The Nelsens are proof that love isn’t only for the young. Jan was a 64-year-old widow when she met Ned, 75, a widower, on the Orient Express. They were among 45 people traveling across Asia from China to Manchuria to Siberia to Moscow with a group from New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art and the National Geographic Society. “We had the entire train, which was an old, refurbished Orient Express train,” recalled Jan. “Not as fancy as the ones they used in Europe, but quite nice.” She soon met most of the people in the group, but not Ned. However, she knew he was the only other traveler who hailed from California. “The first time I saw him, he was waiting for the train in Manchuria, wearing a Russian hat with a glass of champagne in his hand. He was tall and quite elegant-looking.” She walked up, introduced herself and asked if he was Ned Nelsen from California. “He looked down and said, ‘yes, I’m Ned Nelsen,’” remembers Jan. And the rest, as they say, is history. “There was an attraction, and then we got to know each other on the train. It’s a very intimate place…you’re together all the time, and we just hit it off.” The two talked about the experience of losing a spouse and about California, and by the time they got to Lake Baikal—the largest freshwater lake in Siberia—“we had fallen in love,” said Jan. After courting for about a year, Jan and Ned married, and she moved from San Diego to his Windsor Square home. Jan supposes it was she who made the first move 15 years ago by introducing herself. “And we’ve had a wonderful life ever since.”
From the Editor  *Mimi Gardner '52*

As this goes to press, a goodly group of us will soon be gathering at Split Rock Resort in the Poconos for the 2011 Alumni Reunion – September 12 to 16, to be exact. We wish you could each be there. If you have a sudden notion to join us, call Split Rock to see if they still have room – 888-802-2348 and ask for Laura Lee Wren.

No big features this issue, just several wonderful offerings from a number of you, so we did an expanded “Notes from You” section with lots of pictures. And the In Memoriam section, however sad, is always a tribute to some extraordinary folk.

What I hope you will pay attention to is the list of Star Dues Payers and get yourself on it ASAP, if you haven’t bothered or remembered when you last paid up or whatever good reason you’ve had to keep your distance. Your annual $15 goes to cover the expenses of SASA News, provide assistance to reunion attendees who otherwise could not afford to join us, and are the basis for the annual award to two outstanding students, especially in community service and general integrity. You will read about last school year’s awardees in this issue.

Finally, we hope some of you can consider going to Shanghai in April, 2012 for the Centennial Celebration of the founding of SAS. See the article with details. A trip to China is always wonderful and this one should be all the more so.

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**A Journey Home**  
*Lois Bartel Pringle (SAS '52)*

This past spring most of my family and I made a sentimental journey home. My son and daughter had requested that I put together a trip that would take them to places that were significant to us. They wanted to visit the town where I was born, where my Dad died, where my grandmother was buried and where I attended school at Jigongshan after SAS. Our group included my daughter and husband and three sons, my son and wife, and my dear China-loving friend who was my roommate. After a few days of sightseeing in Beijing, we boarded a night train for Shandon Province and the town of Caoxian. This is where my grandparents started their mission of raising orphan children. Before long they had hundreds of kids. As these children grew up, so did my father. After he received his higher education in the States, he and my mother took over the work in Caoxian. There was need for higher education for all these now grown orphan children so my father opened a Bible School. As things got quite well established, my grandparents moved on to begin a new work in Shaanxi Province. We had a warm and fulfilling experience attending worship at our Caoxian Church and visiting with the church leaders.

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We then traveled on to Xian to visit the Terra Cotta Warriors Museum, followed by a private bus trip through the mountains to Fengxian where my grandmother is buried. The church had moved her remains to this church yard some years ago with a special celebration and had erected a very nice new tombstone for her. We enjoyed a wonderful homemade meal with the pastor and some of the church folks – a truly blesses time together.

