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Head of School Report

I am writing this letter on the students' day of departure for Thanksgiving week. They are giddy with the prospect of a week away, and they are especially well fed after a turkey dinner served by members of the freshman class, who also assisted in its preparation. Seniors are packing what they need to write college application essays; international students are collecting their passports for travel; major office work is finished for the next few days; dorm rooms are shipshape, even if only momentarily.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It comes at a good time after a three-month sprint in the academic calendar, and it is devoid of the obligation and ritual of many of our other holidays. I, for one, will sleep later, cook turkey, clean the garage and basement, watch a movie or two, finish two books already started, bathe Beans (our English bulldog) and, hopefully, come back to school with fresh energy and with chores that have been waiting accomplished.

Among many other things, the first semester of the school year is the season for organizational gathering and sharing through a variety of professional associations. Our school is affiliated with the Friends Council on Education (FCE) that nurtures our Quaker identity; the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) that accredits us; the Ohio Association of Independent Schools (OAIS) that provides us with group benefits, such as health insurance, that would be cost-prohibitive for such a small institution standing alone, through the Independent School Benefits Consortium (ISBC); the National Business Officers Association (NBOA) that offers training and collegial sharing of best practices on the business side; The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) that connects us with the world of boarding schools; and the National Association of

Independent Schools (NAIS) that is our gateway to a national and international conversation with over 1,500 like-minded schools.

As others and I travel to represent Olney, we are making opportunities to connect with alumni, honorary alumni (those who have served Olney as faculty, members of the board, etc.), parents of past and current students, and other friends. Early in October after attending an FCE gathering for heads of Quaker schools, I took a circle tour of New England where I met with Suzette Recinos and Darryl Thompson (parents) in Connecticut, **Peggy Conant '78** and **Meredith Shull '05** in Cambridge (Massachusetts), **Clarabel Hadley Marstaller '40** in Freeport (Maine), **Perry Hunter '47** in Stonington (Maine), **Dick Stratton '63** and his wife Sandi in Hanover (Maine), **Jared Clark '62** and his wife Margery in Gorham (Maine), and **Willie Yee '61** in New Paltz (New York). Each visit was unique, and activities ranged from stargazing with a small group of avid amateur astronomers to feasting on lobster fresh from the lobsterman's boat. I also visited four schools that might provide us with students in the future.

In early November, I changed direction from northeast to southwest and traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, for an ISACS conference. Olney is scheduled for re-accreditation in two years, and we are required to write a self-study in preparation for a visiting team that will come to verify that we do what we say we do. The conference was excellent but paled next to visits with **Paul Neumann '73** and his wife Arloa Eckles in Louisville (Kentucky), **Laurance Simpson '06** in Lexington (Kentucky), Barbara Davis (mother of **Alicia Davis '02**) in Cincinnati (Ohio), and **Ruth Starbuck Stuckey '45** and her husband Roy Joe Stuckey in Wilmington (Ohio). It has been a great joy to break bread with these fine people and to share stories and hopes with them. In addition to my travels **Kirsten Bohl (Hon.)**, Director of Advancement and Outreach, and Heather Best, Director of Development, have also made personal visits in Indiana and Ohio.

Meanwhile back at school, we are planning and moving forward with several major projects, some of which are funded by our recent comprehensive campaign (*A Time to Build*) and some from other

sources. Over the winter break, we will replace the exhaust hood over the kitchen stoves and ovens. It no longer complies with current regulations and will be replaced with a larger and more efficient hood. A second project is the razing of the Taber dairy barn. It was damaged severely in the summer windstorm (an unconfirmed tornado) and remains standing but in an unsafe condition. Insurance monies should cover the cost of the demolition. We will send more information on this as the day nears and invite you to a ceremony to memorialize its long service to the school and its families. A third project is the engineering and replacement of our electrical system in the Main Building. The 100-year-old knob-and-tube system is obsolete, and our demand for power has increased with the arrival of new technology. We are also considering tying an emergency power generator to the system to keep our campus warm (and foodstuffs cold) and lit during power outages. This project will be funded through a grant from the Financing Educational Concerns Committee of Ohio Yearly Meeting. Another big job is the excavation and improvement of drainage and waterproofing around the foundation of the Main Building. This will be funded by the *A Time to Build* campaign. And finally, we will install air conditioning in the Collection Room. Presentations in that space during warm weather, and especially during the Friends Music Camp in July, leave audience and performers drenched. Friends Music Camp is collaborating with us to fund this improvement.

You can see that we are being ambitious and conscientious about stewardship of our cherished spaces. These upgrades and repairs are essential to maintain the integrity of this historic building and to increase the comfort level in these spaces at various times of the year. We are forever grateful to those who have been generous in sharing their resources with us through gifts to our various fundraising efforts. Meanwhile questions have come to me from all quarters about the purpose of our various fundraising efforts and about why names are included on or absent from published donor lists. In short, here are descriptions:

- **Annual Fund:** These funds are needed each year to support our students and teachers and to bridge the gap between operating expenses and total revenue. We purposely hold our tuition (\$28,900) low compared to the average US boarding school tuition (about \$45,000) in order to remain affordable for more families. Consequently, our calculated cost per student (total expenses divided by total enrollment) at \$33,000 is higher than our student tuition. This gap is standard practice in independent school pricing, and our schools have traditionally asked parents, grandparents, alumni and friends for tax-deductible assistance. Gifts made to benefit other efforts that are not included in operating expenses but help to improve or expand the facility or program are not acknowledged as part of the annual fund. In the spirit of Thanksgiving season, I would like to thank all of you who contributed to this and other efforts in 2011-2012. Our current goal is to raise \$200,000 during this school year.

- **Comprehensive or Capital Campaign:** These funds are raised in order to build, buy, renovate, or remodel our facilities and increase endowment. The last campaign, *A Time To Build*, successfully raised \$4,594,417 for a combination of deferred maintenance projects, architectural design work, dormitory improvements, and endowment growth. These campaigns tend to happen less frequently and run for a longer span of time.

- **Planned Giving:** These funds are usually the result of bequests from wills, annuities, insurance policies, and various forms of trusts that can be difficult to understand but beneficial to both donor and donee. For instance, at the time of the sale of a valuable asset such as a business, a person might assume a burdensome tax liability. A charitable lead trust can be set up whereby a large sum of money can be given to the school for a specific term so that the school benefits from the earnings, in essence a temporary but instant endowment. At the end of the term, the original gift amount is returned to the donor, thereby deferring the tax liability for the length of the term. Olney is the listed beneficiary of a number of planned gifts, primarily in the

form of bequests from wills or as a beneficiary of insurance policies. These funds are usually not associated with annual funds because they are not immediately available to cover operating expenses. We are grateful to all who have made planned gifts with Olney. I invite you to contact Heather Best if you would like to include Olney Friends School in your will.

- **Challenge Grants:** Occasionally, a foundation, corporation, or individual will offer a challenge grant whereby the school receives funds for a matching amount earned from other sources. Sometimes these matches are 1:1 or 2:1 or 3:1. A recent example of this is the \$14,400 challenge grant from the Margaret Hall Foundation that we matched 1:1 with your generous contributions. If the purpose of the grant is to gain for the school a new program, equipment, or facility, it is not considered part of an annual fund. If the purpose is to boost giving to the annual fund, then clearly it is.

- **Other Efforts:** A short-term, specific request for funding, such as for a chicken house, can also rise with an anticipated or unanticipated need. These small, dedicated efforts can fall within an annual fund if part of the yearly budget or outside the annual fund if not part of the operating budget.

So in the spirit of the season of harvest and Thanksgiving that, in my mind, should last all year long, I hope that you are reaping the benefits of happiness, love, and prosperity, and may your future bring joy. Your friends at Olney Friends School wish you the best.

In community,

Charlie Szumilas
Head of School

Students, 2012-13

Seniors

Joey Dockery	Charlotte, NC <i>(daughter of Paul Dockery '63)</i>
Philip Droulia	Pittsburgh, PA
Hálie Gary	Detroit, MI
Rosie Glass	Bethesda, OH <i>(sister of Taylor Glass '10)</i>
Lucy Hartsock	Cincinnati, OH
Liza Jang	Seoul, SOUTH KOREA
Anna Kamnyeva	Kerch, Crimea, UKRAINE <i>(sister of Vladimir Kamnyev '04)</i>
Taehwan Kim	Incheon, SOUTH KOREA <i>(brother of Taemin Kim '16)</i>
Daniel Lowe	Covington, KY
Kerri Rogers	Bethesda, OH <i>(daughter of Cindy Rogers (Hon.))</i>
Alina Suresh	INDIA / SAUDI ARABIA
Ye Wang	Taiyuan, Shanxi, CHINA
Daniel Washburn	Greensboro, NC <i>(son of Anne Marie Taber '79)</i> <i>(grandson of Frances (Smith) Taber '47 and the late William Taber '45)</i> <i>(nephew of Debora Taber '85)</i>
Rina Welch	San Francisco, CA
Yining Yang	Tianjin, CHINA

Juniors

María José Chávez	Otava-la-Imbabura, ECUADOR <i>(sister of Dennis Chávez '09, Ronaldo Chávez '06, Mauricio Chávez '04)</i> <i>(cousin of Nita Chávez '08)</i>
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Dixuan Cui	Shijiazhuang, Hebei, CHINA
Jeraun Cullers	Dayton, OH
Derek Fok	Hong Kong, CHINA
Zewudie Gebeyehu	Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA
Minh Ho	Hanoi, VIET NAM <i>(brother of Khanh Ho '10)</i>
James Huang	Zhuzhou, Hunan, CHINA
Thai Huynh	Hanoi, VIET NAM
Arbash Nazeer	INDIA / SAUDI ARABIA
Davis Marklin	Wauwatosa, WI
Kelsi Miller	Anchorage, AK <i>(daughter of John Miller '81)</i> <i>(granddaughter of Gay Willson Wellman '59)</i>
Francis Peet	Greencastle, PA
Mengtong Zhang	Tianjin, CHINA

Sophomores

Kefan Bai	Kunming, Yunnan, CHINA
Aidan Burns	Mansfield, OH
Lauren Eubanks	Hudson, OH
Teddy Ha	Hanoi, VIET NAM
Stacy Isaac	INDIA / SAUDI ARABIA <i>(sister of Justin Isaac '11 and Steve Isaac '09)</i>
Mina Jevremovic	Leposavic, SERBIA
Maria Jones	USA / GUATEMALA
Kayla Kellar	Senecaville, OH
Galatea Kurz	Tokyo, JAPAN
Noah Howells	West Chester, PA
Mishka Smith	Lodi, NY
Amihan Tindongan	Albany, OH
Nivedita Titus	Richmond, CA
Lee Tran	VIET NAM / RUSSIA

Ben Whitten

Okemos, MI

Freshmen

Dino Cekic

Kosovska Mitrovica, SERBIA

Julian Fahl-Matlack

Athens, OH

Taemin Kim

Incheon, SOUTH KOREA

(brother of Taehwan Kim '13)

Lex Liu

Wuxi, CHINA

Seth Prescott

Chebeaugue Island, ME

Julian Sun

Honolulu, HI

Adrien Taylor

Bethesda, MD

New Staff

Cory Mathieu

Spanish, Girls Dorm Head



My name is Cory Mathieu, and I am the new Spanish teacher at Olney. I am originally from Madison, Wisconsin, and attended college at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. At Earlham, I studied comparative languages and linguistics, focusing on Spanish and French and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). I also developed an appreciation and understanding of Quaker education and values at Earlham, which helped lead my path to Olney. I have been studying Spanish since I was 13 years old and was lucky to have many excellent Spanish teachers in school, one of whom became my inspiration to teach Spanish myself after she regaled the class with incredible tales of her adventures in the jungle, and then took a group of students (myself included) to the Peruvian Amazon over the summer! I returned to the Amazon during college, living and working at a library between two villages

while teaching English at a local school. My ability to speak Spanish well greatly enhanced the relationships I formed while living in Peru, and I hope to pass this skill on to my students in order to open opportunities for them as well. I also speak French and Papiamentu (a Caribbean creole language), and I hope to have the opportunity to teach these languages as well. I am greatly enjoying teaching at Olney. The students are energetic and enthusiastic about learning, making my job exciting and a positive challenge.

Jacob Naegeli

Fine Arts, Boys Dorm Staff



I am Jacob Naegeli, the new visual arts teacher at Olney Friends School. I was born and raised in northwestern Montana on my family's ranch. After graduation from high school, I attended Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where I studied art with a focus in metals. At Earlham, I developed a respect for Quakerism and its ideals and processes, which played a role in my decision to teach at Olney. Although I enjoy creating many forms of art, I discovered my strongest passion in my early teens. Through 4-H, I learned how to weld, and, as my skills developed, I began teaching other 4-H members how to weld as well. My expertise in metalworking ranges from welding scrap metal to forming intricate jewelry out of precious metals. I look forward to bringing these skills to metalworking classes at Olney this spring. Currently, I am offering classes in Ceramics, Drawing and Painting, and Sculpture. The first quarter art show was a great success, with a surprise appearance in morning Collection of a life-sized packaging-tape human sculpture. Pictures of the art show can be found on the Olney web site (and on pages 30–32!). Along with art, another of my passions is running. I greatly enjoyed helping coach the running team this fall and have spent much time outside running in both Guernsey and Belmont counties. I am currently training for the

upcoming Cincinnati Marathon this spring. This has been an excellent first quarter at Olney, and I look forward to the rest of the year!



