



From the Editor

Mimi Gardner '52

This is a rather hasty issue! Reunion 2015 in June has hotel reservation deadlines to be met. We would love to just fill the whole place with all of you. So read on and tell us you'll join us.

Notes from you are always a treat. The passing of friends brings such sorrow and also such lovely memories.

As this issue goes out to all of you, I will be in Chicago at a gathering of post-1980's alums, hopefully encouraging a real conversation about the next iteration of SASA. Perhaps more on that at Reunion 2015.

REUNION 2015 - JUNE 19-23



Remember Reunion 1999 in Fairfax, Virginia? Take two, Reunion 2015 is once again to be near Washington, D.C. Mark your calendars for June 19-23, 2015. After shopping around a bit, we have settled on The Sheraton Herndon Hotel in Herndon, VA., 571-643-0950. It looks to be quite comfortable, relatively less expensive than some others, and has a very friendly staff. We have a committee: Jeff and Ginni Gorman are chairing and doing much of the leg work so far.

Jake Jacob and Reva Feldman Jolovitz have also agreed to serve on the planning committee with Anne Romasco and me as senior (well, that's all of us, isn't it?) advisors, since we've done this before. If there are others of you who would like to be in on the planning and/or could help with the details once we all arrive, please be in touch with Jeff and Ginni –

jeffreygorman@verizon.net.

Now, we need to know ASAP that you are planning to come to this wonderful event. We are reserving 30 rooms and already have about 15 of them spoken for. Surely we can fill the rest and if we need more than that, we will have to claim them quickly because the Sheraton folks say June is high season for them. We would hate to have you sleeping in your car.

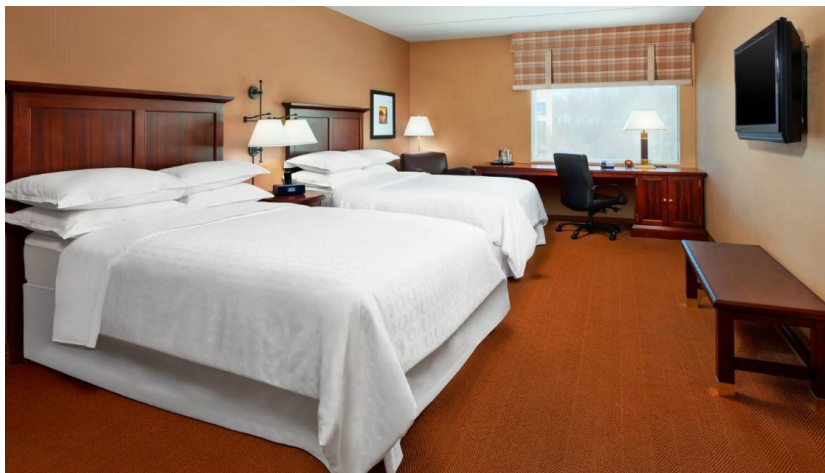
In the weeks ahead we will be planning all sorts of wonderful speakers, meetings, story-telling, reminiscing, dancing, singing, Chinese meal – you know the usual not-to-be-missed events at our reunions. If you've never been, this is the time, since we are all ripening nicely and with annoying speed.

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The rooms are spacious with either a king sized bed or two queens, there is a fitness center, and space for us to gather and eat and hang out with each other in comfort.

Here's a list of some who are already planning to be there "the good Lord willing and the creek don't rise": Teddy and Andrea Heinrichsohn; Don and Mimi Gardner; Ginni and Jeff Gorman; Jake and Helen

Jacob; Reva and Herb Jolovitz; Anne Romasco; Betty Barr Wang; Charlie and Pat Way; Tom and Pat Kepler; B. J. and Dave Elder; Joe Wampler; Ellen Styles Rejacich; Jim Scovel; Don Messersmith; David Bridgman; Peggy Thoroughman Callahan; Peggy Smythe Bell and her daughter, Karen; Bob Dixon; Don and Barbara Ady; Ben and Sarah Gilson; David and Frederique Familiant; Harriet Refo Locke; Dave and Gartha Angus; and maybe Bob Sheeks. So now we need to add you to this good list! Please email me mimihollister1@verizon.net to tell us you are planning to join us. My mailing address is 7 Glover Square, Marblehead, MA 01945.



