# Echoes from the Solomtains



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Dear Alumnae/i, Students, Parents and Friends,

When my son Jonathan '91 entered White Mountain as a freshman in 1987, I never presumed the depth to which I would come to value the history or cherish the mission, and certainly, I never could have imagined one day becoming Board Chair. No, those thoughts were not on my mind. In fact, I stood there on registration day simply as a parent, apprehensive that our son was going away to school.

As my knowledge of White Mountain grew, so did my love for it. Not only was I a parent, but I was a proud White Mountain School parent; a dedicated parent involved in my child's education at White Mountain. I was now a parent who was learning the difference between a transitional high school education and a transformational one. A transformational education allows students to see the value of learning more about themselves and the world, gaining a strong ethical foundation, and becoming better people and world citizens as they prepare for college.

It was the transformational side of a White Mountain School education that brought me to want to dedicate myself to the school as Board Chair in August 1991. Transformational education is at the heart of the School's mission. Yet the words of a mission statement can only declare the purpose. The transformational education of a White Mountain student occurs everyday in the implementation of those words throughout the robust curriculum, activities and community of the School.

Several years ago I received the following words in a letter from a young alumna:

...White Mountain as an institution had influenced me more than any other entity by challenging me to think critically about who I was, how I saw the world, and how I wanted to be a part of it. It was the beginning of a life-long path of self-reflection and inquiry.... the beauty ... is that the school's soul - and I do believe it has one - transcends each of us as individuals.

I believe so deeply in White Mountain School... My love for it has not diminished in the years since I graduated. If anything, as I have begun to better understand its significance in my life, its importance to me has grown.

As an alumna, I will support it in all ways possible and see that it continues long into the future to serve young people as well as it has served me.

Please know the inherent beauty and the specific significance of the institution under your leadership. Thank you for your continued care of it.

Meeting alumnae/i from various decades and hearing their stories of the impact the School had on their lives has confirmed my belief in its indispensable value. This belief has compelled and energized my Board Chair tenure. And this belief will continue to fuel my dedication to The White Mountain School as I become Board Chair Emerita in July of this year.

How can one not commit oneself to that which provides such a transformation? I use the words of this alumna to say to John Brown, Board Chair Elect; to each Trustee; to Brian Morgan, Head of School; and to all Faculty and Staff:

Please know the inherent beauty and the specific significance of the institution under your leadership.

Thank you for your continued care of it,

Ruth Cook Board Chair



#### Thank you, Ruth Cook!

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Any other words really do not suffice to fully express the debt of gratitude that every alumna, alumnus, student, parent, staff member, and Trustee must feel towards this remarkable individual, this Board Chair par excellence.

Since 1991 – seventeen years ago this summer – Ruth has steered this gem of a school through challenging times. In a period of increasing homogenization in American secondary education, Ruth has perceived and championed the transformational educational program of The White Mountain School/St. Mary's-in-the-Mountains since the day when her son, Jonathan, joined the school.

The young alumna, whom Ruth quotes, speaks most eloquently about the school and about Ruth's stewardship of it. She speaks of the school's soul. Effectively, Ruth Cook has personified that soul for the past seventeen years. She has overseen and protected both the Mission of the school and its implementation in the educational program. She has also nurtured the school's staff members and their families with maternal affection and genuine interest.

As newcomers to this remarkably close community, Joyce and I have benefited from and been inspired by Ruth's selfless dedication and clairvoyant wisdom. Ever since her solicitous welcome to White Mountain last summer, she has been the ideal sounding board for me and helped me understand the intricacies of this school's culture. I am grateful beyond words that Ruth will take on her new role as Board Chair Emerita and will continue to be readily available to both her successor, John Brown, and to me.

I look forward to working with Board Chair Elect, John Brown. If I may be so bold as to speak on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I pledge to continue to nurture this unique school and to strive to emulate the passion and dedication that Ruth has made so concrete in her years of stewardship.

Thank you, Ruth Cook!

Brian Morgan Head of School Learning Outcomes
of a Board Chair
by Rachel Tardelli Vermeal

Our philosophy is simple: teach more than the facts and grade more than knowledge.

Every day and in every way, we deliver on that philosophy. White Mountain students receive the typical letter grades that most of us have come to expect, but students here are also expected to develop as a "complete learner."

In our classrooms (and outside of them as well!) skills are developed - and graded - in six areas called "Learning Outcomes." A student's competency in each of the six outcome areas is evaluated, then the six grades are combined ending in a final letter grade for each course.

I met with Ruth Cook to discuss her long standing relationship with The White Mountain School and her transition (or transformation) to Board Chair Emerita in July. As we spoke about who we are, where we've been and where we are headed, I thought I should give Ruth a grade for everything she has done for our School.

#### **Knowledgeable Person (KP)**

#### What aspects of the School motivate you the most?

*Ruth Cook:* The Mission and the way that mission is implemented in the classroom, in the common life of the School, in the relationships, everywhere...

## How do you see our mission being expressed by our alumnae/i, students and staff?

RC: In the stories; there are so many stories. When I hear the stories of alums, I realize how much this school continues to be what it has always been; when I hear of the successes inside and outside the classroom, I know we teach in a way that is inspiring and thoughtful; and when I walk through campus and feel welcome in every way, I know I am part of something much larger than myself.

One year at an alumnae/i reunion event, the Class of 1955 sang "The Ring Song" at dinner. They then called me forward to become an honorary member of the class of 55. It was a wonderful moment.

I am a past parent, Board Chair, Honorary class member, and soon, Board Chair Emerita. Having come full circle, I believe I have the stories of the yesterday, today and tomorrow of our School; and I have the hope that others have these stories as well.

#### **Effective Communicator/Producer (EC)**

What has been the project you've most passionately worked on?

RC: In the early 1990s, I worked with the Board to

develop a updated Mission statement. I believe this statement has helped us establish a solid foundation which honors our past and brings us successfully into the 21st century.

**Director of Communications** 

#### Collaborative Worker (CW)

Here at White Mountain we try to understand Community in the smallest of impressions and as well as part of a larger awareness. Aunt Dot showed us the way, by bringing us north to "be part of something larger than ourselves." Our family extends through the years and that community is very strong. How do you see the strength of the White Mountain Community?

RC: White Mountain is a special place. Its values are in the very core of the School's mission and those values show themselves through our dedication to that mission. Students, alumnae/i, parents, faculty and friends understand there is a feeling and true respect for where we are now, where we have come from, and what we are going to be.

# What advice would you give to our Community members as they continue their relationship with the school?

RC: Know the value of this School. Be proud of it and support it. Stay connected and get to know what is happening with our students right now. Then tell your stories and impart that wisdom to others. Our School is enhanced by everyone who loves it and shares it.

#### Self-Directed Learner (SL)

## Ruth, you have been involved in initiating so many projects here at White Mountain. What are some of your highlights?

RC: Oh my, after seventeen years there are so many!

A few dedications come to mind. The Fred Steele Science Center in 2006, the Dorothy McLane Main Building in 2001, and the Linda Clark McGoldrick '55 Library in 1997.

All of these events have allowed St. Mary's-in-the-Mountain's alumnae and White Mountain School students and alumnae/i to celebrate together. It is in these moments that you hear all the stories of our amazing School.

#### Critical Thinker (CT)

#### What are some of your aspirations for our School?

*RC*: I focus on building a stronger endowment for The White Mountain School. With a strong endowment, we can continue to fund our financial aid that supports our dedication to diversity.

A healthy endowment will also allow for us to proceed thoughtfully with our campus vision to improve and expand our facilities.

The campus vision was started years ago with the athletic facilities and climbing wall, Hill House renovations, the Fred Steele Science Building, and classroom wing renovations. I would love to see this continue in a thoughtful and sustainable way.

#### Skilled Information Processor/Consumer (IP)

#### What do you see yourself doing with your free time in July?

*RC:* I am excited to start my new role as Board Chair Emerita and continuing my service to White Mountain as a volunteer working with the Director of Development.

#### How have you transformed as a person working with WMS?

*RC:* I have certainly been enriched by the history, community and the program of this school. .

#### What advice do you have for Board Chair Elect, John Brown?

RC: I would say "John, like Dorothy McLane, take risks, calculated risks maybe, but take risks, and don't forget to keep looking out at the mountains."

We can clearly see the effect White Mountain has left on you. How do you "Lift your Eyes to the Mountains"?

*RC*: I love hiking in these mountains. Any where I hike up and get a view and am in the midst of everything, that is where I am most at home.

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# GRADE REPORT Student: Ruth Cook

Knowledgeable Person: **EXEMPLARY** 

"Content" mastery is very important at White Mountain, but it is not treated as the proverbial "end all to beat all." Students learn to acquire and integrate information. Importantly, they learn to synthesize and integrate facts within the context of the other learning outcomes.

Effective Communicator: **EXEMPLARY**Students learn to organize and express ideas clearly and to communicate effectively to diverse audiences, using a variety of media.

Collaborative Worker: **EXEMPLARY**Students learn to monitor and regulate their behavior in a task-oriented group environment, in order to develop as productive contributors towards group goals.

Self-Directed Learner: **EXEMPLARY** 

The self-directed learner, according to White Mountain, is the student who pushes personal limits, sets clear goals, and manages his/her own progress towards those goals.

Critical Thinker: **EXEMPLARY**Nearly all classes are discussion-based, where students are challenged to use a variety of complex reasoning strategies. For example: concrete, sequential thinkers learn to develop abstract thinking skills, and random thinkers are taught to think more sequentially.

