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About this edition

In an effort to cut our costs, this 2008 edition of *The Sundial* is shorter by several pages than previous publications. We hope you'll agree that though we have trimmed the content, the focus of this publication remains clearly aimed at highlighting and celebrating alumni achievements and Foundation news.

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In some cases, the articles selected for this publication have been edited for content and/or length.

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Special Announcements

Board Meetings Open to all Alumni

Future meetings of the Board of Directors will be open to alumni who wish to attend. Meeting dates will be announced on the LAJF web site.

Alumni planning to attend will be asked to indicate their plans in advance so that we will be able to accommodate those wishing to join and so we can notify the security desk.

Discussions during Board meetings are limited to Board members, Emeriti members, and the Chair of the MAC. There will be a one hour discussion period following each Board meeting during which alumni are invited to participate actively.

The Search for a New Chief Executive

The Louis August Jonas Foundation (LAJF), an organization engaged in fostering the growth and development of young people, is seeking as its long term Executive Director, an accomplished administrator with a strong education-related background and proven people skills. The candidate must be able to relate well to teenagers, alumni, board members, and funding sources. The ability to communicate well orally and in writing is required. Some hands-on experience in the leadership training and education of teenage boys and girls and experience presenting before educational groups and publishing in peer-reviewed journals is desirable.

We will share more with alumni on this subject in the near future.

**If you would like to contact the search committee, contact:
Planning 2009@lajf.org**

Alumni Reunion in NYC January 3, 2009

ONE great day, TWO special events!

Reunion Luncheon

Where: **Angelo & Maxie's**
Park Avenue South at 19th Street
New York, NY 10003

Date: **Saturday, January 3, 2009**

Time: 12:30—4:30 pm

Cost: \$65 Alumni 1930–1988

\$50 Alumni 1989–2005

\$25 Alumni 2006–2008

\$50 Guests of alumni

Reunion Cocktail Reception

Where: **Colors**
417 Lafayette Street
(between E. 4th Street and Astor Place)
New York, NY 10003

Date: **Saturday, January 3, 2009**

Time: 5:30—8:30 pm

Cost: \$10 Alumni and all guests

(\$5 for anyone who attends the Luncheon earlier in the day)

RSVP **by December 26, 2008 to:**

for both
events
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Family & Friends of LAJF are
warmly welcomed
at these events.

Message from the CEO

Herbert Klein III '73-'74, '05-'08

Dear Alumni and Friends of the Foundation:

Four years ago, I began my tenure as CEO of our Foundation. The highlight of my interviews for the CEO position was meeting with McKinney Russell and Frank Havlicek. They were both encouraging and direct: stating clearly that the next CEO would be facing, in many regards, a turnaround situation.



The most important thing I had to do was transition from former "camper" to the person responsible for Foundation Operations and everything that goes with that responsibility.

There was much work to be done and little time to waste.

So what have we accomplished in 4 years?

- We have professionalized the operation. From the website to collateral materials to our business operations, the outside world's view is one of a well run, professional organization.
- We now operate the Foundation under a set of generally accepted business practices. Our staff is committed to our mission, and they are all effective in their jobs.
- Our caretakers are very skilled. They can get more done with \$25K than we used to accomplish with \$75K, a fact not lost on one of our largest donors, The Georges Lurcy Charitable and Educational Trust.
- We now have valid contact information for over 4,000 alumni and friends of the Foundation, up from just 1,900 four years ago.
- We have increased our alumni contribution rate three-fold and our overall number of individual contributors four-fold, broadening our support base.
- We have greatly improved both the student and staff selection processes. Our upgraded selection

and recruiting materials, combined with our website is helping us attract stronger students and staff.

- All of these improvements have positively affected LAJF's Form 990, going from a low 70% effectiveness to an 86% effectiveness.

I knew we were going in the right direction when Rick Richter, in 2005 stated to me, "this feels like Camp again".

There are many more things that we have accomplished together, too numerous to list. We have come a long way from discussing what color we should paint the Old House Blue Room to laying the foundation for culture change within our Alumni base. LAJF is well positioned for new challenges. The organization is well organized and operated; the stage is set for new leadership.

I have done what I came here to do. It is time for the Foundation to move to the next level under Bob Mellins' leadership and I have chosen now to transition out of my position to minimize disruptions. In this way, the transition can be done gradually over the next five months and as seamlessly as possible. Bob has asked me, and I have agreed, to be available to consult with the new CEO and Board in the future on an as needed basis. I am committed to a smooth transition and have assured Bob that I will do whatever I can to assist him. I make the same commitment to each of you.

I thank the Foundation for the opportunity to lead over the past four years; it has been a privilege to guide the organization that has meant so much to me in my life.

Sincere regards,

Herbert Klein III

Myth-Busting Interview
LAJF on YouTube.com

On September 4, 2008, CRS alumnus Evan Schwartz ('05-'07) sat down with LAJF CEO Herb Klein III as part of a project to conduct an informative "Myth-Busting" interview with LAJF's Chief Executive. In the preceding weeks, Evan solicited involvement from all CRS alumni and used that input to guide the questions he posed during his interview. Evan's objective in interviewing the LAJF CEO was to provide an "opportunity to learn the truth behind the many rumors that have been circulating, ask questions about any aspect of the Foundation or, at the very least, to allow Herb to share a different perspective."

The result of Evan's efforts is an interview that we hope you find informative and instructive. The full interview is now available in eleven segments on YouTube.com.

Visit www.LAJF.org for a link to the interview or find the interview for yourself by searching for "Interview with Herb Klein" or "Say Yes and Deliver Productions" on YouTube.com.

We welcome your feedback to this interview. Please direct comments to:

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LAJF Legacy Society Planned Giving Opportunities

Earlier in 2008 we launched *The Legacy Society* in an effort to recognize all those individuals and families who have generously remembered LAJF through a planned gift. Anyone who names LAJF as beneficiary of his or her will, living trust, life insurance, retirement plan, charitable annuity, charitable lead trust, charitable remainder trust, or other estate plan is eligible to become a member of *The Legacy Society*.

Your leadership is important to us as we continue to build *The Legacy Society* together. While we depend on the support of generous individuals like you to be able to continue our important mission, it is our desire to ensure your best interests are considered and addressed. We have information available to help you making your giving decisions and we invite you to contact us or have your financial advisor contact us and we'll discuss next steps that

will allow you to leave a legacy, while providing for yourself and loved ones. Please call us toll free at (800) 262-0136.

There are several avenues for giving to LAJF. Depending on your situation, you may wish to make an outright gift, a gift through your estate, or a gift that, in addition to benefiting LAJF, provides you with tangible benefits as well. Here are some examples of planned gifts you might consider:

Bequest

Through your will, give us money, property or a share of your estate's residue either after your death or that of a family member.

Life estate agreement

Deed your personal residence or farm to us but retain life use.

Life Income Gift

These plans ensure you (and even a survivor) an income for life as well as substantial tax savings. You transfer assets to the plan

now, and we receive the remainder after the income beneficiary's lifetime.

Charitable remainder trust

Fund with cash, securities or other assets. You receive payments of a fixed or variable amount for life depending on the type of trust you select.

Charitable gift annuity (where available)

Fund with cash, securities or other assets. You receive fixed payments for life without investment worries or the need for a trust.

LAJF Legacy Society

The Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have remembered, or intend to remember, LAJF in their estate plans and those who have supported the institution through other forms of planned giving.

Legacy Society Founding Members:

Timothy D. Conners
William B. Dubey
Herbert Klein III
John Litsios
Robert B. Mellins
Irwin Nydick
Maurice N. Richter
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For information on how to join the LAJF Legacy Society, contact us at (800) 262-0136 or (215) 230-7040

A continued planning opportunity for those with IRAs

If you are age 70 ½ or older, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act passed on October 3, 2008 again allows you to make charitable gifts directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). This special two year IRA charitable rollover permits individuals age 70½ and older to make direct transfers of up to \$100,000 per year in 2008 and 2009 to charities like the Louis August Jonas Foundation (LAJF). This unique opportunity to make a donation that will not be subject to tax and will be counted towards your annual minimum distribution will expire after 2009.

How do I know if an IRA charitable rollover is right for me?

- You are at least age 70½, AND
- You do not need the additional income generated by the minimum required distribution, OR
- Your charitable gifts already equal 50% of your adjusted gross income, so you do not benefit from an income tax charitable deduction for additional gifts, OR
- You are subject to the 2% rule that reduces your itemized deductions, OR
- You do not itemize deductions.

How do I initiate an IRA charitable rollover?

Contact your IRA administrator. For your convenience, we have a letter of direction you may give to your IRA administrator that is available to upon request. Please be sure to also let LAJF know when to expect your gift so we can assist you throughout the transaction.

DISCLAIMER: LAJF cannot provide tax or legal advice. We encourage you to talk with your attorney or other advisor before making such a gift and to assist you in preparing your estate documents. LAJF cannot act as executor nor prepare your bequest documents. LAJF IS NOT ENGAGED IN RENDERING LEGAL OR TAX ADVISORY SERVICE. FOR ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE IN SPECIFIC CASES, THE SERVICES OF AN ATTORNEY OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR SHOULD BE OBTAINED.

Message from the Board of Directors

Recent events have created a confluence of opportunity and turmoil, and have upset plans we reported earlier regarding our 2009 season. We have to respond to unprecedented financial strains and a major change in the leadership of our organization.

Herb Klein has informed us that he will not be seeking a new employment contract when his current contract terminates at the end of March 2009. This creates the need and the opportunity to recruit a new leader for the Foundation. Herb's contributions have been of high value. We are indebted to him and we anticipate he will remain a devoted alumnus. In fact, Herb has been so successful at putting in place effective procedures and business practices to run our Foundation and its programs that we are now in a position to expand the responsibilities of the chief executive.

While the chief executive would continue to plan and manage current Foundation operations, importantly, s/he would also serve a challenging new goal of the organization. S/he would guide our journey to become recognized in the educational community and then help others to adapt and transfer the peer-led experiential learning which is the essence of Rising Sun to other groups concerned with the growth, education and leadership training of young people. This effort to broaden the impact of CRS is responsive to Freddie's ultimate hope that Rising Sun would have effect beyond our small community of alumni. While anecdotal data have always indicated that Rising Sun provides a lasting transformative experience, it is only recently that we have begun to examine "outcomes" data in a more formal way. Early results are encouraging and will be shared with you when finalized.

To realize the ambition to affect the lives of more youngsters, the Board believes we need to recruit as our chief executive an accomplished administrator with a strong education-related background and

proven people skills; Someone whose excellent oral and written communication skills enable them to relate well to teenagers, alumni, board members and funding sources. We seek a chief executive with hands-on experience in the education and leadership training of teenagers whose experience includes presenting before educational groups and with publishing in respected magazines and peer-reviewed journals.

We need also to respond to the severe financial strains affecting the Foundation and to external events outside of our control, including the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers - Europe. The latter has resulted in a one time \$640,000 loss from one of our investments which is probably irrecoverable. The fact that the events leading to this loss could not have been foreseen and that we received assurances just weeks before the crisis at Lehman Brothers that we were not exposed to Lehman's liquidity challenges, does not ease the pain of the resulting problem. Whereas the markets can be expected to recover over time, the value of this one investment appears to be beyond retrieval.

Faced with difficult developments, the Board has decided (unanimously, among the 10 members present and voting) to conserve funds by canceling the normal 2009 season. Instead we will use our Rhinebeck facilities during the summer of 2009 to host a series of retreats (long weekends and/or mid-week sessions) which will enable our new chief executive to meet in appropriate surroundings and at length with small intergenerational groups of alumni. This will provide her or him the opportunity to come to a more refined understanding of the culture of Rising Sun and our sense of purpose. Such activities would also allow those of us who participate to further crystallize our own vision of the future. We hope many alumni take advantage of this opportunity.

Bypassing the normal 2009 season

will enable us to build a reserve of \$400,000+ upon which we can then draw to fund recruiting efforts and to ensure that the 2010 season, the first under the aegis of new leadership, is fully populated with 60 students at each of our two sites. Following a period of introductions and meetings with alumni from June through September, our new executive should be well prepared to launch, in October 2009, planning efforts (student selection, staff recruitment, etc.) for the 2010 season.

The plan we have outlined will not only allow us to do timely recruiting and to involve alumni more directly in the orientation process for Herb's successor, but will also serve to achieve a constructive transition of leadership and ensure a full 2010 season, while being responsible about how we husband the funds that Freddie left for us. Even more important, it will set us on a trajectory for broadening the impact of Rising Sun.

As the promise of broader impact becomes clearer, we anticipate gaining access to funding from third-party persons and organizations. As a critical element of the overall plan, we anticipate that our new executive will recruit a Development Director to oversee all elements of alumni and third party fund raising.

Though no plan is perfect and none will satisfy all interests, we are confident that the plan described here offers the real promise of expanding the impact of what we do. When we are successful at this, we will have not only enriched the life experiences of Rising Suns but also will have affected the school-based educational experiences of many young people, thus changing for the better the larger society in which we all live. This is what Freddie set out to do in 1930.

This constitutes an important sense of mission and a statement of purpose with which we hope you

Annual LAJF Celebration Gala **Friday, May 1, 2009** **Honoring Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Mascia '42-'46**

On May 1, 2009 LAJF will celebrate the achievements in leadership and service of Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Mascia, a CRS alumna and long time supporter of CRS. On this special evening, Mrs. Mascia is being celebrated for the commitment she has demonstrated throughout her lifetime to the ideals embodied by CRS and LAJF.

Mrs. Mascia has dedicated herself to securing educational opportunities for all children and is committed to sharing with others her firm conviction that everyone is a person of value.