James Gosselink

Mathematics, Religion, Boys Dorm Staff

James (Phineas) Gosselink is a recovering overseas development worker. Since graduating from Westtown School and St. John's College, Annapolis, he has spent most of his life working with small Native American communities in Bolivia. Initially he spent seven years in the rain forests north of La Paz, where he focused on potable water and housing issues. Starting in the year 2000, the Mennonite Central Committee sponsored him to develop the use of horses in agriculture, promote sustainable crop diversification, and set up two boarding schools in a remote Guaraní community in southeastern Chuquisaca. During the years in between, he taught all levels of high school math at Darrow School in upstate New York, and earned a master's of education from Antioch University.

James finds teaching math in Ohio to be a major adjustment, but also like coming home. "I miss Bolivia and my neighbors there every day," he says, "but I've already become absurdly fond of my students and fellow staff at Olney and would not rather be anywhere else."

A Quaker by tradition and by conviction, James lives with his pet peeves on the top floor of the Boys Dorm.

Katie Shaw

Humanities, English as a Second Language (ESL), Girls Dorm Staff

I grew up in a Land of Enchantment. My childhood was spent with my twin brother exploring, playing on farms, homeschooling, and horseback riding in the Sandia Mountains of New Mexico. When we were 12 years old we moved into the city



of Albuquerque to attend an intensive college preparatory school. My passion for international studies and traveling was ignited at an early age, which led me to apply for, and receive, a full scholarship with AFS Intercultural Programs (formerly: American Field Service) to study abroad in Thailand for my junior year of high school. Following such a challenging yet rewarding experience, I decided to attend Goucher College, which was the first college in the US to require every student to study abroad before graduation. I was accepted into the International Scholars Program and spent the next four years immersed in global studies (including a semester abroad at the Universidad de Salamanca in Spain), collegiate athletics, and working at the Career Development Office. After receiving my BA in International Relations and Spanish with honors, I spent the next two years working abroad in Mexico, Thailand, and Cambodia. I received my Language Corps TESOL teaching certification in the fall of 2010, began teaching in Thailand, and ended up working as the manager of international communications and development for Asia Golden Rice Co, Ltd.—the world's largest exporter of rice—to help establish the business in Cambodia. After a while I realized my preference for teaching and decided to return to the States. I'm now delighted to be working at Olney Friends School, a place that is enchantingly reminiscent of my Quaker-like childhood and college preparatory education in the Southwest. It's wonderful being able to combine my international ESL teaching skills, cross-cultural experiences, and passion for humanities to teach and help our incredibly diverse and talented student body at Olney.

Jamie Zavitz '83

Humanities, Theater

This is an alumni publication and therefore I am writing this profile from that perspective. As a former student (class of 1983) and long-time faculty brat I have resisted the temptation to write something for the *Current* because too many people would know the parts I was making up in



order to make my life seem more exciting. However, actually working at Olney (no, I'm not making that part up) comes with this task as a requirement.

So, yes, I grew up at Olney and with the rest of my family spent most of the time between 1955 and 1975 as members of the community. (I wasn't there the whole time.) I would later return as a student. After graduating I completed Grade 13 in Ontario, earned a BA in history from Earlham College, then worked and taught in suburban Toronto. I spent 12 years at Sandy Spring Friends School in Maryland, four years in the Chicago area, which included completing a master's in the arts of teaching (MAT) degree and renovating a house, and two more years teaching at Pickering College in Newmarket, Ontario.

In between all these stops I always found my way home to the family farm (it's organic) in Sparta, Ontario. This is home and the rest of my family all live within four miles of the farm. Maintaining and slowly renovating the large (seven-bedroom) timber-frame farmhouse built, coincidentally, in 1837 by my great-grand-something-or-other uncle Samuel Haight has become a lifetime labour (that's the Canadian version) of love. My roots there are very strong and deep.

On a more personal tract, I have always had an interest in music, drama, dance, and the arts. I happily play the guitar and sing both alone and with many. Sports are another area that has occupied a great deal of my attention. Coaching is extremely challenging and continues to be rewarding. Ice hockey, volleyball, rugby, baseball, volleyball, and particularly soccer are all part of my athletic background.

Over the years I have maintained my connection to Olney and its mission. My relationship to families such as the Motts (hi, **Kim '83**) and Guindons are bonds which have been nurtured and grow stronger as their importance to me reaffirms itself over and over again. Since my return to Olney, I have also reconnected with so many others from my past (**Joel '83, Shelley '82, Anne Marie '79**) and had the honor of getting to meet a whole new generation of Olneyites who presently carry the torch with great distinction. The student body is

outstanding and anxious to soak up the Olney experience. I personally am having a great time helping them do just that.

Musa Hamideh '05

Director of Admissions

After graduating in 2005 and equipped with the litany of skills that Olney cultivated in me (confidence, self-reliance, and integrity, among others), I attended Haverford College. I graduated with a degree in archaeology and a minor in astronomy in 2009 and moved to Philadelphia. I took my deep and intimate knowledge of both ancient and modern Middle Eastern cultures to Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture, an Arab culture and education organization. In my role as program assistant, I recruited participants for arts education programs around the city. As it was a small non-profit, I also found myself coordinating development efforts, providing administrative support, and acting as senior counselor during our summer camp programs. I was transitioning out of my position at Al-Bustan when **Kirsten Bohl (Hon.)** reached out to me about the admissions director position at Olney. I was delighted and honored to have the opportunity to give back to an institution that had given me so much. I look forward to the year ahead, and playing an important role in the longevity of an institution that is central in the hearts and minds of Olneyites past, present, and future.



Heather Best

Director of Development

Heather Best joined Olney's Office of Development in January 2012. A native of Salem, Ohio, Heather lived and worked in Arkansas and North Carolina for 10 years before "coming home" to rural Ohio to serve at Olney. While in the South, Heather worked as a researcher and project

manager of studies on education, race relations, and public health issues. She also served as assistant director of the Survey Research Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where one of her more memorable professional experiences was that of interviewing local people about their memories of the integration of Little Rock's Central High School 50 years after the occurrence of this landmark civil rights event.

Other memorable experiences include serving on a small task force that secured 30 million dollars in Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants to fund lead paint abatement to help protect low-income children from lead poisoning in Mahoning County, Ohio in the mid-1990s, accompanying the Kent State University men's basketball team to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournaments in Boston by invitation as the team's academic tutor in 1999, and participating in a prayer vigil reported to have been attended by the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi marking the 30th anniversary of the May 4 shootings at Kent State at the University's first annual symposium on democracy in 2000, an event she helped plan and produce.

Heather is mom to a teenage son, Derrick Taylor, who is an avid angler and lover of the natural world. Derrick served Olney as a member of the summer crew this year. In addition to spending time with her family, Heather enjoys camping and hiking, reading, and gardening.

Heather loves hearing stories about people's connections to Olney. "It is heart-warming to hear alumni share fond memories of experiences at Olney that shaped their lives. So many people I have talked with remember a defining moment at Olney that changed their lives forever. It may have come from the caring of a teacher or staff member, a feeling of connection to the Olney Spirit, or the sense of being deeply valued for who they are as a person for the first time in their lives. I feel very lucky, and a bit awed, to be working at a place with such a remarkable community and an amazing history."



Tina Neiswonger

Business Office Assistant

I started working in the Business Office at Olney in March of 2012. I was born and raised in Barnesville and graduated from Barnesville High School. I attended Belmont Technical College and earned an associate degree in mental health technology. I worked as a fiscal assistant at Belmont Senior Services for six years. I am married and have three children and six grandchildren. Working at Olney has been an awesome experience and I really enjoy the students. I feel blessed to be part of a wonderful community where the students come together from very different backgrounds and live, learn, and socialize together.

Sue Grimes

Academics/Development Assistant

I came to Olney in May of 2012. Prior to Olney I have worked in the treasurer's office of the public school system (for 15 years), as a bank teller, and in the records office at Belmont Technical College, and a few other places in between.



My family is my life. My husband of 32 years and my two daughters (ages 21 and 24) keep that life very interesting! I also come from a family with six siblings, all of which are still very close to each other and we are blessed to have all the family support.

In my free time I enjoy reading and crocheting and loving my pets (two dogs and a cat). I am really enjoying being here at Olney, because I am learning so much by meeting and interacting with the students here.

Around Campus

Olney Traditions and Events. New students were welcomed with *Almost Anything Goes*, the traditional outdoor challenges organized



by **Cleda Mott '57**. We kicked off the year with a school-wide Quaker clerking and decision-making workshop with Art Larrabee, general secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Another Quaker visitor this fall was Jesse Blue Forrest, a Friend from Charlottesville, Virginia who is walking across the country to end the Selective Service System and any future military draft in the United States. Pumpkin Festival Weekend was once again this year combined with Parents Weekend, and grade levels made and sold pumpkin bread treats at the annual downtown festival. Fine arts teacher Jacob Naegeli took first place in the annual 5k run.

Fall Outing transported students to a hands-on science museum, the Columbus Center of



Art Larrabee discusses Quaker decision-making with Daniel Lowe '13, co-governor of the boys dorm.

Science and Industry, or COSI. The freshman Thanksgiving dinner featured a traditional menu—with five different desserts. Seniors treated students to a haunted house at the Taber Farmhouse for Halloween Social.

This fall, several international students from Olney Friends School met with other international students studying in nearby high schools and colleges at a dinner event at the Bridgeport Rotary Club. Also this fall, six international students visited local classrooms in Barnesville Middle School, where they made presentations about their home countries. In yet another exchange, Olney Friends School students played host to eight visiting Barnesville High School students who shadowed our students for a day, and a few weeks later, a couple of Olneyites shadowed their counterparts at BHS.

A highlight of the fall for many students was an indie rock concert arranged on Olney's campus by Barnesville native Toby Weisand of Skyflight Productions. The performing group's name, ironically enough for a Friends school, was "Army Navy" (no relation to the band's musical choices or lyrics).

Community Service. Students this year have contributed more than 175 hours to the Olney and Barnesville communities. Activities have included everything from middle school tutoring to raking leaves at the Walton Home, a nearby Quaker retirement center, to hosting guests at Stillwater Meeting for the annual Belmont County Rubberneck Tour.

Grants and Honors. Several congratulations are in order: **Daniel Washburn '13** was honored as a commended student by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for his score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). **Eli Ferbrache '00x** has received a Fulbright fellowship to teach in Romania. **Kita Frick-Shipley '14** is studying in Germany this year on a Rotary exchange program. In addition to those grants



Daniel Washburn '13

reported elsewhere in the *Current*, the varsity soccer team received new soccer balls as part of a partnership with Michelin Soccer and the local outlet, Joe's Tires.

Professional Development. In October, Spanish teacher Cory Mathieu attended an AP Spanish Language Workshop outside of Pittsburgh. The workshop consisted of a breakdown of the AP Spanish Language test, a summary of what skills students should demonstrate linguistically on each section, and how to best prepare students to succeed on the test. She received many materials, most particularly transcripts from past AP tests, that will be utilized in the Spanish IV/V course during the second semester.

Also in October, physics teacher **Steve Martin (Hon.)** attended a second Vernier labware workshop, this one in Dayton, Ohio. This workshop allowed him to ask specific questions and gain additional knowledge in reference to the Vernier equipment that was purchased through the Margaret Hall Foundation grant. It also allowed him and academic dean **Cindy Rogers (Hon.)** to revise curricula they had written for the conceptual physics class, the pre-calculus AP physics class, and the post-calculus AP physics class.

Campus Improvements. The main focus since the last issue of the *Current* has been storm damage cleanup and repair following two major storms this past summer. The first was in late June (straight-line winds) that damaged trees, roofs, and power lines on campus. There was a second storm in early August, reportedly a small tornado, that severely damaged the Taber Barn along with several other buildings across



Summer storm damage to the Hutton House

Barnesville. Most buildings had at least a little damage on the roofs. Many trees and tree branches came down. The Hutton House was most significantly affected: repairs have included rebuilding the chimney, structural repairs to the west side of the building, and much roof slate replacement and repair. Just prior to the severe weather, maintenance staff had cleared several trees west of the Main Building. "It's probably fortuitous that we did that," says maintenance director **Joel Rockwell '83**. The campus was without power for five days in July in part because of the red pines adjacent to power lines in the senior project area between the Hutton House and the Morlan House. Thinning those trees since the storm has been an important focus. Taken altogether, the various aspects of storm cleanup have amounted to "many dozens of people hours." As of this writing at Thanksgiving time, the repairs and cleanup are nearly complete.

Other recent campus improvements have included removing the deteriorating Mary Davis Guest House ramp (to be replaced by a redone sidewalk and steps); bathroom ventilation improvements in the guest house; Spanish Room floor refinishing and repainting of the room; and the replacement of the Music Box deck. In addition,



Spanish Room makeover

the north staff apartment on the first floor of the guest house has received a kitchen upgrade and the apartment has been repainted.



New deck for the Music Box

Reminiscence

Visions of those wild spots at Olney our hearts warm:
Hiking trails o'er hills and dales, in heat or thunderstorm;
Plummer Woods, Raven Rocks—a host of memories form.
WILDEST of all, we may recall, was in the Boys' Dorm* !!

*(or Girls', depending on your gender perhaps)

R.W. Emmons '49

Homecoming 2012



Alumni Soccer Team: Back row, left to right: Dennis Chávez '09, Jamie Zavitz '83, Musa Hamideh '05, John Stanley '71, Allison Guindon '09, Hoonjae Lee '00, Rich Sidwell '63, Brian Wilson-Walls '00x. Front row, left to right: Dan Raffety (Hon.), Mauricio Chávez '04, Joel Rockwell '83.