Information Processor: **EXEMPLARY**Students learn to differentiate and assess the validity of information sources, then they learn to interpret and analyze the information effectively.

## Share your thoughts and stories about Ruth Cook!

When asked about filling Ruth Cook's shoes as the long time Chair of the Board of Trustees, John Brown, Board Chair Elect, laughs and says, "I don't think anyone could fill those shoes, they are tireless and have trekked more miles than anyone might have expected these many years on the School's behalf. Fortunately, Ruth will continue her advancement efforts on behalf of the School so there is no need to ask Ruth to hang them up just yet." Ruth, I hope you are listening!

We will be collecting your stories about Ruth and sharing them with her later this summer. Please send your stories to rachel@whitemountain.org

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Above: Anika Reese and her daughter, Amazjah Grant '10 show off their White Mountain spirit on Family Weekend!

On the Cover: Ruth Cook celebrates 17 years of service to The White Mountain School and steps aside to become Board Chair Emerita in July 2008. She looks forward to continuing her service with the White Mountain Community as she assists the Alumnae/i office with special projects.

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Reflection on the Mission
or Who are you? And what are you doing here?
by Tim Breen, Dean of Studies

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White Mountain School students are trying everyday to find ways to pay it forward and be active change agents in the world. Whether they are traveling to the Dominican Republic or dipping into some frigid Vermont water to raise money for Special Olympics, WMS students choose to be involved with community service around the world and in their own neighborhoods.

Join us in our Fall issue as we highlight John Brown, Board Chair Elect; Graduation 2008; and our new "Student & Faculty Spotlight" section.

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Reflections on the Mission or Who are you? And what are you doing here?

by Tim Breen **Dean of Studies** 

I've been thinking a lot lately about The White Mountain School and what makes it such a special place to live and work. It's the faculty and staff - who blend dedication to their work with thoughtful collegiality and a great sense of fun. It's the students - who show their passion for life everyday and never cease to amaze me with creative ideas. It is the beauty of our surroundings. Aunt Dot was right to move us north. I am grateful that I have only to lift my eyes to see the mountains.

Though it is less tangible, I am also thankful for our mission, and the work we do together to fulfill it. Our mission embodies our hopes and dreams for you. I'd like to share with you why I think these hopes matter so much.



#### Mission

It is the mission of The White Mountain School to prepare young people for rigorous college studies and for life beyond formal academics,

by helping them learn

who they are,

how they contribute to their communities,

and how they can become responsible citizens of the changing planet.

I'd like to make one disclaimer up front. The mission is written in a way that focuses on what we want for our students, because our purpose as a school is very clearly the education of youth. It is not meant to suggest that we have these things all figured out.

I know that I am still learning about who I am - my deepest, truest self. I know (and others can attest!) that I am not always my best self when working in a community. But I am trying and learning. I know that I do not fully comprehend what it means to be a responsible citizen of the changing planet – and frankly that idea can be a bit overwhelming. But I am working to take small positive steps.

So I speak not as one who has some elevated understanding of these things, but rather as a fellow traveler, exploring these ideas.

Let me pull apart the mission a bit. There are really two sections. The first section identifies our goals – to prepare our students for college and life beyond. In the second section we become more specific and share our hopes for their education - that they will learn about themselves, about living in community, and about global citizenship. I will speak briefly about the goals, then spend more time reflecting on the hopes.

First, the broad goals. Of course we are preparing our students for college studies. College is not the only path to purposeful, joyous lives, but it is a path that many of their teachers have found to be fulfilling. We want them to have that option.

Life beyond formal academics ... ah yes. Perhaps we make too great a distinction between formal academics and life beyond formal academics. I think the real point here is not this distinction, but that we do in fact lay claim to something larger than college prep - we believe and hope that The White Mountain School will help students find their way in life – help students find and fulfill their role in our changing world.

I'd like to turn our attention now to the three aspects of our mission that speak most to who we are - our uniqueness as a school community. (Let's be honest, most boarding schools say they want to prepare students for college and life.) Specifically, we hope to help our students learn who they are, how they contribute to their community, and how they can become (or better, BE) responsible citizens of our changing planet.

#### Learning Who You Are

Our first hope, of our mission, is that we will help you learn who you are. At first glance, what a ridiculous thing to say. Don't you know who you are? Yet, I think all of us sense that we are in the process of learning who we are – learning how we can become our best selves. David Orr, an educator and environmentalist, notes that the Greeks knew this long ago. He wrote recently about the ancient Greek idea that: "The goal of education is not mastery of subject matter, but of one's person." He continues, "Subject matter is simply the tool. Much as one would use a hammer and chisel to carve a block of marble, one uses ideas and knowledge to forge one's own personhood."

Thinking deeply about who we are means being open to change and growth. It means accepting uncertainty. Committing to this growth is difficult because it runs somewhat counter to a social culture that rewards those who project extreme confidence and who seem to "have it all figured out." I am a bit baffled that our political candidates have such a difficult time admitting past mistakes or acknowledging that they may have changed their minds about an important issue. Isn't changing your mind about something really just learning? I think some of this would be considered a good thing. I remember a bumper sticker that said: "If you can't change your mind, are you sure you still have one?" Sometimes the simplest questions are the hardest. Who are you? There is a strong spiritual dimension to this question. Some religious traditions find God in each and every person – in the still, small voice that rises from our deepest, truest self. I am struck by a passage written by Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and social activist, "For me to be a saint means to be myself. Therefore the problem of sanctity and salvation is in fact the problem of finding out who I am and of discovering my true self."

Let us not be afraid to search for our truest, our best, selves.

#### **Contributing to Community**

I believe that we realize the fullness of our humanity through interactions with others ... and that leads us into the second part of our mission: "helping you learn how you contribute to your community."

We have a tremendous community here at

We have a tremendous community here at The White Mountain School. I love the way we come together to support each other as we learn and grow. Working at a boarding school is almost like being part of a religious order. We have an intentional community where we live and work together – we have shared meals and shared goals.

But I want to dig a little deeper into the idea of community – because we are not just members of The White Mountain School community; we are members of multiple communities.

Reinhold Neibuhr, a 20th century theologian, observed (in Moral Man and Immoral Society) that it seems to be easier to be a moral individual than a moral community – that altruism is easier than justice. Altruism depends only on the choices and actions of individuals. It depends on self-transcendence: I must be able to set aside my own needs for another. Justice requires that a group work together for the rights of all, including those not in the group. This requires careful negotiation of varying levels of commitment to equality and to the rights of others – and it often devolves into conflicts about my rights versus yours.

The Bible reminds us to "carry each other's burdens" and "love your neighbor as yourself." I believe that learning how we

contribute to our community means learning how we can rise up together toward our best ideals of justice and compassion. Let us work together to build a community, here, and beyond, in which justice matches personal altruism.

#### **Becoming Responsible Citizens**

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The third component of our hopes is not separate from the other two. We want our students to learn how they can become a responsible citizen of the changing planet. You cannot do this without good self-knowledge – knowing your strengths and how to marshal them. You also must understand how communities work – how we work together for well or ill.

There is a lot embedded in this aspect of our mission. First, citizen of what? The planet? This is a

complicated notion. Usually we think of citizenship as tied to national priorities. The thought of being a planetary citizen (let

thought of being a planetary citizen (let alone a responsible one) is challenging.

And what do we mean by "responsible?"

Is a responsible citizen someone who follows laws and votes? I think we are aiming at something more. We are hoping that White Mountain students develop into citizens who are able (and willing, even likely) to respond compassionately and effectively to the challenges we face today and tomorrow in our world.

This is a place where our progressive ideals shine through. I believe in progressive education and its foundational goal of progress for humanity. While historians and philosophers may debate the notion of progress, I simply mean that I believe we can make the world a better place. You should, of course, be asking what I mean by "a better place." Will your "better" be the same as my "better?" Well, I believe this is just the kind of thing we should be talking about. For the record, my "better" world is a place with less hunger and more peace, less cruelty and more compassion, less suffering and more joy, less indifference and more love.

The United Nations has articulated a vision of a better world by adopting the Millennium Development Goals. These goals



#### SAVE THE DATE

Be sure to mark the calendar, call your former classmates and friends, and book your hotel rooms early. The big weekend in 2008 will include the chance for you to go back to classes (without getting homework!), interact with today's students, go on a campus tour, play in the student/alumnae/i soccer match, climb our 3000 sq ft rock wall, enjoy a gourmet dinner and special awards, take in some spectacular fall foliage and much more! And it does not need to be a specific reunion year for you in order to call a few former classmates and friends, and return to your campus in Bethlehem!

To request a class list with contact information, or for more information about the weekend, please call Kathy in the Alumnae/i Office at 603-444-2928, x32.

address hunger, education, gender equality, infant and child mortality, maternal health, infectious diseases, environmental sustainability, and global partnerships for development. The goals are focused to provide measurable targets so we can assess our progress.

Here at The White Mountain School we work toward these goals – committing our time and energy in service of a better world. This has long been part of the fabric of the school. We have an Empty Bowls Banquet. We work with youth in school and after school. We learn about and work toward environmental sustainability. We partner with other organizations around the world for learning and sustainable development.

The values that undergird this work also link us with our Episcopal heritage. We are an Episcopal school – but what does this mean for us?

