

Gatherings

Milestone class reunions

Class of 1954 — 60 years

Let me begin by telling you that we were all so glad to have combined our Class of 1954's 60th class reunion with the Class of 1955's 59th class reunion, July 14-16, at Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore, MD. After all, the members of our Century Class and our adjacent Class of 1955 did get to know one another over our years together. Of course, there were several happy teenage boyfriend/girlfriend combinations that had developed between the classes, too. We had a great time catching up on the intervening decades.

Our classmates who arrived from as far away as California and Oregon and as close as Washington D.C. included Mary Ellen and Glenn Atwood, Dixie Brooke, Robbie and Julian Crowell, Dave Evans, Bob Fleming, Barry and Shirley Harlow, Anne Holman, Bruce and Carmen Johnson, Bill Mosher, Bob Service, Myra VanUxem, and Marianna McJimsey. Betty Ann Conard, who straddled both classes, came also with her husband, Dick.

Frank Emerson '55 and his wife, Mary, made all the arrangements for our two expeditions off campus. On Monday night, we enjoyed fine khana at the Indigma Restaurant, "the best modern Indian restaurant in Baltimore." This was our first official "occasion" together and an opportunity for each of us to briefly introduce ourselves to the group.

On Tuesday, we boarded a Spirit cruise ship for a lunchtime journey around Baltimore's Inner Harbor, its historic waterfront. We saw the SS Constellation, a sail-only warship that was, curiously, launched in 1854, the same year that Woodstock School was founded and a century before we graduated. Among the sights were the huge Liberty ships that carried cargo and materials to Europe during World War II. After lunch, everybody gathered on deck for more conversations and recollections of the much earlier and lengthy ocean voyages that most of us had taken to and from India.

Back on the Notre Dame campus, we watched (with many droll comments) the many DVDs

that people brought picturing both old and contemporary Woodstock, each other, and earlier reunion scenes. Bill Kinzie '55 played familiar Broadway tunes accompanied by Robbie Foster Crowell on the piano. We munched delicious Indian snacks. Tables exhibited year books, photographs, and memorabilia from Woodstock days. Myra Downie VanUxem planned a thoughtful memorial observance for those of our classmates and their spouses who have died. And, of course, we talked and laughed and enjoyed the strong ties that stretch across 60 years.

We also sang the panoply of the very singable school songs that Dr. Fleming wrote, including "We are the Century Class, 1954, though the years may come and the years may go, we're loyal to you, our alma mater. . ." We want all of you to know that we remembered, spoke of, and missed Ann, Alison, Arnie, Clem, Connie, Dave H., Elizabeth, Eva, Ida, Ilse, Jeremy, Joanna, Kaval, Ken, Lore, Margrit, Nym, Pete, Ray, Richard, Ruth, Sunita, and Win.—*Marianna*



Class of 54 in Baltimore, l to r: Bob Service, Dixie Cortner Brooke, Bill Mosher, Robbie Foster Crowell, Barry Harlow, Anne Burgoyne Holman, Bruce Johnson, Mary Ellen Ensminger Atwood, Marianna Presler McJimsey, Myra Downie VanUxem, Dave Evans, Bob Fleming

Class of 1964 — 50 years

The Class of 64 had their 50th reunion in Morgan Hill, California, hosted by Dirk Hartogs. We had three wonderful days of talking, eating, drinking, and reminiscing about Woodstock and the 50 years since we were there. Most are retired and everyone seems to be enjoying life. The big question was: Where did 50 years go?