Student Soccer Team: Back row, left to right: María José Chávez '14, Micah Brownstein (Hon., coach), Daniel Washburn '13, Davis Marklin '14, Ben Whitten '15, Ye Wang '13, Musa Hamideh '05 (coach), Cory Mathieu (coach), Seth Prescott '16, Yining Yang '13. Front row, left to right: Jamie Zavitz '83 (coach), Daniel Lowe '13, Arbash Nazeer '14, Taehwan Kim '13, Noah Howells '15, Lee Tran '15, Julian Fahl-Matlack '16, Julian Sun '16.



Olney Distance Run: Rosie Glass '13 greets Joey Dockery '13, Gilda Dockery, and Kerri Rogers '13 as they cross the finish line.



Leonard Guindon '70, Sam Kuhn, Aasta Deth, Dan Kuhn '94, Cleda Mott '57



Sorghum syrup for sale: Assistant farmer Sandy Sterrett (Hon.), Tom Schwendeman '74x, Seth Prescott '16

Homecoming 2012



Grinding fresh cornmeal from Olney's own corn

Brother, sister, and sister-in-law: Vladimir Kamnyev '04, Anna Kamnyeva '13, Anna Kamnyev





María José Chávez '14,
Mauricio Chávez '04,
Dennis Chávez '09



Levi Saderholm, Kim
Mott Saderholm '83

Holly Day
Magoon '59,
Gay Willson
Wellman '59,
Dottie
Guindon
(Hon.),
Antero
Cortes '59



"Missing You"

With this issue we begin a new special feature that we hope and believe will be fruitful. Long-time alumni undoubtedly recall with affection certain staffers from their Olney years who are no longer with us. Some of these, in all likelihood, you consciously miss. The proof of this comes on those occasions when you find yourself thinking, "Wouldn't it be wonderful to talk with A about this?" or "It's too bad I can't show this to A." In this feature, we invite alumni to remark on departed Olneyites who are missed in this active sense. The first installment is by Christopher K. Starr '67, who also encouraged the start of the series.

Barbara Bachovzeff

By Christopher K. Starr '67

I came to Olney as a freshman in 1962, at the same time as Barbara Bachovzeff (Барвара Баховзева, 1899-1977) joined the staff as the art teacher. It was immediately obvious that Barbara had a rich and varied background from far outside the students' experience. Her features had a notably Mongolian cast, and her fluent English—with occasional grammatical lapses, such as dropping definite and indefinite articles—came with a strong Russian accent.

There was a reason for this. She had started out in Siberia, before the peregrinations that began in 1924 and took her to Australia (among other places) and on to Olney. I, for one, positively ate up stories of her early life and comments about Russian life and folkways. Of her various artistic productions, the most striking were Russian-style icons, complete with gold leaf.

I last saw Barbara in the summer of 1972 at her retirement cabin in Vermont. Since then, I have missed her many times. This first became acute after my first visit to Russia in 2002. On my return, I went through a major, almost obsessive Slavic period. Every evening



I would sit in my reading chair with a glass of vodka and delectate a story by Anton Chekhov in translation. And every fortnight or so I made a big pot of borsht, enough to last me a few days. How I wished I could serve her a bowl of my very own borsht and talk with her about Chekhov, an author she positively adored.

The missing-you emotion reached a whole new level last summer as I rode the Trans-Siberian Railway from Vladivostok to Moscow, with stops along the way. Most of the time, I was the only foreigner on the train. It was 15 days of almost constant exaltation, enriched by the fact that by then I had learned to speak Russian, sort of. What an absolute gas it would have been to talk Siberia with her, seasoned with the occasional Russian folk saying.

One is tempted to advise young people earnestly to take time to interrogate the elders in their lives, before the opportunities slip away. That might be a good theme for a commencement address, but it would also be quite vain. Young people—I am speaking from experience, you understand—are not made that way, and most have little sense of history, let alone of oral history. This is probably as it should be. Still, it does make for a lot of bitter-sweet reflection in maturity.

Teacher Barbara, you had a mighty good run. I am grateful to have chanced across your path.



Student–Alumni Soccer Game at Homecoming

In the Classroom: Spotlight on Fine Arts

By Kirsten Bohl (Hon.), Advancement Director

For this piece, I interviewed fine arts teacher Jacob Naegeli:

What do you love about art? About teaching art? I find art helpful for all your other subjects—you can bring other subjects into art, such as mathematics. Plus, the creative side of art helps with larger projects in other classes. For example, I met a few times with the 10th graders for their heraldry project in which they were researching and designing family coats of arms. Also, art is not relaxing exactly, but it is un-stressing. It is graded largely on effort. We have quite a few skill levels represented. It is also one of the few classes where you can talk with your friends while you are working.

What classes have you taught so far? I taught three first quarter: Painting/Drawing, Sculpture, and Ceramics.

Tell me more about each of your classes. Let me start with Painting/Drawing. My philosophy in art is that the best art is produced within limitations or restrictions. For example, Chuck Close



Does this assignment look familiar to woodworking classes? New art teacher Jacob Naegeli sculpts a wooden chain out of a downed tree on the field hockey field.

is a modern US painter who, after a spinal injury, couldn't move his hands the way he used to. So, he took to painting huge, scaled paintings. He shifted his creativity to another form.

In *Painting/Drawing*, students are asked to produce similar works using a series of different mediums. I also teach basic techniques: organic [representation], structural [representation], how to add depth to a painting. For some students, it comes easily. With others, there are aha! moments.



A new student? Look again . . .

I noticed in the student art show there were at least two kinds of works—ones depicting things in the world, and others depicting things in the imagination. You start by drawing what you see. It's hard, but it also really helps you when you try to draw something you are thinking of. The image in your head also has depth—and you need to know how to render it!

I also give projects with choices: Draw a tree. But choose which technique you want to practice. Or the opposite: I give students a technique, and they pick the subject.

In *Ceramics* class, we are using a single medium, and a whole bunch of different techniques. There are quite a few different ways to build things out of clay. Besides painting, people can associate with ceramics very well. They know what a mug, or a plate, is about. In class, I strike a balance between purely hands-on and purely mechanically made—using the wheel vs. squishing the clay

to make a pot. As long as you are using a technique, you are more free to make what you want to make. So, one student might make a realistic sea turtle, while another might make a stylized penguin with a top hat.

Sculpture is my favorite. I'm a 3-D artist. The structure of the class is similar to *Painting/Drawing*. The main premise is to make 3-D art. There are only five ways to make sculpture, and you can see examples of all of them in the Quarter 1 student art show: manipulation (sarcophagus), addition (self-portrait), subtraction (soap or wood carving), layer building (topographical map of Olney's surrounding environment, animal reliefs), and molding/casting (life-sized human sculpture made of packing tape).



Art by Galatea Kurz '15

What's coming in the future? In the spring, I hope to teach a metals class. I would like to do a demo on casting copper and invite the whole school. The main subject of the course will be welding—scrap iron and iron. Also in the spring, I will offer a vessel construction class: one section in woodworking together with **Vic Peacock (Hon.)** and another in ceramics.

Students making "graddy boxes" for graduating seniors can take that course. Yes.

What else would you like to say? How about highlights from the quarter? Different students had different areas of excellence. One

student always produced highly finished work. Another loved to take on really big projects—physically, really big projects. One student produced consistently good work with every assignment. Another student was less consistent, but came through with one piece that

was a great surprise. Oh, and one other thing that's coming up in the spring—I hope to work with students to make a skyscraper sculpture.



Art by Kelsi Miller '14 (left),
Stacy Isaac '15 (below)



Margaret Hall Foundation – Match Goal Met

Here we reprint a short article published in local newspapers in October:

Science Grant and Fund Drive Bring New Lab Equipment to Olney Friends School

Olney Friends School is pleased to announce the successful completion of a fund drive in the sciences that raised \$15,536 in matching funds to supplement a \$14,400 grant from the Margaret Hall Foundation for curriculum development, teacher development, and laboratory development in environmental physics.

“Forty-five households contributed to the fund drive,” said Heather Best, director of development. “Those who contributed include alumni, parents, trustees, staff, and friends of the school. This exciting enhancement to Olney’s science program would not have been possible without the remarkable and heart-warming support shown by these individuals for Olney Friends School,” she said.

In addition, a grant of \$1,290 from the Appalachian Foundation for Ohio will be used in support of the matching fund. “The grant from the Appalachian Foundation of Ohio also supports the purchase of laboratory equipment in physics,” said Best.

Together, the two grants and the funds raised from donors to the school have made possible the purchase of modern electronic lab ware including the Vernier LabQuest interface, a handheld device that can be used standalone, with a computer, or in the field. It allows students to quantify their environment through the use of modern digital equipment; its capabilities include built-in graphing and analysis software. It is a digital interface between the student, the computer, and the environment.

The grant also supports the purchase of physics packages designed to work with the LabQuest interface, including motion detector, range-force sensor, microphone, differential voltage probe, accelerometer, light sensor, pulley attachment, temperature probe, and magnetic field sensor. The purchase of further laboratory materials is also supported through this project.

“Olney Friends School is a regional and national leader in environmental science education,” said head of school Charlie Szumilas. “This new project supports the development of an innovative curriculum that integrates environmental science into the teaching of high school physics,” he added.

In 2012-2013, Olney Friends School added a new, post-calculus physics course. In addition to courses in biology, chemistry, and environmental science, the school presently offers three physics courses: a 10th grade course in conceptual physics, and two different AP Physics courses, one focused on mechanics (with a precalculus prerequisite) and the other focused on electricity and magnetism (with a calculus prerequisite).

In 2009, Olney Friends School biology and environmental science teacher Leonard Guindon was named the Ohio Conservation Teacher of the Year in the high school category.

“Students use the 350-acre campus as a learning classroom. They work directly with Belmont Soil and Water Authority to protect and monitor the health of Captina Creek Watershed,” said Szumilas.

The Margaret Hall Foundation encourages innovative programs in secondary education through grants to non-profit secondary schools. Located in Lexington, Kentucky, the foundation makes grants for developing innovative educational programs, faculty development, purchasing teaching materials and equipment, publishing educational information, and sponsoring educational conferences and seminars in which both students and faculty actively participate.

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio is a regional community foundation and 501(c)3 public charity serving the 32 counties of Appalachian Ohio.

Heartfelt thanks to all who donated to the match! More information is available at www.olneyfriends.org under “Support Olney,” “Environmental Physics Grant.”



Yining Yang '13, Kerri Rogers '13, and Daniel Washburn '13 assemble a new piece of physics laboratory equipment used in a lab to measure the Earth's gravitational constant. The equipment purchase is made possible by a \$14,400 grant from the Margaret Hall Foundation.

Farm Report – Harvest Report

By Sandy Sterrett (Hon.) and Don Guindon '74

It was a different year on the Olney Taber Farm. We experimented with:

1. organically grown heirloom **field corn** (used for cornmeal and animal feed) and
2. sweet **sorghum cane** (used to make a sweet syrup).
3. We raised our first **hoop house** (unheated greenhouse),
4. developed a three-day sustainable farm curriculum and hosted 13 visiting middle-school students for a **FARm Out**,
5. built a **chicken house** (big enough to raise all eggs and chicken meat for the school), and
6. were awarded a **grant** to assist with our leaf composting efforts.

We successfully struggled through a spring and summer drought but failed to stop extensive wildlife damage to field crops. This is the second year of complete orchard failure, a small tornado landed on the Taber barn, and for the first time we lost several goats and a couple calves during summer and fall. It feels like the whole farm joined us in mourning the passing of **Cliff Guindon '41**.

Cliff was farm manager for more than 30 years. He planted and cared for the orchard, he designed a field crop rotation, laid out contour fields, developed manure management to benefit soil rather than polluting streams, and using the appropriate award-winning bulls for over 10 generations of cows, bred an outstanding registered Jersey dairy herd. Under his leadership the Olney Taber Farm won conservation awards and became a showcase farm. We feel the weight of his gift to Olney Friends School; we are honored to have the responsibility to continue to care for and grow the Olney Taber Farm.

Our mission is to grow the greatest quantity of the healthiest possible food for students and faculty of Olney Friends School in a way that continues to care for this soil inherited from Cliff. With the addition of the chicken house, we can raise chickens and eggs in a way that increases their nutritional value and decreases cholesterol in

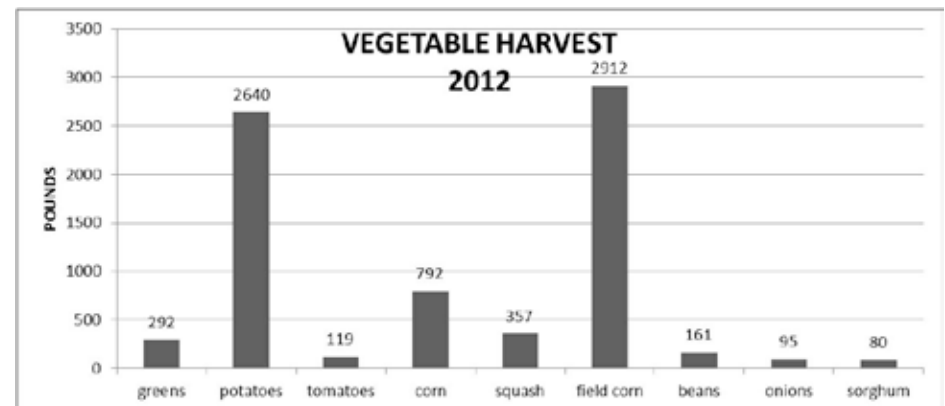


Farm Team members at work in Sunnyside Garden

your eggs. We already do this with our grass-fed beef and vegetables.

