



American School of Paris

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"KEEPING OUR ALUMNI CONNECTED"

SUMMER 2010



Our new alumni!

The Class of 2010 graduated at the end of the school year with all the pomp and style they so well deserved and were welcomed into the world wide family of ASP Alumni.

And there to celebrate their special day were members from the Class of 1960 who attended the ceremony as our special guests on their 50th anniversary.

The eighty-one 2010 seniors each received their hard-earned diplomas in a special ceremony in a packed Performing Arts Center before enjoying a special cocktail reception. This year's graduating class will be leaving ASP to attend some of the world's finest universities – a tribute to their dedication and hard work throughout their time at ASP. Seniors Hope Jones and Rodney Ingram were

voted by their class to give this year's graduation address. They were followed by this year's commencement speaker, Zarif Badruddin, who along with being an ASP Parent and Trustee, serves as the Director of Finance for the Secretariat de Son Altesse l'Aga Khan.

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Visiting Writer Program

Enjoy these reports from this prestigious, alum-sponsored annual program by both ASP Teacher, Virginia Larner and Student, Sietse Goffard.

By Sietse Goffard (Gr 11)



"Rarely do high school students get to meet an A-list celebrity in the world of English literature. What is even rarer, though, is being able to engage in an intelligent and intimate conversation with the celebrity about the meaning of poetry. "That is exactly what made Pulitzer Prize winner and US Poet Laureate Robert Hass' visit to ASP so special. In March ASP was proud to welcome him for a full and unforgettable day of poetry talks. He began with an address to the Upper School, introducing himself and his works.

Most of us were already familiar with his poetry, as students had been given free copies of *Time and Materials*, one of Hass' most well known publications. "The prominent poet followed up with a 45-minute question-and-answer session with about 25 juniors and seniors. Hass responded to our endless questions, described his writing process, and expounded the sources of his poetic inspiration. Several questions centered on his attachment to nature, a recurring theme in many of his poems. Hass, an environmentalist on the side, replied by stating that he has become increasingly concerned with ecological awareness while living in his native California. Later, we asked for his insight on what it meant to be a poet. "Some say poets are just



writers who can stand the first draft of their work!" Hass told us, chuckling warmly. "Don't be afraid to write freely. Let yourselves revise your work as many times as it takes for it to be just right." This message stirred confidence in us all, especially for those who held reading and writing poetry to be dear passions. "At the end of the session, most of us were fortunate enough to have our own poetry book signed – a definite keepsake to remember this unique and exciting day!"

By Virginia Larner, Chair of the Upper School English Department

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making our 2010 Visiting Writer Program such a meaningful and joy-filled event in March.

Of course, without the generous sponsor of this annual and prestigious gala, alumnus Steven Barclay '77, we would not have had the opportunity to welcome the list of inspiring writers for the last eight years. This spring our guest poet Robert Hass delighted student and parent and teacher audiences alike with his reading from *Time and Materials* and other anthologies and his equally appreciated thoughts on environmental and human issues. The Residence of the American Ambassador Charles Rivkin was the lovely setting of his evening address and book signing. ASP biology and Green Team students,



led by Anne Bayley and Matt Duaine '73, had gaily decked posters about the environment on hand in the ASP foyer to greet poet Hass. After the readings, they sent him an anthology of their original poems entitled *Ode to a Worm*. Likewise, INK, the school's literary magazine, interviewed Hass following the animated Q and A morning session, and

its editors will feature their dialogue in its spring issue.

Much gratitude to Head of School Daryle Russell for his obvious enthusiasm and expressed pride in greeting the poet, to Upper School Director Aaron Hubbard for his continuing support of the program, and especially Development Assistant Amanda Nagele for her untiring efforts and superb organizational skills in making everything run so smoothly.

Finally, without the actual classroom teaching prior to this event each year, there would be little student insight into the joys of discovering a new author and his/her world of ideas. A debt of gratitude goes to the unfailing prowess and wisdom of English teachers Maryama Antoine, Brian Brazeau, John Kim, Duncan Mc Eachern, and Jeanne Salvato.

New Year, New Faces



Mark Ulfers

After a two-year transition ASP warmly welcomes its new permanent Head of School, Mark Ulfers.

Mark joined ASP this summer from Frankfurt International School. He has been leading international schools in both Asia and Europe for over twenty-three years. During this time he has compiled a track record as an outstanding educator, builder and leader. Born and raised in the Midwest, Mark Ulfers graduated from Iowa State University with degrees in both the life sciences and language and literacy. After five years of teaching he completed an MS in Educational Administration and became an elementary school principal at the age of 27. In 1987, Mark was hired into the Republic of Singapore to serve as the early childhood through middle school principal at the Singapore American School. Three years later he was offered and accepted the opportunity to develop and lead the first American school on the island of Cyprus. His next move was Taipei American School, first as principal and then for nine years as headmaster. After twelve years in Taiwan, Mark became the head of school at Frankfurt International School in Germany, where he served for five years.

He said: "Places, posts and titles hold little interest in comparison to achieving positive student learning results within a carefully considered and disciplined school climate that invites continuous improvement by all within the school." And starting the 10-11 school year with Mark Ulfers are some other new faces.

Kathryn Miner

Middle School Director, Dr Kathryn Miner takes over from Jim Ferguson after 13 years. Jim is choosing to go back to his first passion – teaching – and joins the Upper School Social Studies team.

Kathy, who joins ASP from being the Middle School Principal in Sisters, Oregon, is a highly committed and motivated educator with over 15 years working experience within a range of educational environments.