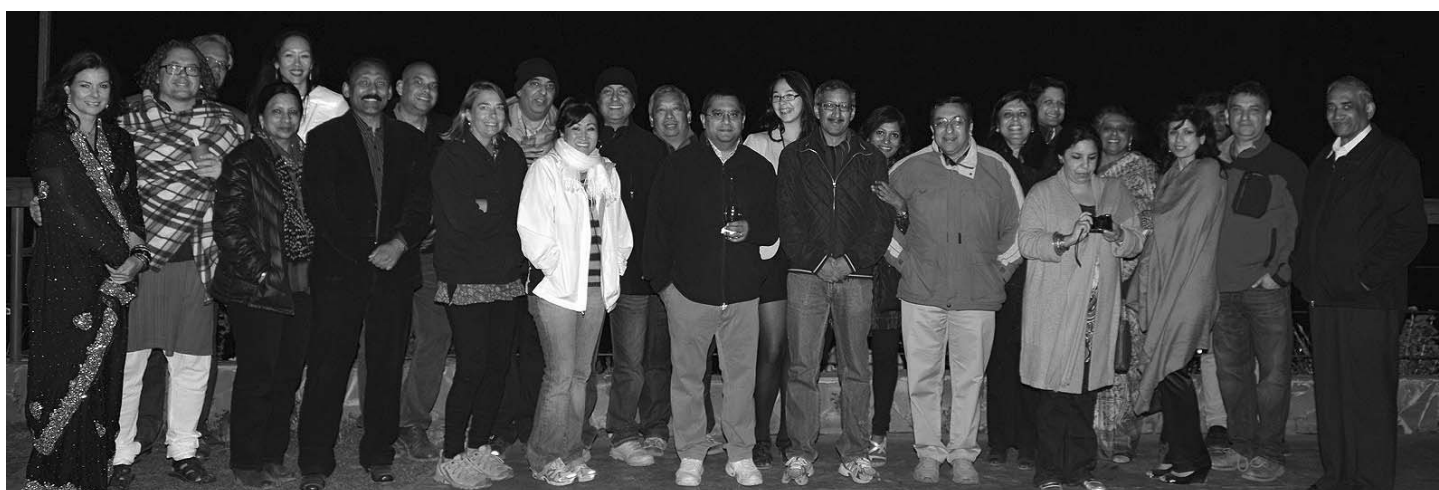
In attendance were: Beth Ann Warren Baker, Pamela Bradburn, Leroy Carpenter, Chris (Ruth) Duewel, Lee Edlefsen, Nancy Lindell Garrison, Gary Hartman, Dirk Hartogs, Joanne Buckwalter High, Lani Good Jelen, Amy Forman March, Pat Rowland McCrary, Don Parker, Bill Riddle, Steve Sawatsky, and Dick Young. June Christie Sharrock sent a case of New Zealand wine which arrived in

the middle of the celebration, to everyone's delight. Sita Kashyap Lichtenstern made a valiant effort to come from London, but was stuck in Los Angeles by flight cancellations; Former staff members Peggy and Don Alter joined us, as well. It was a wonderful get-together and we promised that we would keep in touch with each other. —*Bill*



Front row (l to r): Pat Rowland McCrary, Pamela Bradburn, Joanne Buckwalter High, Beth Ann Warren Baker, Amy Forman March, Lani Good Jelen, Nancy Lindell Garrison, Chris (Ruth) Duewel. Back row: Dirk Hartogs, Lee Edlefsen, Gary Hartman, Steve Sawatsky, Bill Riddle, Dick Young, Leroy Carpenter, Don Parker

Class of 1984 — 30 years



Class of 84 at WS - L to R: Helen Barry (F) & Alex Manton, Andrew Soper (S), Sanjaya Mark (S), Sisi Lance, Ajay Mark '81(S), Marcus Shaw '87(S), Kathryn Soper '85, Ajay Mehra '85, Karen Watase, Fibi Thind, Jigme Shingsar, Setse Bush '15, Ravi Joseph, Arjun Sarup, Nilmini Jayasinghe, Rajesh Kohli, Sajni Khana, Rajesh Sukhnandan, Monisha Ahmed, Monica Roberts, Shailly Chawla, Ishaan Pathak '14, Hassan Dashti, Eric Roberts. Absent Soe Soe Thwin

