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## My View From Tent Hill

Our newest office staff member, Alan Arias '03, '04, '10, mentioned in passing the other day how exciting it is to be part of the cycle of activity that culminates in Camp Rising Sun. He marveled at the energy each step in the process demands and delighted in how each small success – another new resource for candidates; another camper application; another set of committee recommendations; another young alumnus making his/her first donation – ignites and inspires the office team. (See Alan's comments on p. 39 of this issue.)

The Sundial is, in several ways, a metaphor for LAJF and CRS. It builds on a rich history and the efforts of those who preceded us. It integrates longstanding tradition with new technology. It relies on our alumni associations and the contributions, both creative and financial, of our alumni. There is new detail added each year. It grows as our global alumni network grows. I am delighted with this latest issue, and I extend a most heartfelt "How, how" to our staff editorial board of Alan Arias, Christina Busso and Ruthellen Rubin.

I'm sure you will enjoy every morsel of this issue's serving of news, views and information. It includes a vibrant section on CRS 2011 with reflections by two campers, a spotlight on our Dutch Alumni Association and the consummate camper-for-life, Harrie Hamstra '71, two impressive feature articles about alumni Ian Benjamin

and Tina Gharavi, many opportunities for alumni to remain connected to their campmates and a spread on Wear-Your-CRS T-Shirt-Day, "the only reunion everyone can attend."

I have worked with bright teenagers for my entire career of over 40 years in education. Rarely have I been as personally and professionally gratified and enriched as I feel in my current position, working with the Board, staff, committees, alumni and campers of CRS. The curriculum remains consistent over time in its overarching themes and goals yet dynamic in their implementation. The learning and impact for the campers have been assessed and affirmed over the decades, both anecdotally and now, quantitatively. The values acquired and/or reinforced at CRS are enduring. The connections between campers and staff are characterized by an authenticity that can come only from the respect and affection that grow when people live together and build a community. In the pages that follow, I feel certain that you will see evidence of all this in both the explicit and tacit meanings of that which you read. Enjoy!

P.S. Columns like these so often are serious and business-like. They don't convey the fun and delight I derive from being with the campers. While most of the Instructions offered at camp are designed for a high level of provocative thought and abstraction, there are those that are just plain practical. Take a look by scanning the QR code to the left under my photo. ♦



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# As the Sun Rises

They were seeds when the sun rose -  
Still mostly in their pods.  
But they felt a new wind -  
From near or far -  
Which others did not  
Or chose to ignore.

And they came out of their pods -  
These seeds which were different  
From the rest in outlook or style  
Or character - yes, that was it,  
Character - and they grasped that wind -  
Yes, you can grasp the wind if you try.

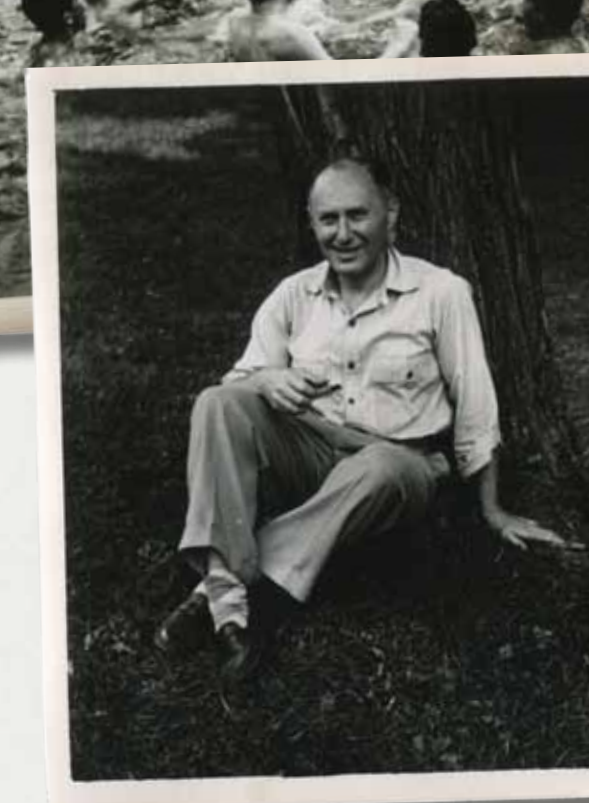
And they rode the currents of that wind -  
Its updrafts and downdrafts -  
From the planted fields they knew  
Across strange lands and seas  
To a different, distant field  
That native redskins and foreign whiteskins  
Had wrestled and weaned and wrought  
With unknown blood and sweat and tears  
That nourished the land and spoke through the wind:  
"Come. You who do not accept  
That tomorrow can't be better than today.  
Come. Settle here for a season in the sun.  
Come. You of different skins and minds and hearts.  
Take the hoe and plough you'll find at hand  
And till this new field. Make your own furrows.  
Plant. Grow. Look to the harvest.

"You may think your effort will be alone.  
But it will not be. You may find  
That the wind that brought you here  
Turns against you. But that should not discourage.  
If you remember why you came here  
And you look ahead to the harvest,  
You will be strong with your hoe  
And steady with your plough.  
And you will understand the land. And yourself.  
And you will enrich the land. And yourself.  
And you will know that you were not foolish  
To believe when you first came this way  
That tomorrow can be better than today."

*"To paraphrase Winston Churchill, I've made a living for more than fifty years by practicing law, and I've made a life for the past ten years by writing poetry. Camp Rising Sun and the people I've met through it - from Freddie on - have been a deep and richly nourishing wellspring for me. Robert Frost said, 'A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom.' The same is true of a camper's summer at Rising Sun. And both stay with you afterward. Each of us must evaluate how rich that is and how much it impels you to give back so that future generations may enjoy what you have. For me it's been big, very big."*

**SETH FRANK**  
'48, '49

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## FROM OUR FOUNDER, FREDDIE JONAS

*Excerpts from Freddie's archives: "Objectives of Camp Rising Sun"*

### ON THE VALUE OF EDUCATING FOR LEADERSHIP:

We have so often heard it said that "quality pays." Working with the finest raw materials, hiring the most skilled workmen or engaging the best artists is always the best policy. Why not apply this to the education and training of human beings? The world needs leaders, needs them badly and we feel that more time, effort and thought should be given to them in all branches of education. We sincerely feel that the extra effort and training given to them will in the end benefit the citizenry at large. The country has felt the need and value in establishing West Point and the Naval Academy to train leaders for our military protection. In a far broader sense, vast numbers of leaders are needed if we are to progress socially under enlightened guidance. It is our intention to explore this field of youth education and to show how we have approached the challenge.

### ON ONE'S MORAL COMPASS:

Probably the most important instrument which a sailor or explorer possesses is his compass for without it his chance of reaching his goal is limited or the goal is reached only after costly mistakes and loss of time and energy. The human, too, has his compass to be used in the journey through life. That compass is called his philosophy of living and is closely bound up with his code of ethics. It has been our belief that this is one of the most vital things for a youth to acquire. He may not call it by that name - it sounds too much like school - but in the day when his thoughts bend in this direction, he ceases to be entirely a child and the man to be is taking shape.

### ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

Every now and then we hear of a "self made man" who has attained prominence in his field with the barest of schooling. We have wondered if the possession of a vast fund of information without the ability to use it is of as much value as the possession of less knowledge and the ability to utilize it. Life for this "self made man" has always been a struggle with the problems of life. No one ever told him "This is a fact," or "That cannot be done." When he came to a stone wall he did not stop and give up. He sought a way over it, under it or around it or if still impeded, blasted a hole through it. If you have occasion to meet men of this type you will generally find their thinking simple, direct and concise. This ability to simplify problems and search for the essentials is characteristic of leaders both educated and uneducated. It comes through actual contact with problems in practice.

### The Practical (and Lighter) Side of Freddie:

Before the start of camp season be sure to swell axe and hammer handles on their heads. During winter they dry out and shrink from heads with resulting danger of flying off.

On opening day of camp, a brief talk should be given on water being different at camp from city water and may cause constipation. It's not unmanly to report this to first aid counselor who may recommend a mild laxative.

Print all camper and staff addresses in last issue of camp paper. Suggest a counselor check addresses on the stencil as the campers usually make at least one mistake.

During season, camp director should make periodic checks to see if prevailing system for writing one letter home, minimum, is being observed. Also, system prevailing about soap showers.

No apple fights - a danger to campers' eyes.





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FROM OUR PRESIDENT: ROBERT B. MELLINS, '44, '45, '48

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CHANGE AND STABILITY

**W**e live in a biological world characterized by growth, development and maturation and, by necessity, change. One of the ironies of life is that stability is more likely to be achieved by programmed change, which allows for flexibility and adaptation. Instability is more likely to occur when there is resistance to change or failure to adapt. This is as true for organizations as it is for individuals and for this reason programmed change has become a central part of our governance process. This is by way of pointing out that there will be a programmed change in the leadership of LAJF as I complete my term as President in April, 2012 and Nita Luis takes over. Nita chaired the second Board Effectiveness Committee as well as the Strategic Planning Committee and has been intimately involved in all of the major decisions and activities during the past three years, so the transition to the new leadership should be seamless. Our new governance structure also allows for phased-in personnel change on our committees as well as the Board so we can attract the talent and skills we need while maintaining continuity. Board directors serve three-year terms, renewable for a maximum of three terms.

There were many highlights during my tenure as President, including 1) the recruitment of Dr. Judith Fox as our Executive Director, 2) a series of retreats for Board members and alumni to begin the process of reenergizing our alumni, 3) two outstanding summer seasons at both Red Hook and Clinton, 4) strengthening an already strong board by increasing the skills

and diversity of the Board, 5) first prize for governance from VCG - Governance Matters, 6) the branding committee after reviewing 187 entries selected "creating a better world tomorrow by inspiring young leaders today," 7) doubling the funds contributed to the Foundation in two consecutive years and 8) extending the tradition of strong committee participation, able committee leadership and meaningful work.

Although the Board and the staff are proud of what they have accomplished in recent years working as a team, none of this would have been possible without the efforts of previous Rising Suns who sustained the Foundation over the decades, going back to Mandy Mascia. The numbers are too great to list, but you know who you are.

The world economy may be challenging but the future of LAJF and CRS looks promising as we adapt to make the necessary changes that allow us to carry out our mission. ♦



**ROBERT B. MELLINS, MD,**  
*is Professor Emeritus  
 and Special Lecturer at  
 Columbia University.*

**Our Board seeks members  
 from diverse backgrounds  
 with the experience and  
 organizational skills  
 necessary to advance  
 LAJF's mission.**

-Bob Mellins, President

The LAJF Board of Directors is charged with developing and overseeing the implementation of policy and for oversight of all Foundation finances and functions. The Members Advisory Council ("MAC") elects the members of the Board and responds to requests for advice. At present, the Board is comprised of 14 elected members, the Chair of the MAC and the Executive Director. Board Members have CRS experience from the 1940s through the 2000s. Currently three of the members are non-alumni. Emeritus Board Members are former Directors whose long service and/or unique contributions have been recognized by the Foundation. Board Meetings are open to all alumni and friends of LAJF. Following each meeting, there is a discussion period with guests. If you wish to attend, please notify the LAJF office at 212-686-1930 or alumni@lajf.org.

# IT'S MY TURN NOW

By: Hester Mourik '06, '07, '10

Why do I make time for LAJF? There are many reasons. As a camper, I gained so much from CRS. It is now my turn to do something in return. I have knowledge, skills and enthusiasm that can help LAJF, so why not share them? Being involved with camp as a volunteer member of a committee is one of the most meaningful things I do.

As a student, I learn from books, but it is almost impossible to understand the world outside those books without experience. On the LAJF Committee on Advancement, I see how the Foundation works in practice, what it takes to run a successful project and how to consider different points of view. I learn practical thinking in a positive and stimulating environment and I find my own thoughts are welcome and taken seriously. I also get the opportunity to do something meaningful with immediate results; for example, setting up a fundraising page and raising \$2,500!

The influence CRS still has on my life is huge. The specifics sometimes fade from the surface of my hectic daily life. However, when I have to make difficult decisions, the fundamental values bubble up again. Should I be afraid to move in a new direction? No, I should just try. Will I accept others' thoughts without question? No, I have to step up. Is my immediate judgment right? Maybe not. Are other people different from me? Yes. Is that a problem? No. Can I tackle a challenge? I survived the hiking trip, so yes! For me, camp is always there. ♦



**HESTER MOURIK** is in her third year at Erasmus University Rotterdam studying Public Administration and Criminology; she also studies International Security at VU University Amsterdam. Hester is a member of the Committee on Advancement and is actively involved in the alumni community.

## OUR PROGRAM: IT FEELS RIGHT BUT DO WE REALLY KNOW?

This is the question members of the Program Committee ask themselves about a CRS summer. Educators and our own alumni report that what they observe at camp are a coherent curriculum, thoughtful methodology, constructive interactions and upbeat attitudes. Campers talk about life-transforming empowerment and enduring lessons. The Program Committee is seeking to document how, to what extent and why these observations are accurate.

Evaluation of the short- and long-term impact of a CRS summer began more than five years ago with a broadly distributed "outcomes survey" that was analyzed for relevance and statistical significance. That formed the basis for a manuscript submitted for publication to a professional journal. Many of you probably responded to the survey. Thank you!

More recently, the Program Committee has been working to develop instruments that demonstrate and measure the degree of program success. Instructions, Projects, Evening Program and all the other familiar elements of a CRS summer are evaluated by campers, staff and visitors, alike. We also assess the camper's perception of his/her knowledge about, experience with and confidence in being able to perform activities that relate to CRS's four goals: intellectual and artistic growth, leadership, diversity and the drive to make the world a better place. Next steps include devising ways to establish the enduring nature of the impact of CRS on adults over the course of their lives at work, with their families, in their communities and for the betterment of society.

## TO WHAT END?

There are five good reasons to continue this work. Our Program Committee strives to:

1. Make sure the CRS curriculum is at the forefront of educational practices.
2. Prove that we are actually doing what we think we are doing (and that our campers perceive it as we do).
3. Assess the impact of CRS on the lives of our alumni and on the worlds they touch.
4. Demonstrate evidence of effectiveness to our alumni, our donors and our philanthropic partners.
5. Assure that our program can serve as a model for other educational leadership programs. ♦

## LAJF BOARD RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

How, how to our own LAJF Board of Directors for winning the prestigious *Brooke W. Mahoney Award for Outstanding Board Leadership*, given annually by VCG Governance Matters, New York's premiere organization working to build excellence in non-profit board governance.

New York's leading non-profit board professionals gathered on May 10, 2011 on the 50th floor of the McGraw Hill Building at Rockefeller Center to support the field of five finalists: Make a Wish Foundation of Metro NY, Essex County CASA, Harlem RBI, Urban Education Exchange and the Louis August Jonas Foundation. Much was said about the excellence of all five boards and their similarities: a deep passion for their mission; being unafraid to lead; a strategic approach to board recruitment; and an active and productive committee structure.

The judges felt that the LAJF Board stood out from the rest. In announcing the winner, David LaGreca, the Executive Director of VCG Governance Matters described the journey that our 80+ year-old foundation has taken over the past three years. Mr. LaGreca drifted from the script as he related how touched the judges were by their personal interview with Board President Dr. Robert Mellins during which he described the lasting impact of our program on him

since he was a camper in 1945. Mr. LaGreca added how impressed the judges were by LAJF's openness to feedback from alumni, willingness to make hard decisions and dedication to expanding the diversity, professionalism, committee productivity, communications and governance procedures of the Board in order to revitalize and reengage the alumni community. Our award garnered national publicity.

On September 15, 2011, Bob Mellins was invited to participate on a panel discussion of Board Presidents: "What Can Board Chairs Do to Make Boards Work?" sponsored by VCG Governance Matters at Baruch College, in New York City. Several of our Board and staff members attended, with great pride.

**The LAJF Board was featured in the July/August 2011 edition of The Board Report: The Newsletter for Nonprofit Boards Members and their Executive Directors. In addition, the Chronicle of Philanthropy mentioned the LAJF Board in an October 2, 2011 article: "In Challenging Times, Overstretched Board Members Fight Burnout"**

Congratulations to Bob for his extraordinary leadership and to our Board and committee members for their hard work and dedication to LAJF and Camp Rising Sun. ♦



### IN CHALLENGING TIMES, OVERSTRETCHED BOARD MEMBERS FIGHT BURNOUT

*A charity that came close to shutting down because of the recession but instead reinvigorated itself and its board is the Louis August Jonas Foundation, which operates a seven-week international leadership camp for 120 teenagers every year in upstate New York. Donors rebelled in 2009 after trustees decided to suspend Camp Rising Sun, as the leadership program is called.*

*The charity had plenty of reasons to take the action: Its endowment had dropped by 45 percent and its executive director had left. But the camp's closure infuriated many donors, most of whom had gone there as youths. They withheld their annual gifts in protest.*

*In response, Robert B. Mellins, the Board president and a Columbia University professor of pediatric pulmonary medicine, led the organization in a sweeping effort to regain donors' confidence and improve the board.*

*The organization hired a new executive director, Judith Fox, who accompanied board members to four weekend retreats, each with 15 former campers and donors, to find out what they liked and disliked about the organization and to get their ideas for ensuring the camp's long-term survival. The group then quickly adopted the best ideas, including several changes to the board.*

*Now, for example, former campers and others who are not trustees can serve on board committees. That not only helps the board get its work done but also provides new perspectives and a pool of candidates who may become trustees later.*

*Other changes included creating a new trustee committee that looks for ways to improve the board. It has adopted regular self-evaluations, created an orientation for new board members, and brought more women and younger people onto the board. In another step to avoid burnout, the board created a succession plan for trustees. It now appoints a president-elect, and it has carved out a formal position for the board's immediate past president.*

*Altogether, the changes have strengthened the 81-year-old organization. Annual gifts will surpass \$700,000 this year, after declining to \$128,000 in 2009 during the worst of the crisis. And the board and its committees now have waiting lists of people eager to join.*

*Because of those achievements, the Louis August Jonas Foundation captured an award this year for outstanding board leadership. Says Mr. LaGreca, of Governance Matters, which bestowed the award: "This is a story of a board who had a leader rejuvenate the organization with shock paddles and jump start the board. This highlights the flip side of burnout."*

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# CAMP RISING SUN

## NEW PROJECTS

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

By: Zoe Blecher-Cohen and Yolanda Dawson



Project, projekt, projekti, projecto, proje, projet. They all mean the same thing: something that we do together to create something new. Projects are beneficial for the current campers and for posterity. Sometimes, they reach back to the past, like the gazebo project that was started by past campers. Other times, they reinvent the past, like the new totem pole to replace the beloved (but rotting) old one. This year the girls have ideas to create a teepee, sundials, new benches and a path for the garden. We hope we get to show our real talent while improving camp this summer!

