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ALUMNI NEWS

DEAR ALUMNI: I've been living the Pine View alumni life lately. Four of us braved sleet and freezing rain for a DC alumni gathering at Café Asia in December. Thanks to **Luke Chung '81** and **Robin Bauer '92** for coming out, and extra thanks to **Janet Shih Hajek '91** for arranging the venue. Luke has generously offered to host another gathering at his home this summer—with more cooperative weather, we hope! Details will follow.

In February I got together with **Tricia Ruf '97** while I was in New Orleans for the Mardi Gras Marathon. Tricia is teaching fourth grade for a New Orleans public school. I had no idea the schools got three days off for Mardi Gras.

To continue building an active alumni network, I've added to our message board option with a new mailing list through Yahoo! Groups. It's open to all Pine View alumni and friends, and hopefully will allow for better communication among us all. Go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PV_Alumni to subscribe. (I do have to personally approve all new members, so yell at me—gently—if it's taking more than a few days.)

Wishing you a colorful spring,

Julie

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WEDDINGS

Stephanie Katz '91 married Apolonia Alvarez Lirio III on May 25, 2003 at Lakewood Ranch Country Club in Bradenton. Matron of honor was **Allison Gendel Troop '91**, groomsmen were **Matthew Katz '94** and **Jeremy Katz '00**. **Jodi Behrenfeld '91** was a bridesmaid. After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple is residing in Philadelphia.

MaryAnn Landrum '87 announced her engagement to James Daniel Granthum of Bradenton in January. MaryAnn is teaching in Manatee County Schools. A March 21 wedding was planned.

Wayne Paugh '87 announced his engagement to Jana Lynn Shepherd of Dallas in February. Wayne lives in Arlington, Virginia, and is employed by Venable LLP. An August 21 wedding is planned.

Jennifer Smith '99 and **William Cromie '98** announced their engagement in November. Jennifer is attending UCF. William graduated from UCF in 2001 and is working in Orlando. A January 3, 2004, wedding was planned.

Steven Summerford '01 announced his engagement to Whitney Ann Spoonhour of Gainesville in February. Steven is attending UF. A June 2006 wedding is planned.

PASSINGS

Patrick Coeligh '94 passed away July 18, 2003. He attended Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and USEF. He was interested in architecture and art history, and was a talented sculptor.

A scholarship in Patrick's memory has been established through the Pine View Foundation. The scholarship will be awarded to a Pine View senior interested in pursuing a degree in art history or architecture. Donations may be made to the Patrick Coeligh Scholarship Fund, Pine View Foundation, 2621 Mall Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231. All donations will be acknowledged to Patrick's family.

REUNIONS

Class of 1984: Planning for the 20th reunion is underway. We have set up a Yahoo! group for online discussion and getting back in touch with each other. All classmates can join the group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pineview84/>.

Class of 1985: Your 10-year reunion committee invites all interested parties, whether living in the Sarasota area or not, to help work on our 20-year reunion, scheduled for the summer of 2005. We had a blast at the last one, and are hoping for a larger committee this time to put together something really spectacular. Please e-mail annetoale@verizon.net with your interest! We will start planning this summer! The following class members appear to be MIA; any info on them would be appreciated: Matt Bald, Terri Brown, Melissa Rush, Chris Smith, Tim Snyder, Kris Tabler, Steve Thompson.

NOTICE

As a tool for recruiting students, Pine View Computer Science teacher **Chap Percival** is asking for alumni feedback regarding your (hopefully positive) experiences as a computer professional, whether you majored in CS or not. Men and women are both needed. There is a downward trend in enrollment (nationwide) in CS courses and we need all the help we can get. If you can contribute a paragraph or two or have a question, e-mail it to Chap_Percival@sarasota.k12.fl.us. Many thanks.

THE 70s

Alison Levin Bishop '74 was included in the SRQ Roundtable of the March 2004 issue of *SRQ Magazine* (which is published by **Wes Roberts '90**). The roundtable included five local residential interior designers, talking about the trends and applications of today's interior design. Alison is the owner of Living Walls, a contemporary furniture store with an orientation toward storage.

Becky Sutherland Brosche '76 writes, "My husband and I have become Texas Ranchers—Black Angus cattle. It is quite the departure from the beaches of Sarasota, but just as beautiful.

