

# Class Notes

1946

We received a lovely holiday card from **Randi Charlton Lafean** saying, “Still not old enough to play golf (tennis is more to my liking)! One of many summer activities in 2008—plus my 80th birthday—ho hum!”

1952

The Honorable **John Davis** writes, “I was recently elected for my fourth six-year term as a District Judge. In 1950, Peter Newman wrote in my *La Honda* Yearbook: ‘It is better to wear out than to rust out.’ I have taken him seriously. I was first elected in 1990. The district covers three counties in rural Nevada. For the first ten years, I was the only Judge. There are courthouses in Mineral, Esmerelda, and two in Nye County. The largest population is in the Pahrump area, which is 165 miles south of Tonopah. Goldfield is 25 miles south of Tonopah and Hawthorne is 105 miles northwest of Tonopah. In the course of a year, I drive 14-24,000 miles. There are about 40,000 people in Pahrump with about 20,000 in the balance of the district. This has been my seventh election, all successful, but it will be my last. I maintain fond memories of Laguna, my classmates, and particularly Ed Spaulding and Harrison Townsend.”

1953

**Patsy Fultz Cooper** checks in from Fresno: “I keep busy subbing for the Fresno Unified School District and also working in my husband’s appraisal office. We have two grandchildren, Jack (2) and Bennett (7 months); our son’s delightful children keep us young. I want to send a shout out to Yates, Polly, Larry, and Mike...we need another reunion! My brother, **Peter Fultz ’53** lives in Durango, Colorado and keeps busy collecting and showing classic hot rods; that is, when he’s not shoveling snow on his tractor! We both try to get to Santa Barbara to see his children who live on the same property we were brought up on in the San Marcos Pass. I have many fond memories of my time at Laguna where the teachers did their best to give me—a real underachiever—a great education. I admire their tenacity and never-ending hope that something would stick!”

1965

**Shauna Pickett-Gordon** writes, “Since retiring from a 37-year career in technical writing, I’ve been spending most of my time doing music, mostly Scottish traditional music. In a nutshell, I’ve continued as director of the fiddle orchestra that my late husband Colin and I founded in 1990; we gig a lot, and we’re going to Scotland in the latter half of October for our second performance tour. Ten months ago, I began working with a phenomenal young fiddler (whose name, confusingly enough, is Colyn); our duo has released one CD, and we’re recording for our second and third.” This past March, Shauna and Colyn performed a concert of traditional Scottish music in Santa Barbara.

1966

**Jeffrey Pommerville** and his publisher, Jones and Bartlett Publishers (Boston), were awarded the prestigious de Villiers Golden Microscope Award this past May by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The Society bestows its Golden Microscope Award to individuals and corporations that lend significant financial support to the Society to not only continue funding cutting edge research programs, but also to attract new researchers to the field of blood cancer research as well as to basic and translational research. Jeff and Jones & Bartlett will each donate one percent of the royalties from his newly published college

textbook *Fundamentals of Microbiology: A Body Systems Approach*. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society was founded by the de Villiers Family in 1949. The Foundation later became The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with the mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease, and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families during a time of crisis.

1971

**Peter Czipott** has completed and published more poetry co-translations with his friend and colleague John Ridland, including some short poems by famed novelist Sándor Márai (author of *Embers*, *Casanova in Bolzano*, *The Rebels*, and the recently released *Esther’s Inheritance*, among others). One of the poems was picked up by *Harper’s Magazine* for republication and appeared in the March 2008 issue. It was a thrill to see the magazine at a newsstand, purchase a copy, and turn to the page with “our” poem! Our translation of a more substantial poem, “*Late October Hexameters*” by Miklós Radnóti, was published in Australia by *Quadrant*. Peter longs to find a publisher to support a translation of Márai’s diaries, which rank as some of the greatest writing of the last century.

1972

**Katya Shirokow** writes, “I’m excited to share with the Laguna community the



## Fred Villalpando ’74 and Albert T. Spaulding, Jr. ’40 tell a story

“Fred was recruited by **Ed Spaulding ’37** to play soccer on the team he coached; this team was undefeated in the three years Fred played for Laguna Blanca. Fred was recommended to prune a tall Agave tree at our second home in Coronado, and when he appeared he asked me if I was related to Ed Spaulding, thus forming our Laguna Blanca relationship. After graduating from Laguna Blanca and UCSB, Fred founded FLM Landscape Design and Construction in the San Diego area and has been operating it successfully for many years.

This surprising meeting was enjoyed by Ruth Spaulding Seaman of Coronado, the surviving daughter of Edward Selden Spaulding.



Whitney Ingersoll '75 and family



Mindy Craig '87 and her daughter Natalie (6.5) and son Devin (9).

news that our latest documentary film, "SUPERFISH" was selected for screening at the 2009 Santa Barbara International Film Festival. "SUPERFISH" screened twice at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and at Victoria Hall. My partner Rick Rosenthal and I presented the film at the screenings and entertained questions about the marine environmental issues which are raised in the film."