## TRAIL CLEARING

July 10<sup>th</sup>

By: Michal Grendysz



This week we worked on clearing the trail to the New Cabin. This building was erected so far from the Old House that it was lost. Fortunately, we found it and although the cabin looked good, the trail was completely overgrown. Our goal is to clear all vigil sites so everyone will be able to write a letter near his own fire. Our team is doing an exhausting job but it is also one of the most important ones for me.

## INFORMAL COUNCIL

July 17<sup>th</sup>

By: Theodosios Dimitrasopoulos

Wednesday's evening program was very special. The second year campers and the Sachems of the week organized Informal Council. At 21:30, after the evening assembly, everyone gathered at the field next to the pool.

We sat on the logs and the Sachem of the day described what would happen next. The Informal Council was like Saturday's Council with one important difference: all campers got to express their thoughts to the entire community. Many of us talked about our family, financial background and complications or difficulties in life. Others talked about more recent things, such as their personality before coming to camp.

Wednesday was one of the highlights of this season. We gazed at the stars, shared our experiences and felt for each and every one of our fellow campers.



## COUNCIL AT CLINTON

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

By: Virginia Wordsworth

Saturday July 23 was a long, sweaty and exhausting day. Visitors' Weekend took weeks of preparation, but they were weeks well spent, as our hard work culminated in successfully putting on our July Production and the excitement of catching up with family and friends. Council was the perfect way to finish such an emotional day.

Everyone gathered on Cabin Hill while the stars shone above from the night sky. Jacintha rhythmically beat the Council drum, leading Rose and Sunnie who bore the tapestry. The last note of *The White Dawn* lingered in the air, and the anticipation for the fourth Council grew. As Janessa touched her candle to those of each of the tent sachems, the beautiful melody of *Rise Up, O Flame* passed around the tent lines. The light from our candles truly led the way as we proceeded through the forest, and into the Council Ring. *O Nay Wah O Hent* was sung, and Janessa passed the talking stick.

## VISITORS' WEEKEND - A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

July 30<sup>th</sup>

By: Vaidyanathan Chandrashekhar [parent of Neeraj Shekhar]

We have a great number of wonderful memories from the visitors' weekend with our son, Neeraj: highly organized assemblies with plenty of spontaneous extras, the long multi-language birthday wishes, musical talents in the variety show, the fantastic drama production, great meals and the highly orchestrated effort on the part of the campers to keep the parents away from Tent Hill!

It was amazing to see so many bright, ambitious campers working together with no hint of competition. The teamwork was exemplary. We were totally directed by the campers and frankly we did not mind it. It was great to see them lead with such ease. I hope the campers take these experiences back to their lives outside camp. This will hold them in great stead and enable them to be highly successful leaders.

Celia: On Being a Hiking Sachem



## CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN

August 7<sup>th</sup>

By: Celia Gonzalez Derecho



Most of the hikers didn't know how to build a fire, climb or sleep in tents, but this didn't scare them. As we began to feel the weight of our backpacks, we heard: "Can we stop? I really need to go!" and "When will the next water break be?" To both, the answer was, "Whatever. Be your own Sachem."

On the second day everyone was more confident. The mountain didn't look as difficult - until we actually started hiking. We discovered that inventing songs as you are walking makes the trail seem easier. So, we invented one song for our appreciation of water and another for the different parts of the trail.

After spending two days walking up a mountain and then down again, we felt really proud of ourselves. But, when the third day came along and there were other mountains to climb... the group became a bit pessimistic. However, the hours passed and the view became more and more beautiful with every minute. This gave us energy to keep on going. I said, "COME ON GIRLS WE ARE NEAR, I CAN SMELL IT!"

And then finally, we arrived. The view was FABULOUS; there aren't enough words to describe it. What I can say is that when we were at the top, I looked behind me, and everyone was happy, everyone was enjoying herself. The exhaustion that I had during the hike disappeared, but I will definitely keep the songs, the smiles and the words for a long, long time.

# END OF SUMMER REFLECTIONS

By: Kimberly Cionca '11



Camp was life changing. I am confronted every day by its four goals: leadership, learning, service and diversity.

My fascination with cultures has grown in many ways. Before camp, I anticipated making new friends, but was not aware of the significance of meeting such a diverse group. The idea that there is more than one right way to go about doing something was unfamiliar. But, I learned that despite differences in origin and custom we are all human. Although that principle seems incontrovertible to me now, I also more clearly see people around me transgress it through war, racism and oppression. Since returning to school, I have seen much discrimination, and am responding through my documentary, *Lehman Culture*, to explore and promote the appreciation of diversity at my school.

Camp also helped me develop my confidence. I was not timid before the summer, but being surrounded by many outspoken and astute girls motivated me to step out, speak up and take a stand. I recently met an inspiring philanthropist, Roberta Seret, who promotes awareness of global issues through foreign film. Because of camp, I can confidently converse with this influential woman who shares my interests.

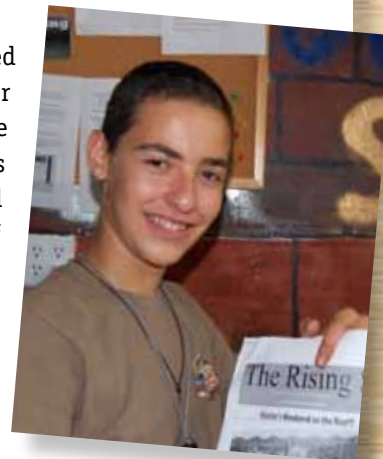
Through CRS, I have learned to take new risks. Camp is now part of my identity. It has helped me expand on my passion for diversity and foreign film, and made me a stronger person.

By: Jonathan "Yoni" Biron '11

Not a single day goes by in which I don't think of camp. I remember Council, and the way each one reflected our progress as we walked together. At first, Council was scary, but, with time we became calmer and more confident. When I compare the first Council to the last, I see the brotherhood that grew and the toolbox of values we gained: responsibility, concern and leadership.

People might say our journey ends with camp, but I believe the end of camp is when it really begins. We walk together towards the future. Will our paths be long or short, steep or moderate, thorny or soft? I constantly think about these questions, but camp has prepared me to answer them by doing what most of the educational system does not – provide a platform for criticizing, thinking about and discussing important issues and getting to know different cultures, people, nations and points of view – issues that touch all people's hearts.

Because of camp, I learned to take responsibility for change. I had the chance to organize my thoughts and feelings. I learned how to improve myself and take practical steps to be as sensitive and caring as I want to be. Now, I live with a can-do attitude.



I have many memories of late night Tent Hill conversations, Council Mood and Sachems' Dinners. But what has affected me most is the people. Camp gave me the opportunity to learn from others and learn from myself and to develop important values for life. Do you read and feel as I do? Well, I am glad to know I am one of many whom camp has motivated to make a change.

## HOW HOW TO THE RED HOOK 2011 CAMPERS, 100% OF WHOM MADE A PERSONAL DONATION TOWARD CRS 2012 ON THE LAST DAY OF THE CRS 2011 SEASON.

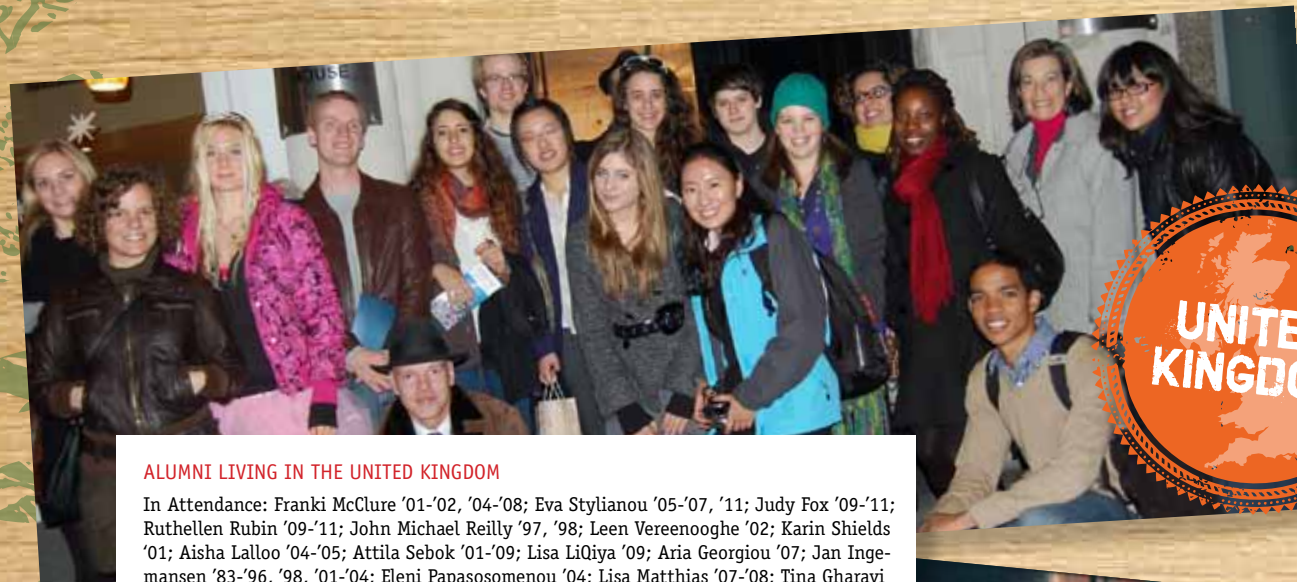


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# CRS ALUMNI GATHERINGS



## ALUMNI LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF HUNGARY

Top to Bottom: Starting Left: Luca Benko's Mother; Luca Benko's sister; Marton Iritz's Mother; Lajos Hopka's girlfriend; Zsoka Hopka; Eszter Ritter '94; Eszter Ritter's daughter; Janos Bucsku '98, '03, '04, '06-'11; Dorottya Teveli Hortath '06; Gabor Fazekas '01; Borbala Csapodi '10; István Korompai '10; Yolanda Dowson '11; Dorottya Teveli Horváth's boyfriend; Marton Iritz '11; Luca Benkó '10; Lajos Hopka '97, '98, '00, '03, '07, '10.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO

Left to Right: Audrey Roybal '07; Nancy Dubey; Ruben Barela; Tonia Barela '10; Bill Dubey '40-'42, ED '77-'86; Diana Barela.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF GERMANY

Top to Bottom: Miriam Olbrisch '02, '03; Johanna Daciuk '03, '04; Dorothee Pass Wachsen '00, '01, '06; Steffie Hirsch '01, '02; Rik Weeting '00, '01; Stefan Wilhelm '97. Left to Right: Jens Olinger '88; Hester Mourik '06, '07, '10; Peter Wachsen (husband of Dorothee); Peter Seibel '93, '94; Christopher Kramer (friend of Miriam); Perrin Vendrig '06.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF CHINA

We welcome our newest CRS Alumni Association!  
Left to Right: Yunfeng Hu '11; Minhui Yu '10; Jieyu Xu '11.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL

Top Row, Left to Right: Ofer Sabo '87 and son; Klil Karmon '01, '10; Shirley Furman '99-'00, '05; Gil Shinder '00 and wife Yuli. Middle Row, Left to Right: Keren Maman '89 and daughter (hidden); Ofir Fogel '88 and two sons; Nir Goldenberg '98; Roni Brin '05; Avi Blecherman '85; Revital Alon '01; Yuval Weiss '10; Guy Dahan '08; Aviad Bohbot '96-'97, '03. Bottom Row, Left to Right: Noa Koren's Mother; Jonathan Biron's twin sister; Jonathan Biron '11; Noa Koren '11; Omer Tsur '11 with brother and parents; Klil's friend, Hila.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO

Top Row, Left to Right: Gary Montrose; Rena Bloom; Awon Atuire; Jacob Schor; Colin Wells '10; Emma Atuire '11; Lynne Montrose; Margie Rodriguez; David Wells; Sister of Ana; Ana Gutierrez '07. Bottom Row, Left to Right: Ellen Wells; Mary Wells; Kevin Abels '98; Jeff Orłowski '99-'00, '02, '06; Laura Wells.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF FRANCE

Judy Fox with Clementine Hardy '91; Olivier Giller '57; Michael Bergmeijer '72; Sonia Aoula '07; Jean-Pierre Tabet '69.



# VERENIGING VRIENDEN VAN CAMP RISING SUN NEDERLAND

## THE DUTCH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Written by:

Karen Brummel '01, '07,  
Chair, Dutch AA, with gratitude  
to Harrie Hamstra '71 and  
Els Petit '96, '01, '02, '04.



Bottom Row, Left to Right: Isabelle van Lieshout '07; Karen Brummel '01, '07; Naomi Peters Rit '04-'05; Hanne Duindam '05; Gerianne Pennings '08-'09; Willeke Foppen '05, '11; Jelmer ter Avest '08, '10. Top Row, Left to Right: Harrie Hamstra '71, '99-'06; Tjerk Groenewegen '80; Elma Visser '07; Ellen de Haan '09; Alida Aerden-Vonk '08; Sander Ploumen '10-'11; Hester Mourik '06-'07, '10; Roy Helvoirt '04; Inge Goorts '97; Esther Eggink '03.

**T**he story of the Dutch AA is about both a family of campers and true leaders who have been very active as alumni to ensure that the experience they had would be available to later generations. Many volunteer. Many participate. Many provide financial support.

**OUR SELECTION TRADITION IS AT THE CORE OF THE AA:** In the beginning, selection was coordinated by the Ministry of Education. Boat fares were sponsored by the Holland America Line from Rotterdam Harbor to NYC. This has evolved over many decades into a strong tradition to select campers in the Netherlands.

Our selection process is formal with regard to communication with schools and families. At the same time, we create the informal environment that we all associate with CRS. For many years, Luwe Beijerman '59 and his wife Ireen Beijerman-Averink hosted interview day at their beautiful home. Many of us share memories of having been selected in their cozy living room. Luwe passed away last year leaving quite a gap in the Dutch Alumni family. Harrie Hamstra '71 and his wife Liesbeth Smit hosted selection at their lovely home last year and will also do so in 2012.

The prior year's campers volunteer as contact persons to the pupils who receive the general invitation to apply. A delegation of selectors schedules personal visits with the parents/guardians to answer questions, explain the impact of a summer at CRS and show how invested they are personally with CRS.

**OUR REUNIONS:** We gather biennially for our alumni reunions at the home of one of our members. Our day long reunions, which bring together alumni from all three camps and many generations, allow for socializing and formal AA business but are also dedicated to getting to know a little bit about the area where the host lives. Over the years, we have enjoyed boat tours in our National Park the Biesbosch by Luwe Beijerman '59 in Sleenwijk and in the modern Polder City of Almere by Martine Visser '91. We have visited several museums in Amsterdam and historical Leiden and shared many great guided city and nature walks throughout the country. The AA is also invested in keeping the international network strong; alumni from other countries are welcome at our reunions. Dutch participation in CRS world reunions is strong and we are looking forward to the next one in Hungary!

**CAMPERS FOR LIFE AROUND THE WORLD:** We encourage our members to return to CRS. Amongst us are many second years, visitors, counselors and international committee and board members to both foundations. Many alumni are available when career advice or mentoring is needed.

Our Dutch alumni who returned to camp as counselors are: Jan Peter Bosman '63/'66, Wink de Boer '76, '82, Steven Gudde '85, '91, '95, Joris van Etten '90, '94 -'96, '98, Thomas van den Akker '94, '95, '99 - '01, Paula Souverijn '95, '96, Els Petit '96, '01 - '02, '04 - '05, Magda Magala '98, '06, Job Seuren '99, '04, Rik Weeting '00, '01, '06, Karen Brummel '01, '07, Hester Mourik '06, '07, '10 and Willeke Foppen '05, '11.

Last year, Wim Hafkamp organized a 40th year reunion at Camp with his fellow campers from Red Hook 1970!

**CAMP RISING SUN - AN EXPERIENCE BEYOND LOCATION:** The Dutch AA has been fortunate to select and support campers to each of the three CRS programs in Red Hook, Clinton and Stendis. The strength of the experience of a summer in CRS shows in the way that our alumni relate to one another naturally.

The AA has always been strongly connected to and supportive of LAJF. Freddie visited the Netherlands numerous times and was even awarded the high royal order of Oranje-Nassau for his work by Queen Juliana in '78. Many LAJF leaders have visited over the years. Harrie Hamstra '71 is a former LAJF board member and currently a member of the Selection Policy Committee and the Members Advisory Council. Hester Mourik '06 is a member of the LAJF Committee on Advancement.

Over the years we have followed developments around GEJF with great interest and have tried to support the amazing work of the Danish Alumni Association and the GEJF Board. CRS Europe has been an amazing accomplishment and rendered a true CRS experience in Europe for many years. Our AA remains invested in CRS Europe. Harrie Hamstra '71 has been a GEJF Board member for years; Els Petit '96, '01, '02, '04 joined the 'Stendis Get Together' last summer and met up with a group of other European alumni in order to discuss options to continue 'get together' and 'Stendis experiences' for alumni.

