolm G), **Barbara VanArsdale's** husband, 88, died Wednesday, December 11. Van came from New Jersey to Sarasota in 1965 and he and Barbara married after her sons, Doug and Andy, had graduated from Pine View. Doug died in a work related accident a few years ago, but Andy is here today with his Mom, as well as Van's daughter and sons.

Whether you remember her as Mrs. Preston or Mrs. VanArsdale, I just thought that you might want to send Barbara a note of sympathy. A memorial service was held December 14 at Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota.

Barbara was one of the original teachers at Pine View and many 3rd, 4th, and/or 5th graders over the next approximately 20 years were blessed to enjoy her love of teaching Language Arts, her enjoyment of reading, and sense of humor. She would probably love hearing from you in this time of loss.

Her addresses are: Mrs. Malcolm VanArsdale

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Q & A

Posted recently on the Message Board at pineviewfoundationorg:

"who's left??" by **Charles Ward '88**

"Just curious, does anyone know if there are still any of the original teachers still left at PV?? Who's been there the longest now? What's the student population now??"

Principal Steve Largo's response:

Those who have been here longer than me (I started in July 1988), in no particular order:

Pam LaRocque, Debora Tweedie, Lou Don Bates, Eloise Malinsky, Phil Kroll, Tom Krause, Irene Barylski, Patricia (Marion) Gerlek-Rzepka, Bill McCracken, Susan (Moskowitz) Salzman, Pat Johnston, Wayne Wisler, Downing Dutterer, Ruth Kroll, Rory Kaminske, Shannon Donovan, Gail Abrams

I believe Mrs. Johnston has been here the longest but the Krolls, Mr. McCracken, and Dr. Malinsky are all close behind.

Our student population is currently 1646 and will likely be leveling off around 1700+.

The 70s

David Griffin '77 is living in Bullhead City, Arizona, working as a DJ and windsurfing, playing guitar, and riding motorcycles.

Lynn Welter Sherman '77 writes, “After working for a giant Florida law firm and a Wall Street law firm from 1983 to 1994, I have cut down to part-time law practice and the mommy track. I was fortunate to see **Brent Mott '77**, Fred White, and **Mike Meachen '73** at my brother’s (everyone remembers **Les '77**) wedding last summer, and would love to hear from some other alums at my e-mail address: <lwsherm@prodigy.net>.”

The 80s

Ann Piscitelli '87 is an internal medicine physician at her own practice, Internal Medicine Associates of Venice. Ann and her husband Eric Lough recently bought a house in Nokomis.

Kelli (DeWees) Schuyler '84 is living in Georgia.

Lisa Silverstein Tzur '86 is associate rabbi at Temple Chai in Phoenix, and spends her free time composing and publishing Jewish liturgical music. She also serves as the Rabbinic Advisor to the North American Federation of Temple Youth Southwest Region.

C. Todd Vedder '89 writes, “Celebrated the arrival of our second daughter, Anna Marceil, on October 17, 2002. She weighed in at a hefty 8 lbs., 5 oz., and hasn’t missed a meal since. Our older daughter, Nora, recently turned 3. The whole family has been brainwashed by Disney pixie dust. My pediatrics practice in suburban St. Louis is still in the ‘building’ phase, but hopefully for not much longer. Job and family responsibilities have decimated my running career, but I’m staying active in the community by volunteering at a free clinic for Latino families (Thanks again **Sra. Mayo.**) and serving on the Board of Directors for a statewide child advocacy organization. Best wishes to my classmates from ‘89.”

The 90s

Sara Benefield '95 writes, “Well, I have never written in to the newsletter before, so I’ll try to sum up the last seven years. After graduating in 1995, I moved to Gainesville to attend Santa Fe Community College. After finishing at Santa Fe in the summer of 1998, I was offered a full-time job as the manager of the Santa Fe Gallery (the on-campus art gallery). Needless to say, I took it. I have now been working at SFCC for four years, but am no longer the gallery manager. Now I am the project manager for the Visual & Performing Arts department and work directly for the department chair. It’s a pretty exciting job because I get to work with the art, dance, music and theatre departments, but I am ready for a change of direction. Currently, I’m thinking about moving westward, but we’ll see what actually happens. Overall, life is pretty good. I would love to hear from any old friends: <sdb77@yahoo.com>.”

Meredith Burgman '95 is working as an exercise physiologist at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Charles Carter '97 writes, “After Pine View, I moved to Atlanta to attend Emory University, and continue playing music with fellow PV alumnus **Colin Arnstein '97**. We maintained a satisfying time of it—built a recording studio in the old house we rented, and made several recordings that I am very proud of. Eventually, another PV alumnus, **Sara Henderson '97** took a job in Atlanta and moved in with us. It really was a *Three’s Company* situation, with reversed sexes. Colin was, of course, Chrissy, I was Janet, and Sara was Jack, except she didn’t have to pretend to our landlord that she was gay to stay with us. “After college, I applied to graduate programs in creative writing. I feel very lucky to have received a New York Times Fellowship to attend New York University’s Master’s of Fine Arts program. School has been great so far. I’m so excited by the opportunity to work with such poets as Sharon Olds and Galway Kinnell. I also work part-time at the New York Public Library’s Research Division, as an assistant to the curator of the Pforzheimer Collection of Shelley and His Circle. It may sound boring to some people, but I get really excited by these literary artifacts—we have manuscripts, drafts, letters and early editions of some of the most lauded writers in history.