**Ellen Carleton** has moved to Washington. "I am now living on Vashon Island and working in Burien. Kip is finishing up at University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. My daughter Ty is the mother of my first grandchild, Jaylie Rose Carleton, born on August 21, 2007. She still lives in Santa Barbara. Jack, as you may know, passed away in April of 2006. Lots of changes in our lives! However, I'm recovering and happy, and still in the midst of more changes as I sub teach in four districts. I am now looking for a full time teaching job, and back in school for a third endorsement, this time in special education."

#### 1974

**Eugen Wulsin**, aka "Dr. E.," is the Owner & Chief Mad Scientist at Mad Science of Cincinnati [www.madscience.org/Cincinnati](http://www.madscience.org/Cincinnati). "My current career is a ton of fun and follows a fifteen-year career in the hotel/hospitality industry. My wife Tess is a Montessori teacher. We have two boys: Louis is 17 and plays and loves ice hockey, and Gus, 12, plays and loves soccer."



James Hurley '75

#### 1975

**James Hurley** is flying a large corporate jet on trips throughout the United States and North, Central, and South America, the Eastern Pacific region, and Europe. After a decade of constant travel, he finds that he really looks forward to getting back home to the Santa Barbara area!

**Whitney Heimlich Ingersoll** is loving life in Santa Barbara: "I've been a teacher and the Community Dean at Santa Barbara Middle School since 1980. I love my job, and have loved it every day since I started. I feel very fortunate to spend my life with such wonderful people, doing something that fulfills me every day. I'm very happily married to Bob Ingersoll, who is the 8th grade history teacher at Crane School in Montecito. Our eldest son, Rivers, is a freshman at Georgia Tech. Our other son, Dawson, is a senior at Laguna Blanca. Attached is a family photo from our summer trip. My sweet dad, **Al Heimlich '37** passed away, and we dedicated a wonderful stone bench to him on the LBS athletic fields. I hope everyone will stop by and enjoy it whenever you are in town."

**Alex Bongaerts-duVal** is back in town! "My husband Joost and I drove across country from Connecticut to California with our two labs a year ago and have relocated (for the most part) to Summerland. We own a wholesale flower company, Florabundance, in Carpinteria. I miss Connecticut, but am enjoying reconnecting with Santa Barbara and spending more time with my mom who now lives at Casa Dorinda in Montecito. Our son Flip is a junior at Skidmore College and is loving his experience there. He is majoring in business and government and plays goalie for the varsity lacrosse team. Flip spent last summer working at our business, helping to develop a new website, and he spent the rest



Adam Franklin '95 and family

of his time paddle-surfing—his new passion! Our daughter Nikki is a sophomore at St. Lawrence University and loves it as well. She is majoring in history and communications and is a goalie for their varsity ice hockey team. I would love to catch up with fellow Lagunatics."

#### 1984

**David McClintock** has moved his family to Paris and is adjusting to a less physically-active culture.

#### 1987

**Mindy (Flynn) Craig** is married to Rich Craig, has two children and lives in Oakland. She is the Director of Marketing and a principal of a 125-person planning and design firm called MIG, Inc. Her firm has done a lot in Santa Barbara, including the Chase Palm Park Playground and current work on the City's General Plan.

#### 1991

**Trisha Webb** has recently been promoted to Associate Vice President, Complex Service Manager at Morgan Stanley. She is the operations manager for the Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, and Paso Robles offices.

#### 1993

**Pawny Parsai** was married in August 2009, and currently lives in San Diego working as a marketing manager for Cox Communications.

**Elke Smith Mirabella** is a litigation associate with DeSena & Sweeney, a law firm in Long Island, New York. She has a five-year-old daughter, Aleksia, and a 3-month old son, Vincent, Jr.



Marc Dorfman '97 and wife Jana.



Maddie Hunt '08



Sam Carey '04 playing polo.



David Bradley '99 and wife Chelsea Rangsikitpho '00 welcome Juliet in May 2009.



Denise Hess '02 with fiancé Ron Sanders and dogs Diesel and Shasta.

### 1995

**Adam Franklin** checks in: "My family and I are doing great, loving life by the beach in San Clemente, CA. I finished my residency in Orthopedic Surgery at USC in June. My wife Kate, my daughters, Kyle (3) and Emmi (1), and I will live in Cincinnati for a year so I can complete a Fellowship in Hand Surgery. After that is completed, we'll be high-tailing it back to Southern California and our families."

### 1996

**Anesta Gisele Inocente** writes, "I recently moved to Londrina, Brasil, and I am now married and teach English. We have an amazing little two-year-old son, Liam."

### 1997

**Marc Dorfman** matriculated at UCSB and graduated in 2002 with a degree in cell and developmental biology. He went on to University of Oregon and received his Ph.D. in molecular biology in November 2008. He got married in June of 2008 to Jana Marcette in Montana and both now live in Eugene. His wife Jana just received her Ph.D. in March this year in biochemistry.