Everything grown here is raised with “organic plus” standards — we do not use chemicals, plus we employ the best practices for soil health (not an organic requirement).

The vegetable crop most affected by drought this past year was potatoes. We had good emergence and healthy plants but the potatoes were much smaller than last year so our total harvest was 2,640 pounds. Perhaps in part due to the drought our beans were heavily



damaged by deer; nevertheless we harvested more than 150 pounds of beans, freezing 10 gallons for the winter and providing fresh green beans until frost.

Since greens are cold-hardy, we continue to be able to provide fresh greens for school use every week, so far totaling around 300 pounds. Corn suffered from raccoon and deer damage but we harvested enough for a year's worth of cornmeal, about 15% of our chicken feed, and more than 66 dozen ears of sweet corn for human consumption.

In total, we raised three tons of vegetables.

Last spring's Olney Farm Team, assisted by visiting Greenwood Friends middle school students, planted an heirloom variety of sorghum cane at the Plummer Place. We cultivated it over the summer so that this



Farm Team members Kefan Bai '15, Mishka Smith '15, and Lucy Hartsock '13 try out one of the new compostable paper leaf bags made available to Barnesville residents by Olney Friends School.

fall's Farm Team could strip leaves and cut the cane. The sorghum cane was then squeezed in a mill to release green juice which, when boiled, miraculously turns into sweet, tasty sorghum syrup. **Fred Cooper '66** lent us his sorghum mill and shared his expertise. He declared our sorghum syrup to be "the best seen in this county for decades."

Last spring's FARM Out program lasted three days and hosted



The new chicken house is home to 100 hens, who will provide fresh eggs daily to meet all the school's needs. The project was funded by donations in memory of former farm manager Cliff Guindon '41.

13 students from Greenwood Friends School in Pennsylvania. The intense curriculum featured soil conservation and included printed information, classes, and field experience. We collected soil samples from the nine-acre vegetable rotation, toured the composting facility, held an equipment quiz on farm equipment used to prepare and plant in our fields, participated in class presentations on soil conservation methods and the importance of soil, and closed the activities with a vegetable poetry slam.

Last year we made 18 tons of compost using all the bagged leaves from the Village of Barnesville, kitchen scraps from Olney Friends School, and some cow manure from winter feeding sites. The leaves from Barnesville are delivered by the street department in individual plastic bags which must be opened, dumped, and put in a landfill, before the composting can start. Don adds kitchen scraps daily and turns the compost once a week all year resulting in beautiful compost which we are using on one field a year in the nine-acre rotation and in the hoop house. A grant from the JB Green Team (of the Jefferson-Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority) allowed us to provide for free, paper compostable leaf bags to any resident of Barnesville. Although we are still receiving most leaves in plastic bags, we are hoping over time to eliminate this wasteful practice.

We raise 100% grass-fed beef on an 80-acre pasture. During the winter the beef are fed our own hay, we do not use chemicals on the pastures or the hay fields, and we do not feed growth hormones or antibiotics to the herd. This beef is the healthiest beef we can raise. Last year we butchered six beef cattle, four hogs, and two goats for school use. We baled 189 tons of first cutting and 163 tons of second cutting hay for our use and to sell. We sold 10 goats.

Last spring students, faculty, and friends came together to build a new hoop house in time for the Federal grant deadline. Later in the summer to honor the memory of Cliff Guindon, the Guindon family and friends built a new chicken house. The building is located for easy student access and is sturdy, beautiful, and predator-proof. The process of coming together to build was as important as the financial contributions that made it possible. We are pleased to now be able to raise enough eggs for the school kitchen that are healthy and tasty. Both of these projects had so much volunteer financial and labor contributions that the farm came in significantly under budget.

We closed out the farm year by cooking a farm-to-plate meal for the students and faculty and for those who helped build our new chicken house. Three different student Farm Teams planted, harvested, and prepared the food, which featured all of our own vegetables, cornmeal, and meat. Students picked, husked, shelled, ground, and sifted the cornmeal, picked and shelled beans, picked and cut and rolled Swiss chard, planted, harvested, washed, and cut potatoes, planted, hoed, and peeled onions, pulled, washed, and chopped carrots, planted and hoed, picked, washed, cut, cooked, sieved and canned the tomatoes for tomato juice, picked, baked, sieved, fried, and mixed the pumpkin for pumpkin pie custard, boiled and strained the mint for mint syrup, and finally served the five-course meal with grace and the speed necessary to be on time for the seniors' Halloween Social. A great time was had by all who worked on the meal and all who enjoyed eating it.

Respectfully submitted on this 15th day of the 11th month of the

year 2012, Don Guindon '74, Farm Manager, and Sandy Sterrett (Hon.), Assistant Farmer

Farm to Plate Dinner Menu

Tomato juice and appetizers to include: tiny baked potatoes, miniature stuffed peppers,

Swiss chard rolls, fried polenta (our special corn)

Tossed salad from our own greens with sorghum vinaigrette

Olney Beef Stew with our own carrots and onions / mashed potatoes / cornbread and sorghum butter

Mint ice

Pumpkin pie



Team Guindon builds the chicken house. Left to right: Matthew Hammer, Don Guindon '74, Dale Guindon '67, Leonard Guindon '70, Rob Hammer. Matthew and Rob are the children of Janet Guindon Hammer '76.

Focus on Advancement: Admissions & Development

Admissions Update

By Musa Hamideh '05, Director of Admissions

Hello from Admissions!

Being a graduate of Olney, I know firsthand the kind of students attracted to Olney: unique individuals with a desire to learn and grow. It is such a pleasure to be able to give back to Olney by finding those students and bringing them into our community. As many of you already know, we cultivate deep and engaged learning at Olney, bolstered by the supportive community that brings our students and alumni back year after year.

When I bring a prospective student to Olney, I can see the way they light up when they see science teacher **Leonard Guindon '70** taking his students to Captina Creek, or when **Roger Reynolds (Hon.)** is leading Digital Film. They are impressed when they hear that **Jamie Zavitz '83** is teaching a class on Islam, or when they see that the two languages we provide are Spanish and Chinese. I am proud of the impressive work our students and teachers accomplish together here.

It has been wonderful to be in a position to spread the word about our amazing community. The admissions office is delighted to welcome two student interns, **Kelsi Miller '15** and **Mina Jevremovic '16**! Mina and Kelsi will assist me in spreading the word about Olney, whether by writing great blog posts in Olney's Simply Put blog or giving tours to prospective students. I am truly excited about all the contributions they will make.

A major focus this year is on making new connections and renewing ties with middle schools. In early October, assistant farmer **Sandy Sterrett (Hon.)** and I visited Falke Middle School in Pittsburgh for their annual high school night. In October, head of school **Charlie Szumilas (Hon.)** visited Greene Street Friends School in Philadelphia, among others. Director of development Heather Best

and advancement director **Kirsten Bohl (Hon.)** visited Ridgewood School in Springfield, Ohio; and Kirsten also visited Richmond Friends School in Richmond, Indiana, the Orchard School in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Oak Farm Montessori School in Avilla, Indiana. All were interested to learn more about Olney's program.

In July, Kirsten attended the Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) Admissions and Marketing Lab in Boston, where she picked up many good ideas, including especially a focus on data gathering. In November, business manager **Shelley Rockwell '82** and I attended the National Association of Independent Schools' (NAIS's) first annual Financial Aid Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Making what Olney has to offer accessible to a diverse array of students from different socioeconomic backgrounds is a priority for the school, and attending this conference was a wonderful opportunity to talk to other professionals in the industry about common challenges and benefits that financial aid provides.

In January, I will be venturing out from Olney to visit regional private schools on a school tour, spreading word about Olney far and wide! In addition, we are beginning the planning for a large admissions event this spring to bring students on campus for a day of exploration of Olney's educational environment.

The greatest part of Admissions is that at a school like Olney, everyone is in the business of Admissions! If you know of a student (pre-K to high school) that would thrive at Olney, please send him or her my way: admissions@olneyfriends.org or 740-425-3655, ext. 214. Thank you for helping me spread the word about our outstanding school.

Olney on the Road

Alumni Gathering

Titusville, NJ – July 20-22, 2012

Hosted ably once more by **John Stanley '71** at his riverside home, this year's gathering reunited Olney alumni and friends to catch up with the school and with each other as they enjoyed table games,



Ramona Braddock
Buck '65, Jeff Nagle '71,
Gerald Grant '65, John
Stanley '71, Anne Marie
Taber '79, Carolyn
Smith '79

Diane Giffin Fernsler '62,
John Stanley '71, Anne
Marie Taber '79,
Carolyn Smith '79,
Stan Smith '73,
Drew Adair '78,
Gerald Grant '65



Standing, left to right: John Stanley '71, John Stuckey '70, Stan Smith '73, Jeff Nagle '71, Drew Adair '78. Seated left to right: Carolyn's daughter Alexandria, Diane's granddaughter Sophie, Diane Giffin Fernsler '62, Anne Marie Taber '79, Carolyn Smith '79. Present but not pictured: Susan Rodd Case '71, Bill Case, Susan's grandson Miles.

jogging, bicycling, or tubing down the Delaware. After the potluck supper Saturday evening, a slide show presented photos and highlights of the past school year along with updates, a Q&A session, and plenty of colorful handouts for potential future students. Librarian and health teacher **Anne Marie Taber '79** represented the school at this event.

Upcoming Alumni Gatherings

Spring 2013

A schedule of gatherings for spring 2013 will be posted soon at www.olneyfriends.org. Look for gatherings in Seattle, Washington; Whittier, California; the Southwest; Florida; and Titusville, New Jersey. If you would like to host a gathering in your home, now or in the future, please contact development director Heather Best at heather@olneyfriends.org.

Advancement Travels

So far this fall, head of school **Charlie Szumilas (Hon.)** has visited with alumni, parents, and friends of the school in the Philadelphia area and New England, as well as in the Cincinnati vicinity and Kentucky. Development director Heather Best and advancement director **Kirsten Bohl (Hon.)** visited with Olneyites in central and southern Ohio, and Kirsten also in central, eastern, and northern Indiana and northwestern Ohio. Each visit is a chance to hear the Olney story through the prism of another person's unique ties. These visits are a joy and a privilege, and we look forward to additional travel this spring.

Friends in Richmond, Indiana: Kirsten Bohl (Hon.), Gail Godsey Miller '68, Jane Telfair Stowe '59, Louise Beede, Nancy Hamilton Tyndall '46. Not pictured: Peter Stowe.



Annual Fund Report, 2011-12

By Heather Best, Director of Development

We extend our heart-felt thanks to each of our loyal supporters who made gifts to the annual fund in 2011-12. The total raised for the 2012 Annual Fund was \$172,506. These gifts supported student scholarships, teacher salaries, classroom materials, and more. The goal for the 2013 Annual Fund is \$200,000. We thank all those who have given already this year! Our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

If we add to last year's annual fund total all the restricted gifts we received in 2011-12, the total jumps to \$427,316. Olney clearly received a great deal of financial support last year! However, additional unrestricted gifts to the 2013 Annual Fund are needed to assure that we can continue supporting the academic and social programs that are the hallmark of an Olney Friends School education.

For those who would enjoy more detail: Restricted gifts not counted in the total raised for the annual fund in 2011-12 included nearly \$135,000 in gifts and pledge payments for the *A Time to Build* campaign, nearly \$93,000 in restricted scholarships, nearly \$4,000 in academic grants and matching funds, and other restricted gifts totaling nearly \$24,000.

The list of names below honors those who made gifts to the 2012 Annual Fund. Thus, it is not a complete list of all who made donations during the year. Thank you to each individual for doing what you can to support our beloved school.