“I haven’t been back to Florida in a while, but I’m beginning to really miss it as we’re heading into the coldest part of the year up here. I hope all my former classmates are doing well—I think about you all fairly often.”

Jeremy Crandall '92 writes, “I moved from the Washington, D.C., area to Silicon Valley two years ago. I am still working in high tech, managing a Marketing database for BEA Systems. I also moved my mom out to Napa, California, about a year ago. I have not been back to Florida since 1994 and am curious about the reunion!”

Brian Fisher '96 writes, “Hello to the Class of ‘96 and to those of you who knew me from the Classes of ‘95 and ‘97,

“I’m still in Gainesville and am now in my third year of my Ph.D. program in Mechanical Engineering. The exciting news in my life is that I very recently asked Dawn, my girlfriend of nearly 5 years, to marry me and she said yes! We haven’t set any plans yet, and probably won’t until after she graduates from UF Pharmacy school this May. For now our only definite plans are to save as much money as possible to pay for the wedding. Other than that, things are pretty much the same. I don’t really see anyone from Pine View anymore, except for **Susan Gerry '97** and the **Velat boys. Ed Fajardo '96** is down in Orlando and I get to see him from time to time. I’d like to leave an open invitation to anyone who wants to write and say hello—I’d love to hear from any or all of you! My e-mail is tbone@ufl.edu, so feel free to drop me a line and tell me what you’re up to. I hope you are all doing well and I look forward to seeing you guys at our first big reunion! Take care.”

Ruth (Dubinsky) Heffes '96 married Marc Jeffrey Heffes on October 19 in Baltimore. They honeymooned in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, and now reside in their home in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Harper (Siegel) Hunter '92 writes, “After completing both my bachelor’s and master’s degrees from FSU, I ended up moving to Gainesville. I’m certainly not the most popular person around here

How've You Been?

during football season! I work for CableRep Advertising, the advertising department of Cox Communications. We make commercials that air on the cable networks here in North Central Florida. I am the Research Coordinator for several markets, which makes me responsible for research and statistics for our local clients as well as some of our large national clients.

"I was recently remarried on October 5th to Matt Hunter of Georgia. He is our senior Producer/Director at CableRep and has won local, regional, and national Addy Awards. He has also produced a local ESPN-affiliated sports show. It's been wonderful for us to work together. Matt has a 5-year-old daughter, Lauren, so I am now a stepmom.

"Matt and I spend much of our time doing family things. We also make weekend treks up to Tallahassee during football season. We are season ticket holders, and make it up there rain or shine. Luckily, we have had less rain and more shine the past few years! This past year also found us skydiving for the first time, and it was absolutely amazing! People always say that you shouldn't jump out of a perfectly good airplane, which is why they took us up in a small tin can with a propeller!"

Sam (Rothstein) Kasle '92 writes, "So here's the quick update on my life and the road that I've traveled for the past ten years: I spent five years at the University of Florida studying philosophy and frisbee. Excelling in the latter, I left school to spend a season playing with a pro/am Ultimate Frisbee team in Chicago. Then I moved to St. Louis, to attend the University of Missouri, where I graduated summa cum laude with a BFA in painting. For the past two years I've worked at a local nightclub as a speed bartender and assistant G.M. Which has given me plenty of time for Frisbee, golf, and snowboarding. On May 21, 2001, I got hitched in the Bahamas to my princess, Andrea. Andrea, myself, and our three dogs are looking forward to moving to Chicago next summer, where I will attend the Art Institute of Chicago in search of my MFA and then eventually a job."

Amy Levine '98 is working on a Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology at Cornell University. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and recently traveled to China and Korea.

Amelia Pearce '93 is living in Miami, working as a resident in diagnostic radiology at Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami. She writes, "Any Pine View alum who lives in Miami and may remember me (and wishes to contact me), or if you live elsewhere and want to say hi, please e-mail me. <ameliapearcemd@yahoo.com>"

Tracey Dana Schwartz '92 is living in Aventura, Florida, working as a staff accountant for Westwood Management International.

Brian Seekford '98 is CEO of his software company, Seekford Solutions, Inc., and will graduate from USF this spring. Recent projects include writing software to mow the multimedia portion of Epcot's millennium Show Globe and working on interface software for McDonald's menu boards. Brian and his wife Michelle recently welcomed Madison Lee into their family.

Jennifer Weldon '96 is living in Manset, Maine, working as Manager of Strategic Projects for WeightWatchers.com.

If you have not updated your information lately, please fill in the following questionnaire:

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Year

Postgraduate education
Degree
Major
School
Year

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Spouse's name
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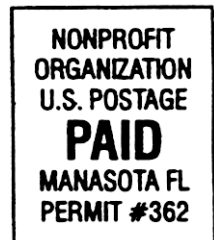
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