Her Oregon school has an earned reputation for academic excellence and is widely known for being a positive, nurturing and productive learning environment. Her attitude towards leadership is based around a trustworthy,



facilitative approach that draws in parents, teachers and administrators as partners to support and inspire student learning. Kathy did her undergraduate

work at the University of California-Berkeley and graduate work at the University of Oregon. She is married to Dr Sean Miner and together they have two children, ages 11 and 13.

Larry Love

Also new to ASP this year is Director of Technology, Larry Love, who fills a role that has been empty for two years since his predecessor, Chad Fairey, joined Washington International School. Larry was born and raised in New Zealand. He has extensive experience in both information technology and music. Ten of his professional years were spent



at the Taipei American School. For the last four years, Larry has been the Upper School ICT Coordinator at the Frankfurt International School. He said: "Technology, when

introduced and implemented wisely, can be an effective tool to help bring about reform in education. It can be a key factor in transforming curriculum to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's students, and a powerful catalyst for pedagogical change."

Since the mid 1980's, Larry has been actively involved in finding or creating innovative ways that technology can enhance or transform learning for students. His educational credentials are from Massey University in New Zealand. Larry is married to Kirsten Love, herself an experienced mathematics and music teacher. They have one child Jonathan, six years old.

Michael McNeill

And a first for ASP, a new Director of Advancement, Michael McNeill joins the senior administration team in a newly created role focusing on fundraising for ASP.

He joins ASP from Kent Denver School in Englewood, Colorado where he led several multi-million dollar capital campaigns. During his Kent Denver tenure, he increased the annual fund each year as well as improved participation of alumni, current families, faculty and staff. He redesigned and aligned all of the schools



publications and communication tools. In addition to his development responsibilities at Kent Denver, Michael taught a French or Latin class each year and will continue

the tradition here at ASP with an Upper School French class. He has already been on a French field trip with Middle School amongst other things!

Michael holds a Doctor of Philosophy in French Literature and Master of Arts degree in French Literature both from Princeton University and a Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Colgate University. Michael was Fulbright Teaching Scholar at the Lycee Montesquieu in Bordeaux in 1988/99.

CONQUERING



Isabelle Hubbard graduated from ASP with the Class of 2008 and is currently studying Psychology at the University of Bath in England. Here she shares with us her story of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro during a summer service learning project to support the charity ChildReach International.

« **A**s an ASP student I was involved in community service groups such as Romania Club and the National Honor Society, and as a university student, I continued to have the urge to do something of real worth to help others. This past fall I decided to sign up for a sponsored climb of Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania in support of the organization ChildReach International. This charity aims to improve the living and learning environments of under-privileged



MOUNT KILIMANJARO

"In so much pain, I was a zombie, I was drunk, I was dying, my legs were gone, I was dying, I couldn't breathe, that was it ... it was over ... but my feet kept on and I don't remember much else."



children around the world. It is a young and still rather small organization, but by combining adventurous activities with charity work, it gets university students enthusiastically involved.

To take part in the climb a minimum donation of £2,300 is required – an enormous sum for students living on a modest student loan. Although I spent many of my weekends doing street bucket-collections, bag-packing in supermarkets and baking ridiculous quantities of cookies to sell at university bake sales, I also had the very generous

support of the ASP community behind me. Many of my fellow volunteers were not so fortunate and were not able to raise enough money, but those who did, boarded a plane Nairobi-bound at 9pm on June 15, 2010.

After a 10-hour, dramatically bumpy bus ride across Kenya and Tanzania, the first full day was spent visiting the remote Nkosangana Primary School, set up and supported by ChildReach International. This particular school offers education to children who live far from any big town, most of whom have to walk long distances through banana-tree

groves to attend. From an outsider's point of view, they look stimulated, well-supported, and happy to be there! At the end of the day, I remember that one fellow student said: "It's all been worth it just for today". He spoke for us all - those endless hours in the cold wintry streets of Bath asking Christmas shoppers to spare some change, those moments of embarrassment at the checkout asking someone purchasing two items whether they needed help packing their bag, and even those 4 am wake-up calls to start baking in time for our 9am sale ... all seemed worthwhile.

The story direct from my diary...

"Some of us walked over to the smaller children standing to the side of the dancing others. We crouched to their height and instantly it was hugging, tickling and hair touching, and I loved having those little ones holding onto me and laughing and giggling at the pictures of themselves."
"Oh the joy of bubbles with those insatiable little children ... hours of fun and smiling and only a few shoves and snatches here and there. It seemed that it could have gone on forever and that the initial excitement would never fade ..."

Now that I've lived the rest, I am glad that the experience didn't end there. Kilimanjaro is the highest free-standing mountain in the world with its peak at 5,895m. As a novice climber, not naturally athletic, the accounts of trekkers who had gone before seemed daunting. I knew for sure that it wouldn't be lack of determination that would stop me. Altitude sickness would be the enemy - highly dangerous, no way of predicting who would suffer at its hands, and nothing to be done but descend if it did hit!

The first two days were relatively easy - eight-hours climbing, nothing excessive. On Day 3, I was struck by altitude sickness. Vomiting and weak, with a stabbing headache, I just about managed to struggle onward hour after hour. Luckily that night we descended to sleep

low and acclimatize, and by Day 4 my strength had returned. We climbed a cliff face, at times scrambling on hands and knees, but our trusty guides were there to protect and lead us. So grateful to be feeling well again, I was almost fearless. That night we were allowed two hours shivering sleep at -20°C before an 11pm wake-up call and a midnight departure for the final ascent. The rest I'll convey from my diary:

"I walked on in a daze and every couple of steps others collapsed to the side, but out of fear that I would never start again and pressured not to by the guides, I didn't stop. I had to concentrate on breathing. Breathe in through the nose, out through the mouth ... that's what Abel had said and that is what I did ... loudly, very loudly so that I knew that I was still there, still alive."