**ORGANIZATION:** The AA makes it a priority to stay in touch with alumni and our wonderful secretaries maintain a new automatic and efficient system to collect voluntary donations. This system is the basis for fundraising for CRS in the Netherlands and allows us to finance the selection process as well as travel fares for first year campers. It is our goal to make a donation to both foundations every year.

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# CAMPER FOR LIFE

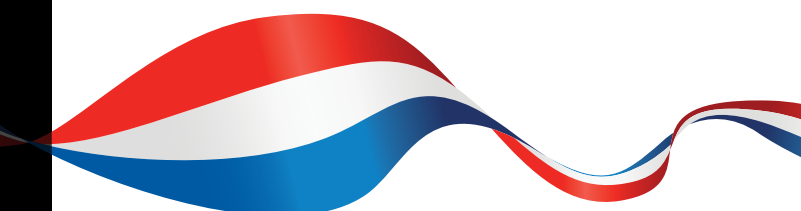
AN INTERVIEW WITH HARRIE HAMSTRA, '71

**Harrie, you clearly have a pronounced passion for camp, Freddie's mission and the Dutch Rising Sun community. What keeps you tethered to CRS?** I am grateful for the opportunity I had to participate in the LAJF program in 1971. That summer had an important impact on my life - as I came to realize more and more in the years following my summer in CRS. One of the core elements in that impact was the experience of sharing the same human core values with boys from so very different backgrounds. Freddie's message that we - as selected campers - were given a special opportunity in that summer program, which gave us a responsibility to pass it on, touched me deeply. One of the obvious ways of passing this on was to take responsibility in the Dutch Alumni Association that grew over the years.

**You are involved throughout The Netherlands in creating environmentally sustainable housing. What kind of impact do you hope to have in this realm?** My goal here is to make the link between the technical choices (renewable building materials, low or no emission, etc.) and the way the people use their housing. The awareness of the daily behavior of people is a very important factor in reducing our ecological footprint to a sustainable level. And the immediate living conditions (city planning, architecture and actual building techniques) are an important factor for the growth of a human community. I became involved with a few people starting a sustainable housing project in my home town of Zwolle in 1993, and with the inspiring experience of creating the housing where we live ourselves. I also took upon myself to support other groups to create their own sustainable housing projects - something that I do as a volunteer.

**You have already made a very important impact within your local and national community. Do you consider yourself a role model? A leader?** This is a difficult question to answer for oneself, I think. When I look at the roles I play in different situations and groups, I often think about the phrase 'a good leader is a good follower' that CRS taught me. I have been able to help making dreams and visions come true; in that sense I think people see me as a leader. And in helping people and groups to make choices, I have my own ideas about the right direction to go, realizing that often more ways will get us and the group to the same goals.

**The theme of this issue of the Sundial is "Camper for Life." What does it mean to you?** Being a "camper for life" means to me that the inspiration that Freddie shared with me, the spirit of giving - of my talents to my community - is an essential part of my life. And one of the aspects is continuing my support to give talented young people the chance to have a similar existential experience in a CRS program! ♦



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Over 30 alumni donate to the AA annually and many more contribute on an ad hoc basis. A couple of years ago, we invested in an extra fundraising campaign to render extra support to GEJF and CRS Europe. People answered overwhelmingly. Now that CRS Europe was no longer in session, we chose to donate the remainder of the funds of €3000 to LAJF this year. It was a milestone for the AA as fundraising has become an increasingly important to us.

Another milestone is the recent launch of our amazing new website by Hester Mourik '06! We now have a platform that will help us to reach out to selection candidates and alumni worldwide looking to find, talk to, or rejoin the Dutch AA. Visit us at [www.camprisingsun.nl](http://www.camprisingsun.nl).

**LEADERSHIP AND PRACTICE:** The busy agendas of our members provide us with the constant challenge of balancing our community's ambitions with the time and people available to actually make them happen. Nevertheless, it is amazing how much work is done - our organization grows stronger every year!

Our AA leadership structure was strengthened when the AA became an official legal organization with the Chamber of Commerce in 2002 in the Netherlands. As such, we are currently applying for an improved fiscal status that will, we hope, make donations fully deductible. The Dutch AA has accomplished a lot over the years and the way we run the AA and the selection procedure is one of the best examples of contact, collaboration and mentoring across many generations.

The Dutch AA is a warm CRS family dedicated to continuing Freddie's legacy and the international network of friends. We enjoy the cooperation with both LAJF and GEJF and will continue to support Camp Rising Sun around the world. We gladly welcome you in Holland! ♦



HARRIE AND HIS WIFE LIESBETH

# LIBBY & MANDY DAY 2011



## SAVE THE DATE

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2012

**JULY 28TH** - Alumni are welcome to participate in camp activities  
**JULY 29TH** - Libby and Mandy Day

Is 2012 a special CRS reunion year for you? If you would like to plan a reunion event at camp this summer during Alumni Weekend, contact Christina Busso, Director of Alumni Relations at [cbusso@lajf.org](mailto:cbusso@lajf.org).

**2012 REUNIONS CURRENTLY BEING ORGANIZED:**

- 50th Year for CRS 1962: Contact: Jerry Lozner [bballdocj@yahoo.com](mailto:bballdocj@yahoo.com)
- 15th Year for CRS 1997: Contact: Ganesh Karunakaran [ganeshes@gmail.com](mailto:ganeshes@gmail.com)
- 10th Year for CRS 2002: Contact: Steve Yuniver [syuniver@gmail.com](mailto:syuniver@gmail.com)



## ALUMNI CONNECT

Timothy Wong '78, '79 and Chenlan Bao '03 on connecting through the CRS network.



### SUNDIAL: HOW DID YOU TWO COME TO KNOW EACH OTHER?

**TIMOTHY WONG:** I first met Chenlan at an alumni gathering in Beijing. I was working in Hong Kong and offered to help any younger alumni looking at careers in finance and banking. Chenlan stayed in touch, and a couple of years later when she was in college we connected about an opportunity for a summer internship at my firm.

**CHENLAN BAO:** At the alumni dinner, I also learned that Tim had sponsored my plane ticket to camp from China in 2003! We kept in touch and during my freshman year at Amherst I asked him for help finding a summer internship related to finance; Tim kindly agreed to offer me an internship at the bank he was leading. We also caught up again in Hong Kong last summer when I came for an internship with Goldman Sachs.

### S: TIM, WHY DID YOU EXTEND YOUR HELP?

**TW:** The easy answer is it feels good. I find it very refreshing being able to speak to younger alumni, a feeling I think is shared by older alumni. Clearly, we enjoy helping the younger generations develop in their lives and careers, but, we also gain immensely from their energy and ideas. Having someone with whom I can chat and learn is really a great opportunity. It is a gratifying experience that works both ways.

### S: WHAT IS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE CRS ALUMNI NETWORK AND HOW IT CAN GROW?

**CB:** It is great to have a local CRS alumni association since the best way to build bonds is through face-to-face meetings. Passing along the help each alumnus/a has received from CRS is the most important motivation to contribute to the network for younger alumni. Also, more coordinated gatherings of online groups right after each camp season may help better sustain the connections built during camp. The key is to keep in touch.

**TW:** Our alumni network can be very powerful. We have an abundance of resources, and many of us are searching for channels to serve the bigger community; as an organization, we have become better at connecting with each other. I hope the senior alumni can volunteer and share their experience with the younger ones who are just starting to pursue their dreams. ♦

## CRS GLOBAL NETWORK

We're everywhere! You can stay in touch with CRS no matter where you are. Our Global Alumni Network makes it possible. The following alumni associations offer programs, networking, volunteer and camper selection opportunities for alumni/ae and their families. To learn more, contact the alumni association nearest you. To start your own alumni association, visit [www.risingsun.org/start.cfm](http://www.risingsun.org/start.cfm).



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## 5 WAYS TO CONNECT



CRS Alumni LinkedIn

- 1 Join an alumni association to socialize, network and select campers: [www.risingsun.org/alumni.cfm](http://www.risingsun.org/alumni.cfm)
- 2 Start an alumni association if there is not one in your region: [www.risingsun.org/start.cfm](http://www.risingsun.org/start.cfm)
- 3 Find camp friends, discover CRS contacts around the world: [www.risingsun.org/CRSearch](http://www.risingsun.org/CRSearch)
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- 5 Connect on LinkedIn and join our group for business and educational networking: <http://www.linkedin.com> and search for Alumni of Camp Rising Sun or scan the QR Code to the left.

## CRS 2012 SUMMER REUNION AT STENDIS

The Danish Alumni Association is pleased to sponsor a CRS Get Together for all alumni and friends at Stendis, Denmark: Reconnect to friends and to Camp Rising Sun!

**WARM UP DAYS:** July 27th – 29th (Free Time at Stendis)

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME:** July 30th – Aug. 2nd (Instructions, Projects and more!)

Spread the word to alumni and watch [www.crs2g.com](http://www.crs2g.com) for updates. Contact Uffe Most '74 at [umo@odense.dk](mailto:umo@odense.dk) to lead an Instruction or Project. Questions: Contact: Charlotte Nissen '04, '05 at [cncharlottenissen@gmail.com](mailto:cncharlottenissen@gmail.com) or Jan Ingemansen '83 at [jan@ingemansen.dk](mailto:jan@ingemansen.dk)

For details and registration visit: [www.crs2g.com](http://www.crs2g.com)

How How to CRSAA of Denmark on their 60th Anniversary!

DO YOU...



...HAVE SOMETHING TO TEACH CAMPERS??

**Offer an Instruction at CRS 2012:** Alumni are invited to visit camp and give an instruction during the camp season. For more information on this and other CRS volunteer opportunities, visit [www.risingsun.org/volunteer.cfm](http://www.risingsun.org/volunteer.cfm).



*I have always dreamed of coming back to camp. Sharing my passions with campers and learning from them made me feel like a camper again. -Marina Test '03, '04*



...SEEK A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP??

**George E. Jonas Scholarships:** Available for undergraduate and graduate level study. 2012-13 applications are being accepted through April 15th. [www.risingsun.org/GEJ-scholarships.cfm](http://www.risingsun.org/GEJ-scholarships.cfm)



*CRS burst into my life when I was 15 and today I remain truly loyal to its values. I serve as a proctor in a freshman dorm because CRS taught me how powerful leading by example can be. I deeply appreciate the support of the GEJ Scholarship program as I further my studies at Bowdoin College. -Marta Misiulaityte '06, '07*



...WANT YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD TO ATTEND CRS??

**Legacy Camper Program:** Children and grandchildren of alumni, ages 14-16, may spend 1 or 2 weeks at Red Hook or Clinton. Apply at [www.risingsun.org/legacycamper.cfm](http://www.risingsun.org/legacycamper.cfm)



*Camp has always been there and part of our lives. Now our sons also share this mutual experience. The legacy program is invaluable. -Richard Miller '79, '80*

*Left to Right: Rich Miller '79, '80 and his son George, Espen Varrone and his dad, Chris '78-'80, '84-'86 with Jyrki Kallio '80, '87, '01, '04, '05. George and Espen were legacy campers at Red Hook 2011.*



...NEED A GRANT TO WORK ON SERVICE PROJECT??

**ARISE:** Grants for alumni participating in service-oriented projects that aim to improve local communities and the world. Learn more about grants at [www.risingsun.org/ARISE.cfm](http://www.risingsun.org/ARISE.cfm)



*While conducting storytelling workshops throughout Israel and The West Bank, I saw and felt camp everywhere... Something about camp is transcendent, no matter when or where you come to meet it. My ARISE grant was unexpected, challenging and more enduring than I could have imagined. -Daria Reaven '05, '06*

SHINING A LIGHT ON CRS  
OUR LAJF STAFF



## INTER-GENERATIONAL DIPLOMACY

Ian Benjamin '10-'11 describes the relationship and lessons that developed when he befriended a local garbage hunter.



MISHA AND IAN AT THEIR RUSSIAN LESSON

**IAN BENJAMIN** is a senior at Edward R. Murrow High School in New York, and plans to begin undergraduate university study in the fall.

I have been learning Russian this year thanks to a man whom I met while he was digging through my family's trash one day. He is an elderly Ukrainian immigrant who looks a lot like Santa Claus would if Papa Noël had steelworker tattoos and a cast-iron grip. His path brought him through a tremendous leap of faith from the outskirts of Kiev, Ukraine to my front stoop in Brooklyn. Like many immigrants, he risked all that he had and knew for an uncertain shot at the American dream. He seems to have stumbled on the dismount of his great economic leap.

This man, named Misha, is a garbage picker. He is semi-homeless, braving the elements to harvest our neighborhood's recyclable trash in all weather, yet can barely scrape together enough for a loaf of bread at the supermarket where he takes his cans. His job, to most people, would be the end of the line in a worst-case scenario. But not to Misha. He is smart about it. He has a bicycle. He is an expert at loading it up; he knows which houses are the best places to look; and he successfully races the garbage men and of competing hunters. His work may look simple, almost mindless; but, he plays it as well as he can. Struggle has kept his muscles in shape and his mind focused, if on nothing more than on how he is going to make enough money to be able to eat.

Before his late wife, Soffia, died, Misha worried a lot about how to get food for her. And when she was diagnosed with cancer, he naturally worried for her health. But their love was such that she would give him her food so that he could eat. That is generosity: giving when it hurts. Billionaires do not feel their giving as much as when Misha walked past the supermarket where he redeems his cans, and carried food home for his wife. But his heart, like his mind, is master of his impulses. He goes out rain or shine, bending over garbage can after garbage can to pick recyclables, so that at the end of the day he can bring home some bread and bananas. He is the defiant image of courage and generosity. The absence of despair in him is proof.

### Change of Plans

Learning Russian was not part of my original plan, but I realized that my previous efforts to help Misha were disenfranchising him. I had helped Misha as a charitable project, giving him food and money every time we crossed paths. I did that for two years. But, I was not yet sensitive to his side of the equation: that he was accepting charity from a kid, and that, for all his strength, it was embarrassing and cost him something on the inside worth much more than money. As my friendship with Misha grew, I began to understand that what this dignified man needed from me was not only food or money (though he was in desperate need of both); it was a chance to do work that helped him help someone else. After a lot of brainstorming, the obvious finally dawned on me. Misha is a native speaker of one of the most important languages spoken in the world. And, if I asked him nicely enough, he could be my teacher. What Misha has taught me since, in addition to the various forms of Russian verbs, is how lucky I am to be well off in our country. Now,

I give Misha \$10.00 cash at each Russian lesson that we have together. He has always been awkward about taking money from me, and I really do have to make it clear that I appreciate his help and would feel bad if he did not let me pay him for it. The lessons occur while we dine over a home-cooked meal in my front yard, and I always help him pack up a few bags of groceries on his bike before he rides away. Through our exchange, I am trying to carve out a Good Place for him, an island of friendship, refuge and welcome in a neighborhood where he otherwise is unknown and cast out. It is something I know he looks forward to, as do I.

I confess that I have also bitten off more than I can comfortably chew, adding Russian to a course load of Chinese, 3 math classes and the full complement of theatre/literature as a theatre major in my senior year. I never get comfortably ahead; I do not have the time to take breaks; I am constantly triaging work priorities; I am up late and wake before the sun and still am always racing to get things done on time. But, I do it because Misha, while at the end of his rope, has only one comment: "Я работаю"--Ya rabotayu--I am working. I work as hard as I can to honor that motto. I just got my report card and Misha was so proud of me getting the highest mark in my class (and the highest possible mark) in Russian. Now that I know how to complain a bit in Russian, I am impressed that Misha never does it.

### Modern Inversion

Since our lessons began, I have found a group willing to take him in. It is a religious community, similar to a Kibbutz, that runs organic farms across New England. The funny thing is, working on a farm would not be that different from collecting the cans and bottles that are

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now Misha's livelihood. Farm work and can collection may seem totally different, but, there is much of the same physical labor in reaching down to pick up cans and bottles as in reaching down to pick organic fruits and vegetables. What will be different is the context: a connection to the Earth and to other people. Misha now floats on the margins of society, but at the religious center he would be part of a community. Much like at camp, the farm is a patchwork quilt.

But Misha is proud. The modern inversion where parents ask kids for help with technology strikes him as almost heretical. I have had to learn to make Misha feel special by receiving his help. I have learned to be a diplomat for my generation on a stage of inter-generational diplomacy. Getting to know Misha and his language in its humor and tragicomic lyricism has been a camp experience writ small. It has opened a whole other world, a chance for me to see America from the point of view of an economic refugee.

Misha is hesitant to accept the invitation to the farming community, afraid of being stranded from the few countrymen he congregates with locally. But each day is a masterpiece with Misha, which is why I admire him. Our friendship remains an ongoing discussion, an exercise in inter-generational and international diplomacy. We will work this out, too. Ya rabotayu. ♦



TO LEARN MORE, FOLLOW THE LINK OR QR CODE TO IAN'S VIDEO DIARY CHRONICLING HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH MISHA.

[www.youtube.com/user/diplomacyofhope](http://www.youtube.com/user/diplomacyofhope)



## A PORTRAIT OF SELF-DISCOVERY

September 13, 2009, Tehran. Tina Gharavi '93 made her way through security at Imam Khomeini International Airport, hard drives full of raw footage in tow. After three weeks of filming under often tense circumstances--their permission certificate had been a loaner from another film--director Gharavi was prepared to return to England. It was then, as she neared the departure gate, that officers pulled her aside.

In the half hour that followed, she waited nervously, contemplated the risks taken and feared the worst--the demise of her debut feature film, "I Am Nasrine," then in its fifth year of development. Unlike other foreigners who were being arrested at the time on mostly speculative grounds, Tina Gharavi's work in Iran made her an easy target. "I had actually spent the previous three weeks in and around Tehran shooting a full-on feature film that really focused on what was going on in the country at that time. It wouldn't have been difficult to prove that I was anti-regime," she says.