As Brian Morgan, Head of School, has mentioned before, the Episcopal Church has endorsed the Millennium Development Goals. In her investiture sermon in November of 2006, Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori said:

This church has said that our larger vision will be framed and shaped in the coming years by the vision of shalom embedded in the Millennium Development Goals - a world where the hungry are fed, the ill are healed, the young educated, women and men treated equally, and where all have access to clean water and adequate sanitation, basic health care, and the promise of development that does not endanger the rest of creation. That vision of abundant life is achievable in our own day, but only with the passionate commitment of each and every one of us. It is God's vision of homecoming for all humanity.

The Episcopal Church has committed 0.7% of its budget toward projects addressing the Millennium Development Goals. What if we, as an Episcopal school, made a commitment not of money, but of the energy and creativity of our community members

toward addressing these goals? What could we accomplish? What would this look like?

This is the time that my cynical side chimes in – can we really effect positive change and create a better world? It is easy to feel a sense of futility in the face of the many challenges in our world. A quote from Robert Kennedy pulls me back to my hopes:

It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current

that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

Let us continue our work together in service of a better world and dedicate ourselves to becoming truly responsible – able to respond to the needs of others

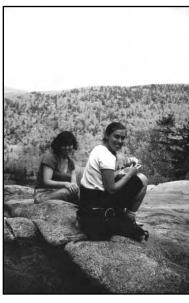
The three hopes in our mission are clearly related. They speak to learning about who you are, and to what you are doing in your communities and in the broader world. And what you do, matters. Indeed, who you are, who you really are, is perhaps seen most clearly though what you do. A teacher and writer I admire, Mary Rose O'Reilly, has said that, for her, the most important, most interesting questions

are "Who are you?" and "What are you doing here?"

#### So, who are you? And what are you doing here?

Sometimes the simplest questions are the deepest. I hope that your experience at The White Mountain School allows you to really explore these questions. I know we can get lost in the busyness of our day-to-day tasks and challenges. But the value of a mission statement is that it can remind us of what is really important and pull us back to our deepest hopes. And so, I hope you will look back and be able to say that you have learned a little bit more about who you are and about your role in the unfolding story of our world.





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#### 1st Annual Alumnae/i Soccer Match

The Alumnae/i coed team got off to a very quick start against the obviously overlyconfident student coed squad, and the graduates never looked back. The final score was 4-3 in favor of the Alumnae/i team (as it should be at Reunion!). Jonathan Cook '91 was very solid in goal, and earned The 2007 MVP Award.

It looks like we have a new fall tradition at White Mountain, as the students are already calling for a rematch in 2008. The Alumnae/i say "It will be great to win again in 2008!"

## Installation of the Head of School



The Rt. Rev. Douglas E. Theuner delivered a moving installation ceremony for our new Head of School, Brian Morgan, on Saturday, October 6, 2007, in McLane's Great Hall. Phillip Peck, Head of School at Holderness School, joined us for the day's events. As we looked out on the spectacular fall day, A Cappella (as well as many Alumae/i) sang a beautiful round of "Lift Thine Eyes."





#### Alumnae/i Awards

Each year two prizes are given at Alumnae/i Weekend. They both honor alumnae who have given outstanding measures of loyalty and support. The Linda Clark McGoldrick '55 Alumnae/i Prize is given to that alumna or alumnus who best represents the attributes of "the ultimate volunteer". The Silvia A. Dickey '54 Alumnae/i Prize is awarded to that alumna or alumnus who has demonstrated a consistency of support over the years since graduation.

#### Alumnae/i Award Winners 2007

Linda Clark McGoldrick Alumnae/i Prize Seth Izzi '90 Sylvia A. Dickey Alumnae/i Prize Ruth Lacroix Darling '40

#### Alumnae/i Award Winners 2006

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#### Cynthia T. Lathrop

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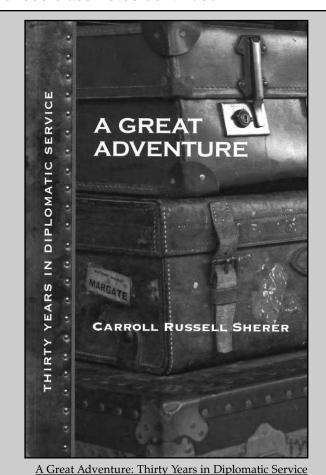
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#### Joan Holbrow Hoxie

Joan remarked that by coincidence she had recently framed a picture of the card I sent all of you to display in a grouping of memorabilia. She sadly joined the ranks of widows in December 2004 after 52 happy years and two daughters. She now lives comfortably in a large apartment in a retirement Continued on the next page.

#### Share your news!

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community near her daughter, Sue. Daughter Karen lives in South Carolina and her daughter Cate recently had a son, which makes Joan a great grandmother! Joan's good health is a blessing, allowing her to be active in volunteer work for the church, community and the pursuit of her hobby of genealogy. She travels to do family research both locally and abroad and says it is addictive. She and Ann Dodge Middleton were the only ones to attend our 50th reunion. As far as she knows, Collie (Caroline Collier) never had further contact with the school following graduation. Salty (Ann Saltonstall) was in her class at Katherine Gibbs

**Lee Booth Woodward Klunder**She has sold her Vermont home and is happily living

in Boston in 1949 but only

stayed a few weeks.

with her daughter Heidi and family. They built on a roomy apartment for her with lovely views of the countryside, and she has her old dog still with her.

by Carroll Russell Sherer '40



Sheelagh looking for shells at Punta Umbria on the south coast of Spain with the Atlantic Ocean in the background in March of 2006.

Sheelagh Vonberg Thackray She sent a most interesting letter and photo from her home in Surrey, England. The

photo was taken on holiday last year on the south coast of Spain at Punta Umbria, near Rabida where Columbus came from. There are lifesized models there of the three ships. Nearby is the Donana National Park - the largest wetland in Europe for migrating birds. Last September she visited many cities in Italy. Until recently she usually spent her holidays walking in the mountains of Austria but takes it a bit easier now. She spoke of Salty but has lost touch, but does keep in contact with Pagie (Mary Beth Page Seamans). There were only seven in that year of 1943-44. She won a cup for skiing but didn't think it was for being the best.

#### **Marian Benton Tonjes**

I much enjoyed my six years as Trustee of The White Mountain School, flying from Albuquerque to Manchester and then driving up the state three times a year. The last few years I stayed at the old Thayer Hotel in downtown Littleton, driving up the back road to school – the road we all used to hike down to town for shopping. I managed to locate our Seven Springs with staff help, and it is still beautiful and serene.

When I had returned to school for our 100th anniversary, I took my mother and we stayed at the Beal House. I enjoyed then being with Ann Dodge, Joy Searle, and Judy Howland as the three of us revisited Vailliant House and walked around the ski hill (where I had once run into a bear). I was able to chat with Fred Steele and Ruth Jackson. At one point I joined a small group around a piano to sing "Lift Thine Eyes." Remember Miss Tubbs? It was that visit that convinced me it was time to give back to the school something of what it had given me – because at that time I had been anything but a scholar.

I have been watching my mail and email daily, hoping to hear from more of you. Do send your news or remembrances at any time – even if it is after this newsletter's edition. In addition, I think it would be great fun to see all the recent pictures of yourselves. Let's start a new trend!

#### 1948

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#### 1949

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#### **Grace Woodbury Stone**

We have re-retired from Maine to Atlanta to be near our children and grandchildren. We're less active now but I still ride my horse several times a week.



Marian Benton Tonjes '47

#### 1950

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#### 1951

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#### 1952

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#### 1953

Scribe: Joan Howard 5 Crawford Road Lexington, MA 02420-3218 (781)861-7295 jhowardma@earthlink.net

#### Joan Howard

Our 55th reunion will take place on October 10-12. Let's try to make it back to St. Mary's in-the-Mountains/ White Mountain School in force, as we did for our 50th reunion. There were eleven of us out of the class of 20. Do you remember the sharing of thoughts and ideas, and how we sang "Lift Thine Eyes" from Elijah (and in three parts). Spouses and partners are encouraged to come for the weekend.

**Beatie Young Blain** and I are planning an alumni cruise in 2009. You will be hearing more details in the future.

I continue to work in my private practice as a Clinical Social Worker, treating individuals, couples, and families with an emphasis on trauma and mood disorders. There are no plans to retire because this engagement with my clients gives my life meaning.

Last year I traveled to
Thailand and Cambodia in
February/March and back
to Munchen and Salzburg
to visit German friends in
August. On March 1, 2008,
I will be off to Egypt with
Grand Circle Travel.

I met **Hattie McGraw** in Cambridge at the Fogg

Museum to attend a lecture on the architecture of Montreal followed by dinner at our favorite Chinese restaurant on Massachusetts Avenue. Last November we had dinner together and she appears happy with her children and grandchildren. Hillary Clinton and other President hopefuls came to her apple farm in Canterbury, NH.

Ellie McLaughlin's daughter, Hannah, was married last summer in California and Ellie herself was the minister at the wedding. Ellie told me on the phone that Hillary Clinton came to visit her in Berlin, NH. Ellie taught Hillary history at Wellesley College.

Lee Haskill Mack has not been well. Please contact the Alumni office for her phone number if you wish to call her.

Franny Bailey Pinney was diagnosed with breast cancer in December and had a double mastectomy this month in West Virginia. She now faces six months of chemotherapy. If you wish to contact her, please contact the Alumni office for her address.

Dine Webster Dellenback wrote in her Christmas letter that her health as improved and she was able to travel with her husband and the Yale Alumni on two cruises in the Mediterranean.