"I am sorry I did not know about the proposed reunion plans for Thanksgiving of this year; I hope it was a great reunion. All the best to everyone."

James Mackay '74 writes, "I am the City of Denver Bicycle Planner and am married to Debbie Knapp (who I went to grade school with in our hometown of Wheaton, Illinois). Earlier this year *Bicycling Magazine* ran an article on me and said that I am the 'Best Bicycle Planner in the Country.'

"We really enjoy the Colorado lifestyle and I am an avid bicyclist, mountain bicyclist and garden railroader in the summertime. In winter, I become an avid skier and have a Lionel layout in our basement.

"The Denver economy is very slow right now, so we will have to take leave without pay next year to help balance a \$70-million city budget shortfall. At least I have some great hobbies!"

THE 80s

Jahna Rain Balk '86 writes, "I just took over my mother's art gallery of 20 years and moved it from Provincetown, Massachusetts, to Montclair, New Jersey. You can visit us on the Web at www.beshertarts.com. I'm still playing music—in three bands currently—with a record due out on Get Hip Records soon. My music Web site is www.powerandvolume.com. I'd love to hear from former classmates."

Brian Beach '87 and **Kim Lyons Beach '89** got married in 1999. Kim writes, "We both attended the University of Florida for undergraduate business degrees and MBAs. We currently live in Fort Myers where Brian is a partner in a venture capital firm, SI Ventures. I worked for a local CPA firm as a business consultant until a few months ago when I had our first baby, Connor Christian. He was born on October 30, 2003. We

are enjoying him! We still attend all of the home Gator football games and many of the basketball games, but may have to slow down a bit with our new addition.”

Filic Chung '85 writes, “Since I’ve never sent in an update, there’s plenty to tell. After graduation in 1989, I moved to Tampa and worked for 3 years in an engineering firm. I returned to Sarasota in 1992 and have owned my own engineering company since. I met my wife in 1999 and we have done our best to travel the world before starting a family. We’ve been fortunate enough to visit Taiwan for a family wedding, Australia and New Zealand for our honeymoon, and the western US for a month-long road trip. Skiing remains a passion for me and I try to keep the annual spring trip an ongoing tradition, started with some college buddies in ‘88.

“I finally got married last November and just recently celebrated our first anniversary. The wedding turned into a mini Pine View reunion with several alums in attendance. **Adam Bernstein '85** was my best man and **Chris Daly '85**, my cousin **Chien-Li '86**, and my brother **Luke '81** were also in my wedding party. **Andy Fritsch '87** performed the ceremony and his wife was the Matron of Honor. Also in attendance were **Eric Buete '85**, **Chopper Johnson '85**, **Steve Lastomirsky '85**, **Andy Speicher '85**, **Kim Braun '85**, **Saralyn Abel '86**, **Jeff Kantor '87**, **Grace (Odum) Carlson '81**, and my sister **Lee-En '84**. I still periodically run into alums around town like **Kiri (Ambler) Forney '85**, **Dan Lawrence '85**, **Jesse White '85**, and **Bobby Fletcher '85** (though he left in 6th grade). If you want to contact me, please e-mail me at fmchung@yahoo.com.”

Christopher Forrest '88 is living in Nokomis, working as an attorney for the firm of Bowman, George, Scheb, Toale & Robinson, PA. He also participates in the Harvard Law School Program of Instruction for Lawyers.

Beth Boring Fox '86 writes, “I gave birth to my fourth child, William, on December 12, 2003. My other children are Jeni, 2; Gerard, 7; and Sara, 9, who is having a great experience at Pine View in the fourth grade. I am also keeping busy with a new Sarasota-based coffee roasting and distributing company called One World Coffee and Tea. Our coffee is available in local grocery stores and restaurants in the Southeast and from our website at www.oneworldcoffeeandtea.com. It is exciting being a small business owner and CEO!

“I often see **Emmy (Yemuna) Satya '86**, who is a cardiologist here in Sarasota in practice with her father. Emmy has two sons, one of whom is in third grade at Pine View.”