Then Gharavi benefited from an unexpected bit of luck. Originally born in Iran, she had an Iranian passport but was not fluent in Farsi, so, when the officers began to question her, they realized that a common language barely existed between them. The officers "laughed, half disbelieving that someone with an Iranian passport couldn't speak Farsi and half-embarrassed at their own lack of English. Shaking their heads--and perhaps not wanting an incident on their watch they waved me through. But it wasn't until we touched down on the tarmac in Dubai that I really started to believe I'd gotten away with it."

Gharavi's luck in escaping unharmed has allowed her to share a story of someone whose departure from Iran was much more fraught. In the film, "I Am Nasrine," showing in limited release now around the world, protagonist Nasrine (Micsha Sadeghi) is detained and subsequently assaulted by police after being caught on a motorcycle with a man. In the aftermath, her well-to-do family sends her from the country with her brother Ali (Shiraz Haq). Trekking through mountainsides and catching

numerous trains, the two eventually arrive in Tyneside, England, where they begin a process of transition and adaptation that serves as a caricature of the modern refugee experience and the personal struggles and growth that arise as a result.

"I Am Nasrine" is a portrait of self-discovery nested in dislocation. Thrust into a small British community, Nasrine struggles to navigate the freedoms of her new country and reactions afforded by the local community. While Nasrine's physical differences--her darker skin, dress and accent--elicit strange looks and outright hostility from some of Tyneside's inhabitants, she is eventually befriended by members of a travelling community. Sharing in the transience of her new life, Nasrine's friends become a support system through which she eases into the transition between Iranian and British society. Nasrine's gradual introduction to her new home is a counterpoint to Ali's, whose struggles with issues of identity and local customs pose a daily challenge. Together, however, Ali and Nasrine carve from chaos a life for themselves that is rich with humor, the mundane, tragedy, beauty and ultimately self-discovery.

Gharavi, herself, was a child of constant flux. She moved regularly and was separated from her mother for 23 years after emigrating from Iran as a child in 1979. The experience of growing up as an Iranian woman in American society was both challenging and fundamental to her future life aspirations. She rarely saw depictions in the media that fit her identity; much like Nasrine, she was an outsider in a new home.

In the summer of 1993, Gharavi was a counselor at CRS - Clinton, which afforded her an opportunity to confront her feelings of displacement. "Every journey is

so complex and unique and taking a path which is less travelled makes young people feel like outsiders. Clinton Corners was a chance to change the conversation, the context. Suddenly, I was in a community where difference was celebrated and diversity was the norm. That was healthy. Also connecting to nature was healthy. I think that is the genius of Clinton Corners, its location and how it forces you to be in that space and confront stuff without being able to look for distractions or running away."

Eventually, Gharavi's passion for diversity and story telling led her to film making. Her autobiographical documentary "Mother/Country" tracks her journey to Iran after 23 years away and back to her mother. There, she also reconnected with Iranian culture and began sowing the seeds of "I Am Nasrine." According to the Gharavi, "I realized I wanted to tell the story of first generation migrants-- those who are neither from the East nor the West. I wanted to make those who don't understand the exile experience to feel what it is like to come from one place and be forced to go to another to survive." She also drew heavily from both personal and research material. "The character of Nasrine is a composite of many of the women I worked with over a period of eight years as I developed the script. I set up a filmmaking group in 2001, teaching adults and subsequently young adults how to make films and tell their stories. At that same time I was writing this script which I would also share with the group. However, in the end there are masses of myself in the character because I could only write what I know." In Nasrine as both a character and a film, Gharavi creates a living, breathing expression of Iranian exile.

On its surface, "I Am Nasrine," is about dislocation as it portrays refugees between

Iran and Britain. It is believable in its cultural specificity and in harnessing several human stories of immigration and exile into one representative whole.

The film, however, also goes much further, condensing the experience of forced migration into the themes of dislocation, confusion and self-definition at their core. As a man spits at Nasrine while she leaves her building or Ali builds community working in a pizza shop operated by other undocumented workers, it is easy to see portions of the film as anecdotes that are representative of a global whole. They might as easily apply to the waves of Hispanic and Latin American immigration in the United States or North Africans in Southern Europe. Gharavi succeeds in fashioning a voice for the modern refugee, one in which access to basic needs such as food, water and shelter are at first glance within arm's reach, but increasingly hard to acquire as a consequence of complicated and seemingly global, systems of discrimination and identity politics. From its fraught opening scenes to its tense final moments and the challenges, humor and magic in between, "I Am Nasrine" is an enjoyable and insightful take on relocation and immigration, and Gharavi has succeeded in capturing it. As she says, "Though we may seem very different, we have many commonalities. The exile experience is familiar to many people; increasingly so as we navigate identity, place and belonging." ♦



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# CRSHIRTS

For a second consecutive year, CRS alumni spanning five continents, three campuses and half a century joined together one October day to don camp shirts and show their spirit. Thanks to the great work of T-Shirt Sachem Yoni Biron '11, alumni knew to wear their camp shirts, take pictures and post the results to the CRS Facebook page. The vibrant blue shirts of Red Hook and Clinton 2011 were by far the most common, while shirts from the world reunion and every campus and year reaching back a decade made an appearance. Photos arrived from distant and diverse locales and Facebook posts were tailored with messages such as: "CRS goes to Duke," from Kate Preston '08, '09.

## Why do you participate?

The answers included familiar themes: togetherness, memory, revisiting an old connection and reliving an amazing summer experience. The day was about more than taking fancy pictures in stylish clothing; alumni wanted to tap into a rich experience from their past and into the community that could share it. They wanted to be connected to something bigger than themselves. In some cases alumni wished to make the world aware of that community, like Ruby Lainez '11 who said, "When a person asks you 'What's the shirt for?' you can explain what CRS is and what you and many others learned from the experience."

Will T-Shirt Day grow into a long, time honored tradition, or will it become another passing joyful memory that we revisit through other means in the future? However it evolves, it is exciting to see that our connections can thrive even through one small piece of fabric campers give one another at the end of the CRS season.



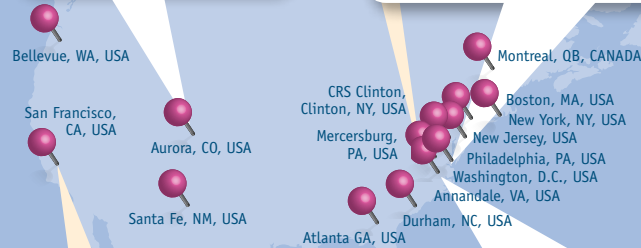
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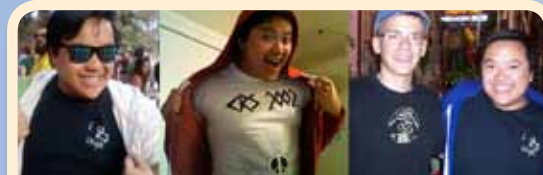
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THE MANY SHIRTS OF ERIC NGUYEN '0-MANY  
WITH ANTHONY CAMPANA '10

Little ideas like these give us an opportunity to take a breath, look around and see who actually lives near us to meet up and have a photo op! -Eric Nguyen '02, '07-'10

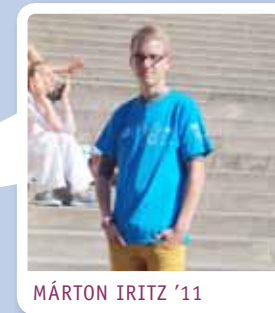
It made me feel like camp wasn't so far away. It felt a little bit more like the camp community was in mine. -Johanne Fürst Mustad '11



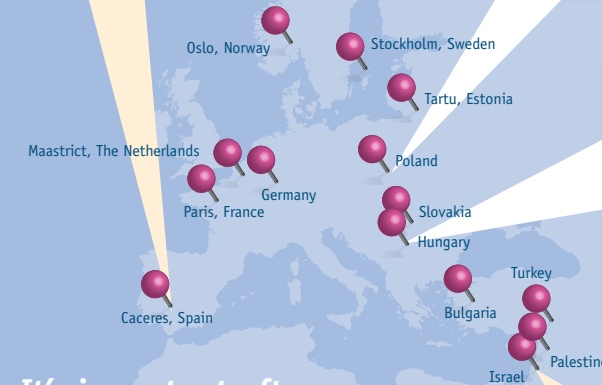
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It's important after you leave camp never to forget it and to carry it with you. -Anna Sones '10



OMER TSUR '11, JONATHAN "YONI" BIRON '11



ISADORA ROSA, '05



There's also something very unifying knowing that you're all honoring one another by wearing your shirts on the same day. Knowing that I'm thinking of you and you're thinking of me can bridge that distance. -Kelly Nielsen '03, '10

It's the only reunion that everyone attends. -Amirali Olyae '10, '11

# STATISTICS

TOTAL SHIRTS:

**119**

MOST REPRESENTED YEAR:

**2011**

MOST REPRESENTED CAMPUS:

**CLINTON**

MOST POPULAR SHIRT:

**RED HOOK 2011**



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# ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

It is a pleasure to share with you on the following pages, the names of hundreds of Camp Rising Sun alumni, family and friends as well as the corporations and foundations who supported the Louis August Jonas Foundation in 2011. Your gifts not only provide scholarships for Camp Rising Sun but also support our extraordinary network of alumni around the world. LAJF is most grateful to the 25 active alumni associations, many of which fund travel expenses for the young leaders from their regions who attend camp.

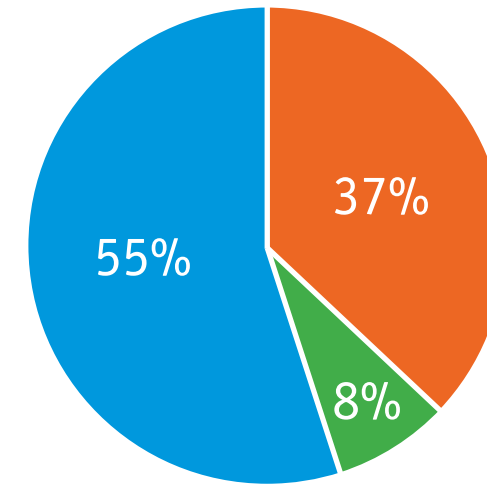
Our alumni care most about Camp Rising Sun: the place, the people and the programs. To be sure those are in top form requires caring about the bottom line.

In 2009, our endowment was valued at \$8 million. As a result of investment management and growth, as of December 31, 2011, it was \$10.2 million. While this is good news, it needs to be considered together with our annual expenses and our potential for financial growth in order to get a full picture of the financial health of LAJF.

## LAJF REVENUE

OCTOBER 1, 2010 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Contributions & Grants: \$851,027  
 Authorized Endowment Contribution: \$576,675  
 Additional Endowment Support: \$124,162

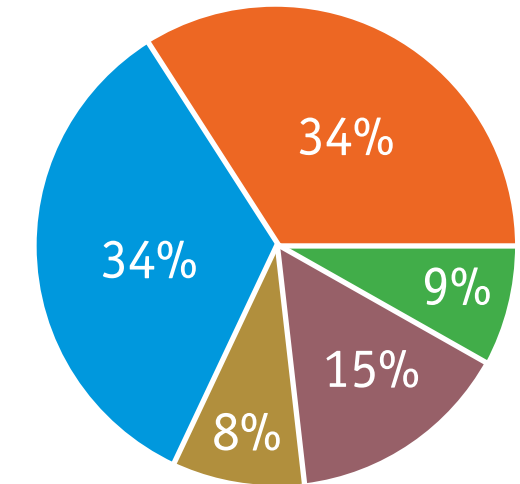


**TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,551,864**

## LAJF EXPENSES

OCTOBER 1, 2010 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Red Hook: \$528,430  
 Clinton: \$528,430  
 CRS Alumni Affairs: \$135,998  
 Management & Administration: \$239,364  
 LAJF Fundraising: \$119,642



**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,551,864**

LAST YEAR IT COST \$1.55 MILLION TO SUPPORT LAJF AND CRS. THE CHARTS THAT FOLLOW REFLECT THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES:

### RED HOOK AND CLINTON

All program elements including summer staff salaries, facilities maintenance and repairs and utilities.

### CRS ALUMNI AFFAIRS

All alumni activities including www.risingsun.org, CRSearch, newsletters, The Sundial, reunions and retreats.

### MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Non-program salaries, all office and management related expenses, infrastructure, regulatory requirements including insurances, Foundation administration and www.lajf.org.

### LAJF FUNDRAISING

Development staff salaries, donor database management, all fundraising materials.

From October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011, LAJF raised \$851,027 in contributions and grants. By policy and regulation the Board authorized \$576,675 from the endowment toward expenses. We withdrew an additional \$124,162 from the endowment last year to balance actual costs.

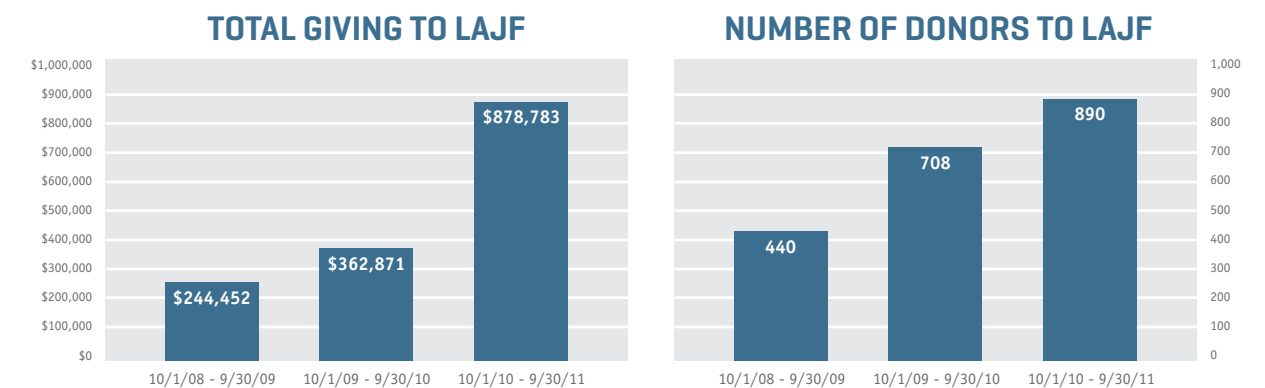
The goal is to maintain LAJF and Camp Rising Sun on firm financial footing. In the near future, we hope to achieve and maintain annual donations of \$1 million per year from alumni, their families, friends and corporations and foundations.

Camp Rising Sun is a life-changing experience that has endured for 82 years and is worth preserving in perpetuity. We intend to continue to encourage every alumnus and alumna to donate annually, in an amount that is meaningful to each of you. Alumni support sends a powerful message to non-alumni donors, corporations, foundations and our partner organizations: those who know the program best invest in its future.

**We need you to keep caring about CRS – the place, the people and the programs.**

## CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS TO LAJF

COMPARISON OF PAST THREE YEARS



## WHO WERE OUR DONORS LAST YEAR?

CONSTITUENT	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Alumni	\$647,045	76%
Friends	\$87,983	10.5%
Foundations/Corporations	\$68,252	8%
Parents	\$34,535	4%
Professional Partners	\$8,212	1%
Alumni Assns./Schools	\$5,000	.5%



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## FROM THE OLD HOUSE TO THE NEW OFFICE: A DECADE WITH CRS AND LAJF

By: Alan Arias '03, '04, '10



L TO R: CHRISTINE BOYLE, BUSINESS MANAGER; ALAN ARIAS, COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE; HELENE MATTER, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS.

**ALAN ARIAS** is spending this year working as Communications Associate at LAJF in New York City. A 2010 graduate of Williams College, Alan recently completed a year in Spain on a Fulbright Scholarship. In September, Alan will begin studies towards his MA in Management at Wake Forest University.

I hear that camp stays with you for life. I am now discovering that the converse can also hold true.

Two life altering summers as a camper ignited my passion for having a positive impact on the world. I loved the program for the hope and capacity it inspired. Time passed; I adventured, returned as a counselor, and then went adventuring again.

As a camper, the experience was life altering in ways bordering on magical. As a counselor, crafting that magic made me aware of the near-constant work with campers that it took to facilitate a CRS summer. The experience was as challenging as it was rewarding.

I find myself again immersed in the great cause. I now understand a little more about the complexity and sophistication of the organizational system that makes CRS possible. With a desk and laptop as my sturdy tools, I sit directly across from Christine, on the diagonal from Helene's corner desk and mere steps away from both Judy and Ruthellen's offices. I share space with the coveted coffee maker and work in the once mysterious realm known as "communications" -- oh, how adventures do sneak up on a man! At the LAJF office, days are characterized by collaboration, teamwork and passion. Whether we are celebrating fundraising achievements, fist-bumping to progress on the revamped Sundial or discussing strategic issues, I continuously feel bolstered by the spirit of camaraderie that permeates.

My current work at LAJF is part communications and part connecting the dots of my decade with CRS. The wordplay between "organization" and "organism" resonates more strongly every day. If we think of CRS as one living being and of LAJF as another, then the Foundation is also the energy source that fuels the entire ecosystem. Here, a mix of business administration, program direction, alumni relations, communications, camper selection, committee work, board action and fundraising coalesce into a driving force for camper and alumni development. We are immersed in creative ideas. The endowment, alumni giving, planning and implementation are conjoined in service of both our Global Alumni Network program and Camp Rising Sun, which started it all. LAJF is the nexus, and, at least for now, I have the opportunity to participate in its often unseen but frequently felt adventures. ♦

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## PAVEL HRISTOV 1982 - 2005

Originally from:  
Stara Zagora Bulgaria

Camp Rising Sun:  
1997, 1998

Attended Williams College:  
2000 - 2004



### THE PAVEL HRISTOV MEMORIAL FUND

In February, 2012, following a successful fundraising campaign made possible by my friends and family (most of whom had not heard of CRS before), I met with Ruthellen Rubin, Director of Development at LAJF to discuss how to leverage these funds to support Camp Rising Sun in a meaningful way. With the help and encouragement of Ruthellen and Helene Mattera '97, '98, '00, LAJF Director of Programs, we decided to establish a long-term scholarship fund in support of young women and men attending Camp Rising Sun from Eastern Europe. The fund has been seeded by the generous contributions of our alumni, friends and family and is named in memory of Pavel Hristov '97, '98, a CRS alumnus whose friendship and inspiration have been very important to many of his CRS friends, including me.