Alumni & Honorary Alumni

1933	1938
Wilma Stanley Leonardo	Ruth Binns Gordon
1936	Merle E. '38 & Bertha Pickett
Florence Edgerton Rockwell	1939
Jessie Dewees Starbuck	Marcus '39 & Marjorie (Hon.)
1937	Hadley
Paul Holloway	Mildred Mott Mendenhall
William '37x & Connie Llewellyn	1940
	Clarabel Hadley Marstaller

Bertha Stanley Swartz
Wilmer '40 & Joan Tjossem

1941

Mary Foster Cadbury
Margaret Mott Elizondo
Donald '41 & Mary Sue Farquhar
Leanna Barker Roberts '41 and
Joseph Roberts
Albert Smith

1942

Millicent Stanley Hanson
Marian Hussey Hoge '42 & Alfred
Hoge
Alma Hoge Keen '42 & Leonard
Keen
Don Mott
Dorothy Guindon Shaffer

1943

Anna Mae Starbuck Moffitt '43 &
William Moffitt '43

1944

Mary Iona Miles Aufrance '44 &
Robert Aufrance
Earl '44 & Helen Capper
Lloyd '44 & Laurelle Hampton
Philip Marshall '44 & Helen
Emmons Marshall '47

1945

Warren Bailey '45 and Mary Lea
Wolfe Bailey (Hon.)
Martha Chamness Bedell '45 & Don
Bedell
Elma Pemberton Dixon
Helen Livezey Drum '45 & John
Drum
David M. '45 & Ruth Hadley
Myron '45x & Theodora
Johnson (both Hon.)
Joy Cope Marshall '45 & Robert
Marshall
Jean Henderson McClelland
Anna Rosedale McDonough '45x
Lillian Standing Schmoie '45 & Bill
Schmoie
Ruth Starbuck Stuckey '45 & Roy
Joe Stuckey
Marygene Marshburn Wright '45x
& William Wright

1946

Mildred Livezey Crosbie
Stephen Edgerton '46 & Mary Ann
Edgerton
Elma Thompson Johnson '46x
(Hon.)
Nancy Hamilton Tyndall

1947

Harvey Haines '47 & Ferne Kissick
Haines '49
Perry Hunter
Oliver Kirk '47 & Sara Guindon
Kirk '55
Paul Livezey '47 & Carol Allen
Livezey '52
Helen Emmons Marshall '47 &
Philip Marshall '44
Ted Marshburn '47 & Mary Louise
Marshburn (Hon.)
Ruth Hadley Marstaller '47 &
William Marstaller
Elizabeth Richie Strader '47 & Bob
Strader
John Tanner '47 & Martha Tanner
Erica Herz Van Adelsberg

1948

Dale '48 & Doris Ann Buzzard
Carl Smith '48 & Dorothy Starbuck
Smith '48
Pauline Bedell Wills

1949

Bertha Livezey Brown '49 & Joe
Brown
Richard Emmons '49 & Barbara
Vorhees Emmons '51
Hildegard Garve Etkorn
Ferne Kissick Haines '49 & Harvey
Haines '47
Ernest '49 & Saisampan Hilton
Sabron Reynolds Newton '49 &
Robert Newton
Paul Shaw '49 & Jeanine Derby
Margaret Bailey Simone
Mary Otis Way '49 & Roger Way

1950

Donald '50 & Etsuko Bundy
Sylvia Rockwell Gralewski '50 & Val
Gralewski

Marie Hazard Procter
Sylvia Thomasson Surlage
Jim Warrington

1951
Barbara Vorhees Emmons '51 &
Richard Emmons '49
Tom '51 & Marilyn Hanson
Floy Mott Irwin '51 & Pat Irwin
Martha Satterthwait Latshaw
George Oliphant
Charles '51 & Jean Patterson

1952
Carol Allen Livezey '52 & Paul
Livezey '47
Ruth Bundy Naylor '52 & Stan
Naylor
Donald '52 & Carol Rippin
Lewis Stratton '52 & Wanda Frazer
Stratton '52
Arthur '52 & Mary Lou Thomas
Gertrude Bailey Torry

1953
Helen Baker
Elvina Thomas Krekler
Anna Kirk Peacock '53 & Victor
Peacock (Hon.)
Stanley Stratton '53 & Charlotte
Edgerton Stratton '53

1954
Marie Bundy
Jessie Frazer Hartley
Suselma Miles Roth
Lowell '54 & Nancy Thomas
Floyd Warrington '54 & Mary Beth
Haines Warrington '60

1955
Richard '55x & Dorice Bosse
Dell Cope '55 & Eva Mae Thomas
Cope '55
Barbara Dewees
Ulises '55 & Norma Franco
Martha Sykes Hansen
Sara Guindon Kirk '55 & Oliver
Kirk '47
Richard '55 & Sharon Patterson
Ruth Byerly Podolin '55 & Michael
Podolin
Anna Mae Cooper Sutterley

Beth Loeber Walcott '55 & Wray
Walcott

1956
Warren '56 & La Rue Carlson
John Rockwell '56 & Wanda
Edgerton Rockwell '56
Robert '56 & Loisanne (Hon.)
Rockwell

1957
James '57 & Anne Gamble
Martha Stratton Giffen
Ernest Hartley
Rebecca Hoge Shankland '57x & T.J.
Shankland
Shirley Morlan Stoffer '57 &
Richard Stoffer
Esther Sidwell Taylor '57 & Grant
Taylor

1958
Woodard Mackie '58 & Margaret
Bedell Mackie '58

1959
Luanna Rockwell Gamble
James Haworth '59 & Patricia
Altman
Wauneta Peacock Kerr '59 & Doug
Kerr
Brenda Bowdish Ponzani '59 & Dan
Ponzani
Jane Telfair Stowe '59 & Peter Stowe
Nancy Emmons Taylor '59 & Tom
Taylor
Gay Willson Wellman '59 & David
Wellman
Stan White '59 & Kathryn Sidwell
White '59

1960
William '60x & Birgitta Namad
Erma Sidwell Shea '60 & Bill Shea
Judith Starbuck '60 & Peter
Greenfield
Kristin Towe Updegraff '60
Mary Beth Haines Warrington '60
& Floyd Warrington '54

1961
Ted Cope

1962
Marian Baker
Jared '62 & Margery Clark
Margaret Detwiler '62
Charles Logan '62 & Sharla Rausch
Elizabeth Lehman River

1963
Paul '63 and Gilda Dockery
David Edmondson
Margaret Rockwell Roisman '63 &
Richard Roisman
Richard '63 & Mary Sidwell (Hon.)
Richard Stratton

1964
Santha Bundy Farah
Melinda Gamble Kramer '64 &
Gary Kramer
Stephen Sharpless

1965
Ramona Braddock Buck '65 & John
Buck
David '65 & Theresa Frazer
John Morgan
Karlana Vorhees Peebles '65 & Gary
Peebles
Peter '65 & Carol Reid
Ed Simonoff
Judith Stanfield '65 & Donna
Zerbato
Susan Bailey-Stickney '65 & Cary
Stickney
John Webb '65 & Trish Purcell
Dana '65 & Debbie Zak

1966
Alice Esmond Devine '66 & Michael
Devine
Neil '66 & Andrea Scheid
David R. '66 & Carolyn Stanley
(Hon.)

1967
Lisa Wright Eisenberg '67 & Ted
Eisenberg
Dale '67 & Debbie Guindon
Gunhild Klinghammer Wichardt
'67 & Guenter Wichardt

1968
Rebecca Hawkins

Philip Hershberger
Bev Kirk Shull '68 & Bob Shull

1969
Steve Barton
David '69 & Beth Nagle
Mary Alice Cope Pino
Mary Shirk
Sylvia Thomas '69 & Fred Moore

1970
Dan Bailey '70 & Emily Stanley '78
Leonard '70 & Legenia (Hon.)
Guindon
Laurie Lee '70 & Carlos Lam
Sara Smith Sheldon
John Stuckey

1971
Elizabeth Ball Letts '71 & John Letts
Patsy Moffitt
Jeffrey Nagle
Logan Palmer '71 & Terry Blecher
Catherine Cooper Papazian '71 &
Richard Papazian
Larry '71 & Chris Sidwell
John Tipton

1972
Kathy Rockwell Beard '72 & James
Beard (Hon.)
Lisa Cayard '72 & Mark Roberts
'72x
Mike '72 & Jill Ann Hernandez
Belinda Bailey Johnson '72 &
Michael Johnson
Normie Rockwell '72x

1973
Susan Ball Dobbmeyer '73 & David
Dobbmeyer
Nancy Kirk-Jones
Paul Neumann '73 & Arloa Eckles
Stanley Smith
Edith Starbuck '73 & Michael
Benson
Barbara Smith Warrington '73 &
Dave Warrington '74

1974
Donald Guindon '74 & Jan
Chambers (Hon.)
Blanche Rybeck

Judy Tsafirir '74x
Pete '74 & Madge Vail
Dave Warrington '74 & Barbara
Smith Warrington '73
1975
Wendy Meacham
Lisa Nagle
1976
Elizabeth Stanley Bowling
Andrew Erdman '76 & Ruth
Phillips
Janet Guindon Hammer '76 &
Chuck Hammer
Max Vogt
1977
Katharine Peck Cleary '77 & Patrick
Cleary
Amy Davis
Donald Stratton '77 & Helen Young
1978
Peggy Conant
Sara McCracken '78 & Debra
Heinrichs
Emily Stanley '78 & Dan Bailey '70
1979
Ruth-Maria Peck Brutz '79 & Phil
Brutz
Jon Giffen
Lyn Beede Gruber '79 & Frank
Gruber
1980
Sarah Boyer '80x
Amy Henderson Rieck '80 & Tony
Rieck
Richard Thomas
Frank '80 & Janet Van Nuys
1981
Youseef Elias '81 & Rachel Silvers
Shira Tarrant '81x
1982
Anne '82 & Cornelius
Hartley-Willis

Shelly Stratton '82 & John Nimo
1983
Lars Etkorn '83 & Gregory Hoss
1985
Debora Taber '85 & Robert Becerra
1988
Bill '88x & Ainhoa DeNeale
1989
Greg Mott '89 & Diane Erb Mott
(Hon.)
1991
Judy Hale Reed '91 & Keith Reed '93
1993
Keith Reed '93 & Judy Hale Reed '91
1994
Jesse Stanley
1995
Dan White '95 & Tracey
Speicher '96
1996
Tracey Speicher '96 & Dan
White '95
1999
Carrie Hearne Farrar
Kathryn Hunninen '99x & Jose Luis
Sagastegui
2001
Katy McKinnon
2002
Gabe Guindon
2004
Katharine Brutz Adolf '04 & Jim
Adolf
2009
Shannon Isaacs
2014
Hunter Keller '14x

Honoraries

Karen Arbenz Greenlee
Mary Lea Wolfe Bailey (Hon.) &
Warren Bailey

James Beard (Hon.) & Kathy
Rockwell Beard '72
Kirsten Bohl

David & Mae Brown (both Hon.)
Thomas Brown
Micah & Akiko Brownstein (both
Hon.)
George Bailey (Hon.)
John Caughey
Jan Chambers (Hon.) & Donald
Guindon '74
Andrea Condit
Anne Dale (Hon.) & Scott
Lindstrom
Sam Dalke (Hon.) & Katharine
Baratz Dalke
Fred (Hon.) & Mary Anne Feitler
Vivian Gill (Hon.)
Dorothy Bedell Guindon
Legenia (Hon.) & Leonard '70
Guindon
Marjorie (Hon.) and Marcus '39
Hadley
Sam Hunkler (Hon.) & Kelly
Cunnane
Ken & Katharine Jacobsen (both
Hon.)
Elma Thompson Johnson '46x
(Hon.)
Myron '45 & Theodora Johnson
(both Hon.)
Doug (Hon.) & Cassie Keith
Jon Kimmel (Hon.) & Betsy Swan
Mary Louise Marshburn (Hon.) &
Ted Marshburn '47

Camilo Matos
Diane Erb Mott (Hon.) & Greg
Mott '89
Mary Ellen Newport
Taylor (Hon.) & Mary Kathryn
Pancoast
Promise Partner
Victor (Hon.) & Anna Kirk Peacock
'53
Ruth M. Pitman
Brett Potash
Roger & Diane Reynolds (both
Hon.)
Ela Robertson & Bill Cullingford
(both Hon.)
Loisanne (Hon.) & Robert '56
Rockwell
Bob Scattergood
Bill (Hon.) & Marina Shaw
Norma Shull
Carolyn Sparks
Carolyn Stanley (Hon.) & David R.
Stanley '66
Mary Sidwell (Hon.) & Richard
Sidwell '63
Margaret Starbuck
Sandra Sterrett
Charles (Hon.) & Susan Szumilas
Barbarajene Williams
Janice (Hon.) & Larry Willis
Carolyn Yoder
Jane Zavitz-Bond

Organizations

Athens Friends Meeting
Barnesville Youth Soccer
Birmingham Monthly Meeting
Broadmead Friends Meeting
Dayton Friends Meeting
Delaware Friends Meeting
Flushing Meetinghouse Fund
Illinois Yearly Meeting
Lake Erie Yearly Meeting
Miami Monthly Meeting of Friends

Oberlin Friends Meeting
Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting
Ohio Yearly Meeting, Conservative
Raven Rocks, Inc.
Religious Society of Friends of
Pittsburgh
Towe Foundation
Wooster Friends Meeting
Yellow Springs Friends Meeting

Family & Friends

Roy & Barbara Allen
Anonymous
Phyllis & Donald Austin

Greg & Esther Avdakov
David Bailey
Mary Margaret Bailey

David Barnes
 Peter Baumann & Mary Butler
 Doug & Ellen Bennett
 Heather Best
 Bonita Biegalko
 Adrian & Diana Bohl
 Richard & Karen Brean
 Frank Calabrese
 Leonora Cayard
 Peg Champney
 Robert & Elizabeth Coady
 James & Arnelle Collins
 Wendell & Marie Cotton
 Robert Connamacher
 Dave Cook
 Donna Cox
 Nancy Craft
 Nancy & Roy Crawford
 David & Rebecca Crum
 Xiangyong "Kevin" Cui & Yulian Wang
 Barbara Davis
 Curt Denhardt
 Barbara Diehl
 Joseph Dosch & Nancy Evangelista
 Robert & Patricia Fitzwater
 Ann Fourt
 Margaret Fraser
 Patricia Gessmann
 Phillip & Deborah Goodchild
 Betty Griffin
 Edwin & Marjorie Griffin
 Wilma Grimes
 Donald Helms
 Betty Herndon
 Richard Hodes
 Ben Hole
 Kathie & Chris Hollingshead
 Janet Honecker
 William & Alice Hunkler
 Douglas Irwin
 Jack Irwin
 Ralph Isaacs
 Harvey Jackson
 Toni & Steve Kellar
 Amy Kietzman
 Mary Korytkowski & Bruce Herschlag
 Erika Kreider
 Charmaine Lamoncha
 Russell & Sharon Lee-Wood
 Willi Lehner & Kitas McKnight
 Ellen Lewis
 Karl Liske
 Margaret & Kurt Liske
 Eunice Lohr
 Susan Loughridge
 Randy Lucas
 Geraldine Lucash & Richard Van Der Geest
 Abby Maitland
 Patty Maitland
 Donald Mayberry
 Burrett & Deborah McBee
 Grayce & Neil Mesner
 Charlotte & Phil Minor-Patterson
 Chris & Terri Modic
 Lee & Vicky Morgan
 Frances Nealon
 Pamela Nickell
 Joyce Osborn
 Michelle Pate
 Kris Parsons
 Ann Payne
 Paris Peet & Claudia Schuchardt-Peet
 James Perkins
 J.M. & Sally Pomputius
 Sidney & Marilyn Potash
 Ron Preston
 Suzette Recinos & Darryl Thompson
 H. John Rogers
 Allan & Louise Root
 Larry & Linda Schonborn
 Kurt Schuchardt
 Melanie Seaman
 Laurance Simpson & Chris Westover
 Donna Smith
 Becky & Roger Smith
 Jacquelyn Speicher
 James Spickard
 John Stamm
 Richard Taylor
 Julianne Trempus
 Peter & Cynthia Trueblood

Khoi Manh Vu & Dung Phuong Nguyen
 Wayne & Gertrude Ward
 Etta Warman
 Virginia Watters
 Richard & Susan Webb
 Deborah Williams
 Barbara Wood
 Bruce Yarnall
 Timothy & Susan Young



Pumpkin bread baking: Kerri Rogers '13, Jeraun Cullers '14, Anna Kamnyeva '13

Alumni News

Class Notes

☞ **Arthur Williams '43.** From Donna Williams: "I've enclosed Arthur L. Williams's Memorial Service record. He was a very honorable man who was close to God and served his neighbors, friends, and even strangers with integrity. Art loved nature, birds, fishing, and traveling. All of these he shared with family and friends. He was my best friend for more than 63 years. -Donna J. Williams."