The next morning we were surprised to find the mountains covered with snow – a gorgeous sight but a bit unnerving to think of the hairpin turns ahead of us. All went well and on to Kigungshan American School, founded in the early 1900’s, that I also attended. We hiked to the “head of the rooster” as many students did years ago. Again we were so cordially welcomed, this time by local government officials. They were impressed that three generations would come back to visit and thus we are now in a documentary that they were making.

Our time in Shanghai was far too brief, but the family all agreed that they would make a trip back just to see Shanghai. My memories of this trip, of “going home”, are difficult to describe. I am thrilled that my kids and grandkids wanted to see these places.

A little side line: in the Spring issue of SASA News, someone mentioned reading “City of Tranquil Light”. This story was written by Bo Caldwell whose grandmother was a sister of my above mentioned grandmother. Much of the novel comes from the biography of my grandparents, Nellie and Henry Bartel. We are delighted that “Tranquil Light” has received very good reviews.

Notes from You

Agnes McClure Alden, SAS ’39

Agnes wrote a note with her SASA dues update: “I attended SAS the school years ending in ’36 and ’37 as a Freshman and Sophomore. I was in the class of ’39. Both my brothers were there four years. John McClure in the class of ’35 and George in the class of ’36.

“In the summer of ’37 we were evacuated from Foochow and came to the States because it took two days travel by coastal steamer to get from Foochow to Shanghai, so there was no way my younger sister and I would be going to an occupied city so far from home. The American Consul evacuated 33 women and children to Hong Kong where we got passage to the States on a President Liner. (Editor’s note: I believe my family was in that same group from Foochow.) It was late October and we had left our winter clothes in the dorm at SAS. Our ship went within 50 miles of the Aleutian Islands on the way to Seattle so you can guess that we spent most of the trip below deck…

“I’ll admit that most of my SAS friends have died but I still like to read news about SAS. Both my older brothers have died and my sister who was an eth grader in ’37 is in a wheelchair. I have happy memories of my two years as a boarder at SAS. One day for lunch we had cold sliced boiled potatoes on white bread sandwiches. Oh well, it could have been worse.

“Thanks for the effort you make to keep the memories going.”
A List of Star Performers  Mimi Gardner ’52

Guess what! This list is of all those wonderful alums who have paid their dues to SASA recently. If you are not on it, but send in just $15 quick, quick, we will consider you paid up through 2011, even if you are 5 years behind! You will, however need to renew in 2012. Make your $15 check (or more, if you want to be ahead of the game) to Shanghai American School Assocation and send it to Charlie Way, Treasurer, 222 Highland Drive, Bellingham, WA 98225-5414. His phone is 360-734-0649 and his email is cybway@aol.com.

Here are the stars:

Don Ady  Jerry Griender  Anne Lockwood Romasco
Agnes McClure Alden  Erik Hansen  Avis Thomson Schmul
Alister Anderson  Jim Harnsberger  Jean Gallop Schuster
David Angus  Teddy Heinrichsohn  Leighton Shields
Allen Arnold  John Hendry  Patricia Dunn Silver
Bill Braisted  Pearl Hoffman  Stella Solars
Isabel Best  John Hsu  Stephen Sopher
Betty Bissonnette  Everett Jackson  Sarah Workman Steel
Joanne Butler  Ellis Jacob  Helen Roberts Thomas
Peggy Callahan  Alice Lacy Johnson  Dorothy Davis Thompson
Charles Campbell  Anna Bucher Jones  Paul VanderMeer
Patricia Collier  Jackie Flannery Kathe  Shepard Voskuil
Hans Conrad  Ronald Koo  Myles Walburn
Walter Daub  Donald Landwehr  Barbara Brooks Wallace
Robert Dixon  Charlotte Wells Locke  Charles Way
Jean Downie  James Mason  Jennevieve Westwick
B.J. Elder  Agnes Alden McClure  Sterling Whitener
David Familiant  Mary Nasmith Means  Dan Williams
Susan Dau Fannon  Ival-Doris Goulter Menendez  Jenna Worden
Marie Flory  David Merwin  Mary Ellen Wright
Nancy Kendall Francis  Betty Benjamin Peckler  William Young
Bob Giedt  Lois Bartel Pringle
Paul Gillespie  Louise Goodwin Putnam