I met Pavel when we were teenagers in Bulgaria. I was quiet, older, bookish; he was slightly rebellious, artistically talented and extremely popular. He was the boy who everyone wanted as a friend, because he had a talent to deeply care for the people near his heart, to really listen and to really laugh. In fact, he knew exactly how to evoke laughter from the most stubbornly difficult moods. He had an incredible, big smile – the kind with shiny sparkles in the eyes – which melted your heart. When he was onstage (which he often was), he became unrecognizable. If he wanted to, one day he could have become a memorable actor – only one among many memorable things he could do. Pavel was a dear friend who inspired me to think harder and be more positive, and remains a daily influence.

People who have moved on from this life withhold the chance to show us what would have happened to them next. But with the memory of Pavel alive in his friends and his legacy sharp in everything he touched, we have his “next” as he continues to make us more optimistic, more caring, more grateful for what we have. Through his lasting gift to us, as well as through this scholarship, we hope that other young people from around the world will discover beauty in what they do and will bring smiles to the faces of their friends.

Theodora Konetsovsk '94, '95  
Member, LAJF Board of Directors

For more information or to make a contribution to  
The Pavel Hristov Memorial Scholarship Fund  
contact Theodora Konetsovsk at [theodora137@yahoo.com](mailto:theodora137@yahoo.com).

# BEINGS AND DOINGS

## 1930s

**RAYMOND GUTH '36, '37, '38** "We are having a wonderful time here in Seattle with our grandson, Raymond, born August 21, 2011. He's a lot of fun." Sundial Staff thanks Ray for the CRS archival photos. [drguth@msn.com](mailto:drguth@msn.com)

**DAVID HACKER '39-'40** David has been retired since 1995, and maintains an active lifestyle through biking, painting, model track roading and lecturing. He currently serves as a member of the Highland Park (IL) traffic commission, and he and his family are in good health. [d1hack2@aol.com](mailto:d1hack2@aol.com)

**HERBERT LEEDS '31-'32** "I have moved to Minnesota following the death of my wife, Dorothy, in June, to be closer to family. My sons, wife's sister and other family live nearby. Dorothy and I had been married 67 years. We met in WWII, both as naval officers, and were married at an official navy wedding at Third Naval District Headquarters on April 14, 1944 by a navy captain." See Alumni Testimonials on [www.lajf.org](http://www.lajf.org) to read more about Herbert and his CRS reflections. [haleeds@aol.com](mailto:haleeds@aol.com)

**JOHN LITSIOS '35-'38, '46** checks in from Connecticut where he is facing health challenges but gets to the gym regularly to keep fit. He told us how he enjoyed reading about CRS 2011 last summer. [litsj@optimum.net](mailto:litsj@optimum.net)

**GEORGE "TED" WRIGHT '39-'43** "I retired in 1993, at age 68, from my Regents Professorship in English at the University of Minnesota, and have continued to write articles and books since then. I recently completed a collection of essays (to be published soon by the Edwin Mellon Press), *Poetic Craft and Authorial Design in Shakespeare, Keats,*

*T.S. Elliot and Henry James, with Two Essays on the Pygmalion Legend.* In the next few years, I hope to finish a book on my father's Vermont family, and, with luck, on my own life up to age 30 or so (including a chapter on Camp Rising Sun)." [twrigh@earthlink.net](mailto:twrigh@earthlink.net)

## 1940s

**JOEL BERNS '43-'45** sends regards from Connecticut. [jmb70k@optonline.net](mailto:jmb70k@optonline.net)

**FRANNY CHEN '44-'46** is keeping busy. He runs 3-4 miles each day and recently worked with a faculty group to save a faculty center at UCLA from demolition. His wife, Ande, continues to enjoy teaching and invents new watercolor techniques. [ffchen3@verizon.net](mailto:ffchen3@verizon.net)

**DAVID A. DINNEEN '46-'48, '52** wishes he had not missed the fall reunion, but he is not just yet ready to travel. He has enjoyed renewed contact with camp friends through e-mail, especially **Elliot Zuckerman '46-'47, '49-'52** (Counselor), **'55-'59** (Red Hook Camp Director). [daviddinneen@gmail.com](mailto:daviddinneen@gmail.com)

**BRUCE DOUGLAS '40-'42** "At age 86, only last year, I spent time, after the earthquake, in Haiti, at their academic medical center in Port au Prince, treating patients and teaching health professional students. I have established a relationship between that institution and the University of Illinois School of Public Health, where I am still on the faculty. I was 'the founder' of that institution in 1971, as well as its first faculty member. I truly believe that Rising Sun was the start of that part of my life that has led me into so many different channels of personal fulfillment." Bruce lives in Chicago with his

wife, Jan, and is very interested in getting together with other alumni in the area. [brucedouglas@comcast.net](mailto:brucedouglas@comcast.net)



**BILL DUBEY '40-'42, '77-'86** and his wife, Nancy, organized a gathering of alumni in Santa Fe in December to get together with **Judy Fox** who was visiting from NY. The group enjoyed refreshments and shared camp memories. Bill and Nancy are pictured here with **Conor Kresin '08** and **Allison Block '97-'98**. [wdb46@comcast.net](mailto:wdb46@comcast.net)

**MILFORD FULOP '42** is retired from full-time status at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and is now Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Medicine while teaching part-time at Jacobi Medical Center.



**BOB GITTLEMAN '45** kicked off the New Year by attending the CRS Winter Reunion in NYC. He is pictured here with **Karen Schatzel** and his wife, Steffi. [bobgitt20@gmail.com](mailto:bobgitt20@gmail.com)

**ERNEST HOFFMAN '42-'43** retired from State Farm Insurance in 1990 after a 35 year career in human resources. He is involved in several community volunteer activities. Together, he and his wife have attend-

ed 100 Elderhostels since retirement, but, for health reasons, are no longer traveling. [elhoffm@ilstu.edu](mailto:elhoffm@ilstu.edu)

**BILL LEE '47-'48** reports, "I'm a retired US Navy Commander and live at Kindred Place - Harrisburg, with two grown children who live a couple hours away in Bucks County PA. [Hello and kudos, **Corie Feiner '93!**]. I would welcome contact from any CRS-ers who happen to be passing thru Harrisburg (PA). Tel: 717-652-3512." [quorum101@msn.com](mailto:quorum101@msn.com)

**ROBERT MCCARTHY '43-'45** "I'm retired - 20 years now. Between spring chores around the house and five volunteer activities I'm busy. I'm coaching 4th graders in reading and writing at an elementary school, participating in a group of 40 people surveying and cataloguing Indian Rock Art along the side of a 12 miles long mesa, participating in the US Forest Service Indian Site Steward program (checking for looting), serving as a docent of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture and supporting a local group that promotes walking the labyrinth as a tool for spiritual and mental refreshment. Every day is interesting." [bobmccarthy17@comcast.net](mailto:bobmccarthy17@comcast.net)

**ALTON O'NEIL '41-'42** continues to enjoy the good life in Palm Beach, Florida. [csharonc@aol.com](mailto:csharonc@aol.com)

**JAMES RIORDAN '41-'43** enjoys spending the summer and spring in Greenwich, CT and winter months in Florida.



**MCKINNEY RUSSELL '45-'47** was named Director Emeritus of LAJF in July. The Board and Staff thank McKinney for his many years of dedicated service and support of Rising Sun. This summer, McKinney is sharing

the CRS experience with his granddaughter, Maia, who will be a Legacy Camper at Clinton in July. McKinney is pictured here with his family. [mckhrussell@gmail.com](mailto:mckhrussell@gmail.com)

**AL SLATIN '45, '46** "At 82 my most remarkable achievement this year is survival. I am in good health, married 62 years to the same wife, which may be a record these days. I ignored some of the recent medical opinions of the government and had a prostate cancer discovered in an annual PSA test and treated successfully two years ago and had cataract surgery this year with good results. I did my first painting at Rising Sun and in retirement have done a fair amount of painting. I started with oil, studied print making, drawing and acrylic and now have found a home in watercolor. I entered a juried show for the first time and was accepted, to my delight. Seattle is a long way from the Sawkill, but it certainly is vivid in my memory, including the time I caught an eel in what then was the swimming pond, making an awful mess of the dock." [3040krag98@comcast.net](mailto:3040krag98@comcast.net)

**BILL SOULE '47, '48** "Celebrated 80th birthday in good health and spirits. Recent manifestation of my lifelong interest in all sorts of trains is my homemade 'mobile junk sculpture,' an 8-foot 'toy' locomotive. I have pushed and steered it inside the cab, in 19 parades in Maine and Vermont. Hope to be discovered by Jay Leno." [soule@maine.edu](mailto:soule@maine.edu)

**DANIEL STILLWELL '44-'45** holds his PhD in forestry and spends half the year in Mexico an half in North Carolina. [stillwells@bellsouth.net](mailto:stillwells@bellsouth.net)

## 1950s



**JOHN ARMSTRONG '59** attended the NYC Winter Reunion in January. He is

pictured here, at right, with **Damian Brennan '87, '91-'95, Camille Torres '90, Tom Corcoran '79, '80** and **Gus Haracopos '79, '80, '87**. [john@john-armstrong.com](mailto:john@john-armstrong.com)

**STEPHEN FISHMAN '53-'54** is currently living in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, where he is an Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina Charlotte. [smfishman@unc.edu](mailto:smfishman@unc.edu)

**HARVEY FLISSER '59-'60** continues teaching science at Scarsdale Middle School. His wife, Miriam, is now the Mayor of Scarsdale, NY and still maintains her pediatric practice. Harvey enjoys the success of his two sons and daughter and spending time with his four granddaughters.

**DAVID GOODMAN '58-'59** David retired recently from the Princeton University Library, and is now a volunteer administrator at Wikipedia (User: DGG). [dgoodmanny@aol.com](mailto:dgoodmanny@aol.com)

**MARK HARDY '53-'54** was recognized by the Columbia Presbyterian College of Physicians and Surgeons for lifetime achievement in the practice of surgery and care of patients as well as transplant research and teaching. He writes: "My big interest now is to travel around the world and operate and teach where this is needed the most and where I am most appreciated. I still teach and make rounds and see patients at Columbia." [mah1@columbia.edu](mailto:mah1@columbia.edu)

**PETER KAHN '54, '55** "I'm still in my second year of a three-year 'phased retirement' plan, which ends on 6/30/13. At that point I will have taught college mathematics for 50 years, 48 of them at Cornell. I enjoyed every year and will also enjoy my retirement." [pjk7@cornell.edu](mailto:pjk7@cornell.edu)

**SOCRATES LITSIOS '51-'52** shared with the CRS Library a copy of his book, *The Tomorrow of Malaria*. [litsios@bluewin.ch](mailto:litsios@bluewin.ch)



**RALPH LOPEZ '57** joined in celebration at the Winter Reunion in NYC in January. He is pictured here, at left, with **Bob Mellins '44, '45, '48.**  
ralphilopezmd@gmail.com

**DAVID MIRSKY '50-'51** "Still doing child psychology at two community clinics. (Noisome insurance/funding headaches, but gratifying patient contact keep me going, pant, pant, at 76.) Still cherishing CRS friend **Jerry Schwartz '50-'51**, the professor turned painter in Philadelphia."  
dpmirsky@gmail.com

**MATTHEW NIMETZ '55** retired as Managing Director/COO of General Atlantic on 12/31/11 but remains an Advisory Director. He hopes only to work less.  
mnimetz@generalatlantic.com



**TONY PERERA '54** "Hailing from Ceylon now known as Sri Lanka, I send greetings to everyone at CRS! Primarily this brief message is to greet the Campers of CRS 2012. I hope that they have as jolly a good time as my fellow campers and I did in 1954. We had a great band of counselors and the added benefit of having Freddie live with us at Camp. The weather was great as was the fellowship that we all shared with each other, most enthusiastically. CRS was indeed a positive and life-changing experience for me and I sincerely hope that it will be, for each and every one of our new campers!" Tony retired in



### JIM DYER '54 RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEER WORK WITH 'RSVP' PROGRAM

RSVP, the Community Service Society's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, places hundreds of retired workers with agencies and organizations across New York City, over 500 agencies in all. For the past two years, Jim's role has been to vet the volunteers and help match their skills and talents with the needs of city organizations.

1997 from his psychotherapy practice and writes from pleasant Marietta, Georgia, USA, where he now lives, close to his niece Bunny and her husband Bear. "I read most of the books I didn't have time to read, and travel in the U.S. and to Canada, Sri-Lanka and Britain annually. Still have fond memories of camp 1954!!" tonyper88@yahoo.com



a large multispecialty group, Sutter, in Sacramento. Kathy and I have 2 boys and 6 grandchildren."  
b.vetter@sbcglobal.net

## 1960s



**CHARLES CANNON '61** and his wife, Claudia visited CRS this summer to celebrate his 50th Camp Reunion. How How! Chacannon@aol.com



**JAROBIN GILBERT JR. '62** joined us for the first day of camp in 2011. He met us in Bronx, NY and helped to wave farewell to the campers at the buses. Jarobin is pictured here at the bus meeting with **Judy Fox**, Executive Director.  
jg740@aol.com

**MARC KORASHAN '66, '67** "My wife Lenore and I have now both retired from full-time wage slavery and we are looking forward to this new chapter in our lives. We are planning on traveling and are seeing lots of theatre and doing some part-time work that fulfills us. I am working with first year teachers in the NYC teaching fellows program and it is a real joy to be able to talk about education at the classroom level and not about the politics and the attempt to corporatize education based on a

bottom line of test scores. That model would never have created a Rising Sun nor valued the experiences and knowledge we all gained from our summers there." sbstee@att.net

**ROBERT LIDFORS '65** is a Minister who has lived in Germany the past 28 years. He travels extensively training ministers in Africa and India (now in Uganda), but keeps a townhouse in his home state of MN. His son has a Master of Arts in music and is trying to catch on as a conductor, still living in Germany. His three daughters went to college in MN and are married and living there. boblidfors@yahoo.com



**RICK LUIS '61** enjoyed many exciting adventures this year, including a trip last year to Spain where he and Nita had the opportunity to visit with **Miguel Fresneda '90, '93** and his family.  
richard.luis@state.mn.us



**VITTORIO MAESTRO '61-'63** enjoyed a summer visit to CRS to celebrate his 50th Camp Reunion. In this photo from Reunion day: **David Ostwald '61, Vittorio, Rick Luis '61** and **Alex Farkas '60-'61.** vzewgini@verizon.net

**SLAWEK MAGALA '66, '74, '77, '79-'80** provided great inspiration for conversation for the CRS 2011 campers. He sent over a dozen books on varied subjects to add to our Camp libraries. Slawek also kindly supplied with us several of his original writings to add to the CRS Alumni Library. SMagala@rsm.nl



**CHRISTIAN PALME '68** "I'm finally back in the Balkans and now working as Head of the Press and Public Affairs Unit of the International Civilian Office (ICO, www.ico-kos.org) in Pristina, Kosovo. The ICO is an organization set up by the EU and a number of sponsoring states (most of the EU, the U.S., Switzerland, Norway, Turkey and others) to support and advise the government of Kosovo in its first years of supervised independence."  
christian.palme@gmail.com

**CHRISTOPHER ALAN PUELLO '68** is living in Brooklyn and sends greetings. "I have written two books recently published which can be purchased by calling 1-800-AUTHORS. The first is called *Papers From a Harvard/Yale Man*, the second is *Scholarly Papers from a Brooklyn College Columbia MBA*. There is a third book written about my family by my Mom, Agnes C. Puello, at age 96, *Remembering Our Times Together*. All books can be obtained by going the website [iUniverse.com](http://iUniverse.com)."  
puello@aya.yale.edu

**LARS RØNNOV '68** checks in from Denmark. ronnov@fiber.dk



**DICK SIMON '69** "I am living in Newton, MA with my wife of 29 years, Patty. Our three children are Alex - 22, a senior at George Washington University who is very active in youth social enterprise, Katie - 20, a Freshman at the Gallatin School of NYU, having completed a gap year which took her through Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East, and Ben - 18, a Senior at Newton North High School and passionate entrepreneur. Patty is a talented fine artist, now working on a *You are Loved - Pass it On Project*. (www.pattysimon.com) After a career as a serial entrepreneur, primarily in

real estate development and investment, Patty and I took our kids, then 6, 8 and 10 years old, out of school and went as a family for a year traveling around the developing world. (www.simonfamily.org) I have spent much of the past 10 years as co-Founder of the Young Presidents' Organization Peace Action Network, galvanizing CEOs in over 100 countries making a difference in areas of conflict and need. In addition, in the past several years, I have become passionate about photography (www.dicksimonphotography.com). The attached image was taken during a trip with family to Syria."  
rsimon@rsiholdings.com



**DAVID STEWART '67** reports that after many years of trying cases and arguing appeals, David has turned to writing books of American history. "My most recent one, *American Emperor: Aaron Burr's Challenge to Jefferson's America*, was issued by Simon & Schuster in October 2011. My earlier books were *Summer of 1787*, about the writing of the U.S. Constitution, and *Impeached*, about the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson in 1868."  
davidostewart@gmail.com

**SCOTT TUCKER '65** "Just wanted to say hello to the cast of the *HMS Pinafore*. You guys made some lovely ladies."  
ccrlc@bellsouth.net

## 1970s



**NORBERTO BARBA '79** checked in while working on the TV series *Grimm*. "Just finished directing an episode before the holidays that has a major Rhinebeck story point - my little CRS Hitchcock thing. It's an episode that airs in February." Tune in!