Arthur L. Williams, age 86, of Marshalltown, Iowa, passed away on July 3 at Villa del Sol Care Center, following lengthy illnesses of diabetes and cancer.

Arthur Leslie Williams was born at home September 29, 1925 near Whittier in Linn County, Iowa, to John P. and Edna (Willis) Williams. He was the middle child between older siblings, **Robert Williams '39** and **Margaret Williams '40**, and younger siblings, Virginia and Howard. Art was educated in the area of his birth, at Springville Consolidated School through his sophomore year, and graduated from Olney Friends School in Barnesville, Ohio. He also attended William Penn College and Coe College.

On June 25, 1949, Art married Donna Joan Parsons in a double wedding at First Friends Church in Marshalltown, Iowa. Three children were born to this union: daughters Marlene and Shirley, and son Gregory. Together, they designed and built their own home in Center Point, Iowa.

Art was employed with Le Febure Corporation, then as a Linn County deputy recorder, was appointed Linn County assessor in 1972, and retired from the office of the Cedar Rapids City Assessor in 1987. In his leisure time, Art enjoyed ornithology, fishing, and wood-working. He assisted in building the Cedar Rapids Friends Church, and continued many home remodeling projects. Since 1990, Art and Donna have wintered at Palm Shadows RV Park in Donna, Texas.

Art is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Donna J. Williams, of Marshalltown; his daughter, Marlene (Dennis) Reece of New Providence; grandsons Matthew (Kristen) Reece of Cordova, Illinois; Christopher (Jen) Reece of Tallahassee, Florida; and John (Jennifer) Scoville of Burnsville, Minnesota; granddaughters Allison Reece of West Des Moines, and Leslie Scoville of Shorewood, Minnesota; great-grandchildren Aleck, Rhaena, and Micah Reece, Graham Reece, Austin Scoville, and anticipated Baby Boy Scoville in October.

He is also survived by his brother, Robert (Maxine) Williams of Whittier, Iowa; sister Margaret Stevens of Bartelsville, Oklahoma; brothers-in-law Neil (Peggy) Martin of Marshalltown, and Rev. Robert Lemmermann of St. Ansgar, Iowa; sister-in-law Merrilou Williams of Greensboro, North Carolina; and many dear nieces and nephews.

Preceding Art in death were his parents, **John P. Williams '13x** and **Edna Willits Williams '14x**, children Gregory Allen Williams (age 3) and Shirley E. Scoville (age 52); sister Virginia Lemmermann; brother Howard Williams; sisters-in-law Frances Parsons Martin and Beverly Parsons Dillon.

Memorials may be designated to Whittier Cemetery Fund, American Diabetes Association, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, or may be directed to family. Address: 1408 S. 2nd Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158. Phone: 515-509-3263.

☞ **Carroll Miles '46** submits the article below, reprinted with permission from the fall 2012 edition of the *Damascus Herald*, a publication of the Damascus Area Historical Society in Damascus, Ohio:

From the President's Desk

We had a real special treat at our June 19th meeting when our own **Ray Stanley '40** presented us with a copy of his life story that he had just completed. Ray named his 390-page book *A Life of Service to God and Country*. For the cover Ray chose the World Peace Prayer: "Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth. / Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust. / Lead me from hate to love, from

war to peace. / Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.” The World Peace Prayer was used around the world to further the cause of world disarmament in 1982 when there was a special session on world disarmament at the UN.

Ray wrote of his experience with the draft board. On page 121 of his book he writes, “About this time the draft board informed me that I would be classified 1-A due in part to my work in military-related industry. I immediately appealed my classification and asked for a hearing, which was granted. I explained to a sober-face draft board in a smoke-filled room that I was not afraid to die for a just cause if called for by my Heavenly Father, but would have no part in shedding human blood. I was asked the standard questions: “What would you do if those ‘dirty enemies’ came over here and—so and so?”

On page 24, [a section] titled “200 years of Stanleys in Ohio Free-lands” gives a glimpse of the excitement of going west. The date was April 1, 1805. Hundreds of Virginia Quakers were 1) educating their freed slaves and helping them restructure their family identities and preparing them to join with them [sic] to journey to the slavery-free lands beyond the Ohio River; 2) Putting up their plantations and farms and business holdings for sale. Auctions were being held in many communities; 3) Covered wagons were repaired, new canvas for the top installed, special light farm machinery for life on the frontier was readied. Horseshoes were all checked or replaced and all saddle and harness gear was renewed or repaired. Many kerosene lanterns and supplies of kerosene were packed in handy places in the wagons.

High-wheeled wagons were most appropriate since all frontier highway specifications for public roads called for 30'-wide right-of-ways. Stumps in the right-of-ways could be no higher than 18". Each migrating group of 100 or so had its appointed leader, as well as two or three young men on horseback to hunt for food and supplies. Water was stored in barrels in the back of the wagons. “Friendly favors,” small packages of dried beef and smoked ham, etc. were stored separate from other food, to be given to Indians and friendly people along the way. It took seven to eight weeks to migrate from Virginia to Ohio.

In the past 200 years, life has changed, but human nature not so much. Each day we are handed a blank page for our life's book to fill in. Each day we fill it with the everyday decisions we make to be put in our life book permanently.

What a life story these people made for us in surrounding communities! We have benefited and will always benefit from the choices these families made each day.

For further information on *A Life of Service to God and Country*, call Ray Stanley at 330-938-1524.

✿ **Pauline Bedell Wills '48** writes, “A new generation for the Wills family. Crosley Jacob Curtis was born to Brian and Casey Curtis—my first great-grandchild—May 31, 2012. Weighed in at five pounds. They live in New Vienna, Ohio. My daughter, Roseanna Curtis, his grandmother, retired last year after 36 years in the classroom. I feel blessed to have lived this long and enjoy life. Something new from relatives and friends every day on Facebook. Especially enjoy the pictures and news.” Email: paulinebwills@yahoo.com.

✿ From July 4 through 27, 2012, **Dick Emmons '49** and **Barbara Voorhees Emmons '51** travelled over 6,000 miles into British Columbia, Yukon, and a bit of Alaska, joined for most of the trip by **Kathy Voorhees Stanley '65** and **Wayne Stanley '68**, and **Karla Voorhees Peebles '65** and Gary Peebles. Highlights of the trip included the Calgary Stampede parade (100th year celebration); Lake Louise, Jasper, and the Icefields Parkway; Dawson Creek and the Alaskan Highway to Whitehorse (70th year for the Al-Can Highway); Skagway and the Klondike Highway; Dawson City, the Top of The World Highway, and Chicken, Alaska (read the great book *Tisha* if you haven't before, or read it again!); Stewart, British Columbia and adjacent Hyder, Alaska with the famous grizzly-bears-feeding-on-spawning-salmon in Fish Creek; and the magnificent Thompson River canyon on the way to the US border. We pulled a little travel trailer, stayed in great campgrounds every night, had almost-all-good paved highways, and not too many mosquitoes.

Lots of wildlife, wildflowers, and thousands of miles of pristine forest. Email: rwemmons49@hotmail.com.

🌿 **Gertrude Bailey Torry '52** writes, "Since moving to Delaware, Ohio, I have been busy enjoying all the activities Willow Brook at Delaware Run has to offer. We have groups for writing, sewing, four kinds of exercise, stained glass, poetry, needle arts, painting, quilting, and many trips. My brother, **Warren Bailey '45**, his wife **Mary Lea Bailey (Hon.)**, and my sister, **Peg Bailey Simone '49**, are living here too so we get to see each other. It's been about 40 years since we lived in the same state. My son, **Greg Torry '76**, lives in Columbus, so I get to see him occasionally. **Gwen Torry-Owens '78** still lives in New Jersey with her husband Carlyle and children, Oliver and Amy. Address: 100 Delaware Crossing West, Apt 1003, Delaware, OH 43015."

🌿 **Chester Hartley '53**, 77, of Lakeview, Ohio, went home to be with the Lord on August 5, 2012 after a mercifully short bout with cancer. Chet was born March 23, 1935 in Salem, Ohio to the late **Alfred Stanley '21** and Ethel Stanley Hartley. He was also preceded in death by an infant brother Cecil and a sister **Edith Hartley Silvernale '50**. Following graduation, Chet attended Guilford College in North Carolina for two years. After retirement from a varied career selling insurance and home improvement, Chet started a thrift store and food pantry called the "Give & Take Program" in West Mansfield, Ohio on the principle "give if you can, take if you need." He volunteered for several years before turning it over to the current volunteers. He then retired for good at Indian Lake to fish as often as he wanted with his fishing buddy, Louie. Chet is survived by his wife of 48 years, Nancy Pool Hartley, whom he married in Delaware, Ohio on November 15, 1963; sons, **James Hartley '83** (Amy) of Cincinnati and Robert (Diann) Hartley of Streetsboro; grandchildren, Sean Hartley, Ryan Hartley, Alicia Penn, Brandon (Mason) Hartley, Jordyn Hartley; great-grandchildren, Lily Dehring and Cadence Hartley; a brother, William Hartley; and sister, **Dorothy Hartley Gaskalla '46**. Chet also

had two daughters, Joyce and Judy, by his first wife **Jessie Frazer Hartley '54**. Graveside services were held Saturday, August 11, 2012 at Marlborough Cemetery, Delaware, Ohio.

🌿 **Mary Forsythe '57** died Sunday July 15, 2012 at her home. Born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late George Forsythe and the late Florence Dewees Forsythe. Mary was a graduate of Olney Friends Boarding School in Barnesville, Ohio. She had worked as a printing press operator for Denney-Reyburn Company of West Chester. Mary is survived by her brother, James H. Forsythe, husband of Joan, of West Grove; one niece, one nephew, one great-niece, and three great-nephews.

🌿 **Jim Haworth '59** here. Since our big 50th reunion in '09, I have written two more books. The first one, published in 2011, titled *Simon Sez: A Glass Half Full or Half Empty Still Has Enough for a Drink*, is dedicated to Olney Friends School. The second one, titled *Simon Sez: The Future or Bust*, is dedicated to **Paul Zavitz (Hon., deceased)**, our physics and shop teacher, and Dr. Edward Steinmetz. The first was my mentor at Olney and the second was my career mentor in cardiology. All my books are all eclectic collections of inspirational or motivational positive thoughts, poems, and short stories. The latest two are also available as e-books. It didn't take as long to publish the second one because I was finally semi-retired. I still live in Indianapolis with my wife Pat, and we enjoy occasional visits from **Antero Cortes '59** and **Stan White '59** and **Kathy Sidwell White '59** on their ways to other places. Oh, and I had the excitement of helping Stan and Kathy celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. We were each other's best men when we each got married those few years ago! Email: simonstargazer@gmail.com.

🌿 **Gay Willson Wellman '59** writes, "Had a wonderful time at Homecoming this fall. Made the trip outside primarily to see granddaughter **Kelsi Miller '14**, John's daughter (**John Miller '81**), who is at Olney as a junior this year. She is thriving. Drove down with daughter

Ann Miller '82 from Minnesota. The added pleasure was to be able to spend time with **Holly Day Magoon '59**, **Antero Cortes '59**, **Brenda Bowdish Ponzani '59**, and **Cleda Mott '57**. Kelsi says she plans on graduating from Olney in 2014. That will be our class's 55th reunion year. I'll be there. Hope the rest of the class remembers our commitment to getting together for that. Also spent a good week with **Trish Miller '84** and her family in Massachusetts. Got caught in part of the big storm. Made me very glad to be living in Alaska where we are prepared for power outages and extreme weather.