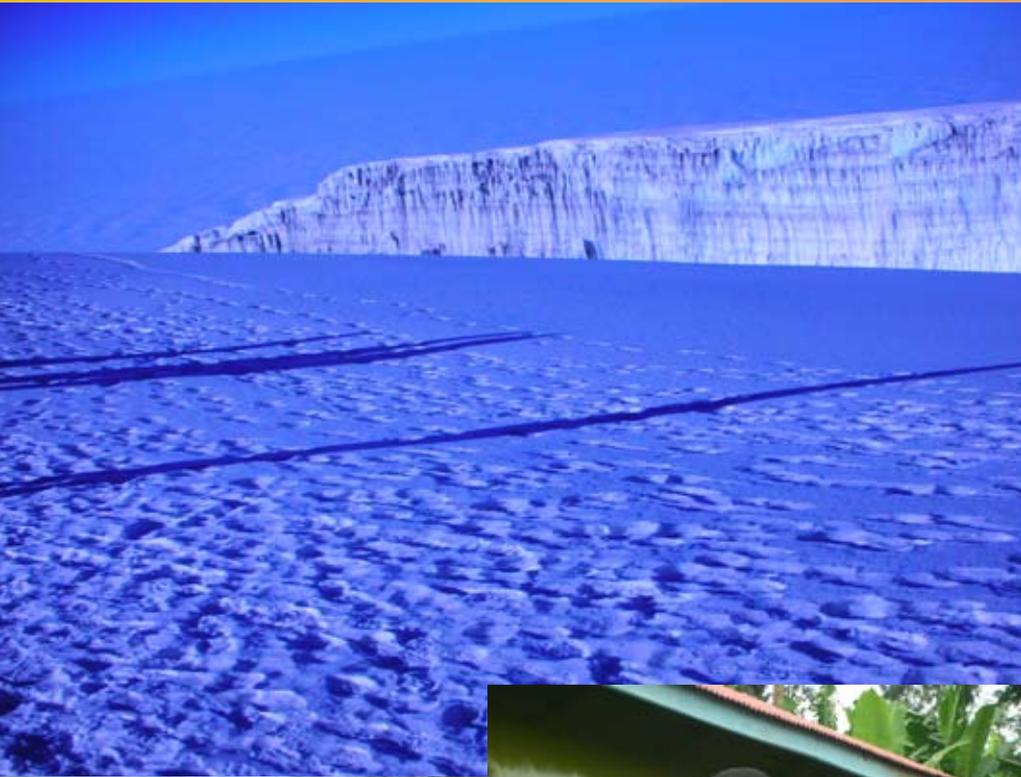
"There was general silence apart from a few whispers, but gradually even those died down and were replaced by intermittent sighs and sobs and heavy breathing and moans and retching."
"It felt like hours would go by before we were allowed a break, and when we finally were, I collapsed to the floor, not even looking down to see where I would fall. As soon as I was down the signal was given and off we dragged ourselves again."
"When the climb became too steep, the pace would slow to a halt ... and that's when I fell asleep ... I couldn't help it ... My head jolted down onto my sock-covered walking sticks and I was gone, only to awake seconds later to see a cliff to my right ... I have to stay awake I thought ... I'm in danger ..."

"And then there were the hallucinations ..."
"In so much pain, I was a zombie, I was drunk, I was dying, my legs were gone, I was dying, I couldn't breathe, that was it ... it was over ... but my feet kept on and I don't remember much else."

And then I made it! I stood on the highest point of Africa - in a shattered, painful daze I must admit - but nonetheless I had achieved what I set out to do. I wanted it for myself but I owed it to those children.

Again my thanks go out to the ASP community for all the emotional and financial support that allowed me this experience!





ASP Excellence



This year ASP launched a new annual giving campaign called The Excellence Fund. An ASP education draws upon resources that go above what is covered by tuition. Annual tuition covers the basic costs, while annual giving enables our school to further assure academic excellence, to expand and deepen the student experience, and to invest in faculty development. Trustees, parents and staff who participated in getting this effort off the ground are proud to have started the foundation for school philanthropy at ASP. As The Excellence Fund grows, so will opportunities for the school to grow. Donations made to The Excellence Fund help position our school to realize goals such as furthering the role of technology in the classroom, bringing learning alive for students through an increased investment in inspirational speakers, offering extraordinary hands-on experiential learning opportunities, and developing the foundation of our school - our teachers - with an extensive program of ongoing seminars, workshops, and conferences. What's more, time and again parents and visitors to the school rave about the space their children have here and are proud of the campus that sets us apart from our competitors in Paris. Upgrading the campus on a regular basis also requires considerable resources.

Without the help of generous donors to

the school, ASP would not have been able to offer programs such as the following that help us to define excellence at our school:

- Smartboard Technology (purchase of four Smartboards, installation, and in-house training)
- Theory of Knowledge Workshops for Faculty and Students
- A Guest Poet & Speaker Eline Lipkin for Upper School Students, Faculty, and Parents
- A Visiting Illustrator/Celebrating Universal Children's Day for Lower School Students
- INK Magazine: Creative Writing Workshops for Upper School Students, Faculty, and Parents
- Writing across the Curriculum Seminars for Faculty
- Freedom from Chemical Dependency Seminars for Upper School Students, Faculty, and Parents
- Symposium for the Arts for Lower, Middle, and Upper School Students
- Celebrating ASP's Diversity: Our Cultural Mosaic

Projects such as these are only the tip of the iceberg for the student experience. Continued growth in annual giving will help us keep class sizes small, make constant improvements on facilities, and assure recruitment and retainment of the best faculty.