Gary Geniesse '84 writes, “2003 has been a busy year for me. I released TradingSolutions Real-Time, a program to help stock day-traders time the market with artificial intelligence. I bought my first house here in Gainesville, Florida. And, I married my girlfriend of eight years, Alicia Scott. Among the guests was **Marisa O'Connor '87**, whom I’ve stayed good friends with over the years. I also recently got back in touch with **Paul Steininger**, who attended Pine View for several years with the class of 1984. “Other various and sundry tidbits about what I’ve been up to in the almost 20 years since I graduated from Pine View can be found at www.garygen.com.”

Tammy Gruen '88 married Michael Lenkeit on May 31 (in 20+ knots of breeze!) at Lake Lanier Sailing Club just outside Atlanta, Georgia. **Melissa (Feldman) Schildkraut '88** was a bridesmaid; **Marni (Chaplin) Lennon '88** and **Becky (Self) Hill '88** were in attendance. Honeymoon was in the British Virgin Islands, at the Bitter End Yacht Club of course! Tammy and Michael make their home in Atlanta.

Abby Winslow Hanrahan '82 writes, “It’s been a while since I’ve updated . . . My husband, Packy, and I will be celebrating our 13th anniversary in June, and we are loving being parents as Patrick, age 8, and Madd,y 10, continue to amaze us every day. We are both still teaching at Eagle Hill School in Greenwich, Connecticut. Eagle Hill is a school for kids with specific learning disabilities and I am specializing in teaching reading. I recently published a book called *101 Reading Activities: A Multisensory Approach*. The book is co-authored by my colleague, Cathy McSweeny, and is published by LinguiSystems, and educational publishing company. We are currently working on our second project with LinguiSystems called *50 Quick Play Games for Reading*, which should be out in the late spring. I still love being in the classroom, but these projects have really been an exciting challenge! Caught up with **Pam McCormick '82**, **Laura Corrente Robinson '82**, and **Jill Beeman '82** last spring—what fun to see them!”

Dustin Johnson Kroeze '84 writes, “Hi... I just wanted to touch base and see if anyone was working on a reunion for the class of '84. It's 20 years; can you believe it? We are about halfway through the process of adopting a baby from China. I was going to wait to write until I had a picture or a definite time frame, but I'm just too excited. We are just waiting for a match, then we will fly to Guangzhou, China, for two weeks to pick up our new daughter. Ian and Mia are very excited about meeting their new sister. If any PV alums are in the Portland, Oregon, area or just want to get in touch, my email is dustin@zefamily.org or please take a look at my beautiful family at <http://gallery.zefamily.org>”

Lee Weinman Michaels '80 writes, “Travel as much as possible, with and without kids. Spent a month in London last summer with kids. Have a bike trip to Italy planned for June without kids. Also reading: belong to an adult book club and two mother-daughter book clubs, one for each daughter. Lots of kid activities (PTAs, other school involvement, book clubs, chauffeuring) and a little bit of work (as a contract lawyer for a private equity investment firm). Also involved in Dallas Opera, enjoy biking and exercising and travel whenever we can.”

Steve Riedel '89 writes, “Been so long since I’ve sent anything in, I don’t know where to begin! I finished up a tour as Chief Engineer on the USS WINSTON S. CHURCHILL, a guided-missile destroyer out of Norfolk, Virginia. Finally settled down, bought a home in Norfolk, and married Lynn, my best friend from high school and Sailor Circus. We have a four-year-old daughter, and we are expecting an addition to the family this summer; right about the time my new ship will be getting out to San Diego. I’ll finish up a tour in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba later this month, and then check aboard the Navy’s newest aircraft carrier, the USS RONALD REAGAN as the Maintenance Officer. We are

really looking forward to the move, and to see how the other coast lives!
“Ok, that’s about the last five years of my life—next update 2009! (just kidding..)”

Susan Somach ’81 writes, “My big news is that I bought a house in Atlanta—just blocks from where I’ve lived since I first moved here. It’s in the great in-town neighborhood of Poncey Highlands—walking distance to a bank, library, coffee shops, restaurants, shops, bars and even a movie theater. I have room for a home office where I manage to continue my gender and development consulting for USAID (US Agency for International Development) and several contractors. This year, I’ve done work in the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan), Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan), and Russia—and additional work for Kosovo, and Georgia. The work is fascinating and I’ve really enjoyed all the interesting people I’ve met and worked with. Although the former Soviet countries are making progress, there’s a long way to go before democracy and market capitalism catches hold. The corruption can be overwhelming, and there are those bad elections (not that we have much to brag about!). Aside from Eurasia, I managed to branch out with a Caribbean trip and a Spanish refresher in Peru—and was in DC and Florida several times. Next year, I already have work trips planned for Macedonia, Central Asia, and probably to Russia and Azerbaijan again. I’ll also be in Washington fairly regularly for meetings and will present again at the TESOL convention in Long Beach.