"Alaska is just as beautiful as ever. I challenge any to make it a destination for at least a visit. I'm still enjoying my work for the Alzheimer's Resource Agency. Just two-and-a-half days a week from the house here in Kenny Lake doing education programs including Go to Meeting webinars. Anyone interested in joining in on those can contact me at welm@kennylakeak.net. Even if you personally are not having to deal with dementia, you probably know of someone who is."

✿ **Martha Poinar Nygaard '63** submits the following:

MY STORY

To my Olney classmates...

First I want to give thanks to my classmate and friend, **Wendell Satterthwait**, who encouraged me to write this. I have shared a lot of my life with him and he knows of my problems and felt that others would be interested to know what happened to me and in spite of my reluctance he kept on pressing me. I finally realized he was right.

I attended Olney from 1962 as a senior and graduated in 1963. I've been pretty quiet about my life because I have lived a very difficult one with chronically poor health and to be honest with you, I was ashamed that I had not accomplished more, not been more brilliant, and not been healthier not just physically but in all other ways, too.

I've learned recently to receive the Grace of God (through Jesus Christ) and that Grace has brought me to the point where I'm accepting myself finally and through that acceptance I've come to a place where I can share with all of you.

My history since Olney is this:

After graduating in 1963, I moved to Boston, where I worked at a hospital for three years. The first one and a half years I was a nurse's aide, then I was trained to be a surgical technician and scrubbed in during operations. I was a scrub nurse and circulating nurse. A scrub nurse assists the doctor by handing him instruments—she stands right next to the doctor—and a circulating nurse goes in and out of the operating room to bring supplies in and out and is responsible for counting all the sponge gauzes that come out of the body to make sure none are left in. The circulating nurse is not sterile, while the scrub nurse is.

In 1966 I started attending college at the University of Massachusetts at the Boston branch.

In 1969 my soon-to-be husband, Doug Morse, and I started a leather business which turned out to be very successful. We worked with lots of chemicals in the business and that's what triggered the severe multiple chemical sensitivity condition that I have now.

In 1970 I married Doug Morse. We were together until 1982, when he was killed while talking a walk in Hawaii. Doug was into natural health and alternative lifestyles and he travelled a lot while I stayed back and ran our leather business. On this trip, he was with a friend. They had just eaten dinner at a natural health food restaurant and he decided to take a walk even though it was storming out. He was hit by a truck driven by a drunk man during this walk. He died eight hours later. The storm was so fierce that the roads were washed out and it took them four hours to get him to a hospital. Seven years prior to his accident, I had dreamt this happened to him and thought it was a just a nightmare, but it proved to be a prophetic dream.

In 1980 I lost one baby in my uterus after three months and in 1981 I lost twins the same way after five months. My uterus could not carry the babies because it was full of fibroid tumors, a fact I didn't know until I got pregnant. I never had any children.

My first husband and I did have a successful leather business, though, from 1969 to 1983 when I sold it. There are lots of happy

memories associated with our business. We were the first to produce the leather “paramedic holster,” which was featured in many magazines. We sold thousands of those by mail order and that was later on. When we started out, we made leather belts for all kinds of stores and we would go on the road during the summers and sell our belts and handbags, hats, wristbands, and other leather things at fairs. This was extremely exciting and fun.

In 1976 I saw my first chiropractor and had my first spinal x-ray. Everyone was shocked to see that I had a very severe double scoliosis hidden in my body. It wasn’t noticeable because it was a double one. This was the beginning of severe back pain for me. A scoliosis, in case someone isn’t familiar with this condition, is a curve in the spine. A double one is two curves. The most dramatic part of the side to side curve is in my lower spine where it goes off to the right like a spiral staircase, then it curves back to the other side in my rib cage leaving my rib cage rotated to one side. This condition worsened as I got older. A normal spinal curve is front to back; my scoliosis goes from side to side and rotates.

After my first husband’s death in 1982, I met my second husband, whom I married in 1983. He was just a young man, 13 years younger than I. We sure had our hard times though.

In 1983 I lost my beloved mother. She had cancer, which they removed but slashed her spleen while operating on her so they took her spleen out. We never found out they did this until after her death. It turned out she had a rare blood condition and she needed her spleen to produce blood cells so her condition turned into leukemia and she died two years later of leukemia.

In 1985 my beloved father, who had prostate cancer, came and lived with my second husband and me and he died in our home in 1986. Losing my parents was very painful for me since I had no children of my own. They were everything to me. I have an older brother, George, who I am close to but due to my health conditions, I haven’t seen him since 1998. He lives in Oregon.

In 1985 I was diagnosed by the best multiple chemical sensitivity

doctors in Massachusetts as having sensitivities to everything I ate, smelled, and touched, natural and chemical. That has been the health condition I have struggled with since and I now realize that I was having the same problems while at Olney in 1962 and 1963. I was born with this condition. This has resulted in me being too reactive to be out with others because I react to smells—just the scent of someone’s hair shampoo or body lotion or laundry detergent makes me very dizzy and affects my brain. I will have short-term memory loss and be totally unable to function.

In 1987 I had my uterus removed. Following that, I lost my two dogs and my two birds. I have always had pets since I was 12 years old, mostly dogs. The two I lost in 1987 were my two friendly Dobermans, worst watchdogs I ever had. I was so leery of Dobermans that I oversocialized them and they were way too friendly! The birds I have had were parakeets.

In 1988 my second husband had a nervous breakdown.

In 1989 my second husband and I moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where we both still are but not with each other. We divorced in 1997.

In 1990, at the suggestion and help of my multiple chemical sensitivity doctor in New Mexico, I applied for social security disability. I finally appeared in court in front of a judge and my case was presented. The judge told me he had never seen a better documented case than mine (I also had a well-respected lawyer who is now a judge himself) and I was granted disability. I have had excellent doctors. There are only a few throughout the country who recognize this condition and I had the best, two in Massachusetts and one in New Mexico.

Yet I was, at that time, pretty healthy as long as I stayed away from chemicals and odors, dust, mold and pollens. I enjoyed lots of bike riding, camping trips in our RV, and my pets. I had more dogs, up to four at a time. All have passed on except for one elderly one left, a lab mix. All the dogs I have had in New Mexico were abandoned in the desert and we found them and after not being able to find

their owners, ended up keeping them. People regularly abandon their dogs out here; it's quite sad. So I was fairly healthy (staying away from exposure, though, meant staying away from most people) until 2003 when my medication turned on me and made me worse. See below.

Now I am married to John Nygaard and we are very happily married. But because of my all my physical problems, I was taking some heavy-duty medications for years and those ended up damaging me even more. From 2003 to present after coming off the medications, I'm left with extreme pain all over my body and other problems. It turned out that I was just as sensitive to medications as I am and was to everything else. I finished tapering off the last of my medications in 2008 and no longer take any at all. John saw me through all of this without complaining. During the times I have been bedridden and homebound, he has supported me and cared for me with unconditional love. I am so blessed to have found him. As I told Wendell, the tapering years from 2003 to 2008 were rough and I was sure I would die. But I had a very unusual and rare symptom of Klonopin withdrawal and that is uncontrollable hysterical laughter so I laughed through the first few years of withdrawal even though I couldn't walk and I couldn't stop coughing for two years from a swallowing disorder that started with my first drop in [dosage of] the drug but I was left with a sense of humor that I did not have before. I'm very, very grateful for this and to my friend in England who laughed along with me by internet and has been my close friend since. The pain caused from the Klonopin withdrawal was unreal, the most severe anyone could experience. I don't even have words on how to describe this type of pain.

I didn't want to write my story because I didn't want anyone feeling sorry for me, but now I realize I have underestimated you all. I want to share it with you because I was part of you and part of Olney and you all have shared your stories. I am sharing it now so everyone will know what ever happened to me and why I don't say much, why I have kept so silent about myself.

Through all that I have been through, I have had much spiritual

growth and now that I am more firmly rooted in Jesus, amazing things are happening to both John and me. I have found what love is, what peace is, and what joy is, who He is. Life has been quite an adventure and continues to be so.

With love and blessings to you all.

Martha

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🌿 **Jim Henderson '65** writes, "The class of '65 plus had a lunch at an inn near Sandy Spring Friends School in Maryland in a location with a Great Name! The reason seemed to be **Pete Reid's** birthday, but do we really need a reason to get together? I've included a picture. I am a horrible one to ask for names, but I'll try..."



Left to right: Jean Parker Swaim '65, Eric Dashiell '67 (an honorary member of '65), Ramona Braddock Buck '65, Pete Reid '65, Carol Reid, Cindy Henderson, Jim Henderson '65, Judy Stanfield '65, Ed Simonoff '65, and Nancy Sajda (Ed's friend).

☛ **Christopher K. Starr '67** submits the following:

REVELATION ON A RAILROAD

простор (*prostor*)

This past summer I did something I have always wanted to do. I rode the Trans-Siberian Railway all the way from Vladivostok to Moscow over 15 days with stops. That's more than 9,000 kilometers across seven time zones. This was a very appropriate adventure, as I almost never tire of looking out the window, watching landscapes slip by in constant self-renewal. It was either that or run before the bulls in the Festival of San Fermín, and the Trans-Siberian gives a much more sustained rush. Crossing the frequent rivers was especially exciting, as I obsessively wondered what there was around that bend that I would never see.

Most tourists ride the Trans-Siberian from west to east, so I deliberately went the other way, figuring to interact mostly with real Russians. I had provided myself with curiosity, charm, and two bottles of vodka, determined to make many new friends, which I did. On this non-express train, people got off and on in an ever-replenished stream of friends. Among other things, they enriched my vocabulary with *простор*, translatable as “grand expanse” and evidently a key element of Russianness. This was positively my idea of a good time. My one regret is that I can't talk about it with my favorite native of Siberia, the late **Teacher Barbara Bachovzeff (Hon.)**. (See “Missing You” on page 27 of this edition.)

It was already dark when we pulled out of Vladivostok, and I hardly slept at all, waiting impatiently for the sun to rise on my first view of the Siberian flatlands. At one point in the middle of the night the train stood for about half an hour at a nowhere station for no discernible reason. Nothing was moving, no person or beast in sight, and I had a flashback to more than 40 years ago in the Canadian prairies. Then, as now, I just waited in night-wrapped solitude to go somewhere.

The difference was that back then I was a young, broke hobo, riding a freight train and keeping an eye out for the railway police, while

now was an elderly professor, sitting in a comfortable passenger car with a ticket. And I distinctly heard myself say, “No two ways about it—those were the good old days, and these are the good new days.”

Stated another way, it's really rather grand to be old. Let's consider the ways.

1. (Here in Trinidad) I ride the bus and inter-island ferry for free, and in the bank I can choose the (usually much shorter) senior citizens' line.

2. I am almost always the oldest person on any field trip, which means that I can call a rest stop any time I please. The youngsters reluctant to do so, and I sometimes maliciously set a hard pace.

3. My girlfriend is very understanding if, on occasion, I fall down on the job.

4. I'm as radical as ever, yet it has been a very long time since anyone said, “Just you wait, sonny. When you're older you'll be just as reactionary as I am.” As a young fellow, I got fed that *stercorius* all the time, and it was enraging.

5. (The greatest blessing of all) I have accumulated a marvelous and diverse fund of memories.

The last shows pointedly why Alzheimer's syndrome is such a disgrace. Just as they reach their peak of life in this respect, many people rather abruptly lose it all. I understand that the US government has finally taken a resolution to do what it takes to find the key to this blight and see if we can put a stop to it.

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☛ **David Nagle '69** and family moved from Shawnee to Tahlequah, Oklahoma in Eighth Month. Both are employed at Northeastern State University and David also works part-time for German Online (www.germanonline.okstate.edu), part of Oklahoma State's distance learning academy. David also continues to serve Hominy Friends Meeting. Beth is also teaching a children's First-day school class there. Joseph is now 10 and in the 5th grade. Anika is 6 and in kindergarten. We enjoyed a visit from **Denny Rockwell '77** and daughter Lily

Rockwell earlier this fall as he drove her out to grad school in Arizona. We are slowly unpacking boxes and settling into our 1910 two-story home. Eventually we will have a nice guest bedroom and welcome visits from any Olneyites or Friends. Phone: 405-863-6685.

🌿 **Dave Henderson '75** writes, "So many years, so many memories. Nineteen seventy-five is just a quick glance over the shoulder. I have been in education for the past 29 years, 14 as a shop teacher, (channeling my inner **Larry Mott (Hon., deceased)**), and the past 15 as a guidance counselor. It has been during many talks and sessions regarding the relationships of youth, in particular the topic of "bullying," I have realized that quite some time ago I too was a bully or to some degree, not a very nice person to others.

To anybody and everybody that attended (or taught at) Olney during the years from 1971 to 1975, I apologize if at any time was I mean or insensitive to you. Looking back, those years were filled with many good times and good friends, but the memories include things that I am not proud of. I am not going to get "blubberty" on you; please just accept my apology, delayed (far too long) as it is. Email: xudave42@aol.com.

🌿 **Paul Craft '76** writes, "I do enjoy reading the *Current* and hearing from my friends/Friends from the past! All the best to all who read this. Please feel free to drop me a line. Email: craft.3@osu.edu. Peace."