During the 2009-2010 school year, ASP raised 136,743€.

“ WHY I GIVE ?

Over the years, my children have received so much from ASP. The Excellence Fund just seemed a natural way to begin to thank the school and the faculty for our family's incredible experience. In addition to the rich and diverse academic program, my children have greatly benefited from all the 'extras' provided at ASP, including Outward Bound and other field trips exploring France, string ensemble and honor choir, swimming and soccer, Model United Nations and on and on. Our wish is that future students of ASP have the same opportunities to enjoy these and other wonderful programs.”

Ilse and John Willems

Parents of children in grades 6, 9, & 11

Ilse is also a member of the Board of Trustees



“ WHY I GIVE ?

As an ASP teacher for the past 23 years and an ASP parent of two children since 2001, I have come to know the school in a way few others have. The superb academic program and the varied and excellent extra-curricular offerings in sports, theater, art and service combine to make ASP an international school without peer. By making a long-term contribution to The Excellence Fund, Florence and I are reinforcing our commitment to the future and continued excellence of this wonderful school. It is my hope that coming generations of students will be as fortunate as my son and daughter have been; a contribution to The Excellence Fund will help in sustaining and assuring the long-term viability of ASP and bring this hope to fruition. My son, Bill, and daughter Berangere, join us in saying, 'Thank you ASP, you have served us magnificently.'

Hal & Florence Judis

Parents of children in grades 7 & 9

Hal is also an ASP Upper School Social Studies Teacher



Campaign Statistics

09-10

The goal of The Excellence Fund is to have 100% participation for all constituencies. Because The Excellence Fund is new, we are delighted that so many of you have chosen to support this year and we hope to truly boost this community-wide effort.

Total Raised = 136,743€

Total Gifts = 187 gifts

Participation

ASP Families = 25%

Faculty & Staff = 18%

Board Members = 100%

Alumni = 3%



Alumni Giving Statistics

Total Raised = \$25,145

Total Gifts = 76 gifts



Decade Totals 09-10

1940s = \$200

1950s = \$650

1960s = \$4,975

1970s = \$4,175

1980s = \$1,420

1990s = \$350

2000s = \$0

Past Parents & Past Board = \$13,150

Past Faculty = \$225



Our Loyal Alumni

We would like to extend a special thank you to those alumni who have supported Annual Giving unwaveringly for at least the past five years!

Sara Acton '63

Mark Anderson '73

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Barnet '61

Anne (Hupper) Blacksten '60

Eileen & Gim Burton, former parents

Dana Cogan '65

John Dartigue '57

Sandra K. Dawson, former faculty

Loraine & Bob Dillon, former parents

Nancy Dyer '63

Carole Fisher '58

Chris Frederick '95

William & Emily Gaylord, former parents

Dominique Gooby Toedt, M.D. '85

Jeffrey Hamilton '70

Kristen Hurley-Fritz '98

Kathryn & Bruce Johnson and Family, former board/parents, alumni '00, '02, '06, '08

Jim and Ann Kordahl, former parents

Ken Lally '62

Gail Ordway Martz & William Martz, former parents

Leslie Menzies '78

Tom & Janet Metz

Jeffrey J. Milton '64

Harold Norton '53

Steven Pendery '71

Deborah Prosser '68

Rob Rynski '74

Nora Schaumburger, former faculty

Marie Schwartz (Stoess) '76

Cecille Carameros Shannon '64

Karen Wollman-Siegel '75

David & Deborah Smidt, former parents

James & Barbara Spencer, former board/parents

Pierre Thouin '48

Helga Stoess Warren '74

Jean Pierre Williams '51

Stephanie Young Rosen '86

Anonymous



Hearts for Haiti



In the wake of the Haiti earthquake tragedy in January, ASP students mobilized an impressive series of school wide fundraising campaigns to help the people of Haiti rebuild their lives.

Supported by teachers and parents, the students were at the forefront of these campaigns.

In Upper School a pot for donations raised more than 500 Euros in one week and students continued by selling ribbons and organizing a talent show, raising an additional 300 Euros.

In Middle School posters were designed following a special assembly with ASP's Haitian parents to raise awareness and movie events and a raffle raised hundreds more Euros.

But it was in Lower School where the students made an

outstanding effort and raised more than €4,000 during the year. Special events included a special Hearts for Haiti Spirit Week and a Grade 4 trumpet and clarinet concert to kick off their campaign and through monthly fundraisers they achieved their goal.

Head of School Daryle Russell said: "I am extremely proud of ASP's students and not only their passion to help others but their commitment to see their ideas through."

Lower School parent and Hearts for Haiti coordinator Kristin Walton said, "We couldn't have done it without the help of the fifth grade student council who have been amazing, guided by Barbara Trudeau.

"I am so proud of all the students and the ASP community for joining together with such success and enthusiasm."

What the children say...

"What I've enjoyed the most during my experience with the Student Council was to organize the fundraisers. I helped selling things and made sure that everything went the way it should go."

Kayo (Gr 5)



"I really loved student council from the start and thought that it is fun to organize events as well as to participate. I also believe it is good to help poor people. It makes me realize my luck. I feel like I am saving people and learning things at the same time."