If I have omitted anyone who has recently made a payment, my apologies. This is the list of paid-up SASA members as of July, 2011. If you are not on the list and wish to continue to receive SASA News, we need you to pony up, dear schoolmates. Thanks for joining the stars!
More Notes from You

Al Wiant (SAS ‘42) wrote:
“I was going over some old family pictures with my granddaughter and came across this old picture of the 1940 SAS 6-man football squad. I … discovered it in a bunch of old unsorted pics in an old trunk! There must still be a few old pre-WW2 alums left that might get a kick out of such a picture. Of course we had no local American football teams available in Shanghai so we scrounged up enough guys in the school body to form 2 squads for an intramural sport. We had a “Red” team and a “White” team that played in the fall of 1940 before the exodus of Americans really got underway from Shanghai. I left in April, 1941 with my mother after SAS finished the school year early. (That has a familiar ring to us post-war folk, also.)
“I guess the most memorable thing I remember about my football experience was that on the first play of our first game of the season before an audience, Red was to receive a White kickoff and trying to be a hero or some foolishness, I tried to tackle Sheek Turner who was probably the most aggressive player on either team, and I broke my left arm in an unsuccessful attempt to stop him! We played about 6 games, as I recall, and split them.”

Robert Adolph (SAS ’54)
At the end of June, 2011, Dr. Bob and Barb Adolph left Ohio for two months with medical supplies for a hospital in Adeta, Togo in the village of Tsiko where they had worked as medical missionaries. Bob retired in 2004 but returns to Africa and/or Bangladesh every year for shorter, intense visits.
While in Togo he brought equipment to set up and train workers in a bacteriology lab. Barb worked in the guest houses helping to oversee repairs and supplies as short term missionaries come and go, serving hundreds of meals, collecting fees from guests, buying groceries, etc. – necessary parts of keeping the hospital running “so that people can be healed – both body and soul.”
They are happy to be back at home and catching up with family and friends in Cincinnatti.
Jean Stannard (SAS ’41)
A tale told by her brother, Ted (SAS ’48) to Al Wiant (SAS ’42):
“Jean was out tidying up her lawn April 4 and the next thing she remembers was in the hospital the next day. The ER had gotten her when someone spotted her lying in her driveway. While she was out, they ran just about every hi-teck test conceivable, from top to toe, found nothing but a small scalp laceration, bleeding a bit, and something that warranted mammogram follow up. Otherwise they found her fit as a fiddle (initial age estimate, before she was available for interrogation, was 10 years younger than actual) and promptly sent her home in a taxi. She didn’t even inform us until late in April – said she was too busy!
“Upon arrival home that next day she discovered her unlocked home had, in the meantime, been burglarized of her purse, credit cards, etc., and the thief was already using them.
“But the whole thing turned out to be a macabre blessing because it led to serendipitous spotting of a cancer that might otherwise have progressed beyond treatment.
“I (Ted) came down as backup for her surgery…It went smoothly…She needed no post-op painkiller…was out tidying up fallen twigs and tree droppings within minutes after arrival home. Driving not many days thereafter…if you’d met her on return home without knowing of her surgery, you’d have seen the same energetic, buoyant Jean as always…she could still be our family’s best candidate to reach a three-digit age. I’d love to be around to see it myself!”