Janet Lovejoy (Class of 1950)
Janet and I will attend a
service on Ash Wednesday at
Trinity Church in Concord,
MA. We will also attend a
service at St. Anne's in the
Fields in Lincoln, MA on the
First Sunday of Lent. Janet is
thriving and a new golden
retriever puppy, Carly, has
brought her much joy.

Margaret (Peggy) Munchmeyer Lehman My husband John died in June 2006 after surgery for esophageal cancer. I am living in a lovely retirement community called Shannondell, and keep active with tennis, bridge and walking my dog.

## The Rev. Eleanor Commo McLaughlin

I am still working hard to empower the small Episcopal parish, St. Barnabas, Berlin, NH, to be a welcoming, joyful and loving community of worship and service in Berlin – so needy, so yearning for hope!

#### 1954

Scribe: Barbara Dunn Roby 7 Bliss Lane Lyme, NH 03768-3809 (603) 795-2080 Barbara.D.Roby@valley.net

#### **Bright Miller Judson**

2007 was a big year! I have been married to Art Judson (Dartmouth man) for 50 years. Sukie Dickey and Gretchen Stubbs, SMS classmates, were in the wedding. We have four children and between them, they have presented us with nine grandchildren that we love. I still have my little school three days a week. Art and I are both major volunteers. Our lives are very busy and wonderful.

#### 1955

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Angea Sheffield Reid 8 Loumac Road Wilmington, MA 01945 (508) 658-3608 gea8@yahoo.com

#### Janie Coulter Langmaid

The grands, Virginia, 8, Sarah, 6, and Coulter, 4, are wonderful! One remaining son, Ben, is still looking for "the one." Brad and I love living in Old Town, Alexandria, and travel often with Elderhostel. We have a guest tower!

#### Diantha S. Patterson

I took a June trip to Arizona to see Hopi and Navajo reservations. Rafted the San Juan River and saw incredible petroglyphs and pictographs.

#### Beatrix (Trixie) Wadhams

My daughter Amy, her husband Nick, three grandchildren – Graham, Holden, and Alaina – and two dogs (yellow labs), Phoebe and Farley – have moved to the Ballston Spa/ Saratoga area. I'm staying put and doing extensive remodeling here – interesting in all the snow. They'll be back here for Christmas.

#### 1956

Scribe: Kristina (Stina) Engstrom 321 Middle Street Amherst, MA 01002-3016 (413) 253-3620 keng@crocker.com

#### Linda Damrell Ellis

I am still working as a nurse, playing golf and taking care of grandchildren. My oldest granddaughter graduated from Meredith College in Raleigh on May 18. We spent two months in Florida. That is about it!

#### 1957

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#### Judith Dorr Stewart

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#### 1958

Scribe: Judith (Judy) Butler Shea 10 Signal Hill Lake Placid, NY 12946 (518) 523-9815



Judy Butler Shea '58 and Lucille Wheeler Vaughan '52 at the Grey Owl's Golf tournament at OHGC.

#### Judy Butler Shea

My son Jimmy is engaged to Dr. Kellee Reed of Orlando, FL. A March wedding is planned in Key West, FL. (middle of ski season!) Remember our 50th reunion on October 10-12th!

#### Louisa Turner

Looking forward to our 50th reunion!

#### Susan Moore Williams

Tia Sue, missionary with the Episcopal Church of Panamá, shares her thoughts and observations on life at Hogar de Niñas de las Capital in Las Cumbres, Republica de Panama located just outside of Panama City. Check out her blog at: www.tiasue.blogspot.com

#### 1959

Scribe: Barbara Hamilton Gibson

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#### Carolyn Dorr-Rich

Bought a 30' 2004 5th wheel. Tooling around Florida from Jan-March looking for a new volunteer job for the winter. Planning a family reunion

at our home for July that will have 25 people and a new grandniece or nephew. Woodworking business thriving just enough to keep me busy but not tied down. I volunteer for the library and Lamson Farm (a local townowned farm), walk daily with a group of women, and go to Curves three times a week.

Update: Continue to live in southern New Hampshire. Will be going to Florida for the seventh time, this time working at a Methodist retreat campground in LaBelle FL, along the Caloosahatchee River. Volunteer in the local garden club caring for town flowerbeds.

#### Barbara Gibson

Enjoying retirement on Cape Cod. Busy volunteering - active at St. Christopher's, Rotary, and Friends of the Eldredge Library. Taking watercolor classes and loving it!

#### 1960

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#### Priscilla S. Fitzhugh

Seattle is a beautiful city, but very far from The White Mountain School and family members living in Vermont and New Hampshire. Some day I do hope to visit WMS. When I am in New England, a part of me always feels "at home". I loved my years at the school.

#### 1962

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#### Susan Conlon Spengler

Peter and I are still living in Connecticut after retirement, planning to move to Colorado. Our oldest son Matt just married in Virginia. Daughter Kate is in Colorado, working for the Public Defender's Office.

#### 1963

Scribe: Barbara McFadden Sirna

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#### Martha Ritzman Johnson

I'm the old lady at the contra dance, wailing away on the mandolin. I play in a folk group and sometimes at an Irish night for free beers! It's nice to be retired. We are welcoming a trifecta of grandchildren this year to add to Master Teddy, aged 4: we already have Rory (January), Siri – our Alaska girl (April) and one yet unborn in the fall. Whew!

Update: We have had a banner grandchild year! Joining four-year-old Teddy in Philadelphia is Rory, firstborn Siri in Alaska, and twins Isobel and Sabine in Missoula. We have become vagabonds on the road to visit them all.

#### 1964

Scribe: Georgie Brown 3106 Wake Robin Drive Shelburne, VT 05482 duncanfbrown@yahoo.com (mother of Muffie Brown Milens)

#### **Julia Miller Hartman**

Julia lives in Fincastle, VA and has a daughter who graduated from medical school and is hoping to go into Family Practice. Another daughter is an administrative assistant at the Met in New York City. Julia has been painting family portraits for more than two years, which she greatly enjoys. She is also a docent at the local art museum.

#### Gretchen Gibbard Marble

I started and ended my career in banking and am now retired. I have two daughters who both migrated west to Oregon, so after 27 years of living in Montclair, NJ, I sold my house and moved to Portland, Oregon

in 2005. My eldest daughter, Rachel, lived in Bend and worked at the High Desert Museum. However, just this past month, she sold her house, quit her job, and is traveling in the Far East for the foreseeable future. My younger daughter, York, is living with me. She has a full time job as a mediator but is also getting her Masters at PSU. She is anxious to move out and get her own house in the Portland area. I bought a 1903 house and completely gutted it and am now enjoying my "new" home. This past year has been consumed with landscaping the house, and as I love to garden, I have undertaken all the work myself. Living in Portland is wonderful. I hike with the Parks Department, snowshoe, bike ride, and do lots of kayaking. I have also just returned from 7 days of sailing in the San Juan's. I will try to get in touch with Pam Griffin Poverman in Eugene. Please give my best to everyone.

#### Pam Griffin Poverman

She lives in Eugene, Oregon. She has two grown sons and she and her husband run a top-drawer store of imported goods from South America.

#### **Ellen Waterston**

The most exciting news is grandparenthood! Eben and Jussiely (Juss), who live in Dominical, Costa Rica now, have two wonderful, enchanting boys. Sam is three years and Elijah (Elias in Spanish) is 10 months old. Pure delight! We enjoyed Thanksgiving 2007 together at the house in Todas Santos, BCS, Mexico.

Luckily for us, Elise and Katharine are sticking closer to home-Elise in Portland, where David and Ellie live part time (when not in Bend) and Katharine in Bend.

Dr. David heads to Barcelona in February to begin an eightmonth sabbatical studying an ultra-sound technique for analyzing joint health. He'll be putting aside his Nordic Masters-level ski racing to go, but not before racing the 51 kilometer American Birkebeiner in his native Wisconsin in February. Ellie will just have to participate in the World Nordic Masters in McCall, Idaho in March without him!

David's plans will mean some long-distance commuting for Ellie, while at the same time managing the Writing Ranch, (www.writingranch.com) and The Nature of Words (www. thenatureofwords.org), a nonprofit literary event headed into its fourth year. Ellie has a collection of poetry coming out next summer from Ice River Press and a collection of essays on Oregon's High Desert due out the same time...and for the rest of the story...nothing a visit, call or e-mail wouldn't cure.

#### 1965

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#### 1966

Scribe: Betsy Parker Cunningham

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#### Martha Thomas Sprague

Martha is currently working with Macy's West store in Cherry Creek, Denver, CO, that was formerly Foley's until the change in September of 2006. She has a new granddaughter, Abigail Harrison, born May 3, 2006. Her grandson, Drew Harrison, is in kindergarten at a charter school in Denver. She thanks former classmates for keeping together.

#### 1967

Scribe: Lisa Gregory Schmierer 23 Norfolk Drive Northport, NY 11768 (516) 261-0715

#### Kathy Dickinson Rockwood

Our 40th reunion was fabulous! We hope others will be able to come next time.

#### 1968

Scribes: Anne (Timi) Carter 26 Sligo Road Yarmouth, ME 04096 Timigreensboro@yahoo.com

Anne Clark Bridge P. O. Box 205 Harrisville, NH 03450 Anne.Bridge@gmail.com

#### Penelope (Penny) McIlwaine

Lots of life changes in the past year. Both of my twin daughters received their doctorates in Physical Therapy. Both became engaged within weeks of each other and I have 2 (!) weddings this summer!! I'm headed to the Galapagos Islands.

