



Special Alumni Weekend Edition

Reunion 2008: Celebrating George School Memories



Red Square and the East Porch of Main were natural gathering places for more than four hundred alumni who attended George School's Alumni Weekend.

More than four hundred alumni, friends, and family members returned to George School on May 9, 10, and 11 to celebrate Alumni Weekend. They cheered for lacrosse, baseball, and softball teams, watched kids and grandkids jump on the moonbounce, attended master classes, and shared George School memories old and new with family and friends.

"It was a great time to come back, to reconnect, and to reminisce," shares Alumni Director David Satterthwaite '65. "We tell prospective students that George School is a place where you can make friends for life. Our alumni continue to demonstrate that this is true."

The annual Friday night open mike and the Saturday morning tennis game gave some alums the chance to unleash their creative and competitive spirit, while a host of reunion dinners and other events organized by the classes provided the perfect opportunity to swap stories with alumni and friends of all ages. Saturday morning's breakfast with alumni and faculty, which featured the legendary George School sticky buns, was followed by a series of well-attended master classes and strategic planning listening group sessions.

A special and traditional part of every Alumni Weekend celebration is the All-Alumni Gathering in the George School Meetinghouse, during which the annual alumni awards are presented. This year's honorees

were Barbara Dodd Anderson '50, recognized for her extraordinary long-time support of George School, David Bruton '53, recognized for his dedication to and leadership of the George School Committee, and John Hoffman '73, recognized for his work with The Albert G. Oliver Program.

Head of School Nancy Starmer says, "The day was a celebration from start to finish. Honoring Barbara, Dave, and John; breaking ground for the new library; listening to George School's Oliver Scholars talk about their lives and the impact that John Hoffman and George School had on them; seeing the reunion classes and returning alumni rekindling friendships and relationships with former teachers as though they had never left the school — all of this reinforced the very special nature of the George School community."

David Satterthwaite adds, "I particularly want to thank the volunteers who were involved in planning their reunions. They were the heart and soul of the day."

If you missed this year's event, there's no reason to worry. Alumni Weekend 2009, scheduled for May 8, 9, and 10, will be here before you know it. Visit our alumni website at <http://alumni.georgeschool.org> for hundreds of reunion photos and for additional news.



The 20x58 foot trusses from the 1812 Central Philadelphia Meetinghouse were moved to George School in 1973.

Master Classes and Listening Groups

"It is all about the trusses," explained former George School Architect Charles Hough '44, during his presentation, *An Old Green Building Story: the Moving of the 1812 Central Philadelphia Meetinghouse to George School*, one of the four master classes offered during Alumni Weekend. Charlie wowed alumni with more than 130 photos

of the moving process and with his detailed description of this early green recycling project.

The schedule of master classes also included the opportunity to learn the nuts and bolts of creating a successful not-for-profit organization from alumni award recipient John Hoffman '73, to preview the new George School website, and to learn about the new and innovative library services available at George School.

In addition, alumni had the opportunity to participate in listening group sessions as part of a comprehensive process of developing a strategic plan for the school. The contributions of these listening group sessions and those from other George School constituents will provide the basis for an intensive two-day, long-range planning workshop in mid-June.



Class of 1933 and 1938



Class of 1943



Class of 1948



Class of 1953

Class of 1933 and 1938: *First row from left:* Tom Hallowell '33, Clyde Betts (p), Faith Jenkins Hidell '33, Edith Sullivan Silvers '33, Jean Wood, John Wood '33. *Second row:* Agnes Warne Blackstone '38, Ann Fussell Schellenger '38, Emily Park Powers '38

Class of 1943: *First row from left:* Jean Shearer Parker, Isabelle Ewing McVaugh, Mary Hankinson Meeker, Elizabeth Cox Corle, Mary Elizabeth Ridge Allison, JoAnn Johnson Woodman, Marjorie Thomson Bowden. *Second row:* Allen Boorstein '42, Robert Parker, John Booth, Henry Pickering, Eugene Korbeck, Donald Preston, Betty Wilson Parry

Class of 1948: *First row from left:* Russell Weimar, Barbara Battin Dickens, Gerald Hertz, Joseph Mitchell, Louis Jammer. *Second row:* Dorothy Pusey Miller, Anne Kirk Neff, Robert Neff, Lauren Stubbs

Class of 1953: *First row from left:* Robert Seltzer, Toni Schragger Segal, Paul Troth, Marjorie Ayars Laidman, David Bruton, Elizabeth Belfer Tananbaum, Joyce Leedom Joakim. *Second row:* Anne Brewer Alden, Fanny Custer Clark, Jack Miller, John Beltz, Gail Johnson Laughlin, David Willis, Sheridan Johns