Sarah Price Wright (SAS ’35)
An email came from Sarah’s daughter, Mims Wright:
“My mother (Sarah Price Wright) and her sister (Caroline Price Stockett) were alums of SAS in 1934-35. My mother, 92, is still quite with it and doing great. She and I were going through her SAS yearbook and realized that she was V.P. of her senior class.
(Editor’s note: Sarah also played basketball and hockey and the violin. She went on to Wilson College, it says in the 1935 Columbian. Among the prophecies for the seniors was this note, prophesied to be in the 1950 issue of Sh’Am:
‘The Price sisters were among the Hollywood celebrities arriving by the dirigible A.S.President Rogers on the SAS football field, February 30, 1950. A little less bright but nevertheless having their own millions of devoted radio fans, the Price sisters made a spectacular impression when they appeared in the doorway of the liner singing that old favorite When It’s Sleepy Time Down South. They strolled down the gangway and posed for their pictures… ’ Sarah’s sister Caroline is no longer living, but her children (my cousins) are all doing great and her grand-daughter, Kathryn Stockett, is now a very successful author (The Help). (Ed’s note: Wow! Many book groups have read this – a best seller - and it is now a movie.).

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“My grandfather, Dr. Robert Price, was a Presbyterian missionary and founded the Sarah Walkup hospital in Taizhou along with Steve Harnsberger’s grandfather. Today it’s the Taizhou People’s Hospital and we have been working with them to tell the story of the early missionaries and their contribution to modern medicine in China.

“Steve and I have been in touch and are going to Shanghai and Taizhou later this month (June, 2011).

“I also have a copy of “Fair is the Name,” and I am fascinated with the history of this school and the many extraordinary people who both taught and studied there. My mother just told me a few days ago, ‘well, finally somebody in the family is taking an interest in where I went to school.’ What a history! “I just wanted to introduce myself and tell you that I’m interested in learning more about the school, so please do put me on your email list.” Sarah lives in Jackson, Mississippi. Ed’s note: A very good testimonial for why we should all buy copies of the SAS History to give to our children and grandchildren.

"The Story of the Shanghai American School 1912-2008 (2nd edition*) by Angie Mills

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From emails to Al Wiant and many other friends. (We asked for pictures but none yet.)

“HELLO EVERYONE. This may come as a surprise to many of you but not others.
“YESTERDAY - JULY 5TH (2011) – I GOT MARRIED. I have been courting Guiying Liu via the Internet and email for over a year. I must admit the real purpose of my trip to China was to meet her and her family and decide whether we were as compatible as we thought we were. It did not take long to realize that we really fit even though part of the time my Chinese fails me. She has a granddaughter who speaks English and between us we get things done.

“When I left the States it looked as if the paperwork would swamp the possibility. I had a hard time getting the death certificate that the Chinese Council required and the other paper ‘Certificate of Single Status’ got stalled so I did not have the papers in my hands when I left the States…not needed (time and money wasted)…Apparently we had only declared our intentions and still had to wait two days to get the official papers. We went to the Registration of Marriage. Real fancy papers, one for each of us, in a nice binder, with both our picture. They had a short ceremony essentially to tell us to treat each other as equals and that was it. I wrote my name, Guiying filled in the form and we were married. No problem…

“Guiying has a nice two-bedroom apartment with modern bath and air-conditioning. It has everything we have in the U.S. Very comfortable. Her whole family is here since her one daughter lives across the hall with her husband and daughter. Her grandson comes here after school and is joined by his mother and father and we all eat together at supper time. I find that the statement ‘many cooks spoil the broth’ is not true in this case. Several are excellent cooks so I am enjoying real Chinese food…

Very little similarity between what I am eating here and what I eat in the US either Chinese or otherwise. Recognize most of the vegetables but not the way they have been prepared. A lot of the food is hot (spicier) than we are used to.

“Have had two feasts: one the night of arrival and the other for Guiying’s birthday. Next feast is the wedding feast and that is on me.

“I MAY BE OLD BUT I STILL ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MARRIAGE. Guiying and I were enjoying a nice warm shower and while she was washing my back the lights went out. Her daughter brought us two candles so we could see and not have to feel our way around. However, there was some wolf left in me and I managed to huff and puff and blow the light out. HONEYMOON SHOWER BY CANDLELIGHT. I highly recommend it.”