In April, fifteen members of the Class of 84 gathered in Mussoorie to mark thirty years since crossing Parker Hall stage to receive our diplomas. Something magical happens when you reconnect with classmates on our old stomping grounds; those of you who have attended past reunions at Woodstock know what I mean. To borrow some eloquent post-reunion words from Kohli, fresh air and breeze hitting your face, the mist and rain, green hillside, towering Himalayas, snow in

the near distance, love for Woodstock; laughing, laughing and laughing till our face and stomach hurts, emotional farewells; so much more, impossible to describe it all. Years melt away, old bonds strengthen and new bonds form with classmates we haven't seen in 30 years (Dashti!). We are all able to put aside our quotidian stresses/worries/monotony, if just for a few days, to truly relax and recharge amidst friends with whom we can simply be ourselves. I always find our reunions to be cathartic ex-

periences, which allow me to resume my "real life" with a renewed zen energy. Those of you who weren't with us were there in spirit. We caught up, shared updates on classmates and, of course, rehashed plenty of stories from yesteryear. The things you learn about, decades after the fact! Simply shocking! We also launched a class gift campaign and hope to renovate part of the Senior Girls residences.—*Sisi*

Class of 1994 — 20 years

This year the Class of 94 celebrated its 20th reunion with a get together of 20 classmates in Delhi and up to Woodstock! Those present: Sacha Bouter and husband Martin, Ashish Dewan, Sarah Doebler, Dana Donaldson and wife Machiko, Natasha Elangbam and hubby Tapan, Rahul Gandotra, Erik Geissal, Abhishek Ghosh, Saif Hasnain, Manav Kohli, Mattias Malmquist -Borgstrom, Azar Niekamp, Ringae Nuek, Kim Paes, Yota Pattula, Daychen Penjore, Penny Muldoon Porter and husband Ian, Arpan Shah, and! Muneesh Mahant, and Sunita Nanda Singh joined us only in Delhi —*Sarah*

Standing, L to R: Dana Donaldson, Yota Pattula, Rahul Gandotra, Sacha Bouter, Ringae Nuek, Azzi Niekamp, Sarah Doebler, Mattias Malmquist, Abhishek Ghosh Erik Geissal, Saif Hasnain, Arpan Shah, Manav Kohli, Ashish Dewan
Kneeling: Daychen Penjore, Penny Muldoon Porter, Kim Paes



Other gatherings 2014

Back row L to R: Giacomo Samms '14, Edi Francesconi (P), Willie Matern (P), Oreen Long Eddy '72, Janet Allen Machula '69, Sue. (Friend)

Front row: Jena Sheydayi, Maryn Taylor, Birdie Matern '87, Kai Taylor, Bhavana Shrestha '87, Mary Nave Davis '72 & Tim

Missing: Aradhana Roberts '10, Lorrie Doman-Sheydayi '87



Atlanta, GA



Standing L to R: Virginia Strom (S), Marie & Warren '66 Rees, Prarthana Dickson (S), Mary Kay Larson '65, Nai Nadia Lacier, '02, Jonathan Larson '65, Michael & Seema Sharan '02 Sawhney, Mrs Sharan, Martin Taylor '82

Palden Tshering '91 (Not pictured), Pamela Tshering Gyaltsen '89, Ritsen Gyaltsen '14, Choedey Yangzom '06, Seldon Kinely Ongdi '06, Sonam Deki Kesang '00, Pema Norbu - 95, Sonam Dukpa Jhalani -96, Leki Dorji Norbu -98, Soenam Dorjee '98, Jigme Tshering -03, Garab Dorgi Namgyel '80, Thinley Choden '98, Dechen Dukpa '99, Gama Namgyel '96, Chukie Om Dorji '98, Pasa Ugyel -09, Chuki Norbu '10, Pema Wangchen '08, Jurmey Tobgye '08



Charlottesville VA

Standing Betsy Rose Carr '58, Mary Villemonte Mikalson '61, Elizabeth Smith 4?, husband Wade, Deej Baker, Front: Bill Kinzie '54, & Lib.