Oliver Scholars: *First row from left:* Carla Garcia (staff, faculty), Sydney L. Briggs '87, Yasmine Abdul-Mani '96, Stephanie Irizarry '06, Anaka Allen '09, Janine Brooks '00, Ama Konuma Kurikari '98. *Second row:* David Bourns (former head of school), Fran Bradley (faculty), Keesha R. Levy '89, Regina L. Winters '87, Kenny King '97, Krystena Loy Anderson '08, Ola K. Green '88. *Third row:* Owunwanne Barasa Taiwo Goodwyn '98, Ofonedu-lme Adigun Kehine Goodwyn '98, Kassem L. Lucas '90, Nate McKee (staff), Joshua Christian Carrion '10, John Hoffman '73, Jamil Malik Brown '95, Jason E. White '98, Richard E. Ray '85

"It was great getting to know
my classmates as adults."

— LIZ LEFEVER '88

CLASS PHOTOS OF 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, AND 1953 BY BRIAN COLLIER.
ALL OTHER CLASS PHOTOS BY SHOWSTOPPER PHOTOGRAPHY.



Class of 1963

Class of 1963: *First row from left:* Deborah Chapman Stewart, Catharine Pidcock Thomas, John Gross, Betty Fretz Southworth. *Second row:* Ralph Samuel, Samuel Sullivan, Jefferson Crowther, Thomas Moore. *Third row:* John Ambler, Holly Smith, Joan Hagerty Giunta, Joan Worth Davidson. *Fourth row:* Neil Jaffe, William Serrill, Carolyn Evans, Robert Thomas



Class of 1968

Class of 1968: *First row from left:* Douglas Stevens, Amy Lewis Tabor, Patricia Kramon Pincus, Barbara Davis Hoyt, Dona Edmondson, Rhoda Cleveland Spratt, Elizabeth Cadwallader, Sturgis Warner. *Second row:* Robert Lovett, Samuel Holden, Glenn Betts, Robert Wechsler, J. Kenneth Park, Ken Castle Miller. *Third row:* Carole Grad Sherwood, David Allison, Barbara Turner, Jay Storch, Barbara Janney Desanzo, Richard Platt. *Fourth row:* Mark Musser, William Farran, Michael Brick, James Willson



Class of 1973

Class of 1973: *First row from left:* Dorris Spencer Wickman, Jeffrey Schwartz, Jennifer Macalaster Cummings, Anne Stearns Pardun. *Second row:* Bruce Nayowith, Hugh Biggin, Elizabeth Boyle Illick, Mary Ann Warner Stauffer. *Third row:* John Hoffman, E. Marie Hooper Jackson, Jonathan Gormley, Thomas Rogers. *Fourth row:* Aaron Pickett, Jeffrey Schlesinger, Robert Haut, Hank Parry



Class of 1978

Class of 1978: *First row from left:* Robin Klatzkin Bochner, Rebecca Stapleton, Holly DiMiccio Olson, Toni Melchiondo Coleman, Sarah Hancock, George Simpson. *Second row:* W. Thomas Lomax, Stephen Barth, Terri Lichstein, Kevin Wilson, Elyse Lipshutz Zucker, Linda Brownold Bell. *Third row:* Mark Dibner, Jonathan Platt. *Fourth row:* Alden Bentley, John Stewart, Allyson Farrelly Catanzaro, Jennifer Kuebler Davis, Foster Voorhees

25th Reunion



Class of 1983: *First row from left:* Elizabeth Parr Stone, Adrienne Murdock Sears, Audrey Pass, Joan Turner Harrington, Bruce DiMiccio '75, Madeleine Villanuova. *Second row:* Nicolò Messina, Jeffrey Freedman, Amy Hefner Saunders, Beth Longenecker Dyjak, Antinea Rivera, Stephanie Bumgarner Smith, Deborah Vernon DiMiccio ('72, class sponsor) *Third row:* Louisa Coan Greve, Lori Krikorian, Kristin Edwards Slavin, Darcy Kenton Bellido de Luna, Tara Greco, Sarah Luke Taylor, Anne Snipes Moss, Leslie Sterns-Johnson. *Fourth row:* David Cadwallader, Christopher Borum, Edward Landry, Michael Sherman, Clay Craighead. *Fifth row:* Olaf Buenck, Julie Eshbaugh, Michael Stricks, Nathan Poage, Pamela Hankins, Stephanie Rohovsky Akbari, Thomas Hoopes. *Sixth row:* Peter Hill, Rachel Kenyon, Nathaniel Case, Andrew Popkin, Shaun Wortis, Jennifer Suplee Mullin, Jason Ruckdeschel, Michael Baker, Gavin Thomas. *Seventh row:* Kathryn Spare, Alfred Brown, Curtis Reid, Kenneth Potts, David Kalb, William Robinson