“Love to all and to all a good night.”

On August 30, Morrie wrote, “Married July 8, fell and broke hip July 29, operated on August 1 at Tieling Liaoning China. Two weeks in hospital, two weeks at wife’s home. Just now allowed to sit up. Getting excellent care from whole new family. Married into a great family. What a way to spend a honeymoon!”

We wish you a speedy recovery and much joy in the days ahead.
SASA Alumni Awards for Service and Integrity

Scholarships of $500 presented by Betty Barr on behalf of SASA

Donna H. Ni
Pudong campus

Born in Irvine, California, Donna moved to Shanghai in 2003 where she first attended Shanghai High School, International Division, for two years before becoming a SAS Eagle in Grade 9. Her teachers describe her as ambitious, persistent, creative, insightful and valued by her peers. In her own words, “I’m not afraid of trying something that I could possibly fail at,” and this is surely the motto by which she lives. During her high school career, one of her notable contributions was with the Roots & Shoots club, where she spearheaded eliminating the use of paper cups on campus. In addition, Donna has taught English as part of the Liming Service Club and has been an active contributor to the Community Service Club and the Leukemia Hospital Club. Outside of SAS, she also completed a 60-hour internship with the Shanghai Community Center, an organization providing counseling and other services to individuals and families. Donna will attend the University of California at Berkeley next year.

Hae Ju Kang
Puxi campus

Hae Ju’s involvement in community service began in middle school when her mother encouraged her to teach Korean to Chinese people for free on Saturdays. Later, she joined the Global Issues Network (GIN) in her 9th-grade year. Although this group was very small, unrecognized and even criticized by some as one lacking direction, GIN provided her the chance to initiate projects and deepen her understanding of service through both its failures and successes. After becoming the president of GIN in 11th grade, Hae Ju changed its focus from environmental protection to education for all. She tried to achieve this locally by starting the GIN English Program to teach English to Chinese locals for free on Sundays. Then, during the 2010 GIN Conference at the Chinese International School in Hong Kong, she met Chung To, the founder of Chi Heng Foundation.

As a tribute to GIN and Chi Heng Foundation, on her own initiative she organized a campaign called Project Love which aims to encourage networking between different schools by raising financial support for CHF through the sale of Project Love t-shirts. As an awareness-raising portion of this project, she organized the first CHF “voluntourism” trip to Anhui Province this past spring, affording students a direct experience of learning about AIDS in China and how CHF operates to address it. As this campaign is not over yet, she plans to continue stay involved even as she attends Vassar College in the fall.
In Memoriam

Margaret Dunn Siebens (SAS ’41)
July 28, 1924 to August 4, 2011
Information from LA Times, Sept. 1, 2011 and Ted Stannard (SAS ’48)

Peggy was born and raised in Shanghai where her father, Dr. Thomas Dunn, had a medical practice. She graduated from SAS in 1941. From researching Columbians back to 1932, she was at SAS from at least the third grade on. The 1941 Columbian shows that she was President of her Senior Class, Vice President of the Student Senate, on both the Sh’Am and Columbian staffs, active in the Drama Club, sang alto in the Glee Club, and was a swimmer, among other activities. One year she was voted “best dressed girl” and “Belle Brummel”. (Someone from the class of ’41 want to interpret that?)

Her literary skills surfaced in the fourth grade with the following in the Literary section of The Columbian:

“I am Bill. I am a cat. I live with a little girls and boy. They know just what I like to eat. I am in the house most of the time, but sometimes they take me for a ride. I like it very much.

Would you like to know what I eat? I eat fish, cream, liver and rice. That is what I like to eat.