Chicago, IL

Standing, L to R; Steve Ediger (S), Shailesh Kumar '05, Tom Alrich '70, Paul & Sue Turner Hanifl '63, Bruce Davis '67, Paul Ghosh '87.

Seated: Eleanor Nicholson (S), Lucy Wilson Dorenfeld '67, Jim Dorenfeld, Sue Davis, Jack Hinz (S), Cate Whitcomb '66



Edmonton AB Canada

Around the table, with friends, L to R: David Marriott '72, Ajay Bagal, Jayna Bagal, Helen Arnott '60, Kathy Harvey, Kathy Jackson, Stuart Jackson, Shona Bagal, (S), Janice Marriott.



L to R -Sradha Thapa '04, Nizamuddin Rezahi '12 & Abdullah Samadi '05



Standing L to R: John Robinson, Andy Matheson (S), John Morgan '51, Rad Rahman '02, Prakruti Golechha '13, Judy Robinson '59, Neil Magazine '13, Dilys Morgan '56, Varun Kedia '13, Sukham Kaur '12, Sue Long (S), Pete Wildman (S), Andrea Hall, Rahul Gandotra '94, David Hall '72, Sita Kashyap Lichtenstern '64, Tony Hollins, Nikhil Chouguley '98, Paul Taylor (S), David Lichtenstern, Willi Barton (S), Daniel Russell '01
Front: Joan Matheson (S), Dot Wildman (S), Rose Kawesa Sandy '92, Dalia Majumder-Russell '01, Dita Kashyap Hollins '52



Elsa Amy (S), Venita Shroff '77, Christine Lungalang '12



Port Townsend, WA



L to R: David '66 & Ruthie Rugh, Lesley McCulloch, Anne Burgoyne Holman '54, Suzanne McCulloch '66 & Richard Fredericks '66, Tom McCulloch '69, Ruth Terry '70

Seattle, WA



Mary Ellen Redding Kubo '67, Bill Riddle '64, Naomi Lindell States '67, Lloyd Classen '67, Marlin Schoonmaker '67, Karen Wennerstrom (S), Lindsay Fiske Hofman '59, Janet Edlefsen '66, Lee Edlefsen '64, Norm Mundhenk '59, Anitra Mansson '74(S)

Standing L to R: Phinjo Sherpa '12, Mark Rodda '75, Caitlin Eby-McKenzie '11, Fred Holloszy '55, Deki Tenzing '14, Sashwat Shrestha '14, Amber Kang '14, Hope Wright '14, Dechen Shrestha '14, Kathryn Judd '68, Susan Pross Kramer '77 & Stanley, Sudha Kaul '80, Jeanne Yu (S), Shibani Ghose Chotani '74 & Gopal

Seated: Abe Sofaer '56, Linda Rodda (P), Li Chu '59, Nirmal Chand '51, Maureen Fromme (S), Brinda Dalal '84

Sunnyvale, CA



Toronto, Canada



Standing, L to R: Val Virgin, Mathew Lo, Ray Repo '54, Nausher Ali '90, Mary Conrad Lo '72, Jane Loane '72 & Tom Gorman, Anne Marriott '71 & David Wunkler, Rosalie (S) & Alan Howard '81, (S)

Seated: Fiona Beachem Crocker '81, Gord Flanagan, Mary Ellen MacKay Stegenga '58, Doug Virgin '68, Dana Smith '92, Faisal Ali

Washington DC



Around the table - Dan Sullivan, Corrine Scott, Charlene Cittambar Connell '51, David Scott '52, Margaret Sullivan '51, Terry Connell '58

WOSA-NA Reunion 2014

This year the Friends of Woodstock School – North America (FWS-NA) Annual Meeting took place in Maryville, Tennessee. On that July weekend, a soft rain fell and a heavy mist settled over the hills of Appalachia, invoking memories of monsoon in the Garhwali hills and setting a nostalgic tone to our reunion entitled Mountains, Music and Memories.