For decades Mrs. Mascia has been an active supporter of many charities and philanthropic endeavors in her community. Most notably, she is the founder of Abbott House, providing

comprehensive and caring services for abused, neglected and abandoned children and their families, and the Elizabeth Mascia Child Care Center, which provides inclusive, accessible, community-based, quality child care and early childhood education.

At LAJF, we were first introduced to Mrs. Mascia by her husband, Dr. Armond "Mandy" Mascia, a CRS alumnus. In the earliest days of their marriage, Dr. Mascia brought his wife to see this place that meant so much to him. While Mrs. Mascia was initially a visitor of CRS, she instantly became one of the family and went on to spend five summers with us. Even during the very difficult years of World War II, she worked tirelessly, offering advice and

counsel and preparing countless meals for our (very) hungry boys. Even when Mrs. Mascia was busy raising her own children, she somehow always found time to visit and offer her support, including when the CRS program expanded in 1989 to include young women as participants. For so generously sharing with us Mrs. Mascia's kindness and her time, we will be eternally grateful to the entire Mascia family.

We hope that as a member of the CRS alumni community and supporter of LAJF you'll want to join us in honoring Mrs. Mascia as an inspiring leader in her community. If you are unable to join us in person, there will be opportunities to provide written testimonials and letters of congratulations.

Gala Committee:

Christina Busso ('93-'94,'05-'08)
Michael Engber ('57-'58,'04)
Herbert Klein ('73-'74,'05-'08)
John Litsios ('35-'38,'46)
Fred Mascia
Sara Mascia
Helene Mattera ('98-'99)
Irwin Nydick ('39-46)
Rene Pierpont ('95,'00,'02-'03)
Karen Schatzel
Carl Schoenberger ('66-'67)
Teresa Seabrook

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concur. We will value your comments on how this plan might evolve most effectively. Please send your comments to planning2009@lajf.org.

You will be hearing from us again shortly as events progress.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Mellins, Chairman
Mark M. Rochkind, President
for the Board of Directors

*See page 15 for a complete listing
of Board Directors and Officers*

The Louis August Jonas Foundation honors
Mrs. Elizabeth Mascia for her lifelong dedication to
leadership and service in her community at the

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Friday, May 1, 2009

6:00 pm Cocktails

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and program

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Finding our Opportunities

By Attila Sebők '00-'08

I used to find a four-leaf clover every month or so when I was a child. So many of us have heard that finding one of these four-leafed "mutant" plants is lucky. I'm not certain whether this serendipitous discovery brings luck or is simply lucky in itself, but I tend to treat finding four-leaf clovers as finding a little gift and often pass this gift to someone around me who seems in need of a bit of luck.

This habit of scouring the ground for clovers isn't something I have done in years. But this summer, my ninth at Rising Sun, I noticed that I was finding a four-leaf clover at least once each week. I really wasn't searching through the front lawn of the Old House hoping to find anything. I don't *search*. I just *look* and *see*. These little plants somehow stick out of their surroundings and call attention to themselves, though not everyone has eyes for such seemingly insignificant things. There was one on display right in the shade of the lilac bush next to the Old House, just waiting to be found. More than fifty people trotted by at least 3 times a day, yet nobody noticed it. To me, it seemed to call out: "Here I am, come and find me!"



Just like a four-leaf clover in a patch of lawn, this summer was full of many opportunities to find some luck and appreciate opportunities. Before the CRS season, many of us were disappointed and concerned that because of financial limitations "only" 40 gifted young men and women would be a part of the CRS 2008 season.



We would have fewer students and also had fewer staff members with whom to divide the long list of chores and tasks for the day. It was certainly more difficult sometimes, but we quickly learned to ap-

preciate the opportunities at hand.

In our smaller community, we developed a web of strong friendships perhaps quicker than before, and each of us had an even greater number of opportunities to prove and practice our leadership skills. We each had increased responsibilities, and with great responsibility came opportunities for even greater growth. We found creative ways to compensate for our scarce resources, and learned more about financial responsibility: a reality we will have to get used to. We discovered how important it is for us to stick together in difficult times. As a group of this summer's students can attest, if everyone were pushing a car stuck in the muddy trail in a different direction, we couldn't have gotten anywhere, let alone out of the ditch.

I think we can all agree that part of the special Rising Sun recipe seems to be in putting the right mix of people together and letting learning evolve. Though we often bring in special guests or talented experts to share some perspective with our CRS community, some of the most profound

lessons of compassionate leadership happen in the dining hall over lunch or on tent hill after tent check. I'm certain that the lessons shared about philosophy, science, mathematics, history, literature, and much more could more than fill the pages of a text book!

This is precisely why I find Rising Sun so fascinating. Here, learning often takes place casually and seemingly effortlessly, but you have to be ready for it. Being a life-long student myself, I must always assume that more for me to learn from others and be prepared to accept knowledge from the world around me.

Just like finding the four-leaf clover, sometimes the most meaningful life lessons require that we open our eyes wide and just *look* and *see*. Some people are blind to the endlessness of their possibilities, while others find hope and opportunity in the most unlikely places (just like that four-leaf clover in the grass!). Where some see only insurmountable challenges, others see ways to make a difference.

If we approach the world as an effective leader, we will not only see the lessons and opportunities available to ourselves, but will help others to open their eyes, see the opportunities with us, and join together to make the world a better place.



Rising Sun—the prescription for a world in need **By Franki McClure '01-'02, '04-'08**

As I was showing a family around the Clinton campus before the beginning of the 2008 season, I was asked if there was air conditioning in the sleeping accommodation. 'Well', I said, fighting to keep a straight face, 'we encourage the girls to open the flaps of their tents during the day so the air can circulate'.

The 80-year history of Rising Sun has seen dramatic events that have changed the landscape of the global community: from the Second World War to the War on Terror, from the Civil Rights Movement to Barack Obama, from industrialisation to the internet, globalisation, climate change and, of course, the advent of air conditioning. The world, and thus the context in which Rising Sun operates have changed radically since Freddie first started the boys' program.

The globe feels smaller. Surely an eight week stint under canvas in the middle of nowhere has lost any appeal to current teenagers today, hasn't it? Teenagers who are the 'right now' generation, technology savvy, can find anything and reach anybody with the click of a mouse and whose aspirations may lean further toward the immediate gratification of fame bestowed by television talent and reality shows than building a multi-decade career.

Certainly Rising Sun is no summer holiday. Adjustment in the first few weeks to the somewhat rustic living, plethora of insects, complete lack of privacy, and rationed connection to the outside world can be tough. Some students initially suffer withdrawal symptoms as the imposed deprivation of an addictive constant

companion (their mobile phone) and a surfeit of other electronic gadgets hits on the first day. But technology fights back, with instructions delivered by PowerPoint complete with digital projector, Sundays offering internet and Skype calls home, and iPod generated dance parties.

But while backgrounds and details have changed, the core principle has remained constant: that when young people are trusted to take on real responsibility for themselves and others, sometimes for the first time, they develop the confidence, motivation and necessary skills to achieve great things.



The 2008 cohort at Clinton excelled in their endeavors to achieve, inducing heart-pounding paroxysms of pride among the staff. There was the original Beatles musical, written, rehearsed and produced in their spare time, freeing up Project Time for the planning and construction of a 30ft Stargazing Tower. There were university-level discussions on international issues, back-to-basics vehicle mechanics, endless guitar lessons and many many more projects and activities.

However some of 2008's major achievements are to a certain extent less tangible, such as a pledge in the face of potential community collapse to "double trust," and a week five rebellion complete with secret meetings on tent hill during Rest Hour. Approaching each challenge as an opportunity to learn and coach produced notable, cumulative advances in confidence and leadership abilities, leading to increased competence, an expansion of ideas and an awareness of new possibilities.

The 2008 season t-shirt bears two particular phrases that have marked years of Rising Sun: "I don't know, you tell me", and "what do you think?" In this age of standardized tests and 'spoon-fed' curricula, these simple questions, while irritating and frustrating for those on the receiving end innumerable times at seemingly trivial moments, discipline the student to process their own thoughts. Rising Sun is the ultimate course in 'soft skills'. But above all, it is an inspirational, aspirational program, with increasing relevance.

In our interconnected world, as we have seen with the credit crunch, global problems require international solutions, with world leaders forced to collaborate. 'No doubt, we have entered a much more complex global scene. Success for the world - in finding peaceful solutions to huge global challenges - will depend mainly on our capacity to cooperate with each other across sectors, cultures, and regions,' Bono wrote in his blog for the *Financial Times*.



The current generation of teenagers will have some major challenges to consider in the next 20, 30, 40 years.

There will be conflicts old and new to resolve, prejudices to break down, and the global community will be forced to break its energy dependence on fossil fuels, and seek solutions for fresh water shortages. Innovative, creative, collaborative solutions must be found.

What better time to be 'cultivating enlightened young leaders for a better world'?

**Film a Success for
Engi Wassef '95-'96**

**Truman Scholarship for
David Bauer '02**

**Medical Technology Focus
Richard Baron '67-'68**

Marina of the Zabbaleen is a feature documentary written and directed by New York City based filmmaker, Engi Wassef, and filmed in Cairo, Egypt. Never-before-seen footage from the Muqattam recycling village follows a free-spirited seven-year-old girl named Marina. Her family moves from the farmlands of Upper Egypt to Cairo seeking a better life, but as the challenges of their new home arise, Marina has to use her vivid imagination to escape the harshness of her reality.

The film's world premiere, in the Discovery section of The Tribeca Film Festival, was held on April 25th in New York City, and was followed by a screening at the Cannes Film Festival on May 23, 2008.

Marina of the Zabbaleen uses a style of storytelling described as "poetic and uplifting," transforming a landfill into a beautiful dream-like world through a child's eyes. The film also presents shocking statistics of recycling rates in the Zabbaleen Village versus the US. The film's environmental message is conveyed through a deeply moving human story.

Special note:

Initial funding for this film came through an ARISE grant. An article outlining Engi's ARISE project experiences was published in the December 2005 edition of *The Sundial*.

Congratulations to David Bauer, who was awarded a Harry S. Truman Scholarship of \$30,000 in March 2008 for his leadership skills and commitment to public service.

David is a CUNY student majoring in chemistry that received the top prize from the Intel Science Talent Search in 2005 and has also recently won a Goldwater science scholarship. David has indicated he'll be using both the Goldwater and Truman awards for further research.

He is currently studying DNA sequencing at Oxford University this semester and was visiting with friends in Hungary when he was interviewed about this most recent award.

CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein said, "We are very proud of David and congratulate him on all of his academic accomplishments to date," and went on to comment "We look forward to hearing more about his important research and his professional contribution in the years to come."

At LAJF we join in congratulating David and also look forward to the research and accomplishments he is able to achieve as he makes use of these recent awards.

Dr. Richard Baron was featured in a story in the New York Times in June 2008 highlighting the dilemma facing his and many other medical practices as they seek uses for technology in medical record keeping.

Transitioning to electronic record-keeping has been touted by health-care reformers for years, but the reality is that high costs are keeping this transition moving slowly for many. In Dr. Baron's small practice of just three associates, the installation costs alone for the necessary technology items was \$140,000 in 2004. Since then, maintenance and technical support have cost about \$50,000 per year, and the practice is now faced with computers that are over three years old and will need to be replaced soon for a price tag of around \$54,000.

Dr. Baron says that the transition from paper to electronic health records has offered savings in some areas, such as in transcribing medical reports, patient medical records can be located and shared more quickly, and the practice is now able to serve more patients with fewer employees. He also reports that he sees the use of new technologies as helping him become a more adept physician.

However, these advancements are tempered with the reality that when factoring in all the costs of the technology installation and maintenance, Dr. Baron and his associates have not seen a payoff on their bottom line. Dr. Baron described the situation as a "high-risk venture."

The experiences of Dr. Baron and his associates is one that is echoed around the nation, with small practices often being unable to take advantage of what benefits high-tech record-keeping could offer because of the high start-up costs.

Dr. Baron is a physician in Philadelphia and is a current member of LAJF's Health and Safety Committee.

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Alumni Achievements

Alumnus Predicted Obama Presidency Eli Attie '82-'83

Can Eli Attie (CRS '82-'83) predict the future? If you watched the TV show "The West Wing" in its final two seasons (2005 and 2006) you might be asking yourself this question, and for good reason.

In 2004, Mr. Attie was a writer for "The West Wing" who helped to develop a plotline where a young and relatively unknown Democratic congressman runs for President who, after a long and protracted primary season and difficult campaign, is elected to the White House. If that was all there was to the plotline, this article would conclude by simply congratulating Mr. Attie on the success of a show he once worked on. But there was much more to the plotline, and there is quite a list of parallels to the real-life drama of the 2008 US Presidential election.

The Democratic West Wing candidate was a newcomer to Washington known for seeking

ways to combat the polarized climate in Washington. He is a photogenic and popular first term Senator, has two young children, identifies himself as a minority candidate (in this case, Hispanic), and touts a message of "hope" while crowds cheer, "Yes, we can." This TV personality selects an experienced vice-presidential running mate with extensive foreign policy expertise.

The Republican West Wing candidate is an older Senator whose "straight talk" is his hallmark. He chooses a conservative governor to be his running mate to help the ticket appeal to a conservative base of voters.

During the campaign season, a crisis confronted the nation and both candidates visit the White House to work with the sitting President to address the issue. Matters of race also play a role in the campaign as staffers wonder whether the US is ready to elect a minority candidate.

Some of these parallels were carefully scripted. In developing this story idea, Mr. Attie, a former speechwriter for Vice President Al Gore, called a friend of his, Mr. David Axelrod, a political consultant who was working on Mr. Obama's Senate campaign at the time. Mr. Attie reports, "I just called him and said, 'Tell me about Barack Obama.'" (Mr. Axelrod went on to be Mr. Obama's chief strategist.) Some of the parallels to the Republican candidate were also deliberate, with some ideas coming from John McCain's campaign in 2000.