I am a Persian cat. I have long shaggy hair. It is white. People have a hard time keeping me clean. Once the children took me to someone’s house to stay for the weekend. I did not like it there because they did not feed me right. They did not brush me. After I got home I liked it so much that they never gave me away again.” --Peggy Dunn, Fourth Grade

She graduated from Bennington College in 1945. While she was in college, her family was interned during the war. Her father was sent to Haiphong Camp and her mother and three sisters were interned at Chapei – some of you fellow-prisoners-of-war may have known them and been repatriated at the same time in the fall of 1943 on the Gripsholm. Peggy returned to China in 1946 as a Russian interpreter with the U.S. State Department, posted in Mukden and Changchun, Manchuria. As things heated up in the Chinese civil war, she was evacuated in 1947 with other U.S. personnel. She then worked in intelligence as an analyst for the Library of Congress Air Research Unit in Washington.

While in Manchuria, Peggy met her future husband, Allen C. Siebens, who was Vice Consul in Manchuria from 1946 to 1949. They married in 1949 and the couple moved to Germany where Allen served as Special Assistant to James B. Conant, U.S. High Commissioner and Ambassador. In 1955, the couple and their four children moved to Essex Fells, New Jersey, when Allen joined General Dynamics in New York. After his death in 1966, Peggy moved to Princeton, joining the Gallup Organization. Subsequently, she worked with her stepfather, J. Paul Barringer, at Educational Development Services, a placement consultancy for higher education professionals, before starting a career as a real

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estate agent and regional office manager. She retired in 2002 and moved to Los Angeles to be near family. She is survived by her four children: Jennifer, a journalist; Tom, a lawyer; Hilary, a physician; and Geoffrey, an architect. Also surviving her are three sisters, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Peggy had her mother’s DNA – a very classy lady. As Ted Stannard wrote, there is clearly a book in the stories surrounding this family. Peggy’s grandmother was Mrs. Eleanor Pray, long-time SAS house matron and study-hall supervisor in the 30’s and 40’s. Prior to that she lived in Vladivostok as an American for 36 years (1894-1930), from Tsarist times through the Russian revolution and under the Bolsheviks, leaving to join her daughter in Shanghai only when she could no longer find work. Some 2000 of her letters to family and friends have become a major archive on that era.

Peggy’s father, Dr. Dunn, died in 1948. Her mother later remarried a U.S. diplomat, John Barringer, with a pretty remarkable career of his own. If you want some really interesting further reading about Peggy’s family, here are some links. As Ted wrote, “…these two obits for her mother and father are eye-wideners!” I, too, highly recommend them as fascinating accounts.

http://www.alumni.unh.edu/obits/1920s/barringer.html


Another reference: some of you may have seen the film So Very Far From Home at the 2008 reunion. It tells the stories of American, British and Australian children sent to prison camps in Japanese occupied China during World War II. A number of SAS grads were interviewed for this film, including Betty Barr Wang (SAS ’49), Angie Mills (SAS ’42), B.J. Rugh Elder (SAS ’51) and Patricia Dunn Silver (SAS ’44), Peggy’s sister. Ted says this can be viewed in its entirety on the following website: http://www.snagfilms.com/films/watch/so-very-far-from-home

Martha Anne “Stubby” Geibel Crowe (SAS ’41)
February 17, 1922 to December 9, 2010
Information from the Greenwich Time and Stamford Advocate and Oscar Armstrong’s 1989 “The China Connection”. Also from her dear friend, Jean Gallop Schuster (SAS ’40)

Stubby Crowe died at age 88 in Stamford, CT. She and Jean were “best friends” since the 4th grade. Jean says that after Shanghai Stubby “spent the rest of her life very happily in Greenwich, CT, a town where both her parents had roots. Her husband died about 12 years before Stubby after a long and happy life together raising their 4 children. This highly creative family contributed so much to their community…”

Born in Tientsin in 1922, her family moved to Shanghai when she was 5 where she attended SAS from 1930 to ‘39. Her father worked for Standard Oil Co. of New York.
She lived in China until she was 17 and graduated from SAS. She married Robert E. Crowe, Jr. in April, 1946 in Greenwich. A devoted wife and mother, she was a woman of many talents, among them an accomplished seamstress and contributor to a needlework book. She was well known for her talent and contributions to the Greenwich Miniaturist Group, especially at the bi-annual Christmas Miniature exhibits at the Bruce Museum. In her later years, she volunteered at both the Bruce Museum and the Stamford Museum and Nature Center.