Class of 1988: *First row from left:* Clifford Anderson, Brandon Milner, Rachel Smith, Jennifer Rogin Wallis, Heike Sasinski Hartz, Amy Bohne, Jeannine Hortman-Finkelstein. *Second row:* Sharon Powell, Biba Lee Dixon, Jennifer DeVan, Elizabeth Erb Amolsch, Anne O'Toole Salinas, Michelle Faust Gillice, Ola Green, Edward Jordan. *Third row:* David Wunner, Geoffrey Dixon, Elizabeth LeFever, Tamara Harper. *Fourth row:* Elizabeth Barrett, Danielle Hermey, Louis Yaffe, Kimberly Smith, Christopher Ferrante, Mazie Minehart Colen, Gray Beverley. *Fifth row:* Frances Eleni Papatestas Rodgers, Julie James, Louise Langford Verstegen, Andrew Sexton, Lauren Yusem Gums. *Sixth row:* Page Faulk, Stephanie AuWerter, Cindy Lobel, E. Chisato Uyeki, Michelle Shoup, Matthew Parker



Class of 1988

Class of 1993: *First row from left:* Erin Grier Rich, Cecile do Amaral, Aisha Niang, Stephanie Hanzel Cohen, Christine Markow, Heather McKamey, Ada Nelken. *Second row:* Rachel Pickering Copenhaver, Nicole Brown-Williams, Eve Gigliotti, Michele Cadwallader, Anne Taylor Chiolo, Melissa Bergman, Jonathan Zlock, Thomas LePera, Ina Willers. *Third row:* Elijah Dornstreich, Dawn Petrovec Sword, Victoria Gotwals Treacy, Ariane Bradley Michas, Heather Dillon, Satish Desai, Melaina Governatore Mirarchi. *Fourth row:* Charles Sanders, Noah Harris, Hee-Jun Kim, Morgan Hankins, Marta Lopez Flohr, Susanna Gilbert, Carra Greenberg. *Fifth row:* B. Erin McNaught Max, Elbert St. Claire, Christina Beahan, Mark Nadler, Amanda Goodwin, Sam Chawla, Bradd Forstein, Aaron Brophy, Kareem Afzal, Jeremiah Burns



Class of 1993

Class of 1998: *First row from left:* Courtney Lawson Gendron, Yoshiko Kurotsu, Cori Stott, Jennifer Murphy, Naima Ahmed Aman, Laurine Young, Anthea Brown. *Second row:* Holly Mueller, Ingrid Fleisher, Amelia Erwit, William Kirby, Jennifer McLean Hydefrost, Gilbert Wilson, Ama Karikari. *Third row:* Michael McBean, Andrew Engblom, Syreeta Jones-Bey, Alice Henriques, Jamie Rosenman, Katherine Farran Martz, Virginia Fritchey, Ari Botof, Tamara Reynolds-Monroe, Brian Irvin, Ken Taga. *Fourth row:* Carey Reeder Duques, Arden Miller, Owunwanne Goodwyn, Kristin Welty, Ofonedu-Ime Goodwyn, S. Mateen Afzal, Jaron Shipp, Jason White



Class of 1998

Class of 2003: *First row from left:* Paige Brookstein, Arden Brookstein, Alexandre Pfundt, Margaret Peake, Zachary Contreras-Gould, Zachary Warsavage, Liza Minno. *Second row:* William Ross, Cristina Rysz, Nicole Greenbaum, Rachel McDonough, Dominique Cherebin, Jillian Shatken, Hannah Poston. *Third row:* Julia Nickles, Tanya Hoke, Theodore Colegrove, Logan Conklin, Elise Paul, Samiyah Iddinn, Molly Paddon, Brittany Lichtman. *Fourth row:* Patrick Flannery-Reilly, Spencer Backman, Alexander Haworth, Meredith Gluck, Evan Weisfeld, Matthew Maliszewski, Jesse Hindle, Heather Parker. *Fifth row:* Palmer Dalglish, Jonathan Stott, Michael Leigh, Peter Doran, Christopher MacDonald, Jeffrey Stewart, Ayse Figanmese. *Sixth row:* Charles Gassaway, Andrew Stone, Carlos Morales, Ross Hollister, Alexis Dansky, Graham Enos



Class of 2003

“Thank you for helping us make our 50th reunion a success. We loved our yearbook photo nametags, lunch was delicious, the all-alumni meeting informative. We had lots of time to talk and share and welcome those who rarely or never came before.”