Double Room at the Herndon Sheraton Hotel



Lobby Lounge at the Herndon Sheraton Hotel

Budget: You will need to plan on about \$400 per couple for the room - \$200 each for singles who share a room - and about \$650 or so for all the meals and various other expenses per couple – so half that for individuals. We will finalize the budget later. The hotel is not far from Dulles Airport and there is a free hotel shuttle to pick you up there if you fly. Once we have you on our list, we will fill in with many more details.

As always, we do have some money in the coffers to help with expenses for those who would otherwise miss this event. Your request will be confidential and should be submitted to Charlie Way, our treasurer, at cybway@aol.com or in writing: 222 Highland Drive, Bellingham, WA 98225.

SASA Membership Renewal

\$15 annual fee. Make check to Charlie Way, Treasurer with "SASA dues" on the memo line. **Be sure to include your name, address, and email in a cover note and your high school graduation year.** If you are paying for more than one year, please note that. Send to: Charlie Way, 222 Highland Drive, Bellingham, WA 98225-5414

In Memoriam

Delma Baxter Romano (SAS '49)
Obituary from Tributes.com

"Delma passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully in Naples, FL on Saturday, December 28, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. Born on July 25, 1931 in Broome County, NY, Del was the daughter of the late Fred and Violette Baxter



DELMA BAXTER

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S.A.S.—3 yrs.

Cheer leader III, IV, Sh'Am II, IV, Glee Club II, Swimming II, Outings Club, II, Dance Club II.

Photo Courtesy of The Columbian

Bruin. She was pre-deceased by her first husband, Armand Weis, and by her second husband, Nick Romano as well as her brothers Alan Baxter and Joseph Gruin.

"Delma was a brainy, clever, self-assured, beautiful woman who enjoyed family and close friends. She also enjoyed playing bridge, traveling and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was very active in the Sands Club. Del was spontaneous and loved to pick up with an hour's notice to have an adventure.

"Del attended high school at the Shanghai American School and was thrilled to have the opportunity to return to China for reunions and to see her classmates. Her life's journey included living in many different locations, making life-long friends along the way. Her family is happy that she was able to return to her beloved Naples to live out the rest of her life. Her vivacious love of her family and friends came with no filters and she offered no explanations. Delma lived a happy life and was so grateful to have enjoyed the most love any one person could ask for.

"She will be dearly missed by her beloved brother Fred Gruin of upstate NY, her three children and their spouses and her many grandchildren and step children and grands as well as her Yorkie Cassie.

"You will be missed Delma Violette Baxter Gruin Weis Romano."

A note from **Peggy Smythe Bell (SAS '49)**

I'm so sorry to hear of Delma's passing. I'm afraid we are all getting closer to that stage. I have good memories of Delma. She was very energetic. She started our cheerleading group. We all had so much fun with that. She created many of our cheers. I remember one where we were all supposed to do back bends. I couldn't do it without falling on my head so she created a cheer in which I could do something else in the middle of the line. What a relief! She was always a lot of fun. Our dorm life was richer with her presence. I sure miss all our good times together.



Photo Courtesy of The Columbian

From the Editor: I remember Delma at SAS. She was so attractive and lively and also kind to this lower classperson and aspiring cheer leader.

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Delma was the home-base organizer of the Split Rock Reunion in 2011 when she and Nick still had a home adjacent to Split Rock Resort in Pennsylvania. She had lost none of her spark and generous zest for life. Her husband, Nick, was not well at that time so her focus was split between caring for him and the reunion gathering, but she was a wonderfully welcoming hostess to all of us.