“Between travel, I’m trying to settle in a bit more in Atlanta. I enjoy my friends and neighborhood, and I’m selectively applying for jobs—waiting for the “perfect” one worthy of giving up my current jetsetting life. I plan to take a few months off before the election to do some voter education work in Georgia. I feel the need to do my part for democracy here!”

Margie Ward Steele ’82 writes, “Just linked up with **Lee-En Chung ’84** after all these years! So good to catch up. I live in Ohio now and just had my 2nd child last year. I turned out to be a computer geek and love it! Living the American dream—2 kids and a dog!”

Anne Toale ’85 writes, “To recap, I moved back to Sarasota in 1997, got married, and have two boys, ages 3 and almost 5. I have just resumed my law career after a 4-year sabbatical to hang out with my little guys. I am representing plaintiffs injured by defective medical devices, vaccines, medical malpractice, or other serious negligence. You can e-mail me at toale@sarasotalaw.com. I am excited to be working on our 20-year reunion, and I hope many of you will join us on the committee!”

Lydia Kantor Wanrow ’84 married Scott Wanrow on January 2, 2004, in Jamaica, and is teaching seventh-grade English in Maryland. She writes, “We both scuba dive and are returning to Jamaica in April. We bought a beautiful 12-acre home on the side of Roundtop Mountain in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and two new 4-wheel drive vehicles to get here!”

THE 90s

Eric Bannasch '92 completed his MBA at Stanford Graduate School of Business in 2003. He is now living in Manhattan, working as a financial analyst.

Autumn Ferguson Bowman '95 writes, “Wow, it’s been almost 10 years! I have been living in Melbourne, Florida, on the east coast for the past 5 years. I was ‘thisclose’ to moving back to Sarasota when I met my husband, who persuaded me to stay, and we have now been married for almost 2 years. I have a job that I love—working for Disney Cruise Line at Port Canaveral—make sure you come and say hi if you ever take a cruise! I also work a part-time home-based business which has introduced me to many wonderful people and gives me an excuse to travel. I just returned from a trip to London and I tease my husband that if I were still single, I would move there in a heartbeat! Plans for the near future include traveling as much as possible until the time comes when we will be blessed with children. Send me an e-mail anytime at autumnbowman@cfl.rr.com, I’d love to hear from you!”

Shelley Buettner '93 writes, “Our first child, Carly Elaine, was born on March 16, 2003. I am now a stay-at-home mom and loving it. My husband just started a new Presbyterian Church (PCA) in the southern part of York, Pennsylvania. We are enjoying the new work and loving being parents.”

Hilda Canes '95 writes, “To quote classmate **Rebekka Skwire Cline '95**, ‘with a graduating class like ours, unless I were to cure cancer or give birth to conjoined twins I think most everyone else has something more interesting going on than me.’ “Nevertheless, I felt like broadcasting an update. I graduated from Oberlin College in 1999, double majoring in neuroscience and biology and minoring in psychology. Four years in the cornfields of Ohio were a bit much for me though and in search of an antithesis I ended up in New York City after graduation, where I lived for nearly two years. I then moved to Washington, DC, to pursue a Master of Public Health from George Washington University, concentrating on Environmental & Occupational Health (graduation is pending completion of my thesis in Spring 2004). Proof that liberal arts students can be gainfully employed, I started working at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in the Office of Inspector General, in August 2003. These are trying times for environmental policy making, but it’s been a fascinating experience thus far (and my inner tree hugger is very content). Eventually I may give up on saving the world and relocate to a tropical island to sell coconuts, but in the meantime I can be reached at hilda_canes@hotmail.com.”

Marjorie Strumpf Cohen '97 is living in North Bethesda, Maryland, with her husband Jamie. Marjorie is completing a master’s degree in teacher leadership and

gifted education at Johns Hopkins University and teaching fifth-grade social studies for Montgomery County Public Schools.