A healthy dose of coincidence also played a part in this writer's portrayal of a Democratic candidate. Who could have predicted that the Phillies would play in the World Series during the election campaign?

Regardless of the similarities between fact and fiction, it seems unlikely that Eli Attie is really a clairvoyant masquerading as writer and producer. In 2006, was the West Wing trying to predict an Obama Presidential victory in 2008? It's hard to be sure, but in advance of the 2008 election a British newspaper, The Telegraph, declared in a blog headline: "Barack Obama will win: It's all in 'The West Wing.'"

Films that Change the World Sandi Dubowski '86-'87

Sandi DuBowski is a filmmaker and writer based in New York City. He received critical acclaim and notoriety for his feature documentary, Trembling Before G-d, which had its World Premiere at the Sundance Film Festival released around the world in 2001. Sandi went on to create Trembling on the Road, a dramatic 40-minute featurette capturing the dialogues, protests, and reactions - poignant, funny, angry, inspiring - of Trembling Before G-d's movement around the world. Sandi launched filmsthatchangetheworld.com in August 2007 where its first initiative was to spotlight, share and landmark the 5th Anniversary of Trembling on the Road by engaging 100,000 people through parties worldwide and online events.

At the World Premiere of Trembling at the Sundance Film Festi-

val, Sandi along with Rabbi Steve Greenberg, the first openly gay Orthodox rabbi, hosted the first-ever Shabbat at Sundance as well as an unprecedented Mormon-Jewish gay dialogue. Since then, Sandi has conducted over 800 dialogues and events worldwide with 200,000 individuals across faith, sexuality, age, racial, and Jewish denominational lines, including helping to convene the first Orthodox Mental Health Conference on Homosexuality.

Recently, Sandi produced Parvez Sharma's documentary, A Jihad for Love, released in 2007. Filmed in 11 different countries in 9 different languages, the film explores the lives of gay, lesbian, and transgender Muslims, and Sandi has said he intends for it to be "a profound catalyst for change" As a filmmaker, Sandi is known for his work on homosexuality and religion.

Sandi has received many awards and accolades for his work as a ground-breaking filmmaker, including being named as one of The Forward 50, fifty Jews noted for demonstrating leadership, offering new ideas and representing a distinct Jewish presence in American life. He has been featured at Yale, Univ. of Chicago, Harvard, and over 50 universities nationwide. He has written for Filmmaker Magazine and International Documentary Magazine, and spoken on numerous panels at conferences and festivals worldwide.

We congratulate Sandi on his many achievements and look forward to learning about what project he'll be working on next. His work always sparks conversation and dialogue and we join in Sandi's hope that this will lead to greater understanding among all people.

Sudan in my own eyes—an ARISE project

By Emily Broyles '01, '05

When I announced to my friends that I would be traveling to Sudan, very few of them were surprised. My friends have heard stories from the four months I lived in Uganda two years ago, and could read my desire to return to Africa in the posters around my bedroom and in the way I laughed with my African friends. In March 2008 I was fortunate to travel to southern Sudan as a recipient of the ARISE scholarship. The ARISE scholarship made it possible for me to visit the place I most wanted to see in the world, and to live among the strongest and most endearing people I have ever met. I wish to offer you a glimpse into a truly amazing adventure.

For the last few years I have volunteered with a small non-profit called Project Education Sudan. This is an organization based in Denver that was started by Lost Boy of Sudan refugees and Americans. The Lost Boys of Sudan are a unique group of refugees comprising of 27,000 Sudanese boys who were orphaned or otherwise separated from their families during the Sudanese Civil War from 1983-2005. These boys walked together from Sudan to Ethiopia, and finally to Kenya where they lived in Kakuma refugee camp for ten years. Beginning in 2001 the United States began resettling 3,800 Lost Boy refugees in cities across America, with around 100 initially arriving in Denver, Colorado.

One of these Lost Boys is a close friend of mine, Isaac Khor Bher. The story of how Isaac reunited with his mother is truly heartwarming. While surfing the internet with another Lost Boy in 2004, Isaac came across a *Washington Post* article about southern Sudan. Isaac was shocked to recognize the man in the article to be his father, whom he had not seen for twenty years. Isaac, with the assistance of an American friend Carol Rinehart, contacted the *Washington Post* only to hear the sad news that his father had died. However, the *Washington Post* was able to give Isaac recent photos of his family and to tell him how to contact his mother, who had survived the

war. In 2005, Isaac and Carol embarked on the first trip to southern Sudan to reunite him with his long-lost family. Throughout their trip Isaac and Carol were overwhelmed by the need for education, health care and clean water in southern Sudan. Upon their return to Denver, the two created Project Education Sudan with Carol as the Executive Director and Isaac as the Vice President. The mission of the organization is to bring much needed education to southern Sudan by building new schools and training teachers, focusing on the home villages of the Lost Boy refugees living in America. Last year I became the chair of the Adult and Vocational Education Committee and it was in this capacity that I traveled with Project Education Sudan to southern Sudan in March.

The objectives for this trip were to carry-out two kinds of workshops for three different villages: A teacher strategy workshop for primary and secondary teachers and an adult education workshop. My role on the trip was to teach the second workshop, an adult women's income literacy workshop teaching rural Sudanese women how to write numbers, do addition and subtraction equations, use calculators, and perform basic accounting functions. We had anticipated having only 30 women to come to the workshops, so imagine our excitement when we counted over 70 women in class on the first day of the workshop! These women all wanted a chance to become educated and attain a better life. Some women were escorted to the workshops by their husbands and their children in a display of support. I saw women come who were blind or disabled or nursing. I have seen many things in my life, but I have never seen anyone yearn for education the way the people of southern Sudan do.



The second objective of our trip was to reunite one Lost Boy from Denver with his family in the village of Pagook. Daniel Majok Gai is one of the most intelligent and humble men I have ever met. In addition to pursuing his Bachelors degree from the University of Colorado, Daniel has worked tirelessly with Project Education Sudan and now sits on its Board of Directors. After years of communicating long distance with his family still living in refugee camps in Kenya, Daniel was able to move his mother, sister and four brothers to live with him in Denver.

The day that we reunited Daniel with his father was one of the best days of my life. We landed our small 10-person bush plane on a rural airstrip one morning in March. The scene that welcomed us to Sudan is difficult to put into words. Hundreds of villagers had gathered at the airstrip to greet us and were singing and dancing. Standing among this throng was Daniel's father, a strong, older man with a cane – he had been waiting anxiously for days to see the plane arrive carrying his son. Daniel's father last saw Daniel 21 years ago, when Daniel was a small 6-year-old boy. For years he believed Daniel to be dead, another victim to guns or wild animals. The Daniel he saw that day was not only alive, but was now 27-years-old and nearly 6 feet tall. The joy I felt that day for my friend Daniel and his father is unparalleled in my life, and I still find myself overwhelmed with emotion thinking about it today.

For me, the most significant thing I learned on this trip was that hope and humor are universal. The Sudanese people have suffered unbelievably, but instead of being scared or angry, they are kind and generous. They enjoy long substantive conversations and are genuinely interested in learning from each other. They have profound hope for peace in their country and for their children to live healthy,

ARISE and Human Rights in Nepal

By Synda Mahan '04

The fundamental rights of every human being are called human rights. The prevailing idea is that the value of one human life and spirit is as great as any other. My commitment to this principle is why I spent this summer advocating for the rights of Nepali torture victims.

Nepal and its people have recently endured a 10-year civil war aimed at doing away with the constitutional monarchy and establishing a people's republic. Governmental



control was weak in the largely rural areas and there was political unrest and turmoil in the strongly controlled capital of Kathmandu. The violence resulted in the deaths of over 13,000 people through instances of extrajudicial execution, disappearances, torture, and many other violations of international humanitarian law. Nothing could have prepared me for the horrifying stories I read in the cases I reviewed during my work in Nepal.

This summer was a particularly pivotal time to be in Nepal. At the end of May, the nation celebrated a 5-day holiday to mark Nepal's change from a kingdom to a democracy. Nepal is beginning down what will hopefully

become a great path of peace-building and transitional justice, but currently the criminal justice system remains inept at holding human rights violators accountable. While various pieces of legislation have been created with the intent of helping, people's needs and circumstances are not considered fully and both legal processes and remedies are inadequate.

The inadequacy of the current legislation and legal system was the focus of my ARISE project. Specifically, the goal of my project is to seek and obtain justice for torture victims. There were two ways I was able to use my legal training to aid in this effort:

1. Review and reporting – Torture Compensation Act Report

I reviewed the current existing legislation and prepared draft of a report on the Torture Compensation Act, a piece of local legislation aimed at aiding torture victims by providing them compensation. I reviewed the many reported cases of torture on file in order to find cases that demonstrated the ways in which the current form of this legislation was inadequate. In case after case, it was apparent that the current legislation de-

ters the Nepalis from filing claims and, for those that do submit claims, the process is lengthy and unlikely to result in receiving any compensation for victims who do manage to receive a favorable judgment. Ultimately, my findings were included in a final report published on June 26, 2008, the UN's International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. The purpose of this report was to offer the world community a more accurate picture of the situation in Nepal and to exert pressure on the local government and court system in order to effect changes so that torture victims can gain access to the services and support they need.

2. Teaching and Collaboration – Istanbul Protocol Conference

I facilitated and organized a conference for local lawyers, doctors, judges and police officers based on the Istanbul Protocol and its applicability and implementation in Nepal. The conference trained doctors and other healthcare professionals in how to better provide treatment for torture victims learn that can also be useful in pursuing legal cases. We offered instruction on collecting and documenting legally relevant evidence. Law enforcement and legal professionals also shared their experiences in addressing cases of reported torture, shared best practices, discussed creative solutions to problems of privacy, access to legal representation, and other challenges often faced in their work.

During my ARISE project, I had my eyes opened in ways I had never expected. I knew my work was important, but I also found it to be challenging both intellectually and emotionally. Human rights are a basic entitlement to every human being. However when the people of a country are struggling to survive as individuals and establish an identity together, as is the case in Nepal, it seems that these basic human rights can easily lose their place in the priority of nation building. Although my part was small, I understand that it is only by combining all the small steps that this beautiful country and its strong people will be able to write a new chapter of its history.

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fulfilled lives. When I was in Sudan I did not see the people as the victims they are often portrayed as in the media. I saw intelligent, capable people working together and laughing together in every way possible. I am incredibly proud to be a part of an organization that can bring education and optimism to Daniel's and Isaac's villages. Lost Boys like Daniel and Isaac work diligently at multiple jobs just to get by in the United States, but never forget the people who are worse off than they are. I have learned so much from their passion, and I hope that I can work as hard as they do for the greater good in my own life. The ARISE scholarship made this opportunity possible for me, and I am so thankful.

My roommate once referred to me critically as one of those "Africa People," the term used around my college campus to describe the students in class who repeatedly raise their hands to ramble on about their experiences studying abroad in Africa or to preach to the class about another African tragedy that we should be aware of. I have always fought against being thrown into this category. But following my trip, things have changed for me. I can't deny it, I am an Africa Person. I can't allow myself to ignore the people of Africa. I care, and I am willing to fight. The next time someone refers to me as one of those annoying "Africa People", I won't just laugh it off. I will ask them, pointblank, "Yes, I am. Why aren't you?" (To learn more about Project Education Sudan visit www.projecteducationsudan.org)

Letter from Finance & Investment Committee

To Rising Sun Alumni and Friends,

The recent turmoil in the financial markets has taken a heavy toll on the Foundation. The decisions the Board reported to you a few weeks ago resulted in part from these effects. This letter from the LAJF Finance & Investment Committee is an attempt to help you understand the financial context of our current situation, how we got here, and how we plan to proceed.

Near the end of 2006, the Board adopted an Investment Policy Statement (IPS) and used that in searching for a new investment advisor to guide and structure the investment of our endowment. After a series of interviews with about half a dozen candidates, the F&I Committee selected Lehman Brothers as our advisor.

Lehman Bros designed a portfolio which reflected our IPS guidelines. In round numbers, our prescribed asset allocation was fixed income 20%, domestic equities 30%, international equities 30%, alternative investments (commodities, real estate, private equity, and hedge funds) 15%, and cash. The investments in each asset class were almost always spread among different third party managers with different investment styles. Lehman Bros would monitor investment manager performance against appropriate benchmarks and when warranted, though not frequently, would move money among managers.

One of the aims of the Lehman structured portfolio was to minimize correlation among our investments. Thus, diversification strived to avoid all of our investments moving in tandem. Different investments were expected to respond differently to external events.

Throughout 2007 and through August 2008, our investment experience, while not stellar, was fair to satisfactory. Our growth on an annual basis was comparable with growth in the Dow or the S&P 500. At year-end 2007, our year-

to-date growth was +6% compared with +5% for the S&P 500 and +9% for the Dow. While our portfolio mirrors neither of these popular averages, performance against these averages is easy to gauge.

At end of August 2008, our growth was -7% compared with -12% for the S&P 500 and -13% for the Dow.

Everything changed in September and October. When we asked Lehman Bros several times in August and again in early September whether any of our investments was exposed to the challenges surfacing at Lehman, we were assured that our investments were secure, were held separately from Lehman accounts, and were not at risk. Regrettably, this was incorrect.

Libertyview:

We made a \$700,000 investment in the Libertyview Credit Select hedge fund in March 2007. At year-end 2007 the fund was valued at \$709,000. At end-March 2008, we could have applied for redemption but there was no compelling reason to do so. Fund performance was -3% YTD. As a long term investment, this was not alarming. The S&P 500 and the Dow were down 10% and 7% respectively. By end-August, Credit Select Fund was down 10% YTD.