#### Barbara Parish

Gary Roberts and I are still enjoying our lives in Colorado. We enjoy hiking, biking, and skiing together. I have been painting and teaching Yogafit and spinning (on the bike). Life is great! Our kids are all graduated and thriving.

#### 1969

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#### 1971

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#### The Rev. Ninon N. Hutchinson

I continue as vicar of St. John's Episcopal Church in Monticello NY. In partnership with the New York State Labor and Religious Coalition and Trinity Church, Manhattan, we have just embarked on a major



Carol MacEwan Powers '69 and Valle Patterson '69 in Jacksonville, Florida in September of 2007.

economic justice project that will work to improve the lives of local people as it educates us in the global economy and fair trade practices around the world. My Samoyed pack numbers four. They are a joy.

#### 1972

Scribe: Kathryn Bridge Devine 13516 Hunting Hill Way Gaithersburg, MD 20878-4834 (301) 869-1485 k.devine@buchananpartners.com

#### Kathryn J. (Bridge) Devine

I had a great time at the Fred Steele Building dedication with my Mom, Ann Kilbourn Bridge, Class of '48.

#### Stefanie Valar

Steffi Valar was promoted to Director of Planned Giving at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA.

#### 1973

Scribe: Elizabeth Schultze P. O. Box 1479 East Orleans, MA 02643-1479 celloduo@gis.net

#### 1974

Scribe: Patricia (Patty) Knapp Clark

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#### 1975

Scribe: Catherine (Cathy) Creamer Bragdon 365 Dogwood Avenue NE Ada, MI 49301-9036 a.bragdon@comcast.net

#### 1976

Scribe: Mark A. Hardenbergh 829 Trace Court Cincinnati, OH 45255-4332 (513) 233-2726 Mark.Hardenbergh@ey.com

#### **Jonathan Weir**

He teaches math and science at Dublin School as well as raising 2 daughters, Mirela (9) and Alice (6).

Jonathan is an avid cyclist, hiker, swimmer, reader and traveler. Jonathan has visited 47 states and a number of foreign countries including New Zealand, Ireland, and Ecuador. In his spare time, he is fond of solving mathematical puzzles and playing Scrabble. Along with teaching math and physics, Jonathan also coaches and performs library duty. He lives with his family in nearby Nelson, NH.

#### 1977

Scribe: Lisa Sateusanio Patey 4 Cranberry Lane Kennebunk, ME 04043 lpatey@gotruenorth.com

#### **Peter Smith Frantz**

His father writes that Peter and wife Laura (Capelle) of Deerfield NH, and their two girls Maria (10 years) and Amanda (5 years) are living in Fairbanks Alaska, where Peter is a graduate/registered geologist, interested in the mining activities of Alaska,

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## St. Mary's Alumnae -We need your help!

An alumna recently donated this small pin to our School archives, but we need your help with a little more information about this wonderful heirloom for our archives:

- From what era of St. Mary's does this pin hail?
- What does this particular SMS pin symbolize, or for what was it awarded?
- What else can you tell us about the pin?

If you can help us in the quest for more information, please drop us an email at alumni@whitemountain.org, and we'll let everyone know in an upcoming issue of Echoes. Many thanks for your help!

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and assisting also the State of Alaska in that field. Laura has assisted several groups in science expeditions/ food supply et al., including one exploration at the South Pole, via McMurdoe Bay.

#### Polly (Mary) Pease

I have lived in Buxton, Maine, for the past 19 years, and live and work on Martha's Vineyard during the summer. The rest of the year I am a reading teacher and work with first and second graders. I have been divorced since 1988 and have gone back to my maiden name. My son Chris is just finishing up his first year at Saint Michael's near Burlington, Vermont, and my daughter Sarah is finishing her Junior year at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine.

#### Lisa Volinn

Lisa is married and is a pilot for United Airlines.

#### Mike Zimicki

Mike is working as a racecar driver coach.

#### 1978

Scribe: Alexandra (Alex or Sink)

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#### Caryl Taylor Quinn

I forgot ... what a special school! I can trace my beliefs and love of nature to my years at The White Mountain School. I find that it is our turn to give back to the school. Visit the school when you get a chance.

#### 1979

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#### 1980

Scribe: Ann Evans 106 Bogue Road Harwinton, CT 06791 (860) 485-0756

#### Allan W. Arnold

Hey friends from White Mountain School! Give me a call and we will go climbing. (Steve M, Chris B, Paul P, Paul A, Scott H, Brett K, and whomever else I have forgotten.)

#### **Casev Fletcher**

I am located in Asheville NC with my family - Marty and three children, Freya, Robert MacPhail n my macand David. If anyone is ever in town, we would love to have you come on by.

#### 1981

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#### Samantha I. Young

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#### Heidi K. Hannah

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#### Caroline Cheng

I am doing fine and have been very busy in China as a ceramic artist. Back in my day, The White Mountain School had some tough times. I sure hope it is now of the best small schools in New Hampshire. As a city person from Hong Kong, I was certainly challenged with the outdoor sports and the isolation. I still have a good friend who lives in Bethlehem from The White Mountain School and I still keep in touch with a few friends from my Class of 81. Keep in touch! Check out my webpage at http://www.potteryworkshop. com.cn/english/hongkong/ resident.htm

#### **Hayden Jones**

I am married and have three children: Hayden, Natasha and Molly. I run our hotel and build aluminum hulled inflatable boats, www. h4inflatables.com or www. hotelplasdinorwic.com

#### 1982

Scribe: Kathleen Groleau Lanzer 76 Logan Avenue Plattsburgh, NY 12901 lanzer@verizon.net

#### Larry Altman

For the record and for those who may wonder about my whereabouts: I am a logger in VT, still an avid cyclist and pianist. I recently finished another trek on the bike from Seattle to San Diego. Have my eye on Spain or Turkey for the next one. Think of WMS a lot these days as my formative years, despite the rocky road it was.

#### 1983

Scribe: L. Brooke Boardman 21/9 Henderson Row Edinburgh, Midlothian, EH3 5DH United Kingdom 011-44-131-278-7271 (from the US) Lboardy2@aol.com

#### **Brooke Boardman**

We have moved back to Scotland for the time being.

#### **Daniel Logan**

Dan and Jen say hello!

#### 1984

Scribe: Christina (Chrissy) Valar-Breen

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#### Alisa Clickenger

I was lucky enough to ride my BMW motorcycle all over Europe this spring, and I popped in on Sarah (Corrina) Gramenz (Zillgith). What a delight to visit with her and meet her beautiful family! We scoured the 1984 yearbook. I was so impressed with Sarah, you know, she is the same smiling cherub with twinkling eyes but now in goddesswoman form. She is living her love & passions, and is so beautiful and creative it really inspired me. You can print any of this in Echoes that you would like! (I also plan to ride to Alaska this summer, and hopefully Tierra del Fuego in 2008!)

#### John (Jay) Phelps

Jay visited the campus last fall and reconnected with us.

#### Jim Swan

My wife Lizzie's children's music business continues to grow. The Swingset Mamas (www.swingsetmamas.com) is on Sirius Radio, I-Tunes, and they are planning to release a DVD this fall, distributed through Wal-Mart.

#### 1985

Scribes: Karin Robinson Koga 2938 Loi Street Honolulu, HI 96822 (808) 988-6081 kkoga@crch.hawaii.edu

Victoria (Vicky) Preston Crawford

P. O. Box 962 Telluride, CO 81435 (970) 728-7023 vichankcrawf@aol.com

#### 1986

Scribe: David M. Budd 2066 Ivy Street Denver, CO 80207-3960 (303) 321-0801

#### Caryl Manley Bradley

I continue to teach Biology at University High School, a small independent school just north of Indianapolis. This summer we took a trip to Nova Scotia and enjoyed introducing Gordy (4 years old) to tides and lobster fishing.

#### 1987

Scribe: Geoffrey (Geoff) S. Bedine 3922 Oberlin Street Houston, TX 77005 gbedine@sterlingmccalltoyota.com

#### **Roch Aumont**

I just loved high school! I now have two young boys and live happily, with my wife, in northern Quebec.

#### **Geoff Bedine**

I just spoke with Robert Carlbo '86. He owns a tennis academy in Clearwater Florida that caters to ranked juniors.

#### **Jason Frederick**

Jake is a Professor of History at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI.

#### 1988

Scribe: Andrea DeMaio Smith P. O. Box 342 Brewster, MA 02631 (508) 240-7969

#### **Ingrid Honaker Davis**

Since graduating from WMS, I went to Mt. Holyoke College and later Columbia University for my Masters. I lived in WDC and NYC for several years before moving to Los Angeles, where I live with my husband and twin 3-year-old boys. I am well. Last summer, I met up with Shannon (Gott) Gordon while visiting Maine. Hope everyone is well.





Seth Izzi '90 races Porches with Leslie Grossman '90 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH.

#### 1989

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#### Alison Stern Simard

Although I did not graduate from WMS. I often wonder about the whereabouts of many in my class – Jim Colberg, Mike Preston, Jaime Dreyer, Robin Trott, Mark Fechheimer, my roomy Abby and others. As for me, I was in the class of 1989 and transferred out in 1987. I graduated from UMontana with a degree in creative writing and literature where I met my husband Aaron. We moved to New York and then to Los Angeles where we have been living for 7 years or so. I run the west coast bureau of my family's public relations firm and my husband is a freelance TV producer. We have a wonderful three year old little boy named Ethan River. I rarely hear from anyone at WMS anymore - most recently Leif Carlson - but I think of many of my classmates often and would LOVE to hear from anyone who reaches out to me.