**MICHAEL BERGMEIJER '72** has recently moved with his family to Paris where he is working as General Manager for Reuters News -- Western & Southern Europe. michaelbergmeijer@gmail.com



### MICHAEL PRESSMAN '64-'65 RETURNS TO NYC AND TO BLUE BLOODS

Michael Pressman '64-'65 returns to NYC and to *Blue Bloods*. Michael has achieved great success in his career as a director and producer of film and television. Notable shows include *Weeds*, *In Treatment*, *Damages*, *The Closer*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *The Guardian*, *Law and Order*, *Chicago Hope*, *Picket Fences* and the list goes on. Michael's most recent projects include serving as Director and co-Executive Producer of *Blue Bloods* and the successful Broadway revival of *Come Back Little Sheba*, positions that have drawn him away from California and back to his New York City roots. For CRS, a highlight has been Michael's return to camp as a guest instructor in 2011.

**JOHN CONNOLLY '72** continues to be grateful for his CRS summer. He enjoyed his recent meeting with CRS alumni in San Francisco. His wife, Therese, is well and they enjoy the successes of their three children. John's daughter is in Morocco with the Peace Corps until May 2012.

**TODD DEAL '79, '80** reports, "Life continues to be an adventure." After 18 years as a chemistry professor, Todd now serves the students of Georgia Southern University as Director of Student Leadership & Civic Engagement, creating leadership development and

civic engagement opportunities for undergraduates. Todd is also co-author of the recently published *General, Organic, and Biochemistry: An Integrated Approach*. (<http://tinyurl.com/6u9rx2e>) Todd & Karen have been married for 17 years and have two daughters, Abbie & Anna, who are 15 & 13, respectively. [stdeal@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:stdeal@georgiasouthern.edu)

**ELDON FELDMAN '75-'76** was thrilled to be part of December alumni gathering in Santa Fe with **Judy Fox**. Eldon will be taking over the reins of New Mexico camper selection from **Bill Dubey '40-'42, '77-'86** this year. [audioarchitecture@gmail.com](mailto:audioarchitecture@gmail.com)

**JAY GAMMELL '71** has recently started working in a new position as a construction estimator. He says, "There isn't a week that goes by when I don't think about CRS and how it changed my life. Cheers!!" [jay.gammell@gmail.com](mailto:jay.gammell@gmail.com)



**ZLATOJE MARTINOV '70** is a writer, critic, and editor in chief of the Belgrade magazine *REPUBLIKA*. [zlatoje@yahoo.com](mailto:zlatoje@yahoo.com)



**RICHARD MILLER '79-'80** enjoyed a visit to Camp this summer while his son, George, was a Legacy Camper. Rich practices law in NY with Morris and McVeigh. With a love for music that was cultivated at camp, he now serves as a Board member of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and President of the Metropolitan Opera Guild. Rich is pictured here at left with **George '11, Espen Varrone '11, Chris Varrone '78-'80, '84-'86** and **Jyrki Kallio '80, '87, '01-'05, '11**. [rjm@mormc.com](mailto:rjm@mormc.com)



**ANTHONY RAMDASS '74-'75** visited CRS this summer to participate in Libby and Mandy Day celebrations. Anthony is pictured here with his wife Patricia and daughter **Shekira '08**. [docram@verizon.net](mailto:docram@verizon.net)



**MICKEY SEABROOK '70** made the trip up to CRS this summer from his home in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Mickey joined us for Libby and Mandy Day celebrations and is pictured here with **Damian Brennan '87, '91-'95** at left and **Melanie Almonte '97-'98, '04**. [mickey@emseabrook.com](mailto:mickey@emseabrook.com)

**GLEN STEENBLIK '71-'73** wrote with greetings from Sandy, Utah, USA from Glen and Jayne, where Glen continues doing medical social work at Primary Children's Medical Center--part of Intermountain Healthcare, and Jayne continues to teach second grade. Last year, the couple was also able to visit CRS friends in Denmark! [glen.steenblik@ihc.com](mailto:glen.steenblik@ihc.com)



**CHRIS VARRONE '78-'80, '84-'86** reports: "2011 saw the first full year of operation of Riverview Consulting, Inc., Kirsten starting work in the ICU at Bronx Lebanon Hospital, Emilia and Elise both starring as Sgt Sarah Brown in two very different productions of *Guys and Dolls* and Espen (drummer) touring Belgium with his school band. PS -- My novel, *Shadows in Summer*, is now available for 99 cents on Amazon (Kindle version)." [crescentvarrone@me.com](mailto:crescentvarrone@me.com)

## 1980s



**JOHN JC CALDERON '81, '82, '84** is busy with his architecture firm, but always finds the time to join us for the annual NYC Winter Reunion. He is pictured here with **Nick Skiptaris '80**, leading us in song, and with his wife, Elizabeth Cassanovas. [jccartchitect@gmail.com](mailto:jccartchitect@gmail.com)

**KHALED AKL '83** "Since I graduated, I moved to the FMCG world, working across the Middle East for Procter & Gamble, Fayrouz International and lately for Unilever where I'm currently heading the customer development department for Egypt, Levent, Iraq and the Sudan. I am married to Amany with 2 kids, Dana (15) and Ahmed (10) who are both world class swimmers. During my leisure time, I do a lot of farming & gardening." [k\\_akl@yahoo.com](mailto:k_akl@yahoo.com)



**ERIC BECKMAN '81-'82** "Greetings from sunny California! In September I broke three hours in the Malibu Olympic distance triathlon (my third try) and in October I ran the LA Rock 'n Roll half marathon. It's definitely mid-life crisis, but cheaper than a Porsche." Eric is pictured here with **Peter Bjerg '81**. [beckman@aresmgmt.com](mailto:beckman@aresmgmt.com)

**ALEJANDRO GARCIA-OSUNA POLANCO '89, '90** "I'm working as an acupuncturist in New York City, and looking forward to the opportunity to run a private practice in the near future." [garciaosuna@yahoo.com](mailto:garciaosuna@yahoo.com)



### DAVID O. STEWART '67 RECEIVES ACCOLADES FOR RECENT BOOKS

After practicing law for more than 25 years, David O. Stewart turned to writing history (though he still practices law). David's latest work is *American Emperor, Aaron Burr's Challenge to Jefferson's America*, an examination of Burr's remarkable Western expedition, an undertaking that shook the nation's foundations at a time when those foundations were none too solid. David also is president of the Washington Independent Review of Books, an online book review.

### JYRKI KALLIO '80, '87, '01, '04-'05

"I have recently downshifted from the Foreign Ministry to work as a researcher at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs ([www.fiia.fi](http://www.fiia.fi)). I focus on the impacts of China's political culture, especially the rise of New Confucianism, on her foreign policy. In my spare time I work on a critical translation of Confucius's Analects into Finnish. Still looking for a suitable teaching position." [gyq@mac.com](mailto:gyq@mac.com)

**LAWRENCE NORDEN '87** is a legal expert at the Brennan Center for Social Justice, an NYU-based think tank whose current work involves voter-registration drives in Florida. He was recently quoted in a Wall Street Journal article regarding Voter ID laws. [lnorden@verizon.net](mailto:lnorden@verizon.net)



**HENNING SCHANZ '83** sends an update from Germany, "I've recently changed my job and my residence. Now I work for a factory automation company based near Munich. Greetings and happy new year to you all - especially the guys from 1983." [Henning.Schanz@t-online.de](mailto:Henning.Schanz@t-online.de)

## 1990s

**KEVIN ABELS '98** recently attended an alumni gathering in Denver. In his words, "camp is a vision of the world as we want it to be, as an ideal. We now try to make the world more like our ideal." [kevin@riseup.net](mailto:kevin@riseup.net)



**MICHELLE BEAVER '99-'01, '03, '04** is enjoying life. She's lucky enough to see her camp-bud **Rene Pierpont** pretty frequently and recently saw several other CRSers in Europe over the summer, most notably for the beautiful wedding of **Ditte Schmidt '00, '01** of Denmark. She spends "project time" fixing up her small historic home and likes spending time with her boyfriend and her cats. She is the editor of a medical magazine, freelances for several publications and recently started teaching as an associate professor at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Call or email Michelle if you are going to Phoenix and she will try to help you with whatever you need. [michellethebeaver@yahoo.com](mailto:michellethebeaver@yahoo.com)





**CHRISTINA BUSSO '93-'94, '05-'12** says "We were thrilled to welcome Caroline Rose to our family in October 2011. Alexander is 3 1/2 years old and a great big brother." [c\\_busso@hotmail.com](mailto:c_busso@hotmail.com)



**RENZI CHIRINOS '97-'98** met with **Andrzej Nentwig '98-'99** during a trip to Poland in December. [rjchirinosb@yahoo.es](mailto:rjchirinosb@yahoo.es)

**JANELLE FERGERSON '93** moved to Warsaw, Poland in October 2011. She will be living and working there for two years and would love to meet other CRS alums. [chevedajanellefergerson@yahoo.com](mailto:chevedajanellefergerson@yahoo.com)



**MARIA KRISTIINA FRIMAN '90, '99, '00, '02, '03, '05, '06** "For the past two years I've been a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, and I have now moved to Turku and work in the parish of St Catherine." [kristiina.friman@gmail.com](mailto:kristiina.friman@gmail.com)



**JANELLE IGLESIAS '96-'97, '01-'03, '06** has two new shows in New York City where her art pieces are being featured. *Makeup on Empty Space* is open at the Larissa Goldston Gallery until March 31 and *First Truth* is open at Camel Art Space until March 12. Janelle is pictured here with her sister and artistic collaborator, **Lisa Iglesias '01-'03**. [janelleiglesias@gmail.com](mailto:janelleiglesias@gmail.com)



**ALLA IVNITSKAYA '98** shares great news! "My son, Leor Michael Aronov was born on April 27, 2011." [aivnikskaya@gmail.com](mailto:aivnikskaya@gmail.com)



**MARCELLINE BLOCK '94 RECENT WORK NAMED "BOOK OF THE MONTH"**

Marcelline is an accomplished author and Lecturer in History at Princeton University. Her first book, *Situating the Feminist Gaze and Spectatorship in Postwar Cinema*, was named Book of the Month for January 2012. Her most recent book, *World Film Locations: Paris*, was released on February 15, 2012.



**THEODORA KONETSOVSKA '94, '95** "Greetings, CRS friends! My husband Dan and I are expecting our first baby, a boy, in May 2012. Following a 2-year blissful lobster-and-sunshine stint in Boston, we hope to move back to

New York City by the fall. Come visit us in MA or NY - we especially welcome volunteer babysitters and diaper-changers!" [theodora137@yahoo.com](mailto:theodora137@yahoo.com)



**MARLENE MICHELE LOSIER COZZA '94** writes, "On November 15, 2011 Luca and I were blessed with two beautiful, healthy boys. Leonardo 'Leo' Losier

Cozza was born at 3:27 am weighing 7.8 lbs. and measuring 19.5 in. Michelangelo 'Mikey' Losier Cozza was born at 3:28 am weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 19 in. They are both incredible!" [losier@post.harvard.edu](mailto:losier@post.harvard.edu)



**CARL MANALO '95-'96, '11** "I will be leaving the classroom in order to work as an Educational

Administrator for the New York City Department of Education. I will be working as support for 13 different high schools throughout the city - training teachers and working with Principals." Carl is pictured here with **Dan Vazquez '95-'96**, at left, while attending the NYC Winter Reunion in January. [cmanalo@gmail.com](mailto:cmanalo@gmail.com)



**HELENE MATTERA '97-'98, '00-'01, '10-'12** is thrilled to be preparing for her 15th Reunion with her 1997 campmates. "Try your best to come to Camp for Alumni Weekend, July 28-29. Also, come visit us in our new apartment in Astoria, NY!" Helene is pictured here at the NYC Winter Reunion with her husband, Jon Werberg. [hmattera@lajf.org](mailto:hmattera@lajf.org)

**MARITA MELADY '99-'00** is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Doctoral Fellow in Psychology who begins her dissertation this summer at the University of New Mexico. [mcmelady@unm.edu](mailto:mcmelady@unm.edu)



**MAGDALENA MUSIALA '95, '96, '99, '01, '04-'08** "Thank you CRS for being my endless source of inspiration! My passion is creating extraordinary spaces for learning,

and I have worked with over 6000 people in 10 countries to do so 'outside' of schools. Now, I'm launching the venture of creating a School (junior/senior



**CORIE FEINER '93 NAMED BUCKS COUNTY POET LAUREATE**

Corie, an internationally known performance poet, has recently been named the 2011-2012 Bucks County, Pennsylvania Poet Laureate in this 30th annual contest. She is the author of the poetry collection, *Radishes into Roses*. Her poem, *Subway Pastoral*, was the winner of the 2007 Vent Your Inspiration Poetry Contest, and she is a two-time Pushcart Prize nominee. Her first children's book, *Who Was Born at Home?* was released in September 2011.

high) to implement the principles of empowering education, starting in Sweden. CRSers are already on the team, WELCOME to you as well." [magdalena.musiala@gmail.com](mailto:magdalena.musiala@gmail.com)



**CHARALAMPOS "HARRIS" MYLONAS '94** is a professor of Political Science and International Affairs at George Washington University but is spending this academic year as a visiting professor at Harvard. During a trip home to Greece last summer he met with alumni from Thessaloniki. In this photo Harris appears at left along with **Avgi Chatzim-palioti '07, Sophia Eleftheriadou '08, Elisavet Kaitalidou '02, Bill Prassas '08** and **Marianthi Tangili '10**. [harris.mylonas@gmail.com](mailto:harris.mylonas@gmail.com)

**TEDDY NAGEL '93, '94** sends word from New York City, "I graduated from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 2008 and am currently Chief Resident of Emergency Medicine at Jacobi & Montefiore Medical Centers in the Bronx. I have an enduring commitment to the health needs of marginalized groups and hope to pursue my interest in urban public health." [teddynagel@gmail.com](mailto:teddynagel@gmail.com)



**ABHIJEET NAIN '99** is living in India and currently working with EduStation, a company that offers learning and educational based travel tours. Abhijeet is pictured here in December during a visit from **Nita and Rick Luis '61**. [abhijeetnain@gmail.com](mailto:abhijeetnain@gmail.com)



**JEFF ORŁOWSKI '99-'00, '02, '06** attended a CRS alumni gathering in Denver in December just before his documentary "*Chasing Ice*" was selected for the 2012 Sundance Film Festival and received the award for Excellence in Cinematography. Jeff is pictured here, in the red jacket, with Adam LeWinter, Dr. Tad Pfeffer, James Balog (with one of their time-lapse camera boxes) and Svavar Jonatansson. [jeff@jefforłowski.com](mailto:jeff@jefforłowski.com)



**KYUNG-WON PARK '97** got married in January, and many CRS alumni joined in the celebration. [wanny00@empal.com](mailto:wanny00@empal.com)



**RENE PIERPONT '95-'96, '00, '02-'03** and husband Matt Rasette welcomed a daughter, Nina Sinclair Rasette, on January 29.

**REKA PRASAD '91** expects to complete graduate studies in Social Work this May. [rekaprasad@mac.com](mailto:rekaprasad@mac.com)



**OCHAS PUPWE '95, '04, '05** is pursuing a Ph.D. in Applied Economics at Western Michigan University with the support of a GEJ Scholarship.

"I hold as my philosophy of life that true success can never be measured by how much you possess, but by the number of lives you touch. Upon completion of my Ph.D. studies in Applied Economics I aim to work in the field of development and the fight against poverty and disease. The GEJ Scholarship program is helping to make my dreams a reality." [ochas.pupwe@wmich.edu](mailto:ochas.pupwe@wmich.edu)



**MICHAEL SARATOVSKY '98-'99** and wife, Jessica, welcomed a daughter, Kaylie, in November. The whole family joined in the CRS Winter Reunion in NYC in January. [msaratov@gmail.com](mailto:msaratov@gmail.com)

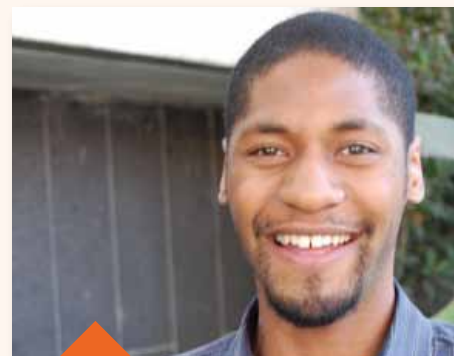
**JEFF SIEGEL '91-'92** attended an alumni gathering in Bethesda, MD, hosted by **Carl Schoenberger '66, '67** and his wife, Michelle. Jeff is currently with the Senate Banking Committee. [jsiegel76@gmail.com](mailto:jsiegel76@gmail.com)



**DANA SPEAR '98** "Living in the UK has been a lot of fun for our family. **Sam '92, '93, '98** has been working hard as an ENT doctor for the US Air Force at RAF Lakenheath. I have been busy with the kids, but have found time to take piano and voice lessons again, and I have discovered a new passion--knitting. Our three children are growing quickly. In 2012, Stuart will be 12, Brooke will be 8, and Roger will be 6. This June we will be moving to Columbus, OH, where Sam will be doing a year of research." [danaspear@gmail.com](mailto:danaspear@gmail.com)

**DANIEL STEIN '99, '00** is pioneering in Illinois. "After an exciting year in several places, I'm looking for a job in Chicago as I prepare to move to greener pastures in the midwest. Professional connections and friendly visitors are always welcome with open arms! Hope to see you soon!"  
d\_c\_stein@yahoo.com.ar

**DENIS TEST '98-'99** After graduating from the University of Chicago in 2010, Denis got married this past June and moved, 18 days after, to Nairobi, Kenya for his first post in the Foreign Service.