Unbeknownst to us, Credit Select borrowed not only from Lehman Bros - USA (its prime broker, of which we were aware) but also from Lehman Bros - Europe. While collateral pledged for such loans is kept segregated and whole by Lehman Bros - USA, Lehman Bros - Europe reuses collateral for other transactions commingling it with the assets of others. Thus, when Lehman Bros - Europe filed for bankruptcy, the Credit Select collateral was not readily retrievable.

While we may recover some of the \$640,000 value which this investment had on August 31, 2008, it seems prudent to consider the loss total for current accounting and planning purposes.

Other than Libertyview, the Lehman bankruptcy has had no direct effect upon our portfolio investments.

These investments are now managed by Barclays which purchased this business from Lehman. The same advisors who were looking after our investments at Lehman are now employed by Barclays and continue to shepherd our accounts.

September / October 2008:

At the end of August, our endowment was valued at \$12,800,000 compared with a value of \$14,500,000 at the start of the year (down 12%). During that same period we used \$740,000 of cash in order to fund our operations (accounting for 5% of the 12% decline in value).

We estimate our endowment valuation at the end of October to be near \$8,500,000. There was no place to hide. All asset classes experienced enormous losses contrary to the usual expectation of investments in non-correlated asset classes.

2009 Budget & Going Forward:

Our 2009 fiscal year which includes the 2009 summer season runs from 10/1/08 thru 9/30/09. Our budget for the year of \$1,128,000 was comprised of:

- 5.5% draw down \$804,000
- cash contributions \$324,000

The draw down is 5.5% of a trailing 3 year average valuation of our endowment. The cash contributions are those received in a past 12 month period. Within this budget, without deficit spending, we believed we could support an 80 student program (40 students at each camp site).

However, because of the reduced value of our endowment, and even with what some might consider optimistic expectations for recovery and growth, the draw down for FY2010 is estimated to be \$730,000 (\$74,000 less than for FY2009). Assuming fund raising success equal to the past 12 month period, we can then project funds available for a FY2010 budget of \$1,054,000.

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To support a full complement of 120 students for the 2010 season will cost \$130,000 more than the 2009 budget (\$110,000 to support additional students and \$20,000 estimated for inflation). Furthermore, if we assume recruiting expenses of \$95,000 for a new chief executive and a development (fund-raising) director, we will need a total of \$1,353,000 vs. the \$1,054,000 projected to be available.

By bypassing the 2009 season, we hope to create a reserve approaching \$500,000 which we can draw upon to meet these additional needs and to assure full seasons in 2010 and 2011. As a Board, we are intent on supporting full 120 student seasons for our initial seasons under new leadership.

If our efforts to expand the reach of Rising Sun are successful, we ought to engender a broader contribution support base by 2012. We are pleased, though not yet satisfied, with the growing level of alumni participation. Fund raising has become so important that to continue this progress and to help tap the outside donor world, the acquisition of a development director has become obligatory. We expect to more than recover the cost of such a person in fund-raising results.

The issues discussed here are more complex than is revealed in these notes. We have provided here an overview to underscore the seriousness of our situation and to give you some confidence that it is being carefully managed so that the Foundation will continue to do its good work. We invite your comments and questions. Please direct them via email to "finance@lajf.org".

To perpetuate the Rising Sun legacy, we continue to need your financial support. We ask those of you who contributed this past year to match that contribution in the current year (thru 6/30/09). And we urge those of you who did not contribute last year to do so in the current year.

Sincerely,

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Annual Appeal

Supporting CRS 2010

Dear Alumni and Friends of LAJF,

For nearly 80 years, CRS and LAJF have been focused on teaching and demonstrating principles of sensitive leadership. In the face of the current world financial crisis and the realities of significant economic downturn, demonstrating steady leadership is difficult but more important than ever. Today I am writing to seek your continued financial support as we navigate these difficult times together.

Challenging times demand responsible action

We must respond to the current circumstances carefully. Because of turmoil in the world financial markets, our endowment has decreased substantially in value. This has the immediate impact of reducing the amount of money we can responsibly use from the endowment to fund our operations. A separate letter from the LAJF Finance and Investment Committee, which appears in this Sundial, describes the financial context of our current situation.

To address the current circumstances, we have put in place policies and procedures to protect our endowment and are implementing a number of cost saving measures:

- **Reduced Program Expenditures:** Because we will not operate a CRS program in 2009, most program and associated foundation costs have been eliminated or significantly reduced. Some of the biggest savings are in the areas of insurance, energy use, food, travel and seasonal staff salaries.
- **Reduced Foundation Staff:** We have eliminated the Office Manager position and those duties are now shared among remaining staff members.

These and other expense cuts will help us to build a cash reserve

Regardless of current events, we remain committed to our key operating principles:

- Maintaining CRS as a scholarship program offered at no cost to all participants;
- Returning the CRS program size to 60 students at each of our two campuses; and
- The values of sensitive and responsible leadership that have defined CRS since 1930.

Right now you may be asking, "Why is LAJF asking me for money when there will be no season in 2009?"

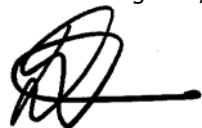
While we are bypassing the 2009 season, we are building a reserve to supplement the funds we will have available for the 2010 and 2011 seasons so that we can operate our program with a full complement of 60 boys and 60 girls. The funds available in any year are comprised of a draw down from the endowment and cash contributions received from alumni and friends.

Contributions we receive in the current year will determine the funds we have available to support our program in 2010

We understand that during these difficult times no one is exempt and that we are not the only ones asking for your support. If you contributed last year, please consider matching that contribution in this year. If you did not contribute last year, please consider doing so this year -- a contribution in whatever amount is right for you. Your participation in this effort is not just important; it is essential to the future of CRS.

Your contribution today helps us to support our program so that CRS students in future seasons can receive the same transformative lessons and quality of instruction that you experienced during your summers at CRS. I hope we can count on your support.

Sincere regards,



Herbert Klein III



The Louis August Jonas Foundation

Donation Amount:

I support the future of LAJF and the 2010 CRS Season by donating:

- \$10,000 Funds one CRS student for the entire summer
- \$5,000 Funds one month at CRS for one student
- \$1,250 Keeps our lights on for one month
- \$500 Feeds one table of students for one week
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George E. Jonas Scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies

Thanks to the generosity of the Georges Lurcy Charitable and Educational Trust the Louis August Jonas Foundation is able to offer college scholarships in the name of George E. Jonas, the founder of CRS.

The following criteria apply in order to be eligible to apply for a George E. Jonas Scholarship:

- be an alumnus/a of CRS;
- expect to be an undergraduate or graduate student in a college or university in the United States during the academic year 2009-2010 (this includes alumni worldwide who will be studying in the US).

Alumni may apply as high school seniors planning to enter college in Fall 2009 or may apply for a scholarship for their sophomore, junior or senior year of study.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements and all application materials, please visit **www.lajf.org** and follow the Alumni Services link to the GEJ Scholarship page.

Application Deadline for 2009-2010 Scholarships: April 15, 2009

Note: We understand not all applicants will know by April 15, 2009 which institution you will be attending and may not know the details of your financial situation.

In that case, submit all application forms with as much information as is known at that time and include an explanation of your situation. Submit any missing or additional information as soon as possible.

For more information email:
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Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Scholarship Winners

*Velizara Passajova, CRS/E '03
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The College of the Atlantic*

*Mike Yoler, CRS/R '03-'04
Georgetown University*

*Maisa Ziadni, CRS/C '01
Drexel University*

Alumni Outcomes Study Upcoming Online Survey

How has CRS impacted your life?

We are launching an online initiative to learn about the impact of CRS on the personal and professional lives of our 5,000+ member alumni community. We aim to share our results with alumni as well as with the broader global community.

To capture this information, we are launching an online alumni study comprised of 2 surveys: one is anonymous, and the other is a personal data survey. The identity of survey participants will be separated from the anonymous data to preserve the privacy of respondents. We seek to encourage open and candid responses to all survey questions. To further facilitate anonymity, this survey is being conducted outside the LAJF office, and all responses will be maintained securely and will remain confidential.

Since maximal response to the survey affects the validity and generalizability of any conclusions, we appreciate every single response we can get.

Please look for this survey in your email box in the next few weeks, and give us your honest reflections of how CRS impacted your life. More information will be included in the forthcoming email, so be sure that your contact information is up to date in the alumni records so that you can be reached by email and can be included in this alumni survey.

NOTE: If you do not have email access but still wish to participate in this study, we welcome you to contact the LAJF Board member who is spearheading this project:

Pat O'Malley, MD, '80
Outcomes@lajf.org
(800) 262-0136 or
(215) 230-7040

ARISE Opportunities in 2009

ARISE is an alumni service program providing grant opportunities to support alumni engaged in service projects locally and/or globally.

ARISE is aimed at promoting a lifelong commitment to service and the well-being of people worldwide. Grants are awarded based on the merits of each project.

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Summer 2008

Excerpts from *The Sunrise* and *The Rising Sun*

My Experience at the Mosque

by Sophie Schor

Religious excursions are a key part of the Camp Rising Sun experience. We are given the opportunity to participate in religious services at a different temple/church/mosque every weekend. People are encouraged to try new things and experience a religion first hand that they have never seen.

The trip to the Mosque was especially unique. We were given the opportunity to dispel any myths we had heard. Islam seems to me like one of the most misunderstood religions of the world. The media portrays it in a bad light, constantly blaming the religion for the rise in terrorism. When my World Religions class began to study Islam, we sat down and all wrote down our perceptions that we had of the religion. It was frightening to see how angry people were at someone who they didn't even

know, at a religion that they knew nothing about. Many of the slips of paper read "terrorists," others said "9-11." The idea that my classmates and I had such a misconstrued perception of this religion was frightening. If a class of intelligent students was so closed minded, what about the entire United States?



Our excursion to the mosque seemed as though it would be awkward. Here we were, non-practicing "Muslims for a day" partaking in something that seemed private and personal. However, the entire experience was anything but. Every single woman greeted us with a warm smile. Our tour guide showed us how to pray along with everyone else, and as the group prayer began she ushered us into the lines. We followed along, bending down, touching our foreheads to the floor.

Every now and then, I would catch someone's eye and try not to laugh. The knowing look that passed between us filled with the sentiment of "I feel ridiculous and don't know what I am doing."

After the prayer service was over, the Imam spoke with us and answered all of our questions that we had about the religion. He explained that a translation of Islam actually means "peace." It made me realize how wrong our views on Islam are and how much they have been shaped by our media. The stories that we hear tend to be more about the Islamic Extremists, than peaceful practicing and devout Muslims. People now have trouble now differentiating between the two. The Imam gave us a brief overview of the religion: the five pillars of faith, and the necessity for modesty.

On the drive back to camp, the van was filled with chatter. We were all talking about our surprise and the revelations we had experienced. We were talking about when the Imam said that women can't be Imams because they would feel uncomfortable standing in front of the congregation and leading the prayers. This was obviously a foreign concept for this group living in an all girls' leadership camp. But most of all we were talking about the level of comfort that we felt being somewhere that was so new.



Project Updates at Clinton—week 2

by Grace Wang

Gazebo: The gazebo project team, led by Priya, has been hard at work for almost a week. After tearing out one-foot-high weeds, the team sat down to discuss the design for the garden. Deciding that flowers would be too hard to maintain, they decided to create a rock garden. The community signed the rocks and they will be arranged to spell out '08'. Because the garden has room for many seasons to make their own stone gardens, Camilla, a team member, believes the project "will bring the CRS community together."



Stargazing Tower: Some campers have recently taken on a big project—to build a stargazing tower in the woods, not far from the Council Ring. Although they have only been working for a few days, a lot of land has been cleared and morale remains high despite the hard work. The way Yena puts it, "I think we're achieving a lot in a short amount of time and I think it really reflects Yuki's and Lee's project management skills." Great work by everyone working on the stargazing project for their high ambitions!

Sauna: The sauna is an often overlooked spot on the Clinton campus (for those who don't know, it is behind the pool). In the beginning of the season, it was full of dirt and dust. Vivian and Dorrie have been working to fix it up. They have filled holes, fixed the trim and doorstep, and replaced the Plexiglass window. Vivian says "it's fun to work on the sauna and I hope we can use it soon!"



Peace Garden: There are two peace gardens at Clinton, one by the teepee and the other by the old Council ring. The group has begun to repair the garden by the teepee and replaced the beads. They have also begun the planning process of the other garden. The team is planning to plant a new peace tree in the center of the old council ring, surrounded by a new fence that is modeled on the old design. There will also be a small path with little heart stones and cement. Karolina "can't wait for the project to be finished!"

Summer 2008

July Productions

by Daniel Jancso and Anthony Campana

Much Ado About Nothing

A.k.a. the Boyz' Camp Play

Everything began about 2 weeks ago. The actor's were selected, received their scripts and began memorizing lines. Last week was full of rehearsals and there was so much to do: choose the clothes, make-up, hair style, and paint the background. And I could hardly forget to mention the hard work on the music which is all original (written by Moritz from Germany who didn't sleep for two days because of making the music).

On Sunday all these hard efforts came together to make a wonderful production.

But it wasn't quite that easy. First we had to fight with the rain. We got all the stuff (including a piano) up from Old Theatre to International



theatre in just 9(!) minutes. Then there was the case of the missing music. Somehow, some of the music was just missing so our piano man, Conor, had to improvise.

On Sunday, around 2 o'clock, the Red Hook play finally began. Everyone knew their lines and the many hours of hard work and practice made all the difference.

This isn't to say that everything went completely smoothly. There were a few unexpected items to contend with (e.g. forgetting props on the stage, real-time finger cutting, pants falling off) but in my opinion they just made the play better, and certainly more entertaining. Our audience also really seemed to enjoy seeing the boys play female roles.

For a really professional looking and well-done performance, congratulations Red Hook!

Love is all you dream

A.k.a the Girls' play

This Saturday the boys traveled to Clinton for the July Production, "Love is All You Dream," an original musical comprised of Beatles songs adjusted to fit the needs of the play.