#### **Tina Blodgett Smith**

I attended WMS in 86, 87, 88; I was then Tina Blodgett. My senior year I transferred so I could graduate from my hometown high school.

#### 1990

Scribe: Callie Phillips Pecunies 176 Baker Road Albany Township, ME 04217 cpecunies@sundayriver.com

#### Corrina Birnbaum Gitterman

Rini is married to Paul and has two kids...Jack (4 yrs) and Annabelle (20 months)

#### Leslie Grossman

Leslie Grossman's Ducati dealership in Laconia, NH (BCM Motorsports) was recently awarded the prestigious "National Best Service Award" for the entire USA, out of approximately 160 dealers in the country. The service award was presented at the National Ducati Dealer Meeting in Monterrey California in September. The award was presented by Troy Bayliss, Ducati World Super Bike Champion, Michael Lock

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#### 1999

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#### **Ryan Crochiere**



**Emily Girdwood** 



Emily at Family Night at CCN.

Emily is the office manager for Colfax Community Network, a non-profit works with homeless children in Denver, CO.

Emily has started Master's Program at Regis College in Denver in Non-Profit Management this past October.

#### **Promise Partner**

Eight years after graduating from White Mountain School, I am happy to be a part of another small, progressive, independent school community. I am working at Olney Friends School, a Quaker boarding school in the Appalachian foothills of southeastern Ohio, teaching Humanities (integrated literature and history), English as a Second Language, and

Religion. I am grateful to my teachers at White Mountain for their exemplary models of teaching, coaching, and mentorship.

#### 2000

Scribe: Catherine (Cate) Doucette 58 Newell Lane Whitefield, NH 03598

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#### Nicholas Buehrens

Nick works for DSA -- Daniel Smith & Associates. This is part of the web site: "Our focus is increasingly on sustainable design and use of natural and alternative materials, most notably in our work with straw bale construction. Since the revival of straw bale construction in the early 1990's, DSA has been at the forefront of research and development and has contributed important innovations to the evolving vernacular. Our firm pursues sustainable design approaches, such as passive solar design, and our buildings incorporate resource efficient building systems. We also implement active systems, like photovoltaic solar roofs and gray water systems. We apply integrated design principles not only because of the ecological benefits, but also as a means of creating healthy and beautiful environments."

#### 2001

Scribe: Christine Beulah Benally 5100 Coe Avenue #127 Seaside, CA 93955 (831) 394-5901 cbenally@york.org

#### **Christine Benally**

Hello from California! I am writing to let you know that I have recently moved from chilly New England to the oh-so-sunny and fabulous Monterey Bay area. The impetus for this move was my fiancé's acceptance to the Monterey Institute for International Studies. While

he has been getting his study on, I have gotten my feet wet in the local job market. I am currently working for a local, private, Episcopal, day school in their small but active development office. Soon, I will start work running the Telephone Outreach Program at the University of California, Santa Cruz. I will be helping UCSC expand its current operations contacting alumni via telephone with the implementation of a computerized dialing system. I am excited to be working with a very enthusiastic and "young" staff as I break into the world of educational development.

#### Samuel Madeira

Hello classmates and everyone from WMS! I hope you all are doing well. My winter quarter of my senior year at Bastyr University has begun. I am applying to graduate schools for Naturopathic Medicine and Chinese Medicine. My girlfriend had a baby girl on Christmas day 2006 at 9PM! Her name is Maya Madeira. We had a home birth. Maya was born in our bathtub. My journey of fatherhood has begun! Besides that, I have been skiing, running, and possibly joining a soccer team in the Seattle area. I would love to hear from other WMS classmates and anyone else I knew from my years there. Happy New Year!

#### 2002

Scribe: Shannah M. Paddock 423 Main Street Wilbraham, MA 01095 (413) 627-2507 shannah\_p@yahoo.com

#### Victoria (Tori) Amorello

Since WMS, I attended Whitman College, and I've been teaching at the Colorado Rocky Mountain School for the past two years. I am currently the school librarian, English and History faculty, trip leader, mountain biking, soccer and alpine ski coach, dorm parent and an advisor here at CRMS.

It is a lot like WMS, just in the Rockies instead of the White Mountains. I love my job here, love the school and love the view out my back window, but I have been getting pretty nostalgic for New England.

I was browsing the WMS website this morning because it's an atypical Colorado morning with overcast skies and drizzly, windy weather that makes me miss New England in the fall. I know it's the beginning of the year, and I'm pretty pumped to start my second year as CRMS faculty (this time, as opposed to last year, I actually feel like I have a clue!). I began last year as a CRMS "Teaching Fellow" with one academic responsibility (ninth grade English) which I taught solo. Fourth quarter, I stepped up and independently taught two additional courses, (9th grade World Geography and 10th grade Western Civilization). This year I am teaching a senior English elective (Post-Colonial Literature) and a senior History elective (International Environmental History), in addition to being the big, bad librarian. I do not know what my future plans are, but I do miss the North Country and WMS.

#### Jim Doucette

Jim says that WMS grad **Dave** Stratton '00 was recently on the cover of Backcountry Magazine showing off his teleski prowess. He is becoming quite renowned and well sponsored for his "extreme back country telemarking" skills. Jim said Dave always credits Tim Wennrich (Faculty 1997-2003) for getting him started. Go WMS!!

#### **Shannon Dunfey-Ball**

I am proud to announce that I have received a full time teaching position at Waterville Valley Academy in NH. I have been having an awesome time with the students. Oh yeah, I am also on the slopes everyday by 1pm!

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#### 2003

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#### Maurice McCarthy

I just wanted to say hello to everyone. I graduated from Hobart College in the spring and I recently moved to an apartment in New York City. I am doing some freelance production work with Comedy Central while looking for something full time. If anyone is in the New York area, give me a call or send me an email. I would love to hear from any of you. I hope everyone is doing well.

#### Lillian Schrank

All of you have inspired me at some point in my life through your own forms of expression and passions, that has left a mark with me, which is why I am writing. For those of you who may not be aware, I will be graduating from Marlboro College with a BA in Visual Arts this coming May. I had a solo exhibition of my work in Drury Gallery at Marlboro College last spring. The show consisted of photographs of recycled constructed realities based loosely from childhood memories and dreams. There was also intaglio etchings (drawings) of architectural spaces, and a group of photo-polymer prints (a combination of photography and printmaking,) using more of my constructed realities images.

#### 2004

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#### 2005

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#### Owen Curvelo

His father Rich writes that he is happily retired in Florida and that "Owen is doing well as a junior at Eckerd College. Still pursuing a creative writing major, and thrilled with his \(\) \(\) ( first car and apartment."

#### 2006

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#### **Andrew Elmaleh**

From his father we learn that "Andrew took a leave from Johnson State and is working and traveling in Fiji, New Zealand and Australia for three months. He is 'little chief' of his village in Fiji."

#### Dan Marmor

We learn from his mom that Dan took a gap year after leaving WMS and graduating. He is now at the College of Santa Fe, studying film production. Dan loves the town of Santa Fe, loves his courses, and has many friends. Presently at CSF, they are filming what will probably be a major motion picture as it stars Natalie Portman, Jake Gylenhall, and Tobey Maguire. Dan has been interning on the set. The producer gave him a copy of the script and the director is teaching Dan as he follows along, sometimes for 13 hours a day. Dan has watched them film both on the CSF sound stage and at an old run down prison, so it has been exciting.

#### Yannic Steffan

Greetings to all! I finally finished German High School. After a long time I will be done this June. Afterwards I will do Civil Services in South Africa! If anyone visits Europe or Germany, please let me know. Perhaps we can figure out a meeting or I can help you with your plans! You are always welcome in old Europe! ;-)

#### 2007

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#### **Emma Daughton**

Her father writes that Emma is settling in well at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario.

#### Dan Finklestein

Dan is back in Peru getting a much out of the experience, and in typical Dan fashion,

doing some great selfreflection. He got an internship at Properu yesterday, a coveted position and one that is unprecedented for someone his age (most candidates are Master's level candidates).

"I am in Urubamba right now chewing on some coca, enjoying the access to toilets. I have been volunteering here a bit. I live in a community called Racchi, in between Moray and Chinchero. It is in the valley, but above it. It is beautiful there and the community has been so welcoming. I teach English in the school here and rent a room in one of the local houses. Ironically, this house has one of Javier's stoves in it.

Being so close to Urubamba, I help with Properu in my free time. That has meant teaching Jaime English. It has been great though, and I really enjoy getting to know Jaime and simply listening to him talk about the Properu projects. In lots of ways, Properu is an amazing organization. I have encountered many volunteer organizations here in Peru that are in it for other reasons than just to help the people and communities. It seems that this is what Properu is in it for, not for money or other things. I also am teaching a little of English with Javier, and looks like I will be helping with the store Kanchay Wasi."

#### Faculty/Staff News

Jess Barr (former faculty 2002-2004) graduated from Chiropractic School.

Sam Brown (Performing Arts teacher) and Jennifer Johnson married in August 2007 in Bethlehem, NH.

**Becky Cummings** (former faculty 2002-2004) writes "Wow Jen Granducci, your class sounds really cool. I want to take it from you. You've got a lot of layers going on there with visual observation, tactical handling, creativity, personal

reflection, problem solving. Do I sound like Jen Schoen? It reminds me that I like to write and maybe I need to sign up for a class to have the structure and discipline to do it myself.