**DONALD JOLLY '98  
NOMINATED FOR GLAAD  
MEDIA AWARD FOR LOS  
ANGELES THEATER**

Donald is among the nominees for Outstanding Los Angeles Theater announced by the GLAAD Media Awards for his work as writer of *Bonded* that was performed at the Los Angeles Theater Center in Spring 2011. Donald employs imaginative uses of language to explore the intersections/interactions among race, class, gender and sexual orientation through historical and contemporary lenses. His work has been developed at Horizon Theatre Company Atlanta, CalArts, Celebration Theatre (LA), USC School of Theatre and Company of Angels. He is an Associate Artist with Playwrights' Arena, a member of the Company of Angels Playwrights Group and a member of The Dramatists Guild of America, Inc.

To read more about his new life abroad, check out his blog:  
<https://towelspacked.wordpress.com>

**NEŞE UYANIK '93** "After completing a BA in Guidance and Psychological Counseling and an MA in Human Resources Management in Education, I am continuing my PhD in Adult Education. I have been working in a university since 2003 as a lecturer/academician in Educational Sciences, and I love teaching. I enjoy choir music a lot and I have been attending various choirs since 1996. I am still living in Istanbul, and welcome everyone to my beloved home city."  
nese.uyanik@bahcesehir.edu.tr



**DONNA WEISS '90, '91 AND BEN DEUFEL '91** welcomed a daughter, Zoe Lin Deufel on December 14. "Big brother Evan has mostly embraced his new role. He believes it is firm evidence that he is a "BIG boy," something he's been emphatically telling us for the past couple weeks." dweiss21@gmail.com and deufel@gmail.com

**JONAH WITTKAMPER '90, '91, '93** "In July of 2011 I convened a global youth philanthropy summit at the United Nations. The Secretary General Ban Ki-moon joined us. It was the first event of its kind. Forbes wrote an article about it, titled: "Nexus Summit Inspires Next Generation of Billionaires to Give Back." I've also formed a new donor affinity group to help republican and democrat philanthropists break bread and find common ground. See [www.the-nexus.net](http://www.the-nexus.net) for some of my mischief." jwittkam@gmail.com

**FENG XUE '94** joined Sina Corporation on November 10, 2011. "I now work as a senior development engineer in the Department of Architect Platform. Also, October 9, 2011 marked the tenth anniversary of my personal website [www.snowpeak.org](http://www.snowpeak.org)!" snowpeak@snowpeak.org

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**GÖZDE AKYOL '07** is studying medicine in Ankara, Turkey.  
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**ALAN ARIAS '03, '04, '10** writes from the LAJF in New York City, NY, USA: "I can't stay away! I graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, MA, in June 2010, then spent an exciting summer as a journalism counselor alongside the likes of **Manny Alvarez '02, '03, '10** and **Matt Shaw '04, '05, '10, '11**, with **Barry Fulton '99, '00, '03, '10, '11** at the helm as our Camp Director. I spent the next 9 months teaching, traveling and exchanging culture as a Fulbright grant recipient in Cantabria, Spain, and since returning have had the immense pleasure of joining the LAJF staff as a communications associate, where I will be until July when I begin a Masters in Management at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. As always, I love being in contact with the alumni community--it is one of my favorite groups in the world--and if you find yourself in New York or North Carolina in the coming months, please reach out! I am always happy to meet new alums and reconnect with old friends!" abba.arias@gmail.com



**CAMAY BARRETT '05, '11** "My Graduation came and went in May 2011. Soon after, I could hear the assembly bell ringing. I celebrated the accomplishment of a BA in Psychology from St. John's University. Then I made my way to the CRS assembly circle for the incredible 2011 season. I am currently interning with LAJF, preparing for another successful camp season and awaiting my year of service; as I will be serving as a City Year NY corps member 2012 - 2013. I thank all that made the 2011 season of CRS an amazing experience. It was also great to see some of your faces at the NYC Winter Reunion and I thank you, LAJF, for such a wonderful opportunity." cbarrettlajf@gmail.com



**FUNLAYO EASTER WOOD '94 AWARDED FULBRIGHT-HAYS GRANT**

Funlayo has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright-Hays grant to further her doctoral research at Harvard University. Her research focuses on Yoruba and other African religions which, she said "have often been misrepresented, oversimplified and even demonized within academia and within the broader world, so I really would like to contribute to providing positive scholarly engagement with them." As part of her doctoral studies, she has spent three months studying at Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, living with a Nigerian family and speaking only Yoruba.

**PHILIP CHALKIADAKIS '02, '07** after a year of competing in triathlons and studying liberal arts at Purdue University,



IN, returned home to finish up medical school. He will start working as an ER physician in March 2012, while also holding a clinical position within his medical school, tutoring students. "I would love to hear from my brothers of '02!" pchalkiadakis@gmail.com

**AVGI CHATZIMPALIOTI '07** "Hello to you all amazing people! I'm an alumna of CRS/E and currently in my sophomore year at Dickinson College in PA. I'm doing my major in psychology and--keep fingers crossed--I might be getting an internship in NYC this summer. Next year I'm planning to study in UK for a semester. That

means I'll be back in Europe, and then I will hopefully see a lot of my favorite familiar camp faces. May you all be leading great lives wherever you are."  
avgi\_3\_@hotmail.com

**EVAN CHEN '07** "I am currently a sophomore majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Cornell University. I also volunteer as a firefighter/EMT at a fire department near my college."  
EvanChenOne@mindspring.com

**IDA DAHLBACK '01** "Iris '01 just visited me and it was wonderful! I hadn't seen her since I went with her to Northern Ireland after camp. I went to Belgrade to see **Sanja '01** in September and she came to Norway in April that too was amazing! And I am going to **Ditte's '00, '01** wedding this summer (yay!!!) where **Michelle '99-'01, '03, '04** and **Didi '01** will be as well. I have been traveling the world a lot but it looks like I am staying here for a while now. Right now I live in Oslo with my Australian boyfriend and am working with Norwegian Broadcasting." Ida and the Norwegian viewing public would greatly appreciate any interesting story ideas! ida.titlestad@gmail.com



**IRINA DENISENKO '06** spent the first part of the past summer doing bio-anthropological research in northern Argentina, and then transitioned to work as a consultant at the Wharton Small Business Development Center (SBDC). She hopes these experiences will further inform her decision on what type of position to pursue after graduation, and even farther down the road. "School has been great." Irina is pictured here with the **mother of Masako Mizusawa '10** on a trip through Tokyo during her semester in Hong Kong.  
irina.d.denisenko@gmail.com

**AURELIA DREUX '06-'07** "I am finishing my first year of engineering school, studying materials sciences, which sounds weird and strange for a lot of people, but I really like it! I had to leave

Paris and my family for this school but am going back every weekend. I love living by myself here! This summer I have decided not to work. For now I just know that I will be in England at the end of July and in the south of France at the beginning of August. If anyone is interested in traveling in Europe, let me know. I am so happy to hear that London is a place where lots of us are going at some point! Let's all meet there!" kaya94\_27@yahoo.fr

**LAURA DUTSON '04** recently married and just graduated from BYU with a business management degree. She started a graduate program in writing in the fall.  
laura.s.dutson@gmail.com

**NICK GOEDEKING '05, '11** has been working hard towards a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Durham University (UK), got his first academic review accepted for publication in September 2012 in the journal Political Studies Review (Blackwell Publishing, UK) and will be giving a reading at the International Leipzig Book Fair about his recently published book *Schleimen, Tricksen, Natzen* (Persimplex Publishing, Germany) in March. n.e.goedeking@durham.ac.uk

**ANA GUTIERREZ '07** attended the December alumni gathering in Denver. She's still passionate about camp and enjoys hearing from her CRS family.  
anagutierrez30@gmail.com

**PETRA HENRY '01** "Hi CRS sisters and brothers, I'm doing great! I work at a local hospital now. Frontdesk and emergency desk! I met with **Aimee Levey '01** and **Michelle Beaver '99-'01, '03, '04** in Paris this summer. It was great to see them after 10 years, we had a lovely weekend. I wish you all the best for 2012!" henrypetra@hotmail.com



**GEE HEE HONG '00** got married in December. According to **Minhee Ryu '03**, Gee Hee's husband is a "sweet and brilliant man...as much as she is! She was stunning!"  
naniyarog@gmail.com



## JEFF ORLOWSKI '99-'00, '02, '06 WINS CINEMATOGRAPHY AWARD AT SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

On January 28, Jeff received the Excellence in Cinematography Award at the Sundance Film Festival for his work as Director of *Chasing Ice*, a compelling documentary that captures shockingly visible evidence of climate change. Jeff follows National Geographic photographer James Balog as he brings to life the Extreme Ice Survey (EIS)—a massive photography project that placed 30 cameras across three continents to gather visual evidence of the Earth's melting ice. The National Geographic Channel has acquired the TV rights to this film and we should expect to see more of *Chasing Ice* in the coming months. [www.chasingice.com](http://www.chasingice.com)



**GREG HUDNALL '04, '05** "I'm getting married! February 23, 2012. We have a website to involve everyone in our updates and show pictures." [www.allyson-gregory.com](http://www.allyson-gregory.com)  
[gahudnall@gmail.com](mailto:gahudnall@gmail.com)

**MELINA JEFFERSON '06** has many adventures to share! "I'm studying Engineering in Ottawa. My specialty will be sustainable and renewable energies - solar panels, wind turbines, etc. I'm pretty excited about it! It took me a while to figure out what I wanted to do (graduated 3 years ago) but I think it was good to figure it out and then really enjoy my time at university. I'll just be heading into my second year and I'm actually excited to go back for round 2. Unfortunately I don't see any European travel in my near future but these past two summers I've been able to see a bit more of Canada! Now I'm in Churchill, Manitoba as the photographer and videographer for Parks Canada. It doesn't look so far north on a map, but believe me, we're talking tundra, snow storms in mid June and POLAR BEARS. It's basically the best job I've ever had: I get to be in a cool place, make decent money and run around taking pictures. Good deal. I'm keeping a blog of my adventures and with a few of my photos... check it out and make me feel loved!" [www.adventurousramblings.wordpress.com](http://www.adventurousramblings.wordpress.com). I hope to hear from some other campers! xo love shower" [mjjeff@sandbox.ca](mailto:mjjeff@sandbox.ca)

**ZACK KAPLAN '08** writes from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, "I have been having a fantastic freshman year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, enjoying great classes, great friends, and great weather. Here's to hoping for a wonderful 2012 for my unforgettable '08 brothers and all alumni and family." [zack@zackkaplan.com](mailto:zack@zackkaplan.com)

**HANNAH KAPNIK '02, '03** "I am delighted to share that I am engaged to Yoni Ashar! I'm living in Boulder, CO and beginning to work as a birth doula." [hannahkapnik@gmail.com](mailto:hannahkapnik@gmail.com)

**CAMDEN KNOFF '08** became an Eagle Scout in September 2011. He is currently a senior in high school and applying to colleges. [camkno@comcast.net](mailto:camkno@comcast.net)

**SILJE KREUTZ '06** "The last year I've been a student in the military, studying leadership and air surveillance. I am now a sergeant in the Norwegian Air Force in the surveillance team, monitoring the Norwegian airspace. Since July I have been working at a station in the north of Norway. Being in the military has been and is a very nice experience. We have been pushed through things and situations we never would have on our own. I've seen how both I and other people react in those settings. We have discussed and evaluated what we went through, and what to learn from it. We have created a strong relationship as a group; it reminds me of camp actually. I'm sure my experience at camp with you guys has made my stay here a lot easier, especially when it comes to living close to other people, challenging myself and not to mention trusting myself. It's moments like these when I realize what

CRS actually has done to and for me, and I learn to appreciate more our months in Stendis. Thanks to all of you! Keep fighting for your goals, but don't forget to enjoy the journey." [simkr92@yahoo.com](mailto:simkr92@yahoo.com)

**SYDNEY KRONRAD '05** brings news from university. "Hello, everyone. I believe most of you remember me as Sajuna, camper from Nepal. Currently I attend University at Albany majoring in Accounting and Chinese. It has been such a long time since I have seen and talked to many of CRS's campers. I would like to say Happy New Year 2012, and that I miss each and every one of you very much." [skronrad@gmail.com](mailto:skronrad@gmail.com)

**IBEN APPELT KVIST '05, '06** expresses greetings and invitations. "Hi guys! I will be finishing my bachelor's degree in political science this summer, and I am looking forward to spending the following semester traveling around South America. Hope to meet some lovely CRS-people on my trip!! Contact me in case you're around!" [ib\\_appelt@hotmail.com](mailto:ib_appelt@hotmail.com)

**KARA LEACH '00-'01** was recently published as a co-author in the December 10, 2011 Journal of Medical Case Reports, with a report titled, *First Trimester Myomectomy as an Alternative to Termination of Pregnancy in a Woman with a Symptomatic Uterine Leiomyoma: A Case Report*. [karaleach@gmail.com](mailto:karaleach@gmail.com)



**SUN AH LEE '02** got married last October. Several alumni joined in the celebration: **Seung Hyun Lee '01, Minhee Ryu '03, Sun-Ah Lee, Hye Seung Jung '03**. [oisunah@hotmail.com](mailto:oisunah@hotmail.com)



**LISA LIQIYA '08** "Hey guys! Just want to say hello. I've now been studying in the UK for more than a year and am looking forward to graduating from high school in July, 2012. While I have absolutely no idea where my university applications will bring me, I hope to go to the States. Miss you all. Hugsss!!!" [lisaqiya.winner@gmail.com](mailto:lisaqiya.winner@gmail.com)

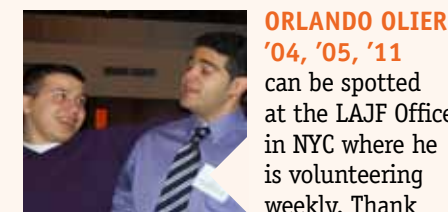


**JULIJA LINKUTE '08** "It's hard to tell how many things have changed after summer of 2008...but, the only thing that I truly know is that one day I'll be back to camp as a counselor to pass on this amazing experience! Cannot wait for it!" [tikrai.tikrai@gmail.com](mailto:tikrai.tikrai@gmail.com)

**MARTA MISIULAITYTE '06-'07** is in her second at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. "It's a small liberal arts college so I get to take lots of different classes in different disciplines. I have enjoyed every single second of college this year and I am sad I only have 2 more years here. I still reflect on how much CRS has changed who I am from when I was 15. It was such a long time ago, and yet the impact is still there. I keep in touch with some of you, but some of you I hope know that I think of you even though I don't always write to you. Much love to everybody -- hey, I think this is a good time for everybody to send in a little update!" [marta258@gmail.com](mailto:marta258@gmail.com)



**HESTER MOURIK '06, '07, '10** "Last November I traveled to Germany to meet with a bunch of German alumni during their fall reunion, which was great fun! In December I met up with **Chip '06** (UK) and **Maggie '98, '06** (Netherlands/Poland) (both counselors of mine) in Amsterdam, which turned into a cozy slumber party. Furthermore, I spent New Years with **Rik '00, '01, '06** (Dutch RH Counselor), **Perrin '06** (Dutch RH camper) and **Soulange '06, '07** from Peru. Soulange and I were both campers in 2006 and 2007. We hadn't seen each other for about 4 1/2 years, but stayed in almost daily contact. It was an amazing week and we're already planning to see each other again soon in Spain!" [hestermourik@live.nl](mailto:hestermourik@live.nl)



**ORLANDO OLIER '04, '05, '11** can be spotted at the LAJF Office in NYC where he is volunteering weekly. Thank you, Orlando! He was also captured in this photo at the NYC Winter Reunion in January joining in the sing-along with **Alan Arias '03, '04, '10**. [orlando.olier@gmail.com](mailto:orlando.olier@gmail.com)

**TOMASZ OTLOWSKI '06** is studying abroad this spring in Paris through the end of May via his university's program. He would love to catch up with camp friends so shoot him an e-mail if you're in the area, passing through, or have a must-go recommendation for him. [tomasz10019@gmail.com](mailto:tomasz10019@gmail.com)



**GUSTAVO ARTURO PEÑALOZA ARRAYA '03** "Hello everyone, I am doing pretty well, I graduated last year majoring in Mechanical Engineering. This whole year I worked as a QC supervisor in metal constructions for mines. Nowadays, I am working on my Thesis, and I quit a job because I didn't have enough time

to work on it. I will start at another company so I am taking advantage of the time. I won't ever forget the camp and its teachings - thank you all brothers and sisters. Greetings and blessings." [gusar182@hotmail.com](mailto:gusar182@hotmail.com)

**MAX PEREZ LEON '00** is pursuing his PhD in Economics at Yale. He will be living in New Haven for the next 5 or 6 years, so "if anyone of the CRS community is around the area, drop me a line to get together to chat and have some coffee!" [max.perezleonquinoso@yale.edu](mailto:max.perezleonquinoso@yale.edu)

**KATE PRESTON '08, '09** "I graduated from high school last spring and currently attend Duke University as a member of the Class of 2015! It has been quite an adjustment, but overall I love my new school. I would like to wish all the best to my CRS family from '08, '09 and all the other seasons." She hopes to see all her sisters sometime soon! [anne.preston@duke.edu](mailto:anne.preston@duke.edu)

**ASHLIN REID '05** is currently a senior at Georgia Southern University in the United States, where she will be graduating in May with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. [areid2@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:areid2@georgiasouthern.edu)



**ISADORA ROSA '05, '06** sends greetings and is happy to share this photo of her reunion with **Maria "Maffero" Quiroz '06**. [isinhaa@gmail.com](mailto:isinhaa@gmail.com)