I personally was really excited to see that the girls wrote their own play. The girls had wonderful original ideas, stage decorations, well-written funny characters, and great music.

The play began with a birthday party for Julia, the main character, who was celebrating her 15th birthday.

At her party, and with the help of Max, the TV anchor, Julia realized that she was missing love. This was followed by a Cinderella story, with a lovely song, where the characters found happiness. Next there was a scene with CRS and a girl missing home. The characters in the scene helped the

homesick girl to feel more at home. The last scene moved ahead to Julia's 20th birthday celebration and showed that she had finally found happiness. She had lots of friend and a supporting family had learned that love comes from friends and family and doesn't happen the way it does in fairy tales. The play ended with Clinton's rendition of Twist and Shout and the banana song.

I enjoyed the play very much because of the refreshing and original ideas, and I am sure the rest of the audience would agree.

It is clear that everyone did a lot of work to prepare for this production, so I offer my heartfelt Congratulations to everyone at CRS Clinton!

NEVER

by Marie Demby

Never take life for granted
Tomorrow is not always promised.

Things might not go according to plan.
Yet one should linger on.
In order to see
What is behind the next door,
Which may be worth the wait.

As humans it is intended
Ror us to make mistakes.
Yet the true test,
Is how we choose to deal with them.

Never regret what
Once made you smile.
Always forget what once made you cry.
Forgive those that try
To take your shine.

Love those that always
Wished you the best.
Dislike a sinner but never hate,
For if you do; you also sin.
Life is a road of obstacles.
Yet never fear risk or fear itself.
For when one challenges
No matter how long it takes,
She shall overcome!

Anything is possible,
So Never stop trying,
'Til you have made a slight change.

Live, Laugh, Love, Learn, and
Lift those that are beneath you.
For whatever you do today
Does not only impact you tomorrow,
But forever ingrain
The memory of you to others.

The sun will keep shining,
The earth will keep rotating.
So while you're here, enjoy life.
Cause soon it shall be gone!

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Taking Risks

by Priya Bhut

Life can seem boring at times, and if you're going to sit on the couch and complain about it, then it will stay that way.

These days many teenagers have settled into the relaxed schedule of eating, watching TV, texting, talking online and hanging out with their friends, and then they complain about only to do the same thing over and over again. Well, who's stopping them from exploring, trying something new, or testing their own limits as young people? No one.

Being young is the time in our lives

when making mistakes is perfectly acceptable. So why not take advantage of this, try as many things as



possible,

and challenge yourself? Ok, I'm not encouraging anyone to jump off a cliff or try to ride a lion. What I mean is push your limits in order to set new ones and experiment with every opportunity you can get your hands on. I believe that anyone who wants to do something with their life and wants to challenge themselves can do it, but only if you're to take a risk. Without taking risks and without making mistakes, this magical time we call being a teenager will basically go to waste.

The girls here at Clinton have realized that most of us came here to help define

who we are. In doing this, we've started to take steps outside our comfort zone. That is what everyone needs to be doing! Personally, I use the four "T's" when I'm bored to challenge myself and to take a risk to try something new. The four "T's" are: Thinking, Testing, Trying, and Talking. Thinking is the first step, when you allow your brain to consider *all* the random and wild things you could try. Then you Test it by picking one of the options and thinking of all the possible ways it could turn out. Then you Try it, and after you have experienced it, you keep the memory alive by Talking and telling your story or writing it down somewhere so you will always remember it and so it will inspire you to continue taking risks.

Sure, these four "Ts" have planted me in the hospital a few times, forced me to face angry adults, and have occasionally put into situations I would rather not be. But in the end, I leave the hospital, the adults forgive me, and I find out how to avoid the awkward situations. What never goes away is the memory and



Ode to my tent

Beige canvas dusty flaps
Great for taking naps
Open wide for fresh air,
Wait a second, there's a bear!
Sitting in creaking cots,
While eating smuggled tots.
Keeps us dry in the rain,
Slip and get a nasty sprain.
Dropping pencils through the floors,
Sleeping through
the counselors' snores.
Waking up in freezing cold,
Snuggle down in the mattress's mold.
Up in the night to take a pee,
That's no cheeseball, that's a bee!
Crickets, insects, spiders of sorts,
Get up early to play some sports.
There's no place I'd rather be,
My tent is definitely the place to be!

~ ~

Be Your Own Sachem!

by Gerrienne Pennings

I want to share my sachem experiences and give you some advice. I was honored to be the first first-year sachem this season. Franki told me Sunday evening that I was going to be the sachem next day. At first I was very surprised and a little bit confused, but soon I got used to the idea. It was a wonderful day, or at least that's my opinion. Jackie gave me the drum, under a beautiful sky with bright stars, and I felt simply amazing. It is hard to describe the feeling of that initial moment, but the whole day was so special. I felt a sort of positive power inside of me - when I saw people listening to me, supporting me and respecting me.

I learned that when you try to lead people, you have to believe in what you're doing. You have to know exactly what you want, and what your goal is. I also learned that when you stay calm, people believe you sooner. They know that they can trust, believe and follow you.

When you're a sachem, don't be afraid to keep asking questions about the things you're insecure about. You also have to trust the people you lead. The trust must come from two directions, just like the support, believe and help. This may sound very cliché, but I experienced that it is true.

Enjoy your sachem day. Take the



challenge, give yourself some goals, be willing to learn from it, don't be afraid of making mistakes, keep asking questions and most of all believe in yourself.

Be your own sachem!

Congratulations to all CRS 2008 students **CRS/Clinton—Rhinebeck, New York, USA**

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**Camp Rising Sun Western Reunion
February 13-16, 2009 in Denver, Colorado**

Mark your calendars!

The FIRST ANNUAL Camp Rising Sun Western Reunion will be held in Denver, Colorado the weekend of February 13th-16th. Please start booking flights, and send us your planned arrival and departure times so we can coordinate accordingly. Also, if you would like to stay with a host in the Denver area as opposed to a hotel, let us know so we can coordinate your hosting situation.

Activities for the weekend will include: sightseeing, informal council, discussion about Camp Rising Sun and current developments, a possible philanthropy project, and of course good food and great fun.

**1st Annual
Camp Rising Sun
Western Reunion
Denver, Colorado
February 13-16 2009**

Are you attending? If so, please send us the following information:

- Planned arrival and departure plans: Please plan to arrive the evening of the 13th or early the 14th, and depart the 16th)
- Accommodations plan: Which hotel will you be staying at? Do you need a host instead?
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Information Updates

If you know of others who are interested please have them sign into the gmail group for this event, as we will email updated information as it becomes available.

The group name is: CRS West. Information is also available on **Facebook.com** by joining the group: **CRS Western Reunion.** This is an open group—anyone can join or invite others to join.

Planning Committees

Are you interested in helping to plan and coordinate this event? Consider joining one of our **two** planning committees:

- **The Denver Planning Committee:** Mainly for alumni in the Colorado area to help plan events and activities.
- **Pre-Reunion Committee:** This group is focusing on travel and lodging logistics and costs/fiscal impact on attendees.

For more information or to express interest in attending this event, please contact:

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Alumni Gatherings Worldwide



Dutch alumni meeting, also the home coming party for the 2008 students, held on a beautiful day in September 2008 in Amsterdam.

Standing, top row, from left to right: Anouk de Jonge '95, Tjerk Groenewegen '80, Chris Mangnus '01, Els Petit '96-'01-'02, Martine Visser '91, Wim Hafkamp '70, Kamil Laban '05; Standing, mixed second and third row: Jelmer ter Avest '08, Alida Aerden-Vonk '08, Gerriane Pennings '08, Noortje Horsten '94, Eliane Zeestraten '98, Constant van Tuyll '98; Sitting, back row: Liesbeth Smit, Naomi Peters Rit '04-'05, Tessel Boerma '02, Willeke Foppen '05; Sitting, front row: Isabelle van Lieshout '07, Hanne Duindam '05; Standing on the right side, from left to right: Elma Visser '07, Hester Mourik '06-'07, Esther Eggink '03, Karen Brummel '01-'07, Harrie Hamstra '71('99-'06).

CRS Alumni in Minnesota at a meeting in Fall 2008 welcoming back the students at CRS in 2008. Front row: Janessa Schillmoeller '05-'06, Paul Ndayizeye '05, Jacob Sandry '07-'08, Andrew Schmitz '88; Middle Row: Anthony Campana '08, Chelsea Beyrand '07, Kathryn Smith '98, Hannah Olson '08, Lisa Logan '99, '07-'08; Back Row: Rick Luis '61, Steve Domine '79, Camden Knoff '08, Jerry Stanke '64. Not pictured: Joshua Wyman '07.



Alumni meeting in Cyprus August 2008

This update comes from Eva Stylianou '05-'07: "Although we were missing a few members, we all met after the 2008 season at Aria Georghiou's house for dinner and a late night swim. It was really great to catch up and for the first time ever we all actually appreciated Cyprus' small size, as we all live within 10 minutes of each other." Our friends in Cyprus remind us that no matter how big or small, formal or informal, alumni gatherings are something extremely special. In photo from left to right: Anastasia Efstathiou '06, Eva Stylianou '05-'07, Aria Georghiou '07, Monica Mylordou '08.



Alumni in Santa Fe, New Mexico Spring 2008

Front Row: Bill Dubey '40-'42, '77-'86, Dolma Yangzom '08, Steven Alarid '08. Back Row: Jason Shain '05-'06; Livia Lown '07-'08, Jacqueline Salinas '05, Enriquet Koerdell '07-'08.

Are you interested in hosting an alumni gathering?

Hosting an alumni gathering is a great way to reconnect and add vibrancy to our alumni community. LAJF staff will gladly attend organized alumni events. *Contact LAJF today and we will help you make plans, find alumni in your area & send invitations.*



Alumni gathering in Germany in October 2008. The German Alumni Association reports that "while we enjoyed to meet dear CRS friends again, we were eager to continue planning the CRS World Reunion."

Our friends in Germany have been very busy making plans to welcome many alumni and friends from all over the world. Plans include opportunities for alumni reconnection and reflection as well as some outstanding sight-seeing and tour opportunities to help visitors explore beautiful Germany.

Mark your calendar!
CRS World Reunion
September 2-5, 2010
Berlin, Germany

Alumni Beings and Doings

1930s

Arnold B. Scheibel MD '37 reports "A faculty member at UCLA for 53 years. I closed my research lab a few years ago. I am still teaching neuroscience to undergraduates, graduates and medical students and enjoying it more than ever. How lucky can you get!" scheibel@mednet.ucla.edu

1940s

Francis F. (Franny) Chen '44-'46 offers this: "This is not a time to just say hello. CRS has problems, and the 2009 season has been canceled. We are now under the capable leadership of Bob Mellins and Mark Rockkind, who will pull us out of it and get Camp back to what it was. Please stay involved and give them your support." ffchen@ee.ucla.edu

Ambassador Ulric Haynes, Jr. ("Ricky" or "Rick"), '47-'48, '50, '52-'53 shares: "Over the years, I have met or been in touch on several occasions with **Francois Jerome '49** (France), **Gunnar Riberholdt '49** (Denmark), **Roger Boxill '43-'44 '48, Maurice Richter, Jim Ketchum '45-'47, Per Bergsjø '48, '53** (Norway), **Peder Eriksson '47** (Sweden), **Czeslaw Prokopczyk '48** (Poland), **Alim-Ur Rahman Khan '52** (Bangladesh), **Viggo Hartz '50** (Denmark), **John Reiner '51-'53, '56-'57, Tom Reiner '45-'47, McKinney Russell '45-'47, Jim Pierce '45-'48, '50-'51, Bill Soule '47-'48, Chris Nicholson** (staff), **Abdelkrim Bedja '79** (staff), the late **Bob Pinckert '52, '57** (staff) and several others. In November 2008, I will hold a mini-reunion with **Per Bergsjø** and his family in Oslo. The most frustrating and least productive years of my association with the LAJF were the two brief periods of my service on the Board! If you do not include the last sentence of the above statement, I will consider it that you have destroyed the integrity of my contribution to this issue of the Sundial. (Print this sentence, if you wish.) uhaynesjr@yahoo.com

Rick is pictured here with his wife, Yolande, and children, Alexandra and Gregory.