The chair of the local organising committee Carol Ruth Green '60 and her hardworking team put together a well-received programme for the 200 attendees. Principal Dr Jonathan Long made several different presentations on aspects of the school's operation and vision for the future, including an update on a topic of growing importance - the preservation of the school's facilities and buildings, some of which are listed as historic sites. Alumni, staff, and parents all engaged Dr Long in probing questions about the good work he is doing with our alma mater. He stressed the importance of a healthy, engaged and committed alumni network to build upon the school's solid reputation as a global institute of learning.

Other popular speakers over the weekend included a beloved and long-serving high



school teacher of Indian history, religions and economics, Shonila Chander, who addressed the current state of India and Woodstock today. Alumna Jaina Sanga '79 presented her recently released novel *Silk Fish Opium*, and a Maryville University professor and former student at Mussoorie's Hindi Language School, Dan Klingensmith, spoke on Americans, Indians and Nature from 1920 to 1970. Robert John Bonham '59 was our first speaker in the Well-Travelled Alumni series, presenting his recent tour of sacred sites in Northern India.

The music from this reunion lifted our souls. At the Sunday Service, Suzanne Jonas led us through a guided meditation on the Sound of God and former music teacher Peggy Jenks (1970-79) led the choir in

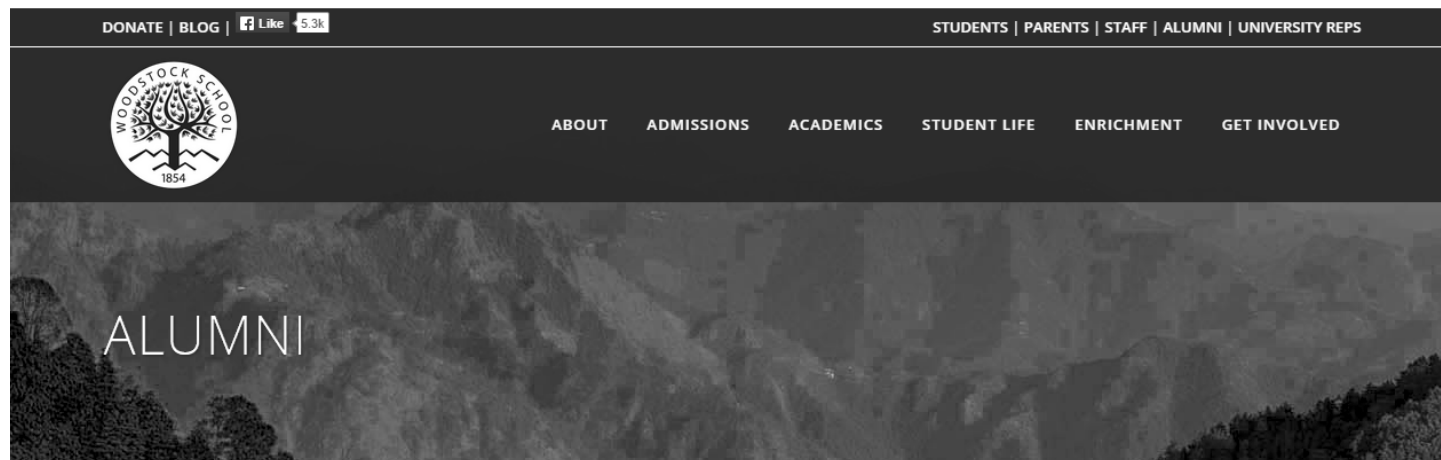
singing her original choral arrangement, *Reflections* (2013).

Planning for next year's Annual Meeting and reunion is already underway. Save the date! It will be at the Notre Dame University of Maryland in Baltimore on July 11-14, 2014. Some classes with milestone reunions are already organising activities in conjunction with the formal programme. In early 2014 the registration website will be open to take your reservations at www.fwsfoundation.org. More information will be coming to your mailboxes and inboxes soon.

Lorrie Doman-Sheydayi '87
Chair, Alumni Committee and FWS-NA Board Member

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