Timour (Gr 5)

"I have enjoyed being in the Student Council by preparing sales, concerts or bake sales.

It was also good knowing that all our time wasn't just wasted but given to people from Haiti certainly helping injured children."

François (Gr 5)

"It is great that we, who are so lucky to be in good health, to have shelter, and to have plenty of food, to give back to lesser fortunate people, in Haiti, who are, right now, facing their hardest times."

Freddy (Gr 5)

"We tried our best to help Haiti. It was fun for us, too! I felt so happy to be helpful. I hope that the people in Haiti are safe now."

Rikako (Gr 5)

Class of 1960 celebrates

This year's 64th graduation ceremony was a special occasion for not only the Class of 2010 but also the Class of 1960 who returned to Paris in celebration of their 50th Year Reunion.

ASP was honored to have 14 alumni from the 27 member graduating class take part in this year's graduation ceremony. Alumni received honorary diplomas in celebration of their 50th Reunion and Jon Trobe '60 spoke on behalf of the class, giving a very well-received speech on what it was like to be an ASP student fifty years ago. It was a special moment for all, captured by alum Robert Gist

'60 who said: "The ASP graduation event was the highlight of our reunion. Clearly, the graduation in 2010 was far larger and grander than we had in 1960, and I am sure the graduates of today know far more when they leave high school than I did. Nevertheless, the education I received in my four years at ASP (or American Community School of Paris as it then was) has been invaluable and has allowed me to go on to educational and business attainments that I could not have otherwise achieved. It is clear to me that the school and its teachers are making such progress possible for the graduates of today."

ASP WAY BACK THEN...

Jon Trobe graduated from ASP in 1960, attended Harvard College and then Harvard Medical School. He became an ophthalmologist, neurologist and father of four children. He lives in Michigan with his wife where he is a professor at the University of Michigan.

“What a pleasure to accept this honor on behalf of my classmates from the 50th reunion class of the American School of Paris!

50 years! That is a long time. The truth is that we are in our late 60s—almost old enough to be your grandparents. Please say we don't look THAT old! (OK, we do.) But we feel younger than we look - maybe because we graduated from this wonderful school! There is something seriously special about it. Here we are from all over the world to celebrate our time here. After we graduated in 1960, we scattered all over the world, but we've kept in touch. Ten years ago, we met in



Washington DC. Five years ago, we gathered in Paris. And now we're here.

Let me give you a little sketch of what it was like at ASP way back then...

There were only 27 of us in the senior class. The school was called ACS then—the American Community School—and the upper division was on Boulevard d'Auteuil, at the southern edge of the Bois de Boulogne,

near Stade Roland Garros. I think the building had been a villa. As a school, it was pretty crowded. We liked that. It was cozy. But there was no "campus" - no outdoor playground, so we held our gym classes in a clearing in the Bois—when it

wasn't raining!

Most of us had come from the United States. Our families were here working for the U.S. government, or businesses, or social service organizations, or newspapers, or on university sabbaticals. Some of our classmates were not American, and they were even more compelling because they had the courage to face an unfamiliar curriculum. We considered ourselves pretty special, going to school in the most exotic city in the world with nifty classmates from all over the world being taught by an even niftier faculty.

There was Douglas McKee, our English teacher—tall, well-dressed, imperious, literate, and remote. We respected him but I'd say we were also a little frightened of him. He was a terrific faculty advisor for the yearbook - Le Phare - which Sherri Gottlieb put together on her dining room table. Every other morning, Mr. McKee would post three questions on



with Class of 2010



the blackboard about passages he had assigned from Hamlet or Ethan Frome or Red Badge of Courage. He called them his "Little Quizzes." I never faced anything as formidable in college!

There was Al Donnelly, our very severe social studies teacher. We admired his knowledge of American history. None of us would forget his skeletal face and his monotonous voice. He played everything by the book—the textbook, that is. It was only years later that we realized how over-the-top patriotic and biased it was.

We had Kelly Gardner for math - an incredibly vigorous and unorthodox guy. He insisted that mathematics was logic, not computation. He forced us to write essays on philosophy. We just wanted to do the math.

A Scotsman, Charles Durning, was our geometry teacher. A loveable man, he had such a strong Scottish accent we could barely understand him when he said the word "theorem." We also remember Cecily Robertson, our Latin teacher from Sydney, Australia, who, in her incredibly high-

a jock strap onto her desk, which elicited the celebrated refrain: "Est-ce que c'est gentil? Vous êtes tous mal élevés!" Poor Mme. Dubus. We were just too raucous for her. Mlle Calvet made us translate incredibly hard English texts into French. She never left her desk, and she never smiled. No one ever got a perfect score. And what about us students? We knew our way on the Metro, and we explored some far out places in the city, but I confess that our favorite haunts were awfully American

pitched voice, insisted that we pronounce "v's" like "w's" in Caesar's Gallic Wars, "Omnia Gallia in tres partes diWisa est..." And then there were our three French teachers - Mme. Dubus, Mme. Nordmann, and Mlle. Calvet—a stern lot. Mme Dubus was particularly proper. Someone once threw

- like the Embassy cafeteria, the bowling alley on the Rue Marbeuf, the American Library and Le Drug Store at the top of the Champs Elysees, and the American Student Center on the Boulevard Raspail. Karen Will's mother once famously said that she'd do our homework if we would go to the Louvre! Some of us had to rush to the Eiffel Tower before leaving just so we could say we'd been there.