From Peggy Thoroughman Callahan (SAS '48)

“Delma was special! She was funny, fun to be with, and was my friend for over 60 years. I will always cherish wonderful memories of being roommates at SAS, of reading each other's diaries, visiting each other in Nanking and Soochow, of traveling to England together to visit Lily Jacobs, to Geneva, Switzerland to visit Jacky Breen, to L.A. to visit Janice Flanley, and most especially being roommates again on that memorable trip back to China in 1998. I am so grateful that we could reconnect again in our adult years and renew a friendship that has been even more special. She had a marvelous capacity for joy and has added so much joy to my life.”



Evelyn Shaw Moulton, (SAS '42) 1924 to 2014.

Information and picture courtesy of *Portland Press Herald and Maine Sunday Telegram*

Evelyn was born in Tsingtao, China to Albert Leland Shaw and Maude Brooks Shaw and was the sister of Al Shaw, SAS 1947. Her father worked for Standard Oil. She attended SAS her sophomore year when her family was evacuated from Tsingtao and her parents lived in Japanese occupied Nanking. She completed high school in Augusta, Maine in 1942.

As with so many of us, she had war memories. One of her stories included her mother telling her and her brother, “Simmer down, children and go to sleep. They are only machine guns,” as the second Sino-Japanese War waged on.

Evelyn went on to the University of Maine for a B.A. in history and government and a teaching certificate. There she met her husband, Arthur H. Moulton III of Portland. Arthur and Evelyn settled in Orange, Conn. with their son David. As Arthur became president and major stock holder of The George Ellis Co., Evelyn volunteered for many organizations in the New Haven area. Her philanthropic works included the establishment of the Arthur H. Moulton Distinguished Scholar Award in Engineering at the University of New Haven and the “Moulton Mission Fund” at the Orange Congregational Church. She chaired the annual cookie sale of the Girl Scouts for the state of CT and on Fishers Island, NY for many years. Travel was one of Evelyn's great joys. She traveled with her son to Turkey, Scotland, Norway, and a return to China for her 60th birthday. The Summer Solstice found her above the Arctic Circle in 1994 and at Stonehenge in 1999.

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For the last 22 years, Evy and long-time widower friend, Bob Bissell were together and their families became very close. They enjoyed travel, Windjammer cruising in Maine waters, time in Evy's condo in Damariscotta., Maine and Bissell family reunions. Bob attended Shaw family reunions at the Moulton Homestead in Jefferson, NH and many SAS reunions. He became an honorary alum of SAS.

Evy did not return to China with her parents after the war but her brother Al did and, of course, became bonded to SAS like the rest of us.

Mike Palmer (SAS '51) wrote that Evy's ties were close to Tsingtao American School even more than SAS. Her best friend there was James Lilley's sister, Elinore. Mike tells the story that when his mother asked Maude Shaw why she baked all her bread at home when it was so readily available in stores, Maude replied that in Maine any woman who didn't bake her own bread was considered slothful. Mike noted that the Shaws loved both the state of Maine and the close resemblance between Tsingtao and the Maine coast.



Meet Crickett Kasper

Development and Alumni Relations, Shanghai American School

"I want to introduce myself...I am the new director of development and alumni relations for the school. Having just arrived in Shanghai, I am still getting to know the place, but I must say that I am very pleased to see that the SASA is so active. Your newsletter is wonderful. Reading through some of the recent postings is helping me get to know the school and its history. I know what an undertaking a newsletter like this can be. Thank you for these efforts.

"My husband and I join the SAS community from Baltimore, Maryland. He is teaching on the Pudong campus and I am working at both Pudong and Puxi. We arrived with our small dog in two at the end of the summer. Now that school is back in session I am looking forward to meeting as many alumni and families in our community as possible. The school is part of such a dynamic city. I can only imagine what it was like when you attended.

"...I will be in the states later this winter..."

And from the SAS web site, Crickett holds a B.A. in history and communication from Muhlenberg College. She has had 9 years of development experience including secondary and higher education, the arts and public radio. She has also taught dance and led service learning trips.