Jim Ketchum '45-'47 "When I realized I was (evidently) one of the very few chosen by Christina Busso to send a brief resume of my recent accomplishments, I was stunned, but fortunately three summers at Camp did much to help cure me of my troubling narcissism, although I still find it difficult to limit my report to only a few sentences, so I will have to make them rather lengthy. In the past two years or so I completed a book - "Chemical Warfare Secrets Almost



Forgotten" - which is a personalized, extensively illustrated account of my medical research with psychoactive drugs in military volunteers during the 1960s and contains much classified information previously withheld from the public which, although self-published, has resulted in numerous favorable reviews, orders from 16 countries and a bevy of speaking engagements. I also managed to compile a 90-page illustrated chronicle of "Hours and Days with Freddy," which I will be glad to download free of charge from my web site "<secretsalmostforgotten.net> to anyone who sends Camp a contribution of \$30. It is a whimsical, not entirely accurate, account of my 30 years of personal friendship with Freddy, including the more than three dozen letters we exchanged." ndorfun@aol.com

Alfred Slatin '45-'46 retired 15 years ago as head of a hazardous wastewater treatment equipment company, Zimpro. Before that had worked with Exxon, El Paso Natural Gas and a few minor companies, mostly making plastics from petroleum. "My college roommate called my appointment to Zimpro as repentance for my sins. He was an Environmental Lawyer and Professor. He may have been right." Mr. Slatin reports that since 1970 he has lived quite a distance from New York and Rising Sun, now in Bellevue, WA, but has "very fond memories and deep gratitude to Freddy, my fellow campers and to the staff at Rising Sun. It truly was the basis of my education, my sense of values and much of my joy in life. At Rising Sun I was introduced to Art and in retirement I am a frequent local exhibitor of my oils, watercolors and prints. I don't sell much but nice elderly people I meet as a result are very kind. We have been living the Pacific Northwest since I retired, to be near my daughter and grandchild. Since at one point we lived in Odessa, Texas, where the annual rainfall is equal to one day's misty morning here, I feel I have proved the adaptability of mankind." Living in Bellevue WA to be near family, with my wife of 58 years, Norma. Alfred has become an active amateur artist, oil and watercolor, an avocation he first tried at Rising Sun. He reports, "I have actually sold a few works." 3040krag98@comcast.net

1950s

Gunnar Adler-Karlsson '54 "My senility is so advanced that I still imagine myself capable of writing books. The next - and my last - will be published before Christmas with the title THE BIOLOGICAL ORIGIN OF EVIL. In it I suggest we get rid of the concept of "evil", invented by Zoroaster, used by Bush, and replace it with "biological tragedy" which, to judge from modern genetic studies, is scientifically correct. As was the title of my 2003 book with the title: MEMORIES BY AN INFLATED BACTERIA, in which the "inflated bacteria" even praised his Camp Rising Sun summer of 1950, yes, 58 years ago but still in warm memory!" adler.karlsson@capri.it

Eugene Eoyang '52-'53 is now happily retired after nearly forty years of teaching at Indiana University and Lingnan University (Hong Kong). He published two books in

2007: "Two-Way Mirrors: Cross-Cultural Studies in Globalization" and "The Smile of a Crocodile: Rhymes for Chloe (and Kyle)", a children's book written for his grandchildren. eoyang@indiana.edu

Kimmo Leimu '53 informs us: "Originally a teacher, then majoring in psychology and education, I was working first at the Psychology Department, then as a senior researcher at the Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä, Finland. I retired in 1999. Most of my career I was involved as the Finnish representative in the work of IEA: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement, which conducts large scale studies in comparative education in dozens of countries. During my last 9 active years my principal duties were related to the OECD project INES: Indicators for National Educational Systems, which subsequently led into the well-known cycles of PISA studies (Programme for International Student Assessment). After retirement I continued consulting in educational research and related issues, which had earlier taken me to Botswana, Lesotho, Zambia and Palestinian territories, and now (in early 2000's) to Cambodia. - My current civic life includes (voluntary) work as chairman of The Palokka Association, a local residents' organization which has cultural activities interests in addition to residential and environmental concerns. Married since 1966, my wife Mirja and I have three children and four grandchildren, the youngest one now only 2 months of age." kimmo.leimu@luukku.com

Peter Mark '55 is the founding General and Artistic Director of Virginia Opera and of International Opera Alliance, as well as an International Opera Coach, Masterclass Teacher, and Conductor. Since 1975, he has ushered the Virginia Opera's growth into one of the finest and largest opera companies in the nation. Maestro Mark conducted his 100th Virginia Opera Production, *Il Travatore*, this season, totaling 700 highly successful performances led by him on the company's stage. Peter's wife, Thea Musgrave, has also achieved great success with the Opera and is a distinguished Scottish-American composer. pmvoa@aol.com



Tony Perera '54 says, "I represented Ceylon, now known as Sri Lanka. Overall the summer was a success with genial inter-actions among all the Campers, the Staff and Freddie." ynotp@hotmail.com

Fred Stafford '50 "This has been a year of dramatic change for me. After 46 years of full-time employment, I retired in Jan 2008 from my position as Director of Special Projects at the University of Chicago, but continue my mentoring activities as a consultant. In March-April, went on a tour of Israel, Jordan (Petra), Egypt, and Turkey visiting all those sites that I read about as a little boy and again in school. And, perhaps as a result of the stresses of retirement, my wife of 45 years and I were divorced in Oct 2008 so I am rebuilding my social existence." f-stafford@uchicago.edu

John Stevenson '59 reports "I have just completed a 3-year stint as Chair of my Psychology Department at the U of Ri, and I'm now looking forward to a sabbatical at NAU in Flagstaff. Step-grandchildren (2) in San Diego are pulling me toward the south-west!" jsteve@uri.edu

1960s

Mel Brender '61-'62 is living in Brooklyn with his wife, Terry Lawler. For many years he has been working in Information Technology, most recently at TIAA-CREF. The couple's children are Kate, who is 24 years old, and Will, who is 21. mbrender@tiaa-cref.org



Peter Elias '65 "I will never forget that intense and meaningful summer as a counselor (but often out of my depth being only a couple years older than some of the campers), registering for the draft, totaling a car, and a very special 18th birthday celebration. Thanks go to those who shared it with me. Peace." pheski@gwi.net

Bill Hemeter '67 Has recently moved to Gulfport, MS. and is practicing as an ophthalmologist. "I am now one of the world's experts on fishing boat websites since I want to buy a boat and take up salt water fishing. After much due diligence I have decided on the Robalo 24 foot center console. I remain perplexed how the market can support so many boat companies!" whemeter@aol.com

Markku Huvinen '66 happily reports that his first grandchild (grandson) Leo was born on June 11, 2008. markku.huvinen@outokumpu.com



Paavo Jäppinen '63 gladly welcomed his second grandchild, a lovely girl, was born July 23, 2008. paavo.jappinen@fimnet.fi

Christian Kock '62 from Denmark is still a Professor of Rhetoric at the University of Copenhagen and sometimes visits the US or Canada in that capacity. "I'm married to Birthe since 1981, and we have 3 daughters: Julie (23), Eva (20) and Louise (17). The two eldest are students at the Royal Danish Academy of Music, the youngest is still in high school. This is a picture of me, visiting Julie at Northwestern University." kock@hum.ku.dk



Matti Liukkonen '62 "Having retired four years ago from my post of director/chief adviser of the European Commission in Brussels, I have tried to improve my proficiency in French (with some success) and Russian (doomed to fail...), done some mentoring to post-graduates-turned-entrepreneurs of Helsinki School of Economics, chaired the Board of the Sixth Floor Orchestra (best old music orchestra in Finland), enjoyed fishing and hunting elk (moose) etc. My wife Kirsti was appointed ambassador to Turkey. Therefore I have lived since September in Ankara. For the following four years I'll have a new "hobby": Turkey in all its

aspects (language, politics, history, culture...)" liukkonen@welho.com

Joshua Muravchik's '62 new book, *The Next Founders: Voices of Democracy in the Middle East*, will be published by Encounter Books early in 2009. In addition to a wife and three daughters, Josh has 4 grandsons, ages 5, 3, 2, 1, and is impatiently waiting for granddaughters. jmuravchik@aol.com

Stephen Racioppo '68 Just retired from Accenture after nearly 35-yr career in consulting. Most recent role was Senior Managing Director leading our Financial Services (banking, capital markets, insurance) business in North America and Asia Pacific (\$2 billions annual sales). Will pursue a variety of new ventures including new business (680 International) to buy and sell world-class dressage show horses. Personal hobbies include amateur competition in Show Jumping (another aspect of show horses). Now also grandfather of one. Stephen.g.racioppo@accenture.com

1970s

Thomas Berger, MD, PhD '78 "I am happy to announce, that another German CRS working class kid has made it to the next level: after 7 years in Clinical Research at PAR-EXEL/Perceptive Informatics in Berlin I will start in December 2008 as the new German Head of Medical Systems for FUJIFILM in a strategic position re-structuring FUJIFILM to a life sciences company. Together with my wife Tanja and my sons Tim (8) and Til (5) will move back to Düsseldorf soon. Last September I ran my first Marathon and ended up slightly above 4 hrs.. So I have to do it again in order to stay below the magic 4 hrs. Apart from that I will continue working as the Head of the Organizing Committee for the Worldwide Reunion 2010 in Berlin. I hope to welcome all of you there in person!" thomas_berger@fujifilm.eu



Tommy Cobb '73 from Mississippi, is still in medical practice in Starkville, MS, involved with camp as selector for Clinton corners from Starkville HS. In 2007 enjoyed kayaking on Long Island sound with Peter Pope '73. "Thanks Peter." tjquail@yahoo.com

Brad Cohen '75-'76, '82 lives in Jamaica Plain, MA, part of Boston, works for the Boston Public Health Commission, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Ferry Beach Conference Center in Saco, ME. bcohen99@yahoo.com

Jay Gammell '71 enjoys living in his 5 star rated green home he has built in Austin, Texas. Still working in residential construction [remodeling] for an outstanding Design Build firm. "If you're ever in the Austin area, my wife & I have a spare guest room and plenty of stories. This picture was of my 60 lb. halibut caught on vacation in Homer, AK in September." jay.gammell@gmail.com



Wim Hafkamp '70 meandered further in his professional life, as dean of the faculty of social sciences at Erasmus University Rotterdam (01-05), visiting professor at RMIT University in Melbourne Australia (06), and

now as director of Nicis Institute in The Hague. Nicis is a knowledge institute on urban innovation and sustainable cities. 1970 campers interested in attending a '40 years later, 40 years wiser' reunion in 2010, please write to whafkamp@xs4all.nl

Zlatoje Martinov, '70 Vice-editor in chief of *Republika* magazine (magazine for social, political and cultural problems) in Belgrade. Also writer and critic, write short stories and novels, published many articles in literary reviews. Published 6 books up to now. Member of the PEN Center International. zlatoje@yahoo.com



William "Bill" McIntyre '76-'77 is approaching 20 years in metro DC and a happy "thorn" among the roses (Sabrina, Maria/19, Ana Pilar/6 & Mirabel/4). Currently running an online public affairs firm (Grassroots Enterprise) after fighting the good fight for the NRA and writing award-winning stories, columns and editorials for a variety of newspapers. Still playing hockey, twittering (www.twitter.com/bill_mcintyre) and trying to get back to NYC for some real bagels and the IRT. bmcintyre@grassroots.com

Rich Miller '79-'80 "I was pleased that our daughter, Lauren, was a legacy camper at the Girls Camp this summer. She is in her second year at the Emma Willard School. I am busy practicing law in NYC and working with various cultural institutions." rjm@mormc.com

Mark (Karim) Mossavat '72 "After a wonderful Summer in Red Hook, I went back to my home country, Iran, to finish my education. After receiving a Master's degree in Computer Science from University of Tehran, I returned to US in 1978. I first attended Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) pursuing a second MS degree and then moved to Texas to start a career as a Systems Analyst working for the state government in Austin. Met my wife and best friend, Debbie in 1981



and we were married a year later - just celebrated our 26th anniversary in October. We have two wonderful daughters Jocelyn and Brooke, both in college, one at UT and the other at Texas State. After becoming a proud US citizen in 1985, I chose Mark as my first name and made Karim my middle name. Career wise, after four years of working for the state government, I joined Coopers & Lybrand as a senior consultant and then moved to Deloitte & Touche as a manager and then a senior manager specializing in information technology and business process reengineering. In 1997, I started a software engineering firm, MMCS Consulting, LLC, a niche business, catering to the education industry." The photo shows Mark with his Wife, Debbie. mmossavat@mmcsconsulting.com

Mickey Seabrook '70 is a member of the Board of Directors for Rural Mission, Inc., a non-profit organization serving migrant and low-income families on the Sea Islands of rural Charleston County, SC. He has been elected Moderator for Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, the local governing body for 49 Presbyterian Churches (USA) in the SC Lowcountry. mickey@emseabrook.com

1980s

Michael Anyfantakis '89 Moved from Greece to England 10 years ago and now works as an IT Solutions Architect for IBM in the UK. "Have been married for most of this time to my Greek college sweetheart, who last year gave birth to our wonderful little daughter. manyfa@gmail.com

Chris Arzt '82-'83 is now living in Shanghai with my wife Anna. "We moved here in March to open an office of my firm. We're also expecting our first baby in February." carzt@yahoo.com

Cyrille Hanappe '85 "I'm doing fine with my little family, my second son, Félix, born on the 21st of June, 2007, walking and messing everywhere ! The architectural firm I created 8 years ago, (www.air-architecture.com) AIR Architecture, released five new buildings this year, including a 10.000 sqm- 130 rooms hotel, near Paris. The other building, mostly cultural centres and schools, have attracted a wide attention both locally and in national medias. Hope everybody is doing fine and very excited about the us election." Photo shows Dorothée, Pierre Oscar, Félix and Cyrille ch@air-architecture.com



Ihsan Kaler Hurcan '87 "I am currently working at Mitsui & Co., Ltd. Headquarters in Tokyo. Our second son, Refik, joined us on August 25th this year. His four year older brother Rauf, for the time being, gets along well with him. I joined the Tokyo Marathon last February and managed to complete the run in less than four hours. If you ever come to Tokyo, my wife, Yasemin, and I would love to meet you. Just give us a call at +81 90 1114 5572 or send an email." i.hurcan@mitsui.com

Andrew Jones '82 The Jones family has expanded in the last year to include little Isabella. "She joins Margie, Susi, and Vicki. My wife and Iraida took the age old shot at rounding out the team with a boy and were blessed with this little blessing. She is wonderful. Hoping to take all the girls to visit the camps next summer so they can know what Dad is always talking about. Also spoke with Neil Simms in England this year and hope to one day cross the pond and visit my ancestral home in Wales with him." ajones@rallyelexus.com



Scott Lopez-Gelormino '85-'87 offers this update: "I'm currently finishing my doctorate in public health law reform and epidemiology, as well as continuing my work as a human rights and civil rights attorney in Sydney (Australia). My microfinance work has been taking me to central Asia often in recent years, though I've been unable to catch up with Rising Sons and Daughters in these places (i.e., Georgia, Armenia, and Tajikistan). As for Australia, I've been heartened that the few of us here in Sydney - namely, Brian Rutnam and myself - have enjoyed creating a small (albeit significant) alumni community here. Should any alums find themselves heading 'down under,' please do let me know!" scottlg@alumni.stanford.org and cscottlopez@aya.yale.edu