I live in Cleveland now. I am the Program Coordinator for a small non-profit called Art House. We serve children and adults in the city by offering a bunch of creative classes.

Sometimes I think about all of you up north at The White Mountain School and think fondly on the intense community and all the learning and growing I did there. Tell everyone I said hi!"

William Hutchinson (former Employee 1987-1991) attended the 2007 reunion with his daughter.

Cathy Scribner (former Carter dorm head and humanities teacher 2001-2004) writes:

"I re-located to Missoula, MT in '06, a wonderfully progressive college town, surrounded by beautiful mountains and rivers. I am working as a hospice chaplain, and I also direct a small non-profit program, which supports grieving children and their families. My partner, Loren and I get out into the backcountry as much as possible, to ski and boat. I'm playing lots of ice hockey on a women's league, which is a blast! I see Niffer Stackpole '78 fairly often in Missoula. If you're coming through MT, give me a holler - it's always great to see WMS folks!"

Rachel Tardelli Vermeal (Director of Communications) and Mark Vermeal (former Director of the Wilderness Skills program 1995-2007) were married on June 16, 2007 in Franconia, NH.

Laurie Zeizer (former Director of Admission 1998-2005) married Ben Ford in August 2007 in Easton, NH.

#### **Newest Additions** to the WMS Community



Josh (College Counselor and Humanities) and Amy Lawton (English) welcomed Wyatt Radley into the world on April 14, 2007 at 7 lbs 5 oz.



Nate (Dean of Students) and Amy Snow (former Director of LAP) welcomed Owen David Snow at 6:46am on September 25, 2007. He was 8 lbs 11 oz and 20 in.



Sheena Sullivan (Assistant to the Dean of Students) and her husband, Sean, welcomed Jaydah on December 14, 2007 at 4:50am. Jaydah was 6 lbs 7oz and 19 in.

#### In Memoriam



Mary Lee "Mimi" Hearne Barringer '67, an independent health consultant and a volunteer with church and school groups, died Aug. 15, 2007, of pancreatic cancer at the Capital Hospice in Arlington. She was 59. Since 1984, she had lived in McLean, Virginia.

Mrs. Barringer was born in Washington, spent part of her childhood in New Zealand and graduated from high school in New Hampshire. After a year at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, she transferred to the University of Mary Washington, where she was a leader of the Young Republicans and the college chapter of the

National Student Association.

While in college, she was interviewed on the "David Susskind Show" about her opposition to the Vietnam War, which took on added meaning because her father was an Army colonel.

Mrs. Barringer pursued graduate studies in politics at the University of Virginia before withdrawing to care for her ailing mother. Developing an interest in medical care, she worked for about four years with the Virginia Department of Health in Richmond.

After moving to Arlington in 1978, she spent several years as a health planner with the

Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia, then worked as a private consultant in health economics. She was a volunteer member of the institutional review Board of the Inova hospital system.

She was a PTA officer at Chesterbrook Elementary School in McLean and a member of the board of trustees at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac. She was a member of the Junior League and was known as an excellent cook and hostess.

Mrs. Barringer was a vestry member and senior warden of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Arlington and sang in the choir. She was representative to the diocesan council and a lay leader of the Arlington region. In addition, she helped write a church cookbook and helped make costumes for youth musicals at the church and at her children's schools.

Survivors include her husband of 29 years, Allen Barringer of McLean; four children, John Paul Barringer and Julianna Barringer, both of McLean, and Laura Barringer and Elizabeth Barringer, both of Arlington; and a brother.

-- Matt Schudel © 2007 The Washington Post Co. Nancy M. Budd, former Trustee and past parent (David Budd '86) of The White Mountain School and a 46-year resident of Winchester, MA passed away on December 2, 2007, after a long bout with cancer. Born in Saint Paul, Minn., she was the daughter of the late Eugene and Lillian Monick. Mrs. Budd graduated from Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. Her affiliation with the college continued throughout her life. As a devoted alumna, she coedited the anthology Alive and Well Said - Ideas at Wheaton. In recognition of her extensive involvement, Mrs. Budd received an honorary doctorate in 1999, and a scholarship was established in her and her late husband's name. Her lifelong interest in education included directing a tutoring program in Roxbury and serving on the boards of the Nashoba Brooks School, Lawrence Academy, and White Mountain School. Later, she helped establish the William B. Budd Scholarship Fund for secondary school students in Kenya. She served as an MFA Associate at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. president of the Winchester Garden Club, and member of the Winchester EnKa Society since 1969. She was actively involved in the Parish of the Epiphany, serving as senior

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warden of the vestry and heading the search committee for a new rector. Mrs. Budd was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, William Brewster Budd. Her four children, nine grandchildren and her two brothers survive her. Her family requests that you remember Nancy with memorial contributions to the William B. Budd Scholarship Fund at 4355 Klingle St. NW, Washington, DC 20016 or www.buddscholarship.org.

Christopher Reagan Horgan, headmaster of the Dublin School and former faculty and assistant headmaster of The White Mountain School (1983-88), died suddenly on April 10, 2007; he was 52.

Mr. Horgan was born in San Diego, California, on February 20, 1955, the son of Leonard Horgan and the late Thelma (O'Keefe) Horgan.

In addition to his father of Danvers, Mass., he is survived by his wife of 27 years, Karen (Eng) Horgan; his daughter, Jillian Horgan, of Peterborough; two sons, Tim Horgan of Peterborough, and Spenser Horgan of Dublin; two brothers, Michael Horgan of Canada, and Sean Horgan of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; two grandchildren, Braden C. Tozier and Cooper N. Tozier; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts in his name may be sent to Peterborough Fire and Rescue Squad, 16 Summer Street, Peterborough, NH 03458; or to the Dublin School, PO Box 522, Dublin, NH 03444.

Former employee, Milton G. Kay passed away October 7, 2007.

Betty K. Marler, who taught at St. Mary's-in-the-Mountains in the late 60's, died at her home in Denver, Colorado, on March 9, 2007. She had Cpeople blossomed. become a social worker and eventually director of the Colorado Division of Youth

Corrections in the department of Human services, as well as heading the Teacher Corps Corrections Project at the Teikyo Loretto Heights College. One of her colleagues at the College remembered her as "devoted to kids, regardless of the circumstances, past errors in judgment or disabilities."

Christina Potters (former faculty 1977-1981), age 55, died peacefully at her home in Ketchum, surrounded by her husband, Paul, her sons, Douglas and Tristan, her sister, Victoria, and her mother, Lucia, after an eight-year battle against early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

Born Feb. 21, 1952, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the first daughter of Felix and Lucia Miastowski, Christina spent her childhood in Brooklyn's Sheep's Head Bay area. She attended local Catholic schools for her elementary education and graduated from Sheep's Head Bay High School in 1970, then went on to college at Brooklyn College where she earned her B.A. in comparative literature and classics, graduating cum laude in June 1974.

Christina went back to school at Keene State College, to work on a master's degree in special education. In 1976, Christina and Paul found employment with the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School, where they taught rock climbing skills and, most importantly, self-confidence to the young students who passed through that program. That experience led them to Littleton, N.H., and the White Mountain School. Both Christina and Paul were hired to teach English to highschool-age students, to head a dormitory of outrageously energetic students and to manage the school's wellregarded outdoor program. Here, Christina's gift in teaching and counseling young

After four years in New Hampshire, the Rocky

Mountains called again. After much debate, in 1981, Christina and Paul chose Ketchum to be their home and was to be their home for 27 years and ultimately to be the place where she left this world. Christina found her true self in motherhood and devoted herself to it. After Douglas, in 1984, her second child, Tristan, was born. Bringing up two sons became the focus of her life, yet over time, because of her own experience with children, Christina chose to share her time and help other children in the community. She was president of the Pioneer Montessori School board. Christina volunteered at Hemingway Elementary and later, seeing the opportunity to make a difference on a community level, Christina accepted an appointment to the Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, and thus began a 14-year career of public service.

In the fall of 2003, Christina was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease—no cure, inadequate treatment, always terminal. She struggled on in public life, trying to disguise her disease, but was unable to finish her last term on council and resigned at the end of May in 2005. The last almost three years were spent mostly with her husband, Paul, who cared for her and helped her in her brave fight against an intractable disease. During those last years, she found great joy in hikes and walks down the bike path with Paul and their dog, Hildy. Christina's battle ended last Thursday, when in her own home, in the loving arms of her devoted husband, Christina took her last breath and passed on into eternity.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Hospice of the Wood River Valley, The Idaho chapter of the American Alzheimer's Association or the Christina Potters benefit fund at Mountain West Bank, established to ameliorate the

significant cost of her medical care. Arrangements and cremation are under the care of Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Robert Todd Whitten, III died on July 18, 2000. He taught at WMS from 1970 - 1983.



Paul S. Valar (past parent), 87, skied across the finish line on December 25, 2007, dying as a result of complications from advanced prostate cancer. For the ski industry, Paul was a pioneer and leader in ski instruction on the local, national, and international level. From the 1940s to the 1980s, he was a founding force and guiding light in directing several NH ski schools, creating the Professional Ski Instructors of America, developing the Official American Ski Technique, and establishing the New England Ski Museum.

For his family and friends, Paul was a devoted and loyal husband, father, and companion. He was a masterful storyteller, and a man of firmly held convictions. A lover of good food, good wine, and good cheer, all could always be found in good measure in his company.