🌿 **Lyn Beede Gruber '79** writes, "Frank and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary on August 7th and our grandson Jack's second birthday on September 10th. Where has the time gone! Our eldest son, Jon, has been in the Navy a little over a year and is stationed on Whidbey Island, Washington. He's had one deployment to Japan and will have another deployment in May. Our daughter Karen will be finished with cosmetology school by the time you are reading this and hopefully gainfully employed in her new profession. Our youngest son, Jeff, is still in London. He completed an internship with

Social Finance, a company that matches folks with money to invest with socially responsible projects that will net a return. He is currently looking for another opportunity in London. We will be having Christmas all together at our vacation home near Sandpoint, Idaho and we are looking forward to spending time as a family! I enjoy keeping up with classmates and other Olneyites on Facebook. Email: lyngruber@hotmail.com. Phone: 951-704-4799."

🌿 **David Sowards '83x**, Olney student 1979-1981, has recently had several book and short story manuscripts published at lulu.com.

🌿 **Barbara Malungu '87** sends the note below:

Hello Friends,

As most of you know thanks to Facebook, I am now living back in Uganda with my six-year-old daughter Edisa. The decision to move after 30 years in the US and leaving a very good job was not an easy one. My mother had returned about five years prior, her sister was also returning from Canada, and my brothers had also returned to the continent. My sister and her family had moved to Europe, so I was the lone ranger from my immediate family, and I missed everyone, especially since we are all in the New York/New Jersey area, and had maintained close ties.

I was working too hard; I was constantly stressed and felt that I was not spending enough time with my young daughter. I remembered my childhood in Uganda, surrounded by family, and I wanted that for her. December 2012 will be two years for us in Uganda and although the transition was not easy it has been more rewarding than I could have imagined. I am stress-free and we are surrounded by lots of *Jajjas* (grandparents, all my aunts, uncles, and cousins). It has been wonderful to see Edisa blossom with all the love around, and I too have enjoyed reconnecting with family. We have also made new friends from all over the world, which adds to the richness of our experience. I continue to learn the mores, which make Uganda an interesting place, and whenever we can, we go on safaris to see the animals and enjoy the country's natural beauty. We live by Lake

Victoria, and every morning the sight of the lake takes my breath away. I feel blessed to have this opportunity, as I never thought I would return to Uganda to live, given the circumstances under which my family left in 1978.

It would be great to connect with Olney alum living East Africa. We would also be happy to receive members of the Olney family, so please let us know when your travels bring you to Uganda. Email: bmalungu@yahoo.com. Phone: +256-718-494-481.

Honoraries and Friends

✎ Former Olney Friends School board member **Richard Taylor** died peacefully at the age of 89 on October 6, 2012, in the company of Friends. He was born on January 15, 1923 in Cleveland, Ohio to Irmgard Wirth and Robert Gray Taylor. His parents had met when they were both doing hunger relief work with the American Friends Service Committee after World War I in Germany, Irmgard's native land. For the first 13 years of his life, Richard lived alternately in German and English, Germany and Philadelphia. He attended the Waldschule in Kronberg im Taunus for a momentous two years in 1935-36, and witnessed firsthand the cancerous growth of the racist police state under the National Socialists. In Philadelphia, he attended the new School in Rose Valley, a Friends school his parents had co-founded, and then Westtown Friends School, from which he graduated in 1941. After Westtown, he attended Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he met Sadie White, the love of his life. A conscientious objector, he did Civilian Public Service during World War II, doing conservation work and providing health care to mental patients. On September 19, 1946, he and Sadie married under the joint care of Bethel Friends Meeting (Friends United Meeting) and Arch Street Meeting (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting). They renewed their marriage in the manner of Friends in their beloved Colorado on the occasion of their 60th anniversary in 2006. Together they sang, studied, camped, Quaker work-camped, bickered, laughed, raised four children, climbed mountains, marched on

Washington (and elsewhere too), taught, travelled, and loved each other for 64 years until Sadie's death (at age 88) in 2010.

After CPS and marriage, Richard earned his BA, MA, and PhD from the University of Illinois in political science, and embarked on a career teaching political theory and philosophy at many colleges, eventually retiring from Kent State University in 1973. As a researcher in political science, he was primarily interested in non-governmental influences on government and in conflict resolution; and put theory into practice as Friend in Washington for the Friends Committee on National Legislation in 1963-64. He worked to inform and persuade members of Congress and Senators to support the legislation that eventually became the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and travelled tirelessly to keep Friends around the country abreast of the momentous developments in the struggle (legislative and otherwise) for racial justice.

Richard's engagement with Quaker peacework and civil rights continued throughout his life. In addition to civil rights, he was especially committed to anti-war and disarmament work, and advised many young people about conscientious objection during the many wars of his lifetime. Throughout his life, he also maintained his interest in German politics and European models of conflict resolution, travelling frequently to interview ombudsmen and government officials responsible for responding to citizen petitions (memorable example: a Swiss petitioner who, after an evidently long series of prior complaints, objected to having been characterized by an offending bureaucrat as "an old billygoat": "*der Beamte habe ihn betadelt, er sei ein alter Ziegenbock*"). Richard had an extraordinary knack for being in the right place at the right (or at least interesting) time: after witnessing the birth of Nazism and the 1964 Civil Rights Act, in 1990 he and Sadie also journeyed to Leipzig on a university exchange, where they marched for regime change and were present at *die Wende*—the collapse of the East German government and the peaceful reunification of Germany. Here, as everywhere they went, they made lifelong friends.

After retirement, Richard and Sadie were among the first residents

of the new Kendal at Oberlin Quaker retirement community, where they were active and beloved members of the Friends Meeting and the residential community. As long as he was able, Richard continued to write letters against the death penalty and to stand on street corners and witness for peace at Oberlin's weekly vigils. He is survived by sister Sylvia Fen, son Peter (Kathleen Wilson Taylor), daughter Karla (Gary Beckman), son Mark, and son Stephen (Linda Taylor); by nine grandchildren: Jordan Taylor (Mariana Garretson), Anika Taylor, No'am Taylor, Lotem Taylor, Or Yochai Taylor, Moriah Taylor, Yonatan Taylor, MacKinzi Taylor, and Dakota Taylor; and by one great-granddaughter: Greta Garretson Taylor. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Friends Committee on National Legislation, where it may help to revive the Friend in Washington program (www.fcnl.org, 245 Second Street NE, Washington, DC 20002); or to Ohioans to Stop Executions (www.otse.org, 4697 W. 130th St, Cleveland, OH 20002.)

✻ **Peter D. Yoder (Hon.)**, 75, died of a rare and prolonged blood disorder September 5, 2012 at home with his family. He was born August 10, 1937, in New York City, the son of **Theodore O. Yoder (Hon.)** and Helen D. (Potts) Yoder.

Peter grew up in Nashville, Tennessee and graduated from Westtown School in Pennsylvania, Class of 1955 and Hamilton College in New York, Class of 1960, and did graduate study at University of Maine at Orono in the mid-1960s. He married Judith Young of Rockport, Maine in 1959. He coached soccer and taught at Fryeburg Academy in Maine 1960-1962, and Oakwood School in New York 1962-1968. He was assistant head of school and director of development at Poughkeepsie Day School in New York, where he organized the addition of grades 10-12 from 1968 to 1971. He moved to Penobscot, Maine in 1971 and worked for Helen and Scott Nearing and for HOME craft cooperative in Orland. In 1973 he



married Carolyn A. Merriell. **Carolyn Yoder (Hon.)** and her husband Peter recently celebrated 39 years of marriage. He worked as assistant administrator for Downeast Health Services 1973-1977, and founded South Penobscot Wood Works with partner David Larson in 1973, which became Peter's principal workplace from 1977 to 1981. He returned to school administration as headmaster of Adirondack Mountain School in Long Lake, New York 1981-1982, head of Olney Friends School in Barnesville, Ohio 1982-1985, and director of admissions at Moorestown Friends School in New Jersey 1985-1987. He returned to Maine in 1987 and resumed woodworking and home construction with David Larson, retiring in 2000.

His volunteer work included serving on the Penobscot School Committee, George Stevens Academy Joint Board and Board of Trustees, and on the Washington Hancock Community Action Program Agency Board in the 1970s to early 1980s. Later he served on the boards of the Bay School in Blue Hill, Downeast Health Services, and Maine Initiatives. He was clerk of the board of Olney Friends School as it was restructured from 1999 to 2008.

Peter enjoyed organic gardening with initial influence from Helen and Scott Nearing, camping in Baxter State Park with friends, and fly fishing in Pennsylvania and northern Maine. He completed many construction projects, including his new home in 2007. Following national news and connecting with extended family, old friends, and former students always engaged his interest. Working in the woods was a constant activity, and he was known for his neatly cut and stacked firewood. People asked him if he used a plumb bob and level while putting up the piles and some credited his Swiss genes.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Carolyn A. (Merriell) Yoder, are his children, Tom Yoder and his wife, Colleen, of Durham, New Hampshire; Ted Yoder and his wife, Michelle, of Penobscot; Jennifer DeJoy and her husband, Derek, of Belfast, Maine; five grandchildren, Lucas Yoder, Tate Yoder, Aidan Yoder, Isabella DeJoy, and Marlee Yoder; one sister, Anne Paxson Vogt and her husband, Kenneth W.,

of Blue Hill, and a niece and nephew, Elizabeth Kreitzer, of Ellsworth, and Robert Vogt, of Livermore, California, and their families.

Special thanks to friends, relatives, and caregivers who helped Peter to journey well through this difficult time. Peter requested that there be no funeral.

From **Ken and Katharine Jacobsen (both Hon.):**

Dear Carolyn,

We are saddened to hear of Peter's passing. How much life, love, and care Peter gave to Olney, and to us when we were faced with the great challenges of re-growing the school in 1999. Peter's spirit of optimism, confidence, humor, clarity and attention in equal measure to the small and large picture of Olney's wellbeing, made him the right companion for us as clerk of the new board through such a process of recovery and renewal. How many faxes of Peter's penciled figures and thoughts, followed by honest, clarifying phone conversations, did I have from/with Peter in our re-growing time of 1999-2003!

With prayer, and with Peter and the pioneer board, we found our way forward, not only to survive but to begin to thrive. The Olney journey and life journey we have made with Peter is one of courage, hope, laughter, truth, and joy, and we are ever so grateful he came into our lives and Olney's life at that crucial turning point of 1998-99 and onward. And we are ever so grateful, too, Carolyn, for your quiet and deep support of his clerking and service on the board all these years, and all these trips from Penobscot to Barnesville and back!

With Sorrow and Gratitude for our Friend Peter,
Ken and Katharine Jacobsen

From Ernie Hartley '57, co-clerk of the Olney Friends School board:

A Tribute to Our Friend Peter

A few precious people improve the world wherever they go;
It is written in the history books, and we are sure it is so.

They leave their mark, and spirits rise,
Stronger become the human ties.

Those around are more creative, and take on a positive view,
And all because that someone was one of the precious few.

And so it was with Peter, a man empowered with energetic zeal.
When others said it can't be done, Peter envisioned another appeal.

Peter and Carolyn Yoder helped pull Olney out of despair.
Where others saw the end, Peter effected repair.

And to Carolyn, who stood with Peter in "The Renewal From the Roots"
They led the school in a multitude of pursuits.

The Old Brick Walk was Peter's morning pathway to The Main:
Those many bricks, represent his many steps, in building Olney's
campaign.

The Walk took many bricks; and each was laid with proper tool
Symbolic of Peter laying out his plan to build a successful school.

So, it seems appropriate that we send a symbol of Peter's significant
work:

A brick from Olney's Old Brick Walk for his gifts as Head, Board,
and Clerk.

In grateful appreciation,
Olney Friends School Board of Trustees

Olneyites in Kenya

The following is reprinted from a Simply Put blog post dated August 14, 2012 at www.olneyfriends.org:



Julia Hinshaw Ryberg '72, Lyn Cope '60, Bev Kirk Shull '68, Marie Smith Kirk Hawkins '44

Those on campus last weekend were treated to a report by Ohio Yearly Meeting Friends (Quakers) who traveled to participate in “Being Salt and Light,” the Sixth World Conference of Friends sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), held in April 2012 near Nakuru, Kenya. Nearly 850 women and men from all streams of Friends representing 112 yearly meetings and 51 countries attended.

The report focused mainly on the spiritual challenges laid down by the conference—namely: what do Friends have to say, and what can Friends do, individually and collectively, to heal a broken world? Here, we take a moment to acknowledge the many Olneyites who participated: **Beverly Kirk Shull '68, Marie Smith Kirk Hawkins '44, Lyn Cope '60, Marian Baker '62, Julia Hinshaw Ryberg '72, Beth Green Nagle (wife of David Nagle '69), and Benito Guindon (son**

of Wilford “Wolf” Guindon '48 and Lucille “Lucky” Standing Guindon '50).

Prior to the conference, Bev and Marie spent a few days in Western Province, Kenya, including visiting Chavakali School, where Bev’s father, **Morris Kirk '40 (deceased)**, served as principal from 1960 to 1962. “The family arrived in Kenya on Bev’s 10th birthday,” Marie reported. Marie and Bev also stopped in Germany, where they enjoyed visits with **Gunhild Klinghammer Wichardt '67, Irene Weitsch Bergmann '69x, and Martina Weitsch '71x.**



Marian Baker '62

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A New Look!

We hope you enjoy the new, bright seasonal cover colors for *The Olney Current*—green for the spring; yellow for summer; and orange for the autumn. Why the change? We want visitors to campus who see the publication on a display table to stop...and pick it up! Right now, it's a too-well-kept secret. Only students, teachers, and alumni know just how many good things are tucked inside those gray covers. We also could not resist putting one excellent current photograph on the cover of each issue.



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Taehwan Kim '13, Taemin Kim '16