**JANESSA SCHILMOELLER '05, '06, '10, '11** "After returning from another great season at Camp Rising Sun, I've begun working as a staff writer with Mint Press, an independent online news organization delivering thoughtful analysis on domestic & international issues. Our mission is to re-empower the public with pertinent & insightful analysis of issues often over-looked by the current media establishment. It is a very 'camp' environment and so far has been a lot of fun! Check out my articles at [www.mintpress.net](http://www.mintpress.net)." [janessa.schilmoeller@gmail.com](mailto:janessa.schilmoeller@gmail.com)

**SOPHIE SCHOR '08** writes, "Still at Smith College in Massachusetts (USA), enjoying the experience very much. Declared my intended course of study: Government and Middle Eastern Studies! Hopefully will be in Paris all of next year--cannot wait to reconnect with my European brothers and sisters!" [sophie.schor@gmail.com](mailto:sophie.schor@gmail.com)

**ANINIA SCHWANHAUESSER '06, '08** "I am active in building my own business, teaching people to be more of themselves through body-work, and more awareness of their body. I really enjoy it and it was actually during our camp season that I first thought there should be this sort of way to work with people and to teach them for me. Here I am now - doing it and loving it. I would love to hear from you any time. Big hug and a loveshower." [swaninia@gmail.com](mailto:swaninia@gmail.com)

**MATT SHAW '04, '05, '10, '11** sends word from the chilly northeastern US: "I've decided to stay in Maine and get a Masters in Philosophy while continuing to make movies and paint. My thesis work is focusing on a psychoanalytic reading of David Lynch's movies with connections to German Romanticism and wilderness in landscape art." [mshaw410@gmail.com](mailto:mshaw410@gmail.com)



**WERONIKA SIATKOWSKA '04** "Currently I am working on my BA thesis which I plan to finish by June this year. During May and June you can find me in Warsaw where I will be volunteering during EURO 2012." [wsiatkowska@gmail.com](mailto:wsiatkowska@gmail.com)

**NATASHA SONGWE '05** "Hi everyone! I am now in Perth, Australia in my final year working towards a degree in Finance and Accounting. It's been great and, moreover, God has been too. Perth is great and I have had the chance to just meet such awesome people! Hoping your 2012 has been great so far! Wishing you and your families well! Hau hau! Great Memories!" [natashasongwe@hotmail.com](mailto:natashasongwe@hotmail.com)

**MATTHEW SOUTHER '05-'06** recently started a job as a Project Associate for Build It Green, a non-profit that pro-

notes healthy, efficient housing in California. [matthewsouther@gmail.com](mailto:matthewsouther@gmail.com)



**TAZJUAN TJ STARR '00** sends greetings from NYC where he joined in the annual Winter Reunion in January. He is pictured here, at left, with **Steve Yuniver '01-'02**, **Sean Colenso-Semple '00-'01** and **Keagan Lynch '00-'02**. [tazjuanstarr@gmail.com](mailto:tazjuanstarr@gmail.com)



**EVA STYLIANOU '05-'07, '11** spent last summer working at CRS Clinton as the art counselor, "and I can't put into words just how incredible it was." Eva is in her final year of university studies in the UK. [evastylianou@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:evastylianou@yahoo.co.uk)

**DESPINA VLACHOUDI '06** sends warm greetings from Greece. Though very busy, she is enjoying her third year of study at the Agricultural University in Thessaloniki and finds her courses both interesting and challenging. "Sometimes, while I am looking at our photos from Camp, I wish I was 15 years old again...I'll always be a CRS child!" [despina\\_vl@hotmail.com](mailto:despina_vl@hotmail.com)



**DOROTHEE (PASS) WACHSEN '00, '01, '06** sends greetings from Germany and is happy to share this photo of her reunion in June with **Corazon Mizzi '01**. [dorothee.wachsen@gmail.com](mailto:dorothee.wachsen@gmail.com)

**LISE WELTZIEN '05, '06** "Dear all! I am currently working at the parliament of Norway in the information section. In addition to this, I recently was elected to be a UN-youth delegate to the World Habitat Forum, which will take place in Napoli September 2012. I am taking a bachelor degree in Development Management, with specialization in human geography at the

University of Oslo. I am also very involved in a small organization called Spire ([www.spireorg.no](http://www.spireorg.no)) which is working for a just and sustainable distribution of the world's resources, and I am currently involved in our Spring Campaign which aims on putting pressure and involving youth towards UNs conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). If anyone else is working with the same topics, especially in regard to Rio+20, I would love to hear about it!" [liseweltzien@gmail.com](mailto:liseweltzien@gmail.com)



**KASPER WILLEMOES '00, '01, '04, '05** "Dear Everyone, September 24, 2011, Sandra and I got married in wonderful Cartagena, Colombia. It was an amazing experience, and the first few months of married life have been wonderful too. Earlier in 2011 we visited NYC and managed to meet up with **ReNard Rogers '00** for a wonderful local NYC meal. Things in Denmark are wonderful. Sandra is doing marketing work with A.P. Moller Maersk. I am the CEO/Owner of a facility service company with almost 200 employees. We are flirting with the thought of moving to the US at some point, so if somebody has good connections in the Hotel or Cleaning industry, please don't hesitate to let me know." [mail@kasperwc.com](mailto:mail@kasperwc.com)



**NICOLE WINTERS '06** "I am currently studying abroad in Kolkata, India for the semester. So far I have seen many sites in Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra, and I have been having fun experiencing Indian culture and customs." [nicole.winters@comcast.net](mailto:nicole.winters@comcast.net)



**ZIHENG 'STEVEN' ZHOU '00** "Hi guys! My first baby was born on Dec. 17, 2011, a very lovely boy. Many thanks to my wife for this precious Christmas gift. I have been busy with my little prince these days and would like to share the happiness with all of you my friends." [shyujikou@gmail.com](mailto:shyujikou@gmail.com)



## PACIFIC RIM INTERNATIONAL CAMP (PRIC)

Colin Wells '10 was selected as one of two representatives from the US to attend PRIC in 2011. Reflecting on his experience, Colin shared this: "The homestay was an incredible part of this program. From the initial opening ceremony (in Nishikatsura) to saying goodbye, there was never a dull moment. I was amazed at the beautiful simplicity of the Japanese lifestyle as I first entered my host family's home. We introduced ourselves over green tea on the tatami mats that adorned their living room. I will be forever grateful for this once in a lifetime opportunity."

Are you interested in joining PRIC as a camper or staff member in 2012? [www.risingsun.org/PRIC.cfm](http://www.risingsun.org/PRIC.cfm)

## 2010s

**CAROLINE CHIU '10** "Hey all! I recently attended a New York alumni event and it was great being able to meet all the new campers for life as well as catch up with some sisters and brothers from 2010. I've recently been working on revamping a community volunteering organization for high school students that I started in December 2010 (inspired by CRS of course!). I'm interested in expanding it to chapters all over the US, so contact me if you're interested! Another quick shout out: I'm looking to spend August interning or volunteering in either China or Taiwan. If any alumni have any ideas, please let me know! And for those of you, who currently live in China and Taiwan, expect an email from me! Love from NYC!" [chiucaroline@yahoo.com](mailto:chiucaroline@yahoo.com)

**AGATA FORYCIARZ '11** writes from Mercersburg, PA, "I'm enjoying my year at American boarding school a lot!" [agata@foryciarz.com](mailto:agata@foryciarz.com)



**MÁRTON IRITZ '11** "Hey Brothers and Sisters! Miss CRS a lot and cannot wait to see you all! Best wishes from your favorite Hungarian boy camper from 2011." [iritzmarci@citromail.hu](mailto:iritzmarci@citromail.hu)



**MICHAEL LYONS '10** was selected as one of the US representatives to the Pacific Rim International Camp in 2011. "The closing ceremony was really special, and shaking Akiyama-san's hand at the end, thanking him for the experience is a moment to remember for sure...PRIC was life-changing and I'll be telling great stories for months." Mike is pictured here with **Colin Wells '10** at left and **Takashi Yamamoto '10**. [mikexthelyon@aim.com](mailto:mikexthelyon@aim.com)



**RAOUL SEALEY '11** sends regards from Barbados. [raoulsealey@hotmail.com](mailto:raoulsealey@hotmail.com)



**SONIA WARGACKA '10** sends enthusiastic greetings from Poland. "Hello everyone! Just wanted to let you know that I'm fine - in September of 2010 I began to study in one of the best high schools in entire Poland! I was so happy when it turned out that I got in. It definitely wouldn't have happened without CRS!"

This summer I also organized my Sweet Sixteen party. I created an event on Facebook and got an idea: how awesome would it be if my CRS friends would come? So I invited around 200 people I know from CRS Poland and CRS 2010 season. I thought no one will come, but I celebrated my birthday in really CRS way with **Borbala Csapodi '10** (Hungary), **Layla Treuhaft-Ali '10** (NYC), **Amelia Colban '10** (San Diego), **Amy Lamb '10** (Minnesota) and her awesome mom Anna! Thank you guys for coming! Love you so much! When you read this, I think I'll already know if I got into the second part of application to United World Colleges - something like CRS, but connected with school and lasting 2 years. It's been my dream since I was 12, so keep your fingers crossed for me, please! Wherever you are, whatever you do - remember, you're a camper for life!" This photo is from Sonia's Sweet 16 celebration, from left: **Borbala '10**, **Amy '10**, **Sonia '10** and **Layla '10**. [sonia.wargacka@gmail.com](mailto:sonia.wargacka@gmail.com)



**ROB WERST '11** "I met with **Yannick Weingartz '11** in Amsterdam last October, and we had a great time." Rob and Yannick are pictured here. [realrobo@gmail.com](mailto:realrobo@gmail.com)



**LINXIAO 'TRACY' XU '10** enjoyed a visit from **Irina Denisenko '06**, pictured here. [785434429@qq.com](mailto:785434429@qq.com)

# IN MEMORIAM

LAJF EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THESE CRS ALUMNI.



**PETER DANIEL CHABRIS '32, '33, '39** died May 19, 2011 at his home in Cincinnati. He was 93. The son of Italian immigrants, Peter graduated from Columbia University with a degree in English. He served in the US Army during World War II. Peter's professional life included executive positions in human resources and industrial relations at AT&T, W.R. Grace, Xerox, Travers Insurance Co. and Interpublic Group of Companies. Peter was a Renaissance man, fluent in several languages, an international traveler, accomplished chess player, musician, sculptor, expert swimmer and devotee of opera and classical music.



**DAVID R. COLMAN, PH.D. '64**, served as Director of the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital until his death on June 1, 2011. David was passionate about his family, science, art, cooking, heritage plants, old movies and so much more. His intelligence, entrepreneurial spirit and wonderful sense of humor will be deeply missed. Born in New York, Dave attended Bronx High School of Science, received his BS from New York University and his doctorate in neuroscience from State University of New York. He held faculty positions at New York University School of Medicine and the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he received several prestigious awards. Dave approached science with a strong conviction in basic, curiosity-driven research and he believed in approaching problems from every angle. This commitment led to

the multidisciplinary neuroengineering program at McGill and innovative programs in neuropalliative care, as well as a major expansion in brain imaging at "The Neuro."



**THOMAS FULTON '42 - '45**, a longtime physics professor at the Johns Hopkins University who swapped notes with the great minds of science, died of heart failure on April 8, 2011 at the age of 83. Born Tamas Feuerzeug, in Budapest, Hungary, he immigrated to the United States with his family in 1941 at the age of 14. His immediate family fled Nazis in Hungary and Germany, where many of his other family members died in the Holocaust. Thomas graduated from Stuyvesant High School and Harvard College where he graduated with high honors, earning a bachelor's degree in physics in 1950. He went on to earn a doctorate in physics from Harvard University in 1954. After completing his doctorate, Dr. Fulton spent two years at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, working under J. Robert Oppenheimer, scientific director of the Manhattan Project, which developed the atomic bomb. At Johns Hopkins, Thomas became the "founding father" of the particle theory group which launched research in the high-energy domain of physics. Thomas enjoyed classical music, opera and art. He also enjoyed photography, politics, spoke several languages and traveled extensively.



**VIGGO HARTZ '50**, Danish alumnus, died on October 17, 2011 at the age of 77. As one of the founders and an active member of the CRS Alumni Association of Denmark throughout his life, he was known to many CRS alumni. Viggo played an important role in the planning of CRS-Europe in Stendis, as a member of the board of The George E. Jonas Foundation (GEJF), as the camper selection contact to 45 countries and as a "father figure" to 400 campers from 2001-2009. In Denmark, Viggo was a well known math teacher of elementary school, being active in the math teachers' organization, serving

as editor of the math teachers' journal, and as an author of didactic books and articles. Together with his wife, Hanne Hartz, who died in 2009, he had a large circle of colleagues and friends. In the Danish Alumni Association, Viggo was chairman of the Danish camper selection committee 1977-1996. He participated in the annual New Year Reunions throughout almost sixty years; everyone benefitting from his warm and empathic personality.



**SIDNEY LUMET '39**, a director who preferred the streets of New York to the back lots of Hollywood and whose stories of conscience — *12 Angry Men*, *Serpico*, *Dog Day Afternoon*, *The Verdict*, *Network* — became modern American film classics, died April 2, 2011 at his home in Manhattan. He was 86. He achieved critical and commercial success with his first film, *12 Angry Men*, which established his credentials as a liberal director who was sympathetic to actors, loved words and worked quickly. For the bulk of his career, he averaged a film a year, earning four Oscar nominations. Lumet's book *Making Movies*, a lucid account of all aspects of the film business, used his own works for textual analysis and included a coda, almost a lament, in which he railed against the studios' interference. He had become increasingly aware that there was little space, even in his beloved New York, for works inspired by social commitment and passion; less still for those derived from great plays and literature. "While the goal of all movies is to entertain," Mr. Lumet once wrote, "the kind of film in which I believe goes one step further. It compels the spectator to examine one facet or another of his own conscience. It stimulates thought and sets the mental juices flowing."



**GUNNAR RIBERHOLDT '49**, Danish alumnus, died of cancer on September 17, 2011. Gunnar was an outstanding and influential ambassador, especially to the EU and NATO, until his retirement at 70 years. He took an important part in the

negotiations of the Maastricht Treaty up to 1972. Gunnar was an important part of the CRS Alumni Association of Denmark during its first many years, being part of the group who arranged four Nordic CRS Reunions in the 60's, and held a lecture on the EU at the CRS World Reunion in Denmark in 1995. He was the first chairman of the Danish camper selection committee 1963-1969, and during the first years of the CRS-Europe in Stendis, he chaired its International Advisory Council. Gunnar had wide interests in arts and music, especially jazz, and for some years he arranged for the European camp to be visited by a European jazz orchestra.

**HAROLD M. SILVER, MD '41, '42**, a pulmonologist who practiced medicine in Washington, DC for 35 years, died Dec. 26, 2011 at the age of 83. A native of the Bronx, NY, Harold received a bachelor's degree in 1946 and a medical degree in 1949, both from Columbia University. He had a successful private practice from 1957 until retiring in 1992. He was a clinical faculty member at George Washington University's School of Medicine from the 1950s until 1992. He was also chairman of the medical department at Sibley Memorial Hospital in the early 1990s.

Ted Wright '39-'43 remembers Harold: *My old friend, Dr. Harold Silver, died around the first of the year. I always tried to visit him when I was in the DC area. We often reminisced about Rising Sun and about the memorable day in August, 1945, when he (in the Navy) and I (in the Army) met for a drink somewhere around Times Square, on the night when it became known that the first atomic bomb had been dropped on Hiroshima. That momentous event made us feel happy at what it meant for our own military futures (no fighting in the Far East) but somber at the thought of what it probably threatened for the future of the world.*

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## FOLLOWING IN FREDDIE'S FOOTSTEPS

BY: TONY BONILLA '74, '75

**M**y two summers at Red Hook in 1974 and 1975 gave me a lifetime's worth of cherished memories which I visit almost daily. Freddie was blessed to plant a truly magical seed and to live to see it grow into the incredible worldwide community it is today. I don't imagine even he knew what fruit his ideas would bear, but I can think of no better example than Rising Sun of the pure power of an idea. After 82 years, Freddie's tree is healthy and still growing.

I am incredibly fortunate to have a fulfilling career as an allergist/immunologist at Children's Hospital Boston. My routine includes patient care, teaching, clinical research and administration. Although I am grateful to Harvard College and Mt. Sinai School of Medicine for my education, I don't believe that my financial support would make much of an impact at those institutions. On the other hand, I know my annual giving makes a huge difference for Camp Rising Sun. I enjoy giving where my support is needed and appreciated, but the main reason I give is that I believe in Freddie's idea, and the good it still brings to young people all over the world.

I see Camp Rising Sun in the long term. I know of no other educational program for teenagers which has been around for more than eighty years. LAJF is in my will because, frankly, why not? I can't take it with me, so why not keep supporting the things that matter to me after I'm gone? I made a bequest to LAJF before the Freddie Jonas Society even existed. It was an easy decision for me to make this commitment to the Rising Sun community and to extend Freddie's legacy, and to make a part of it my own. ♦

## LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

At LAJF, the most meaningful sense of the word "legacy" derives from the great gifts to us all from George "Freddie" Jonas. His living lessons on education, mutual caring, leadership and using personal wealth for the benefit of others provided opportunities for thousands of young people and promise to hundreds of communities around the world.

The legacy for the future that will be determined by our alumni is exciting to contemplate and plan. It will be rooted, of course, in the fundamental values on which we've been building for 82 years. It will require the solid financial footing that results from generous annual and endowment giving by those who know us best – you.

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What was the point of all the love, time and funds expended on those who came to Rising Sun? It was the hope that any happiness and values given to you would be passed on in a form chosen by each of you.

*Freddie Jonas*



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