Rafi Niv '81 is an artistic and pedagogical director of "The Negev School of Dramatic Arts" in Israel. "Recently I directed a production of "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare at one of the biggest theaters in Israel. I live with my boyfriend in the last 5 years Nir, who is an interior designer and my son Noam (8 years old). I will be more than happy to hear from CRS friends." refaello@netvision.net.il



Tony Overbay '85 Recently completed his first 100 mile run, the Rio Del Lago 100 Mile Endurance Run, held in Granite Bay, California. Overbay, an avid marathon runner having completed over 20, began running ultra marathons one year ago and completed 6 50k's, 1 50 mile race and the 100 mile run in the past 12 months. Reports of his races can be found on his webpage at www.tonyoverbay.com tony@tonyoverbay.com



Hooman Yaghoobzadeh '87-'88 has moved to Edgemont Westchester with his wife, Deborah, and 2 boys Kion and Liyam. He practices Medicine and Cardiology on the upper East Side of Manhattan. Office number is 212 861 3222. hooman50@hotmail.com

1990s

David Baharvar '95 will facilitate two workshops in the Berlin area in late November and early December on the subject of how to productively and personally deal with disputed histories, pained memories and ethnic/religious tension between identity groups. David uses the lessons about inter-cultural understanding and the inspiration that he received at CRS, among other places, as a fellow of the International Center for Conciliation and in his other work as a lawyer based in New York. db75@cornell.edu



Erin Brindle '99 has been working for the past three years in Washington DC as an art therapist in a mental facility. Recently bought her first house, is learning Mandarin Chinese, and hopes to visit/live in China in the next years. "I would like to reconnect with CRS Alums in the area." erinbrindle@gmail.com

Christina Busso '93-'94,

'05-'08 and husband Marshall Lambers welcomed Alexander to the family in June. "Our son arrived on the first day of camp. A CRS kid from the beginning." c_busso@hotmail.com



Jonathan Cartagena '97-'98 recently moved back to New York City to take a job with ITelagen, a company based in Jersey City, after living in Washington DC for almost 4 years. "It's great to be back and I look forward to seeing some old and new faces from CRS." jonathan.cartagena@gmail.com

David Epstein '94 is finishing his MBA at Columbia Business School in May '09 and will join the New York office of McKinsey & Co. the following fall. He is still actively playing piano both locally and internationally. jazzeps@yahoo.com

Xue Feng '94 changed jobs in May this year and now works at SouFun.com Inc. as a developing manager, mainly responsible for development of online applications. xf@mail.com



Barrington "Barry" Fulton Jr. '99-'00, '03 currently teaches English at The Pennington School in Pennington, NJ where he is also the Dean of Intercultural Affairs. "I work to ensure that issues of diversity and at the school are discussed and handled in an appropriate manner. I also live on the school's campus." barrington.fulton@gmail.com

Yasmin Galal '92 is just back from London, after spending one year doing a clinical Neurology Diploma at University College London (UCL). "Planning to start my own private practice in Cairo a Pediatric Neurology clinic." dr_juse@yahoo.com

Anja Hodann '93 "Stefan and I just had a little daughter on Oct 29th. Currently on maternity leave from the event marketing agency where I still work. Look forward to get back in shape for the next climbing season." anjahodann@hotmail.com

Tina Ingrassia-Dietz MS, NCC '96-'97 has launched her private Life & Business Coaching/ Consulting practice via her new website www.orbitalfamily.com and is now



accepting clients for private sessions and workshops. "Are you ready to take on having the life of your dreams? Contact me and see how it's possible to have the financial abundance, joyful relationships, business success, and satisfaction in life that you've always wanted." (716) 523-1089 or tina@orbitalfamily.com

David Ives '90-'99 current Executive Director of the Albert Schweitzer Institute at Quinnipiac University, David is pictured here (far left) receiving an Emmy Award for the recent documentary about Albert Schweitzer's life and work. Heartfelt congratulations to David and all those at the Schweitzer Institute working to advance Schweitzer's ideals and reverence for life. David.Ives@quinnipiac.edu



Nora Kokanova '99 "I am currently in Rwanda for an internship with UNIFEM. Working with feminized poverty, gender based violence and women empowerment. Any alumni around east Africa?" norakokanova@hotmail.com

Jesper Lagerbäck '98 has finished his LL.M. in Law and BA in Economics about a year ago. "After attending a trainee program for H&M I am now living in Japan starting up the first H&M stores here."



jesper.lagerback@gmail.com

Katherine Liao '92-'93 Was in Sweden doing rheumatology research with a group at the Karolinska Institute and met with **Anja Hodann '93**. "Anja took me in for a couple days. I was literally dropped off on her doorstep after 30 hours of travel with no luggage (I eventually got it 5 days later, but also had to borrow Anja's clothes!). She now represents Sweden in bouldering while holding down a full time job. She's also in the Swedish Marmot ads. Not surprising. As for me, I'm finished my medicine residency up here in Boston and am now doing fellowship in rheumatology." **katherine.liao@gmail.com**



Ms. La-kee-a Lowry '91 is a 2008 Graduate of Eastern University, MA in International Economic development Resides in Upper Darby, PA. Just returned from an 3 internship in Zambia, central Africa. 1 Daughter, Tatyana, age 10. **lakeap@aol.com**

Helene Mattera '97-'98-'00-'01 continues to run a community center in Parkchester. Visitors and volunteers are welcome at the center anytime! She recently moved into the neighborhood with her partner Jon Werberg with whom she is tying the knot on 11/29/08. **helenemattera@yahoo.com**

Abhijeet Nain '99 "Just wanted to say a big hello to everyone! Hope everyone is doing well and are happy! I have recently (March 08) moved back to Toronto after spending two and a half beautiful years back in India. I was working as the head of production at a film production house in Bombay working on commercial Bollywood films. Had a blast! Am now back in Canada, looking for film work....not had to much luck over the past few months in the career aspect of my life....Loving the struggle of a film makers life! Love and peace to us all!" **abhijeetnain@gmail.com** or **abhijeet@abhijeetnain.com**



Ajibade Olayinka '91 "Hello, I'm really happy to be part of this great things. I now live in London, England with my family for four and half year now with my family, and my wife and i are expecting a baby boy this November. Any C.R.S family coming to England is always welcome to my house." **olayinkap@yahoo.com**

Eugene Podokshik '95 "All is well. Up to three kids now - ages 4, 2 and one month, plus a dog, a guinea pig and mouse (latter not by choice). Still crunching away in corporate America though getting really really tired of it. Served on some not for profit boards, even became chair of a strategic planning committee. Still staying away from politics and no more chess. No time for anything really. Well, hello to all my friends from CRS '95. Miss you and still think about that summer all the time. Hope your lives are going well." **ebarsuk@gmail.com**



Jackie Ramos Gonzalez '91-'92 has just completed her Masters in HR Management from Stony Brook University and is pursuing a SPHR certification. "I've also recently joined the Stony Brook Theatre fund raising committee. My

daughter Sophie Rose was elected into her 4th grade student counsel and my husband Dennis Gonzalez is a Board Member for the NYPD Hispanic Society who helped raise funds for Toys for Tots, college scholarships and Breast Cancer Research. I look forward to staying in touch and re-connecting with all my dear friends from CRS." **jackiegramos@aol.com**

Job Seuren '99, '04 "After almost having finished my bachelor international relations in Groningen, I will start working for Dutch wine importer Vinoblesse in the centre of Holland, 20 minutes from Amsterdam, focusing mainly on sales to Michelin class restaurants." **job_seuren@hotmail.com**

Christy (Cromley) Seyfert '92 and husband Mike welcomed their second little girl, Madison, into their family in July. Christy and Mike continue to work for the U.S. Senate. **c.seyfert1@verizon.net**

Bryan Sherman '90-'91 "Having moved to Tokyo one year ago, I am still enjoying my life here with my wife and our new dog- Gramercy, a Norfolk Terrier. I remain the sole "gaijin" (foreigner that is) working in the Group HR Department of Fast Retailing, the parent company of the Uniqlo brand." **bryansherman@hotmail.com**

Dwayne Squires '99-'00 "Hello Everyone, I just recently graduated from the University Of the West Indies with a BSC in Mathematics with Computer Science. Hope all is well and life isn't treating you too badly, be good and stay safe." **redguy92@hotmail.com**



Daniel C. Stein '99-'00 has just started a new job as an ESL teacher in New York City. He is totally overwhelmed and totally enamored! **d_c_stein@yahoo.com.ar**

Winston Taitt '93 is a practicing attorney doing public service work in Orlando, FL. He is recently engaged to Sarah Rissman who he met in law school. Both Sarah and Winston visited Turkey in January 2008 to meet **Guvenc Akbil '89**. Guvenc reciprocated with a visit to Orlando a few months later. **winstontaitt@hotmail.com**



Hugo Voncken '92 (The Netherlands) **Koichi Yamashita '92** (Japan) and are friends since CRS'92. In October 2007 they celebrated their 5th reunion in Kyoto.

Hugo is now 32 years and lives in Den Bosch. After successfully completing his medical specialization, he is now working as a geriatrician- doctor who specialises in the elderly- in the Canisius-Wilhelmina Hospital in Nijmegen. **Koichi** is now 30 years old. After spending 2 years in Geneva, Switzerland, graduated from Tokyo Univ in 2001. Since then working for Merrill Lynch Japan as a broker of worldwide equities. Both invite CRS alumni of 1992 to get back in touch or pay us a visit. Koichi: **koichi-y@lime.plala.or.jp** Hugo: **hjm.voncken@gmail.com**

Anne Louise Winslöv, Denmark '91 '99 '02 recently moved to Cairo, where she will be posted to the Embassy of Denmark as deputy head of mission. Anne is moving to Egypt with her partner of now ten years, Peter. He is a journalist and will freelance for different Danish media while in Egypt. In her spare time Anne is planning on improving her Arabic skills as well as continuing to play basketball. Anne & Peter hope to spend their vacations traveling throughout the Middle East and would like reunite with camp-friends in the region. There will also be plenty of time for new and old camp-friends to stop by for a visit in Cairo, since Anne & Peter will be living there until August 2011. **winslov@gmail.com**

2000s

Acheampong Emmanuel Adomako '02 is in his fourth year at the School of Medical Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi in Ghana and hopes to graduate in 2011. He finished Preclinical training in June and started the clinical training at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in September. Acheampong sends his greetings to all alumni across the world and says "I will like to hear from everybody especially 2002 alumni. This is a photo I took before going for an oral exam in psychology (June '08) **adomako_e_a@hotmail.com**



Alpha Shally Arifin '03 Graduated from University of Indonesia, majoring in Industrial Engineering, with outstanding remarks. Start working in Total E&P Indonesia (Human Resources Division). Spent leisure activities in global warming research. **alpha.arifin@total.com**



Paula Camara '05-'06 "Hi CRS family. I hope you all are doing very well. I started studying Business Adm and Management, and there I joined AIESEC. It is a really cool organization and now I'm part of the EB. We made a new volleyball team and we promoted to a higher league, so I'm playing against really good people and I'm the captain. Miss you, Paula." Photo shows CRS/E 05 meeting in Spain with Orsi, Alex, Allegra, Iben, Barbara and Paula. **paula150889@hotmail.com**



Eric Gomez '07 "I'm doing great and I hope you all are too. If anyone can give me advice about applying to colleges and/or financial aid let me know." **ejgo@optonline.net**



Emilia Gutierrez '01 is pictured here with Michelle Obama while working on the presidential campaign for Barack Obama. **meilybop@gmail.com**

Holly Harris '01, '03-'04 ran her first half marathon this year on the Great Wall of China and, on the same trip, rode elephants in Thailand, a lifelong dream of Holly's. She recently moved back to South Africa and is living in Johannesburg.
mynameisholly@gmail.com

Kaisa Heikkilä '04-'05 is on a gap year, exploring France, working in a cuisine... And loving it: French language, people, culinary & wines!
kaisa_heikki@hotmail.com



Stefanie Hirsch '01-'02 "Right now I am spending a year at economics graduate school in Berkeley. Even though I have lots to do here, I would love to hear from anybody who might be around."
stefhi-hirsch@gmx.net

Sara Hunter '04 "I am living in Canada's capital, Ottawa, and I am in my fourth year at Carleton University. I'm studying Political Science with concentrations in International Relations and Canadian Government."
ilovecrsfriends@hotmail.com

Elysa Krosmico '05 '08 "Edward & I would like to let everyone know that we have moved (we each updated our address on the database) to a new place in New York and hope to continue to hear from CRS folks at our new address. Feel free to give us a call if you are in New York over the holiday season."
luvweims@aol.com

Nikita Lashley '05 graduated from the Barbados Community College this year with an associate degree in graphic design and have moved to Savannah Georgia, to pursue her bachelors also in graphic design at the Savannah College of Art and Design. "I am one of the youngest transfer sophomores and also slightly more experienced in my program, I would like to thank CRS for some of this blessing because of my confidence and leadership skills I stand out in the pack and am excelling graduating a year and a half before I was expected to. Also if there are any alumni in the Savannah area I would love to get in contact with them."
latikin@hotmail.com

Marilia Fabiola Lazo Quevedo '04 "Hello!! I get into San Agustin University on Arequipa in 2006 to the Architecture program... and now I'm expecting just 2 years to be certified finally an architect...and then can get a specially master on Europe about ecology and urbanism planification...actually I'm on the volleyball team of my program, living 5 hours far from my hometown and family... and looking for a volunteer help program where i really can help, that spirit which has emerged from my summer at CRS... so also i'm expecting to see my old brothers and sisters from CRS to share with you the wonderful sites in my city Arequipa and mostly in Peru...This photo is with my boyfriend on La Punta-Arequipa."
mary_14145@hotmail.com



Kaozouapa Elizabeth Lee '04 is now in her Sophomore year at Yale after spending much of her summer in India, interning for the South Asian Fundraising Group. This group helps other NGO's raise money in more efficient ways such as matching them up with

corporate sponsors. If you're interested in learning more about this group, you can contact Elizabeth at **kaouzouapa.lee@yale.edu** or check out their website (**www.safrg.org**).