Since this first email, I have had a very helpful phone conversation with Crickett and an invitation to attend a post 80's alum gathering in Chicago in November. It looks like SAS is getting more intentional about creating a younger alum association and Crickett is enthusiastic about it. My visit to Chicago will be a chance to set up some links for passing the mantel on when the time comes. I do plan to live quite forever, but 'twould be nice to know that the legacy goes on in whatever form. As Crickett has observed, international school students form bonds that are often stronger than any others in their lives. This seems to be as true of current students as it was of us. She is working hard to track down more of the recent grads. In her sleuthing she finds that some of them have stayed in touch with favorite teachers at SAS, which becomes an information source.

Crickett will be in Cambridge in January when Anne Romasco and I and hopefully some others of us will meet with her.

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Thanks to Angie Mills, (SAS '42), take a look.

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Notes from You

Juanita Byrd Huang (SAS Faculty 1949)

Did any of you have Mrs. Huang for U. S. History? A note came from her niece, Nita Lumpkin, in August: "I would like to purchase a copy of "The Story of the Shanghai American School, 1912-2008" by Angie Mills...My aunt, Jaunita Byrd Huang taught there in the late 1940's, and I would like to add this to my collection of letters and other materials related to her life.

"A couple of years ago I was in touch via email with Betty Barr Wang and shared with her some information about Juanita's school day in 1949 when the city was taken over..."

A reminder – Angie's wonderful book is available. See the ad on the last page of this issue of SASA News.



*Photo Courtesy of
Dan Williams*

Dan Williams (SAS '38)

A nice long phone conversation with Dan in July covered lots of ground – he has an amazing memory for details at age 94. He is writing about the "10 most exciting years of his life, starting in 1936" which included SAS years. He knew Buck Freeman. "AIG had Chinese on their Board – a rare happening." He also noted that Bob Sheeks (SAS '40) received a bronze star for saving Japanese lives in World War II. How about writing something for SASA News about that, Bob?

Alice Griffin (SAS '33)

Alice lives in Claremont, CA and her care giver (perhaps her daughter?, Marjory) sent in dues and wrote on her behalf: "Alice continues much the same. She sleeps a good part of the time but is always ready for some chocolate! She turns 100 in April of next year."

Ted Stannard (SAS'48) enjoyed "10 weeks non-stop cruising the Caribbean, crossing the Atlantic, roaming by bus from Southampton to Prague to Budapest and finally Holland – for a month of reunions with family, friends, and Femmy's surviving classmates from 1950's at Jakarta's Cathedral School. He included the following letter from **Pat Collier (SAS '41)** about **Ted Belknap (SAS '40)** whose obituary was in the last issue of SASA News. Ted Stannard writes, "Pat herself just turned 90 in May, 73 years after she was 1941 May queen at SAS! Durable lot, us China vets!"



Photo Courtesy of Ted Stannard

Pat's letter:

"Dear Ted,

"I caught this obituary in the Post, which I got last week. Ted was in the Class of '40. He and Lorry Jorgenson and Kelly Damsgaard were 'The Three Musketeers', into all the school athletics and sailing together way back then (Soochow Creek? The Yangtse?) I occasionally saw him around Annapolis, just to say hello to. Not many of his classmates left, I'll bet – or of mine! Yet those days at SAS often seem like 'only yesterday.'" Yes. Indeed!

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Photo Courtesy of Deke Erh

Ben Gilson (SAS '50)

Ben's email was hacked while he and Sarah were in the U.K for three weeks. He wrote, "Send money if you wish but I didn't request it! It is particularly ironic as only the month before I was giving a talk at a math class I was taking on 'unbreakable codes.' I have, as a result of this hack, started taking my own advice, changing passwords frequently." He is using a system called Diceware, a dictionary of passwords.

"The last time this request for the money thing came by it was one allegedly from Betty Barr. I suspected SAS alumni address list with that one. My money request had wide distribution, from the guy who cuts the lawn to many of the residents at Kendal and another 500 people at least... We had a great time with our UK trip to visit my brother and tour Brighton, London and up to the Scot border. The purpose of the trip was to celebrate his 90th birthday, and family came from all over the world..."