One friend wrote this message on the obituary blog: “I remember you well, Stubby, all your talents and wonderful sense of fun. I also remember how you cared for your husband. Hope you keep busy showing them how to create miniature rooms up in heaven…”

**Pauline Schinazi Witts (SAS ’45)**

July 4, 1927 to June 10, 2011

Information from her 2008 Reunion bio submission

Polly was born in Shanghai, the daughter of Leon and Ann Schinazi. Her brother was Leon Richard Schinazi, Jr. (SAS ’38) The family left Shanghai in November, 1940 aboard the SS Monterey. Polly attended schools in San Francisco, Washington D.C., and graduated in New York City.

In 1946 she returned to China with her parents for two years. She worked in Shanghai for the US Lines of passenger ships. She then returned to California and worked for the American President Lines.

In 1949 to 1950, her father was the Port Commander in Okinawa and Polly lived with her parents there, working for the U.S. Military Government. She returned to the States and worked for a steamship company in San Francisco and then back to Japan in 1952 to work at Yokohama Port.

In 1953 she married Bob Witts in Marin County, California and they moved to Memphis until 1959. Then back to the Bay area where her husband worked for Western Pacific Railroad and where she raised three children. Her husband died in 1968. She worked for the telephone company from 1970 to 1990 and then retired to Walnut Creek. After retirement, Polly traveled, did some consulting, and especially enjoyed spending time in Florence, Italy at her eldest daughter’s cooking school. She also returned to Shanghai many times in her last years. The notes in her obituary page from several people tell of her lively, outgoing love of life. Some of us will remember her at the Salem Reunion in 2008.
Lincoln C. Brownell (SAS ’31) lived to be 96. His retirement years were spent in Williston, VT where there was a family homestead and where he was a well-known and generous citizen. He died peacefully at home on December 26, 2010.

His parents, Henry and Jane Brownell, served as educational missionaries for 44 years at Lingnan University in Guangzhou. Lincoln was born there in 1914 and attended SAS, but returned to the U.S. to graduate from high school in 1931. His sister, Priscilla Brownell Brown, SAS ’33, wrote of his death and said he was a long-time subscriber to SASA News.

Lincoln went on to Yale for both college and law school, joining the law firm in New York of Sullivan and Cromwell. In 1941 he married Mary Gaskill and joined the Air Force, becoming a flying instructor. During the war, he was assigned to Chongqing as Air Attache in the American Embassy for two years. In the final year of the war, he served on the intelligence staff of Gen. H.H. Arnold at the Pentagon. After the war he returned to the law firm and later the American Banknote Company.

In the early nineteen fifties, he grew restless and started what turned out to be a very successful new company with a friend – Brownell, Lane International Ltd – which began trade between the U.S. and French Indochina (Vietnam). They opened an office in Saigon in 1952. The Brownell family moved to Saigon in 1961 and stayed until the communist takeover in 1975. Then they retired to the family land in Williston, VT, built a home there, and Lincoln became a very active benefactor of many good causes. He was an Associate Trustee of St. Michael’s College, chaired an Environmental Commission for Chittenden County, was President of the Williston Historical Society, was a trustee of Howard Human Services, and chaired the committee that rebuilt the Town Hall. Continuing his historic preservation interests, he helped to purchase and restore the historic Ethan Allen Homestead in Burlington and to commission a statue of Governor Thomas Chittenden for the Williston town green and for Montpelier, the state capitol.