Mpho Mashope '01 "I am doing great still working for Dept of Public Work and studying Economic Management Analysis. Would like to hear from the '01 gang."
phogy3@gmail.com

Wojciech Michalak '08 currently in his third year of middle school and looking forward to going to high school. **Wojtekmi@o2.pl** or **WojtekMichalak93@gmail.com**

Marta Misiulaityte '06-'07 is currently studying and living at Phillips Academy Andover, MA. "Being the only kid from Lithuania, it feels a lot like CRS again - except with homework!" **mmisiulaityte@andover.edu**

Daniel Molnar '06 "I'm doing fine. I study hard and recently I started Chinese. I met Rik Weuting in the summer. I showed him around Budapest and we talked about CRS."
molnaardaniel@gmail.com

Paul Ndayizeye '05 recently became an Eagle Scout. Congratulations, Paul!

Jeff Orlowski '99, '00, '02 is currently directing a feature length documentary film on the Extreme Ice Survey **extremeicesurvey.org**, a photographic project documenting glacial change through time lapse photography. He is based in Boulder, Colorado.
jeff@jefforlowski.com

Velizara Passajova '03 "Although I dearly miss CRS, I have to say that in many ways my experience at Dartmouth College has given me a second Camp-like experience and a chance to grow more than I had ever imagined I would. I am part of a community of incredible individuals who will go on to bring positive change in this world. In addition, some of the more obviously exciting occurrences in my life are the two Foreign Study Programs (FSP) that I am attending. In the Spring of 2008, I spent two months in Rome, Italy, studying Art History on a Dartmouth Program. Being in Italy gave me an opportunity to think about my college experience as well as my life in the USA. I came back to school full of energy and enthusiasm for what is to come. On December 16th, 2008, I am flying to Sydney, Australia where I will stay until December 29th. Then, I will head to Auckland, New Zealand for Dartmouth's Anthropology FSP. All these travels are a way for me to realize my biggest dream in life which has been to travel and explore the world. I recently received my 'Vigil' letter which I wrote when I was 16; interestingly, one of my wishes was to be traveling cheaply, which I seem to be doing well. I also look forward to meeting CRS Alums in my travels."
velizara@dartmouth.edu

Irene Pegiou '07 "This summer I met Elin first in Greece where we went to the beach and then I visited her in Paris where I stayed for 10 days! It was so fun be with camp people." In this photo: Jose Luis Torreno '07, Nikola Culafic '07, Irene Pegiou '07, Nicolas Cervoni '07, Elin Larsen '07.
iresakis@yahoo.org



Shane Penn '06-'07 "In the last few years I have worked to become a nationally Certified Snowboard Instructor to the second level. I am going to be attending a college for Mechanical Engineering next fall. Also as of now I hope to return to camp the summer of my freshman year in college to become a camp counselor."
spenn2@msn.com



Vasileios Prassas '08 "Hello my international friends, how is your life going? i would like to share with you the fact that i am getting prepared to study in a college at the US. In addition, I have already booked air-tickets for Sweden and I will definitely visit Sahand the Swedish camper of '08."
billriza@yahoo.gr

Li Qiya (Double "L") '08 "It has been a great honor to attend an international program sponsored by LAJF. It successfully provided us all with the best chance to know about the world and people around us. I'm forever grateful to Camp Rising Sun"
lisaliqiya@163.com
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Conor Sanchez '02-'03 a former journalist for "Generation Next," was an intern this past summer for the business section of the Los Angeles Times where he spent 10 weeks writing about consumer trends and small businesses in the Los Angeles region.

Janessa Schilmoeller '05-'06 graduated Cottage Grove High School this past Spring and is now a freshman at St. Kate's. This past summer Janessa was selected as a scholarship recipient for the Journey to Jordan program, a program hosted by the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay. It is an opportunity to participate in an intensive 8-week study of Arabic language at the University of Jordan in Amman. To learn more: **www.uwgb.edu/intlprojects/jordan.htm**, or email Janessa **sillyschilly@hotmail.com**.

Evan Schwartz '05-'07 "This is Life! I am here in Cochabamba, Bolivia, living, working, and following through on the Gap Year idea that I talked about (and was inspired to take) during the summer of '07. For more regular and detailed updates **www.getjealous.com/chefev**. Ciao ciao, be great."
chefev@aol.com



Shir Shabtay '07 created a rock band called "Link" in October 2007 where Shir is the lead singer of this 5-member group, performing in concerts, recording songs, and having a great time together. Shir recently was in a training camp with her class for the Israeli army which she found very exciting. She is running for the position of her school's student council chairman and hopes the skills she learned at CRS will help her demonstrate real leadership.
Shir_s90@walla.com



Eva Stylianou '05-'07 moved to the UK this past September where she is currently studying Fine Art (BA) at the university of Newcastle.

"The fact that I'm getting in touch in this way is basically a key indicator that I am still alive, kicking, and attempting to make some art work." evastylianou@yahoo.co.uk

Rik Weeting '00-'01, '06 is in his final year of a drama teaching course at the ArtEZ Institute of the Arts. "I'm doing an internship in a company that uses actors for training, coaching and assessment test. I had a great experience last summer with spending a short week at Stendis to give some theater workshops. Great community, very inspiring." rikweeting@hotmail.com



Morten Wendelbo '04 has moved from UWC in Costa Rica to Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. New Address: PO Box 131, Lexington VA, 24450. wendelbom@wlu.edu



Mandy Xi '05 says, "Hello everyone! I'm currently attending Brown University, and autumn here is beautiful. I'm in the medical program and considering an international relations concentration. I've also taken up TaekwonDo. I wish everyone the best!" mandyxi88@gmail.com

Xiaoxiao Yuan '05 After 3 years, Yuan is back in the US again studying at Duke University. "Gorgeous campus, nice people, fun classes, everything is so beautiful in this small city. Life is amazing." xiaoxiaoyuan1989@gmail.com



Ziheng Zhou (Steven) '00 "My girlfriend and I are going to get married on January 11, 2009, while the wedding ceremony will probably be held later than November 2009 in Shanghai due to a lot of preparation work. I'm writing a duet song specially for the marriage, which will be performed on the coming ceremony, of course it will also be published over the Internet." shuyjikou@gmail.com



A heartfelt 'Thank You' from the Editor:

To all of the authors who took the time to share ideas and thoughts with fellow alumni/ae in this Sundial edition, I thank you. To readers, I hope this publication sparks your interest in the varied topics. You may submit ideas or contributions for the Fall 2009 Sundial to LAJF at:

Alumni@lajf.org
(215) 230-7040

In Memoriam

LAJF extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of these CRS alumni

Hubert Doris CRS 1941

Hubert Alexander Doris '41 died on June 8, 2008 in Hancock, Maine. He was an alumnus of Harvard University, professor emeritus of music at Barnard College and also served for two years as president of the Mannes College of Music, in Manhattan. A gifted accompanist, he enjoyed a long collaboration with the singer Ginia Davis Wexler; after her retirement, he worked with soprano Vera Clifford, violinist Nina Collins, and flutist Deirdre Manning. He leaves his wife, Virginia (Bosler), a daughter, Julia Byrnes, and a sister, Joan Goldhamer; a son, Alexander, predeceased him.



Richard Hiller CRS 1937-1938, 1940

Richard Hiller, 83 of Endwell, NY died at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sunday, April 29, 2007. He was predeceased by his first wife, Phyllis Scott Hiller. He is survived by his wife Josephine Hiller, Endwell; three daughters and sons in law Debra and Anthony Giordano, Westchester County, NY; Lori and Stan Wallace, Texas and Janice and Michael Hance, Rochester, NY; a son and daughter in law James and Diane Hiller, Johnson City; four grandchildren Ryan Hiller; Margaret and Carolyn Giordano and Charlotte Hance; a sister and brother in law Florence and Ben Liuzzo, New Bern, NC; several step-children, step-grandchildren and a step-great grandchild; also several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was a retired IBM Corp employee and a member of its Quarter Century Club, a veteran of WWII serving in the US Navy and a graduate of RPI. Mr. Hiller's daughters have contacted LAJF to offer support and his obituary included the following: "In his teens he attended Camp Rising Sun, Red Hook, NY."



Mitchell Stein CRS 1982-1983

Mitchell J. Stein, CRS alumnus from 1982 and 1983, passed away on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at his home in Kirkland, Washington where Mitchell resided with his wife, Ania, and their two boys, Asher and Levi. With the love and support of his family and many friends, as well as strength from his faith, Mitchell fought a brave battle against a brain tumor, diagnosed in late 2005.

Mitchell maintained a blog of his thoughts and experiences at:
<http://mitchells-blog.blogspot.com>

A funeral took place in Seattle on Friday, May 16, 2008. Should you wish to contact the Stein Family:

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Kirkland, Washington 98033-4971
Home Telephone: 425-822-9109
Email for Ania Stein: aniastein@hotmail.com



Harald Heide-Steen CRS 1955

Mr. Harald Heide-Steen Jr., age 68, of Baerum, Norway, died at Stabekk Hospice on July 3, 2008. The funeral service was held at Høvik Church July 9, 2008, with most of the cultural elite of Norway as well as Government ministers and members of Stortinget (the Parliament) attending.

Harald was born on August 18, 1939 in Oslo. His was a family of artists. His father was a leading actor at Det Norske Teatret in Oslo and an aunt was an opera soprano. Harald attended the prestigious Katedral-skolen (The Cathedral School) in Oslo when he was chosen to represent Norway at Camp Rising Sun in 1955. I did not participate in the selection process but was invited to his home to brief him and his family before departure, since I had been CRS camper in 1948 and counsellor in 1953. They lived in a small flat in the center of Oslo and the parents were naturally anxious to send their 15-year old son to far-off America for the summer. Harald struck me as being a nice, quiet boy with a stammer. I met him briefly when he returned after his Camp experience but cannot remember how he described it.

At the time I asked Harald if he wanted to be an actor, which he did not. Nevertheless, when he died he was celebrated as the most accomplished comedian in twentieth century Norway, besides being a dramatic actor, movie star and singer. His sketches with impersonations of characters of all trades and nationalities were strokes of genius which have become classics. (As a Soviet submarine captain being interviewed: "We could not see the border line when cruising under water"). He turned his slight stammering to advantage and it became his trademark. I do not think people knew that it was his true handicap.

During his career Harald had bouts of alcohol abuse, once to threatened liver failure, but he cleared up and rose to new heights. When he knew he was dying of lung cancer, he made a record of the jazz pieces he cherished most, with good help of two of his children. He is survived by his wife Gullen and three children. The newspaper obituaries ran several pages, Aftenposten on the front of the culture section plus three pages and Verdens Gang (VG) front plus ten pages. The praise was unanimous: "The funniest man since the Second World War" and "genius" were strewn freely. What inspiration Harald Heide-Steen Jr. got from Camp Rising Sun is a matter for conjecture, but the alumni association should be proud to have had him among their numbers.

(submitted by *Per Bergsjø '48, '53*)

Please contact the LAJF office to offer a memorial for a CRS alumnus/a.

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ABC (Alumni by Career Events)

This series of professional networking events brings together established professionals, young professionals, students, and all alumni interested in learning more about opportunities available to them. We welcome all alumni and friends of LAJF to join us in networking or simply getting together with our vibrant alumni community.

Topic: Careers in Business & Management

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Topic: Careers in Visual and Performing Arts

Date: Thursday, February 19

Events are hosted simultaneously in New York City & Washington, DC

Time: 6pm–9pm

Places: New York—Maxie's Grill

Park Avenue South (19th St b/w Park Ave & Irving Place, next to Angelo & Maxie's)
New York, NY 10003

Washington, DC—Clyde's at Gallery Place

707 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

For more information or to RSVP, contact:

Christina Busso at cbusso@lajf.org or
(215) 230-7040 or (800) 262-0136

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Thank you, Kate Klonowski

(a tribute by Ann Marie Lee, CRS sister in 1992 and "godmother" to Kate's daughter, Naomi)



A big 'Thank You' to Kate Klonowski '92 for her recent nuptials to Matt Wolbert, her constant careful parenting of her daughter Naomi Stella and her recent extraordinary generosity to LAJF.

In lieu of gifts for herself, new husband, daughter or new home, Kate asked the guests at her March 29 wedding to donate their gift to one of two charities of the couple's choosing. One was the Louis August Jonas Foundation. On that day, Kate raised more than \$1,250 for LAJF. She is also helping with a campaign to increase participation among Clinton Alumnae.

She approached the generous gift and the fundraising with the same energy and excitement that has brought her through so very much in the last 16 years. We're very proud of you Kate for all that you are and all that you give.

If you are interested in assisting the Foundation by making a donation of some of your wedding proceeds (this has actually been done at least 3 times in our recent history), or are interested in joining us in the participation effort among Clinton Alumnae, contact Christina Busso at cbusso@lajf.org.

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Events in 2009

- January 3:** Luncheon at Angelo & Maxie's
Cocktail Reception—Colors Restaurant
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- January 21:** Careers in Business & Management: ABC Event
NYC and Washington, DC
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- February 13-16:** CRS Western Reunion
Denver, Colorado
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- February 19:** Careers in Visual & Performing Arts: ABC Event
NYC and Washington, DC
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- May 1:** Celebration Gala Honoring Mrs. Libby Mascia
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***Alumni, family and friends
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