Harriet Refo Locke (SAS '50)

"Wendy (Harriet's friend who joined us on the barge trip in Bordeaux last year) and I have spent a week with Anne Lockwood Romasco (SAS '51) in Brooklyn. We both ran the 5 K this morning in Manhattan and it reminded me of our runs on The Great Wall and Mount Kilimanjaro. Wendy will run the (New York City) Marathon tomorrow morning. At 82 years of age I am proud of myself! Our training must have been successful. We survived the rain, didn't take first place, but neither were we the last. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion in June, 2015 when you can join me in an early morning run, just as I did with Jim Scovel and Mimi at the reunion in Salem and other locations in days gone by."

Anne adds this note: "Harriet was the oldest runner (male or female) in the 5K today and she won in her age group. Can anyone else do better than that? We don't think so. Are we all proud? Yes!"



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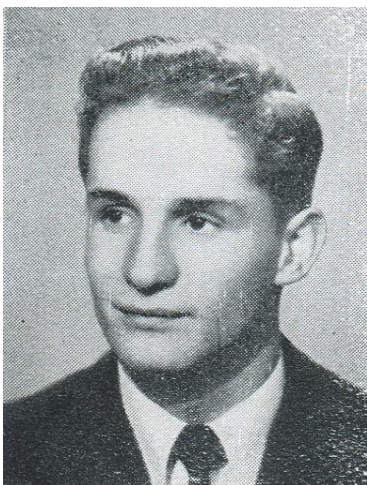


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Bob Dixon (SAS '52)

..."believe it or not, I am still in the class room. I've got lesson plans to prepare, papers to correct, and am involved in developing a health workshop program dealing with the maturation of the adolescent brain. The subtitle is quite appropriate: 'Why Did My Kid Do That?' And, in my spare time, yea?, I'm trying to find time to write my memories. My family's request. SAS days will be part of it."

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Photo Courtesy of Don Gardner

Joan Ding Hsu (SAS '48) (pic) has moved to Rossmoor, a retirement community in Walnut Creek, CA. She writes, "This is a beautiful place. We have 10,000 residents and 200 Clubs. All the activities you can think of. We have our own theatre, which seats 155. Anew Hall for group dinners and meetings which seats 350. Our table tennis is being voted the best in the bay area, as is the lawn bowling etc. Maybe I should write about this place for the new letter so that any SASA alums might think about moving here."



Doug (Sonny) Lew SAS '49

Do you remember Sonny? He surfaced recently, joined SASA, and emailed with questions about old

friends, Jake Jacob and Paul VanderMeer and Igor Lee. He was at SAS for only part of 1947-48. I understand he has been in touch with Jake and Paul recently. I could give him no information about Igor Lee. Anyone out there who can fill us in on Igor?

Well, Doug Lew is an accomplished artist now. He lives in Edina, Minnesota. I excerpt here from the bio on his website: "I was born in Shanghai and came to the U.S. with my parents at age 15. In those years, all school children, from about age 5 on, were required to do calligraphy every day in small and large characters as a daily exercise, somewhat similar to penmanship in the west...By age 12 most, were quite proficient in the handling of a brush...everyone understood the importance of calligraphy not only as means of communication but as an art form in the highest degree..."

Exposure to all things western was a unique advantage growing up in Shanghai in those years...movies, magazines, fashion, language, food, writings, music and art. I remember in junior high art classes we were given a choice of doing western art or traditional Chinese art. I chose western art. Oil was too expensive so we used watercolor...which to me felt like a natural extension of calligraphy...With a small circle of classmates, we competed with each other in copying the likeness of movie stars and other subjects in pencil and ink...It remained a pleasurable and valuable skill in later years...

"If I were to analyze myself, I would say that I paint broadly in the style of contemporary realism...I prefer paintings that are well composed and convey a solid drawing – not a copy of a photograph but of imagination and knowledge...I strive to achieve a sense of force and lightness, of energy and ease, a careful carelessness and a sense of the poetic."

Doug has won many awards in juried shows around the U.S. for his watercolors and acrylics. He has authored four watercolor art books and one video and his writings have appeared in many publications. You can learn much more about this distinguished artist in our midst on his website: www.douglew.com/pages/bio.html. Welcome to SASA, Doug!



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