Cari Hepner '96 writes, “I graduated from Fordham Law School in May and am an associate in the commercial real estate department at Conway Farrell Curtin and Kelly on Wall Street, in NYC. I would love to hear from all of my old PV friends!!”

Deborah Stutz Marmor '92 is living in Philadelphia, working as a resident in oral medicine.

Miriam Pechar '91 is living in Roswell, Georgia, working as the manager of planning and distribution for Rich's/Lazarus/Goldsmith's-Macy's Department Stores.

Keramet Reiter '99 is living in Berkeley, California, working as a litigation assistant for Prison Law Office. Keramet graduated from Harvard in 2003 with a degree in social studies and Middle Eastern studies.

Courtney Schwartz '99 writes, “I just completed my undergrad. I am taking a semester off to do some gardening, reading, Japanese language, art and other things I've been neglecting. At work, I teach animation and lead research for interning undergraduates; I lead the graphics team; I also perform the chief photography and interface design for our virtual reality project.

“Meanwhile, I help my significant other with his newly started, rapidly growing company, Fortune Cookie Studios—it does data service hosting, design and software development. Between my regular job and my side job, I get to exercise both my artistic and technical inclinations. But one of these days I will pull the plug and start my furniture design studio, which I've been ruminating about since high school!”

DeAnna Croft Stevens '94 writes, “After graduation, I moved to Jacksonville for a couple of years and then moved back south to Port Charlotte. Shortly after I moved back home, I got a great job with a pump manufacturer in the export department. I gradually worked my way up until I WAS the export department. Then in 1999, I met the love of my life (or so I thought!) and we were married in March of 2000.

“My son Kristopher was born December 22, 2000, and by the next October I was divorced and living in Alabama. I now have a great job and am getting on with my life. We have been living in Alabama for about 2 years and loving every minute.

“My brother **Dennis Croft '90** is still living in Florida and is married with 3 kids (Mark, 7; Emily, 3; and Levi, 2).

“If anyone is ever in the Birmingham area or just wants to email, feel free to do so: *Kris122201@aol.com.*”

THE 00s

Katie Friedland '00 and **Jackson Warren '00** (long-time best friends and seriously dating since their senior year at Pine View) have announced their engagement. Jackson will receive his Bachelor of Music degree in Double Bass performance from Rice University this May. After a late summer wedding both he and Katie will reside in Boston, where Katie is completing her masters degree in Historical Musicology at Tufts University.

LCpl. Chris Rohde '00 deployed August 22, 2003, with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. His mother wrote, "They stopped at Hawaii and Singapore, and as of October 26th, he was still on the ship. They are now just off the coast 'over there.' He is not allowed to tell me where he is. But I do know it's VERY hot, he's at least seven hours ahead of us, and he's drinking soda from cans that are printed in Arabic. They all have a Web site which gives information on their whereabouts, but whether it's true or not, I'm not sure. (*www.13meu.usmc.mil*)

"His e-mail is *rohdec@peleliu.navy.mil*. The e-mail hasn't always been getting through to him, but I continue to try every day.

"The mail is reaching him in about 10 days which is great. I've been sending him a care package every 7–10 days. He's asked for all sorts of things from cough drops, ChapStick, decks of cards, beef jerky, salt & vinegar Pringles, sunflower seeds, powdered Gatorade, and sweetened Kool-Aid. I also include the Sunday funnies and Sports section from the newspaper, anything having to do with the Bucs, plus a letter or card. I usually include extra hard candy or some kind of treats for him and his buddies. When he got the Halloween box, he called me and I could hear all of them in the background yelling, 'Thanks, Mom!'

I appreciate anything you do to support Chris and our military men and women, no matter where they may be."

[Ed note: Chris's ship returned to San Diego on March 9. Welcome home!]

Kevin Swartz '02 was recently named the winner of the Slosson Academic Achievement Award, which is given to the top scholar-athlete on the University of Southern California's track and field team. Swartz is an accounting major who participated in football, track, and weightlifting for Sarasota High. He walked on at USC and was redshirted last year. He is currently a hammer thrower for the Trojans.

Nathan Weaver '00 writes, "I am currently at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in my junior year. I took a gap year last year after getting my associate's degree in biology at Manatee Community College. Now I am a biology major here at Carolina planning for medical school in a year and a half. If anyone wants to contact me, *nlweaver@email.unc.edu*."



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