Compared to you all, I'd say we were pretty tame. We dressed conservatively. The girls wore frilly skirts and yes, bobby socks. We boys wore chinos with hinder binders. After school we would meet at Anne Blacksten's apartment on the Boulevard Murat because it was close to school and because her mother did not mind if we messed up her living room. We would sit around, playing 45s (those are records) of Johnny Mathis and Elvis, and consuming Coke - that's Coca Cola.

We threw a lot of parties with lame names like the "New Franc Flip" (that was in honor of the franc lourd). The prom was a big deal. The juniors planned it for the seniors. We held it in some pretty fancy places,

like the Pavillon d'Armenonville, the UNESCO headquarters, and the Bateaux Mouches. That's Paris!

That's as much as I am going to tell you about us back then. From the graduating class of 1960 to the graduating class of 2010, a hearty greeting and a wish for much happiness and success. We hope you'll have as much fun as we have had, and that in 2060, you'll be here to give the graduating class a joyous send-off!



Shanghai Children's

Hilary Jaeckel Kaiser '64 shares her experience volunteering in a Shanghai orphanage.

Hilary Jaekel Kaiser '64 has been a parisienne for a very long time. Her family moved to Paris from San Francisco in January 1962 when her father took a job with the U.S. Travel Service. Hilary attended ASP when it was located at the Chateau du Barry at Louveciennes and graduated in 1964. While attending ASP, Hilary studied under a number of teachers who would have an important impact on her life. "Doug McKee, who was my English teacher, very much encouraged me to write—a passion that has stayed with me all my life. And Mademoiselle Calvet, my French teacher at the time, instilled in me a love of French and French culture," Hilary explains.

After ASP, Hilary embarked on an academic and professional voyage which would take her back and forth between France and the United States. On one of those journeys heading back to San Francisco via New York on the S.S. Aurelia, she met a young French Fulbright scholar on his way to Caltech whom she would marry a year later at the American Cathedral in Paris. During that time Hilary continued her studies at the University of Paris where she earned her doctorate degree. Hilary held several positions within the French Ministry of Education; along with being an educator, she is also an oral historian and has published two books: *French War Brides in America* and *Veteran Recall*.

"I retired from teaching three years ago and celebrated my retirement and my 60th birthday by going around the world on my own for six months, staying in youth hostels and with local families along the way," Hilary explains.

During her travels, Hilary lived in Guatemala for two months to improve her Spanish and volunteer in a center for Mayan children. She also traveled to Cambodia with a French group to visit French NGO's in that country. Then a year ago, a French non-profit organization that



Hilary, first on left, as an ASP student

sends retired teachers abroad on short-term missions sent Hilary to Shanghai. Hilary shares with us her story of living and working in Shanghai where she not only taught but also volunteered once a week at a Chinese orphanage.

"Spending six months last year working in Shanghai was a fascinating experience. This vibrant city, which has a population of about 21 million, is in a state of continual movement and activity. It does not leave you indifferent.

But living there was sometimes difficult, too. I was shocked, at least at first, by

all the spitting and suffered from the lack of green surroundings and the crowds. The daily commute by school bus in horrible traffic was long and tiring. Because I didn't speak the language, I often had to use sign language when I shopped and have the school secretary talk on my cell phone to taxi drivers

to explain where I wanted to go.

Despite all this, I really enjoyed my stay. It was exhilarating living in a foreign culture, and I found the Chinese much more diverse, individualistic, helpful, welcoming, and fun-loving than we in the West are often led to believe. I also had a chance to travel throughout southern China and to Tibet, as well as to Thailand and Bali. I enjoyed teaching at the French lyc ee, but what I found particularly rewarding was volunteering at a Chinese orphanage, the Shanghai Children's Home.

Most of the 700 children there are little



Hilary's classroom

Home



girls who were abandoned by their parents because of their physical or mental disabilities. Like other 'western' volunteers who were allowed to interact with them, I went there each week to play with a group of three-year-olds. I would take several of them to a playroom down the hall from their 'homeroom', help feed them at lunchtime, and take them for walks or rides in a stroller on the grounds of the orphanage when the weather was good. Each week, the children greeted me with open arms, begging to be taken to the playroom or to have a bit of individualized attention. There are very set ways of doing things in Chinese orphanages; the caretakers, who did not seem unkind, rarely interacted with the children the way



Hilary with orphan

threat, the orphanage was being closed to volunteers for an undetermined time. I can't help but wonder what will happen to these children.

Adoption and fostering procedures in China are very slow, and the process is not very transparent. All applications must be processed by authorities in Beijing, and new policies have led to a sharp drop in international adoptions. With so many orphans, why don't the authorities in Beijing process applications more rapidly? And if these children are not adopted or sent into foster families, will they be spending the rest of their lives in institutions? What are their opportunities for education and training? Will their physical and mental disabilities continue to be treated? Will Chinese families overcome their traditional aversion to adoption and begin to adopt children in sufficient numbers?

These questions make me very sad, but the sweet memory of those adorable children at the Shanghai Children's Home will remain with me forever." Hilary is currently living in Berkeley, CA where she is a visiting scholar in the French Department of the University and doing research on another book. Hilary plans to return to Paris this summer, after first traveling down to Peru and Chile.

we do in the West. Nor did they take the children outside to play on the playground. I really had the impression of doing something useful. I could tell how much the children enjoyed playing with me and getting a chance to leave the confines of their homeroom. Leaving those 'little sweeties' in June was heartbreaking, even more so when I discovered that, because of the swine flu



... In Shanghai

Reunion News

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ASP alumni, families, and friends have joined together for a number of events across the USA and in France.