**Brian and Coral Anfinson** welcomed their baby daughter Claire Marie Anfinson on January 28, 2009, in Santa Barbara.

### 1998

**Louisa Egan** is loving Chicago. She's a postdoctoral research fellow/visiting assistant professor at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern. "I'm still doing fun research and preparing to teach a negotiation course to MBAs in the spring quarter. Good times!"

### 1999

**David Bradley** and his wife **Chelsea Rangsikitpho '00** welcomed their first child, Juliet in May 2009.

### 2002

**Denise Hess** is now working as the Program Supervisor for the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation in Ojai, a nonprofit organization that trains dogs rescued from shelters and pairs them with firefighters to serve as canine disaster search teams. "Most of our teams are FEMA certified for urban search and rescue and respond to disasters such as 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. If you are interested, our website is [www.searchdogfoundation.org](http://www.searchdogfoundation.org)." Denise is engaged to Ron Sanders and is setting her sights on a wedding next year.

### 2003

In December 2008, **Max Scher** played a thirty-minute set at the Rainbow on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles. He went for his first open mike night there, and they called him the next day and asked him to come back for a real gig. Shortly afterwards, his theatrical career began again, somewhat to his surprise. He recently performed at the Theatre Asylum in Los Angeles in a play entitled, "Fork Off On Your Own Forking Adventure, Which You've Forked. FORKING!" The play was an exciting "choose-your-own-adventure" style play where the audience votes on how the play will proceed.

### 2004

While **Sam Carey** was living on an Estancia in Argentina playing professional polo, he suffered a severe injury and was forced to recover in San Francisco. He highly suggests Laguna Blanca start a Polo Team of its own and is sure the Santa Barbara Polo Club would be proud to facilitate it.

### 2005

**Alec Cohen** is completing his last year as an undergraduate at UCLA and is now applying to law schools, hoping to be able to stay in California.

### 2006

**Jordan Myers** was interviewed by the Manchester *Guardian* about her experience as an American going to university in England.

### 2008

**Emily Davisson** finished her first volleyball season at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. Laguna Blanca prepared her so well in Spanish that her professor has asked her to tutor other students.

Laguna Lifer **Maddie Hunt** finished her freshman year at UCLA. She joined Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and was invited to join the National Academic Honor Societies for First-Year Students at UCLA: Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma.

### 2009

For his senior project, **Michael Bremner '09** worked with city architects Cearnal Andrulaitis to develop a digital model of the Arlington Theater and the surrounding city block. Cearnal Andrulaitis designed a new development to be built on the site of the former Von's supermarket adjacent to the Arlington. Michael's model, with the newly designed buildings shown in white, was later used as the basis for presentations to the Historic Landmarks Commission in July and September. The model (below) can show the shadow effects at any time of day and enable the commissioners to evaluate the impact of the new development on views of the historic Arlington Theater.



## *In Memoriam*



### **DIANE PRATT SULLIVAN '81**

passed away in Santa Barbara, California on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. Diane was born in Anchorage, Alaska on March 20, 1963. She moved with her family to Santa Barbara in 1972 where she attended and graduated from Laguna Blanca School in 1981. Diane then attended UCLA where she graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Design, with an emphasis in interior and landscape design.

Living in Santa Barbara, Diane was most happy on a beach or a hiking trail. She also made frequent trips to Alaska where she enjoyed fishing and family time. She is survived by her loving parents, Judy and Glenn Pratt of Santa Barbara; grandmother, Bette Gaylor of Escondido, CA; sister,

Kathy Surcouf; her husband Andre of Tempe, AZ; niece and nephews, Michelle, Alex, and Patrick of Tempe; brother, Steve Pratt of Santa Barbara; and dear friend, John. She was predeceased by her grandfather, Kyle Gaylor.

### **SHIRLEY ANN WILSON,**

a community volunteer long involved in Santa Barbara area philanthropic, educational, social, and sporting organizations, passed away on Monday at her home in Montecito. She was 85. With her husband William Wilson, Mrs. Wilson hosted President Richard Nixon and then California Governor Ronald Reagan at the Wilsons' home in Santa Barbara and at their family's vacation retreat, Quinta Laura, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, which they owned for half a century.

She spent decades working in the Santa Barbara community and served as president of the Santa Barbara Junior League, Garden Club, and Little Town Club, and on the Board of Trustees at Laguna Blanca, where all five of her children attended from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Mrs. Wilson traveled around the world three times—first in 1932—and participated in Transpac

yacht races to Hawaii and Tahiti on the family's boat, "Rascal," which was moored for many years in the Santa Barbara Harbor. Born in Bakersfield on June 2, 1923, Mrs. Wilson grew up in Pacific Palisades and attended Westlake School. She earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY, later serving on its board of trustees. Mrs. Wilson also served as a board member of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and Birnham Wood Golf and Country Club. She was active at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club and was a member of the Christian Science Church.

Her 46-year marriage to William Wilson ended with his death in 1990. The family's business was the McMahan's Furniture Co. Mrs. Wilson is survived by her five children, **Scott '62, Blake '65, Rand '68, Kimberley '73, and Brooke '79**; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. The memorial service was held at Laguna Blanca School.