His wife, Mary, died in 2007. They are survived by three sons and nine grandchildren. Their son, Peter is a former mayor of Burlington and state senator. Son Bart lives in London with

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Jean M. Bristow Hart, (SAS ’41)
May 22, 1924 to August 28, 2010
Information from the Kansas City Star of Sept. 9, 2010

Jean died at age 86 in Raytown, Missouri. She was born to John and Frances Bristow in Shanghai and had one brother, John. She attended SAS from 1930 to 1937 and again in 1940, finally graduating from Sacramento High in 1941.

Married to Harry Hart, who died earlier, they had six children. They lived in many places over the years: Santa Barbara; a farm near Ottawa, Kansas; Bonner Springs, Kansas; Kansas City;

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Are you considering joining the group that will be going to Shanghai in April, 2012 to take part in the Centennial Celebration of SAS?

In the group so far: Teddy and Andrea Heinrichsohn, Anne Lockwood Romasco, Mimi Brewster Gardner and Don Gardner, Ted and Femmy Stannard, David Bridgman, Angie Mills, David Merwin, Dan Williams (we hope?)

Here’s a tentative schedule of events:

- **Wednesday, April 18** - Arrival day
- **Thursday, April 19** – Orientation meeting for all participants. Visit the old SAS campus and Community Church.
- **Friday, April 20** – Various outings to be determined
- **Saturday, April 21** – Centennial Ball in the Ballroom of the beautifully restored Peace Hotel (formerly the Cathay Hotel)
  - Speaker: the Honorable J. Stapleton Roy, (SAS ’52) former U.S. Ambassador to China
- **Sunday, April 22** – Attend Sunday services at Community Church or elsewhere
  - Various outings to be planned.
- **Monday, April 23** – Visit Puxi Campus
- **Tuesday, April 24** – Visit Pudong Campus
- **Wednesday, April 25** – Departures

A cookbook is being prepared. We expect that Deke Erh’s book about SAS alums, begun at the 2008 Salem Reunion, will be available – a beautiful coffee table book full of pictures and stories.

Several of us will be staying at the Old House Inn, a throw-back to the old days in the French Concession. It is a homey, comfortable place and the proprietors are very welcoming of us. Rooms are on several levels with no elevator. If you wish to be there, Betty Barr Wang will make the reservation for you. She lives in Shanghai and her contact info is betty-barrwang@gmail.com.

If you prefer a hotel, very nearby is the Hilton Hotel on Hua Shan Road, a very modern and attractive place with all the amenities of a grand hotel. To stay there you will need to make your own reservations. Both lodgings are within easy taxi/walking distance from the old SAS.

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In either case, since this is not like an official tour with a tour guide, etc. you will need to make your own flight arrangements to Shanghai. **Once your reservations are made, both flight and hotel, please email those details to me mimihollister1@verizon.net.** Transport to the school events will be arranged by SAS. Teddy Heinrichsohn and Betty Barr Wang are very helpful with what to see and where to eat, etc. once we are there. **What is needed from you as soon as possible** to be sent to Cindy.Easton@saschina.org:

1. Your name and contact information including address, phone, and email.
2. The years you were at SAS, what grades, and the year of your high school graduation, even if not from SAS.
3. A paragraph or two of bio – very important!
4. A memory or two of your time at SAS. Cindy hopes to have memories from each generation compiled in a centennial publication.
5. Where you plan to stay in Shanghai.

Please email this information to Cindy ASAP, even if you haven’t made your travel plans yet. She needs it in September for the celebration plans and publications. April is not that far away. If you would copy me in your email to Cindy, that would be most helpful – mimihollister1@verizon.net. I can guarantee a most memorable trip. If you haven’t been back to China, this is the time to go. If you have been back, you know what I mean. We will keep in touch once you put yourself on the list.