Paul was born on August 15, 1920 in Davos, Switzerland, to Christian and Ursula (Meier) Valar, who were members of a farming family that had resided in Davos since 1625. Dayos was one of the incubators of modern skiing, so Paul decided to follow in his father's footsteps by becoming a certified Swiss ski instructor and mountain guide, goals he achieved in the 1940s. In order to communicate with foreign clients, Paul studied languages, becoming fluent in German, Italian, French and English.

Paul had a very successful ski racing career and from 1943 through 1948 was a member of the Swiss National Alpine Ski Team. In 1945, he placed second in both the Lauberhorn downhill in Wengen and the International downhill in Zermatt, Switzerland. He competed on behalf of the Swiss Army and taught skiing and rock climbing to Swiss Army Mountain brigade troops. Paul was also talented in track and field. In 1946, he became the decathlon champion for the State of Graubunden.

Paul first visited the United States in 1947 when the Swiss National Ski Team was invited to compete in the U.S. National Ski Championships in Ogden, Utah. There he placed second in both the downhill and the combined, but of greater

importance, he met a beautiful Austrian-born member of the U.S. National Ski Team, Paula Kann of North Conway, NH. Paul and Paula courted by correspondence, and were reunited when Paula competed in the 1948 Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland. Paul was a member of the 1948 Swiss Olympic Ski Team but was precluded from competing by a training injury. In 1949, Paul coached the men's Swiss National Ski Team, and then decided to follow his heart to the United States.

Paul and Paula were married on June 10, 1950. During their incredible partnership, Paul and Paula made a life together doing what they loved most: skiing and farming. They were both certified ski instructors and examiners for the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association, which became Professional Ski Instructors of America (P.S.I.A.) - East. Paul founded the Franconia Ski School at Cannon Mountain, and he and Paula also ran the ski schools at the Mittersill and

Mt. Sunapee ski areas in New Hampshire through the 1970's. From 1950 through 1972, Paul was in charge of ski teaching at The White Mountain School, Bethlehem, NH. Between 1959 and 1969, Paul helped start Cannon Mountain's junior racing program by bringing five former members of the Swiss National Ski Team to Cannon Mountain to coach. In 1970, the Franconia Ski Club took over the program.

The strength of their partnership afforded Paul the time to become a leading proponent for and one of the seven incorporators of P.S.I.A. in Whitefish, Montana in 1961. He was elected founding Vice President and Chair of the Technical Committee, serving for 10 years. In 1963 he was one of the three co-authors of "The Official American Ski Technique," which laid out the first unified ski teaching technique utilized throughout the United States, thus making it much easier for the American public to learn skiing. Previously, each ski school taught the technique preferred by its director, many of whom were from European countries. He represented P.S.I.A. at five international Interski meetings and served on Interski's Board.

In 1977, Paul became the founding President of the New England Ski Museum. For his manifold contributions to the sport of skiing, Paul was honored with lifetime membership in P.S.I.A. in 1974, and elected to the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1985.

Between ski seasons, Paul and Paula tended their 265-acre dairy farm in East Wallingford, VT. For 25 years, they and their four daughters cherished the farm as a welcome respite from their hectic ski industry life.

Paul was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 51 years, Paula Kann Valar, and two brothers. Hans Valar and Christian Valar. He is survived by: four daughters — Stefanie



B. Valar '72 and her husband, Edward Hauck of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Victoria Valar '75 of Elizabeth, Colorado; Pia Valar '82 of Jackson, Wyoming; and Christina Valar Breen '84 and her husband, Yellow Light Breen of Holden, Maine; and three grandchildren, Annina, Cannon and Quinn Paul Valar Breen. Paul is also survived by family in Davos, Switzerland: a sister, Maria (Valar) Oberrauch; a sister-in-law, Klara Valar; a niece, Ursula Valar; and nephews, Paul Valar, his wife, Barbara and their children. Oliver and Laura; and Hans-Jorg Valar, his wife, Jeannette, and their children, Zoe and Gregory.

The family requests no flowers please. If desired, contributions can be made in Paul's memory to the New England Ski Museum, P.O. Box 267, Franconia, NH 03580-0267.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2008 in The White Mountain School's Great Hall, 371 West Farm Road, Bethlehem, NH 03574.

Questions should be directed to Stefanie Valar: stefanie.valar@fandm.edu

Paul S. Valar obituary, Littleton, New Hampshire, Littleton Courier, 2 January 2008, p. A11. Photos by Dorothy I. Crossley



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- Formally presented at 2 Sustainability Conferences
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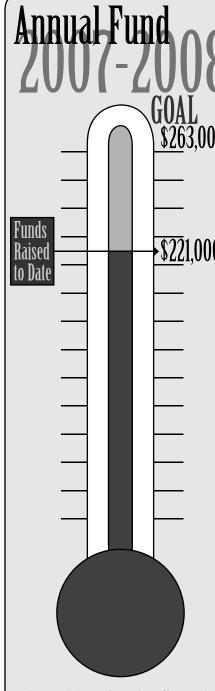
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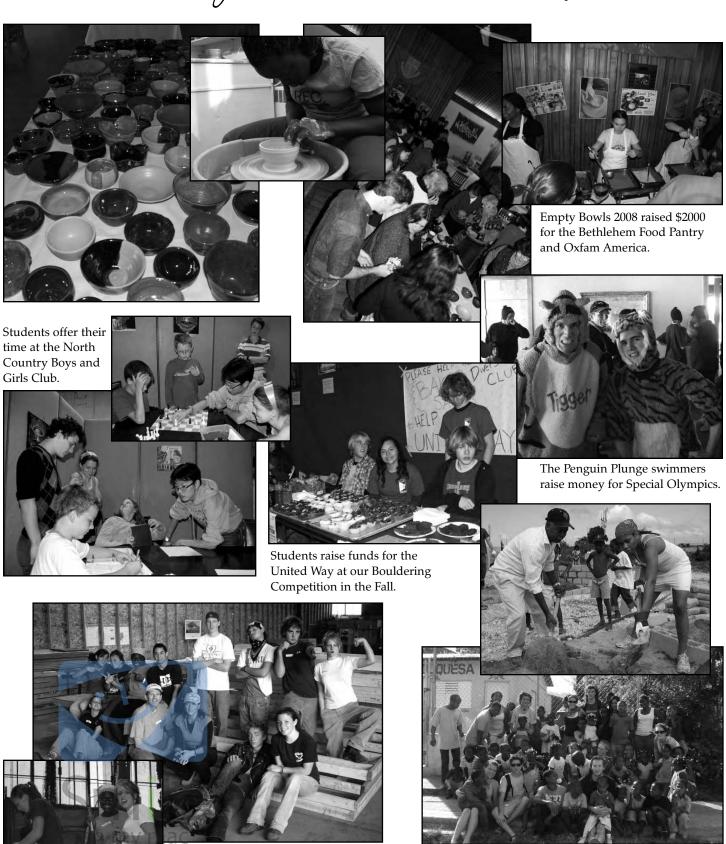
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#### Bon voyage!

March 6th, 2008 by Tom Pace, French Teacher

I've set up *le Blog des cours de français* à The White Mountain School (a French class blog) to follow our adventures as the French students and I head to Nevers for the 2008 French Exchange trip.... *Visit blog.whitemountain.org to read the rest of this entry* »

#### Time for Action - Wessler '09

February 27th, 2008

The White Mountain School's Comparative Economic Development class, a course crosslisted with the Sustainability and History and Human Values departments, was assigned to write letters on the topics of foreign aid or international development to elective representatives and.... Visit blog.whitemountain.org to read the rest of this entry »

#### OLE W08: Jackson, Wyoming

February 21st, 2008 by Jaime Pollitte, Director of Wilderness Skill Program

When it rains it pours, or should I say when it snows it dumps. This relates to our recent OLE to Jackson, Wyoming in a couple different ways. The legendary snowfall of the Tetons didn't disappoint... *Visit blog.whitemountain.org to read the rest of this entry* »

#### More than a Letter Grade

February 14th, 2008 by Julie Yates, Dean of Studies

"Teachers [at WMS] are invested in MY education." This was the immediate response from a four-year senior when asked what she has liked the most about her academic experience at... Visit blog.whitemountain.org to read the rest of this entry »

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February 13th, 2008

Alex Roskin '90 Assistant Professor of Art and Design at Hofstra University will be presenting his work in his Sculptural Furniture... *Visit blog.whitemountain.org to read the rest of this entry* »

## Paul Valar - Ski Legend, Husband, Father, and Friend January 3rd, 2008

Franconia, NH U.S.A. Paul S. Valar, 87, skied across the finish line on December 25, 2007, dying as a result of complications from advanced prostate cancer. For the ski industry, Paul was a pioneer and leader in ski instruction... *Visit blog.whitemountain.org to read the rest of this entry* »

#### LEMONS AND PLAY-DOH: The Writing Process at WMS

October 20th, 2007 by Jen Granducci, Chair - English Department

On the first day of my senior Expository Writing class, nine nervous students shuffle across my threshold. Some of them love writing, but not with a word like "expository" attached to it. Others are convinced they can't write, that they have nothing worthy to put on paper, that I will only hand back their work after my nefarious red pen... Visit blog.whitemountain.org to read the rest of this entry »

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The White Mountain School is an independent boarding and day school dedicated to preparing young people for college studies and life beyond formal academics. Through a robust curriculum and interactive classes, the White Mountain experience allows students, in grades 9–12/PG, to own their education and become responsible and innovative young adults.

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