ASP Alumni Wine Tasting California Takes on France!

It was a win/win proposition for those of us lucky enough to attend ASP's 'California Takes on France' Wine Tasting in Beverly Hills in March. The consensus of those of us who have lived in both the City of Lights and the City of Angels is that the wine from both places is pretty amazing, and we've lived charmed lives having resided in both places! Alumni from the 50s, 70s, 80s and 90s mingled, ate delicious appetizers, and shared stories, while admiring the artwork at the Sundaram Tagore Gallery. Of particular interest were the memories of Robert Macy '52, who attended ASP from 1949 - 1950 when the school was located on the Boulevard Raspail, and there were 16 students in his entire sophomore class! Bob's father, an economist, had been sent to Paris with Averill Harriman to implement the Marshall Plan, which was headquartered in the five-star Bristol Hotel. However, Bob's father's first office was in the hotel men's room because it was one of the few heated rooms in the building. Bob also remembers that his landlady had to keep her head shaved because she had been a Nazi collaborator, and had even stashed into the window box of their front window the swastika flag she used to fly during the war. To show how different Bob's Paris was from that of the rest of us - he remembers you could take a taxi from the Tour Eiffel to Montparnasse for the princely sum of two cigarettes. It was an unforgettable evening. Special thanks to wine connoisseur Jory Rosen for organizing the event and to Amanda Nagele for all her help from Paris."

Stephanie Young Rosen '86



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4th Annual International Schools Reunion, New York City

ASP was delighted to take part in the 4th Annual International Schools Reunion in NYC in May. Alumni, former parents, former faculty and staff from eight international schools came together for this unique event. Joining ASP this year is Copenhagen International School, International School of Brussels, American School in Madrid, International School of Geneva, Zurich International School, International School of Zug and Luzern, and Benjamin Franklin International School (Barcelona). ASP looks forward to taking part in the 5th Annual International Schools Reunion next year!



All-Years Reunion, Washington DC

ASP alumni, families, and friends were invited to a reunion cocktail at the home of ASP alumna, Caroline Maffry '95. We were delighted to have Chris Chater, ASP teacher for more than 40 years, at the event.

"The DC Reunion on June 25 at the home of Caroline Maffry '95 was attended by alumni from four decades with Ellen Reeves and me representing present and past faculty. Caroline had prepared a delicious assortment of snacks and drinks for the attendees and they had plenty of space to circulate and share memories. The deans of students were particularly remembered with affection and humor as the anecdotes ranged from weekend parties to Monday morning appearances at school. As with many other ASP reunions it was very moving to get back in touch with people who had been past students, whether recent graduates or from my first classes in the sixties. Everyone seemed to share the same feeling about ASP being a place about people first and studies second, though from the places they have ended up the quality of their education there was beyond any doubt. Washington has always been one of my favorite places for reunions as there is such a broad cross section of ASP grads both in years and experiences - there is still a need for alumni representatives to start up a DC chapter. Regular get-togethers should include events during the school year as there are many attending college there or otherwise absent during the summer months. Let's build on Caroline's hospitality and develop some ongoing action in the DC area!"

Chris Chater, Lower School Teacher

Class of 2010, 10 Year Reunion, Paris

Members of the Class of 2000 came back to Paris to celebrate their 10 Year Reunion. ASP was delighted to welcome members of the class back to campus on June 15. It was a great opportunity to see the campus and reminisce with former teachers!



Class Notes

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1960s

General James Jones, class of 1962
U.S. National Security Adviser, General James Jones, received the 2010 Grand Prix de la Francophonie award. This yearly award goes to an American public figure for his or her work promoting and developing the values of the Francophone world.



Sandie McCaughan (Hubbard), class of 1963
I graduated from ASP in 1963 after attending for three and a half years. I had many friends from the classes of 1961-1963. I've lost touch with everyone but Vicki and Joy Graham. Hope to hear from some of you.



1970s

James Holtvedt, class of 1970
I have very fond memories of my time at ASP along with the wonderful people and friends I made while in France!

Todd Favorite, class of 1970

Has it been that long? I am living in Ann Arbor, MI as a psychologist on the faculty of the University of Michigan and Director of the University of Michigan Psychological Clinic. My oldest daughter (29) lives in northern Michigan near her mom, and my youngest (20) is in Ann Arbor. My sister Tammis is still on Martha's Vineyard and we get together during the summers in Maine. It would be great to hear from others from the class of 1970.

Michèle Lamarche, class of 1974

I'm practicing Chinese Medicine, acupuncture, herbs, and nutrition, resulting in functional medicine: medicine that restores function rather than replaces our bodies' natural activities. I live in Los Angeles, travel to the bay area regularly to see family. I spent a few weeks in Paris, Corsica and Normandy, also with family this year. Ahhh the French do know how to live!



In Memory

Dorothy Woodford, Former Lower School Teacher

"It is with sadness I am sharing this news of the passing of Dorothy Woodford, Lower School teacher extraordinaire. She was a tender and generous person with her students and also with new teachers such as myself, in the late sixties when every class was an adventure and not always an easy one. The obituary from this link expresses fully how someone can teach Fourth Grade at ASP and still have an incredible life beyond our walls. My strongest personal memory of Dorothy was her jitterbugging with her students in my music class – celebrating their learning with them and on their terms. Please visit this link and celebrate her with me."