— MARIS CLYMER LANGFORD '58

Alumni Weekend Highlights



FIRST TWO PHOTOS BY MARK WILEY

LAST TWO PHOTOS BY BRIAN WOLZAK

Class of 1958 Celebrates 50th Reunion

Alumni Weekend 2008 proved quite special for the 50th reunion class. More than fifty-seven alumni traveled from across the world to celebrate with classmates, families, and friends. The class reunion website featured interactive, then-and-now yearbook pages, and special class notes were collected and shared.

"All in all, it was a most impressive weekend. GS has changed considerably since we were there and all to the good," enthused Peggy Laidman '58.



Class of 1958. Unseated: Peggy Kahoe Fowler, Linda Baker Hunter. First row from left: Annette Wilder Breiling, Jean Pineo, Mary Trent Jones, Bonnie Dinsmore Kerrick, Sherrie Platt Gibson, Eileen Moore Hickman, Barbara Bush Graham, Miriam Zeman Marecek, Martha Scull Haines. Second row: Christopher Fuges, W. Lee Evans, Alice Russell, Judith Guyton Pritchett, Suzanne Brosius Pusey, Nancy Baker Martin, Christine Jensen Storch, Marilyn Magid Levine. Third row: Robert Fletcher, David Elwell, Peter Grad, Charles Burck, Roberta Newton Rosen, Adrian Teaf, Richard Cary, David Perera, Charles Dorsett, Stephen Lippert. Fourth row: Carol Park DiJoseph, George Pickering, William Moody, George Tai, Harry Tomlinson, R. Stevens Anthony, Dillwyn Paiste. Fifth row: John Burton, Christopher Bromberg, Alden Briscoe, Marjorie Pusey Hall, John Steinfirst, Harriet Bussell Barrow, Emily Pennell Endries, John Voice, Elizabeth Noe Shapiro. Sixth row: Jane Hires Cadwallader, Jan Altman Rein, Maris Clymer Langford, Peter Ashelman. Seventh row: John Cadwallader, Jeffrey Haberman, Harry Deuel, Hugh Tyson, Katharine Pierce, Bruce Hoffman, Asa Cadwallader, Geoffrey Baldwin

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Campaign for Green Learning Commons and Library Begins Final Push

Alumna and history-making philanthropist Barbara Dodd Anderson '50 picked up a shovel on Alumni Day, May 10, 2008, to join in the groundbreaking ceremony for George School's new, green learning commons and Mollie Dodd Anderson Library. "It was wonderful that Barbara could be present for the ceremonial beginning of this much-needed academic facility," says Head of School Nancy Starmer. "Due to rising construction prices, the George School Committee made the decision to break ground now in order to lock in a lower price. With \$7.2 million raised in our campaign so far, we have made great progress towards our \$12.8 million goal, and we are confident that our alumni and parents will support us during the final push of this campaign."

Encompassing the Mollie Dodd Anderson Library (named for Barbara's granddaughter), five classrooms, and a learning center, the new academic facility is designed to earn gold-level certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. The LEED system is the national standard for environmentally friendly building design, construction, and operation.

Various exciting named gift opportunities are still available, including the following:

Commons Room \$500,000

Here students can check email, meet teachers, have informal conversations, or relax with reading materials and a beverage during a free period. In the evening, the room may be used for activities such as book discussion groups, student club meetings, or presentations by featured speakers.

Library Terrace \$500,000

The capacious terrace, with a beautiful view of South Lawn and Main, can be used for outdoor reading, informal gatherings, or quiet contemplation.

Classrooms \$100,000 each

Students and faculty who use the five large classroom spaces will have easy access to the multiple resources of the library.

Fireplace \$100,000

Located in the Conference Room, this is one of the various attractive features that will make the building a warm, inviting center of campus life.

Please contact Andy Popkin '83 in the George School Advancement Office at 215-579-6563 or andy_popkin@georgeschool.org with questions or to make a gift.



Barbara Dodd Anderson '50 takes part in the groundbreaking ceremony for George School's new, green learning commons and Mollie Dodd Anderson Library. Left to right: Jim O'Brien, Linda Heinemann, Elise Robinson, John Frazier Hunt, Jen Parker Holtz '89, Patrick Murphy, Nancy Starmer, and Barbara.



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