Chris Chater, Lower School Teacher

Follow the link here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?n=dorothy-keith-woodford&pid=140239884>



Justin Clifford, class of 1971

"Some of you from ASP may remember Justin Clifford – he was member of the class of 1971 but left before graduation. I'm saddened to report he passed away this March. Justin lived in New York City, where I live, and we have stayed close since ASP. Here is a classic photo I dug up of Justin, myself, Nancy McBride '71 chatting it up over a smoke at ASP in 1970 ... and also notice Billy Bromstedt '71 (to the left) and Nadia Beiser '71 (to the right). We will all miss him very much."

E. Lloyd Davis Jr., class of 1971



1980s

Jennifer Williams, class of 1989

I attended ASP from 1980-1982 and was also in Mrs. Robinson's 4th grade class. I'd love to hear from anyone who was there then. My closest friend at the time was Caroline Lloyd. Now I perform genetic testing in Birmingham, Alabama.

1990s

Paul Stead, class of 1995

Life has changed dramatically for me over the past few years. I got married in Shoreham by Sea, UK in October 2008 to my wife Alexis who I met at University in 2000, and in April of this year became the proud father of a gorgeous baby boy. We named him William David Stead he weighed in at 6lbs 13oz. He is already a little character, and I can't wait until he can hold a tennis racket - watch this space for the next British Wimbledon winner! No pressure William, but Dad and Granddad would be so proud!

Chris Frederick, class of 1995

I was back in Paris in June and linked up with Waele Al Saqqaf '93 to watch the World Cup and tell ASP Rugby stories. We had a great time getting caught up.

Alumni Visits

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ASP was delighted to welcome back these alumni to campus during their recent visits to Paris.

Brendan Dolan '84

Brendan visited ASP this April with his wife. He attended grades 10-12 and was highly involved in the school's theater group as a student.



Billy "Rubber Legs" Bromstedt '71

Billy also visited ASP this April. During his visit, he had the chance to reminisce with one of his former teachers, Chris Chater, and also met with fellow classmate and now ASP teacher, Matt DuAime '73. While attending ASP, Billy was part of the student band - The Daisies. He remembers playing with the group at school dances as well as being part of the Paris music scene where he had unique opportunities to meet renowned musicians such as Jimi Hendrix.

Lita Rosing-Schow '69

Lita visited campus in June. She attended grades 10-12 and graduated in 1969. Lita is Norwegian and currently lives in Norway working for Gilleleje Museum with textiles. She will always remember her ASP art teacher, Brandt Kingsley, who helped spark her interest in art.



Nicholas Bay '01 & Stephen Bay '03

ASP was happy to welcome back the Bay family to campus during a summer visit to Paris. Nicholas and Stephen attended lower school during the early 1990s. The family now lives outside Seattle, WA. Nicholas is currently working in environmental studies and Stephen works in digital media.



Ash cloud silver lining!

The volcanic eruption and ash cloud in Iceland in April caused travel chaos worldwide and disrupted hundreds of ASP families' plans for their April break.

It also meant that the ASP China Expedition and Upper School service trips to Romania and Portugal which were scheduled for the April Break had to be postponed until the Fall.

But in true ASP spirit the challenge became an opportunity - a silver lining - for one group led by inspirational ASP parent, Missy Sternlicht.

Missy was due to fly to New York to march with her family and thousands of people to raise awareness and fundraise for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

But when she found herself grounded in Paris she decided to march anyway and as the word got out in the ASP community, she was joined by more than 100 people to make their own Walk MS Paris.

And it was all captured by CNN!

Missy said: "I decided that just because we were stranded here in Paris, it did not

mean that we couldn't keep on moving forward with the National MS Society.

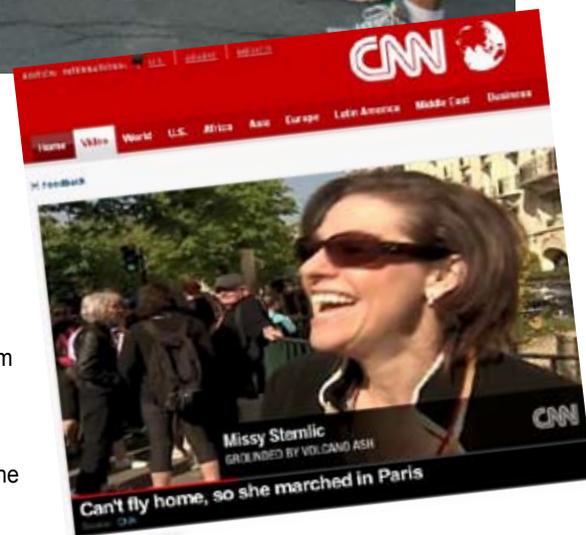
"The National MS Society is a collective of passionate individuals who want to do something about MS now—to move together toward a world free of multiple sclerosis. MS stops people from moving. We exist to make sure it doesn't."

In just 24-hours Missy rallied support from her friends for their own Walk MS Paris complete with wristbands made by her daughter, 6-year-old Lily.

And Missy raised more than \$6,000 for the National MS Society to add to her New York team's total of \$45,000.

As 11,000 people marched in Manhattan, Missy proudly led her new ASP team in Paris.

After the walk, Missy said: "Thanks to everyone for their support and kindness today. I have had a smile on my face all day at the thought of the wonderful effort you all made this morning. I truly feel we did something worthwhile, and special. I could not have done it without the efforts of each and every one of you. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We have



truly made an impact - our voices were heard - and if we can just raise a little awareness for this great cause, we have done something special."

Watch the CNN report: <http://cnn.com/video/?/video/world/2010/04/18/church.paris.ms.walk.cnn>

Find out more about the National MS Society and their work:

www.nationalmssociety.org