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Alumnae Council for Women News

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Calling all Hartford College for Women (HCW) alumnae!

Mark your calendars for a weekend of friends, fun, and good memories. AHCW: A HomeComing for Women, March 4–6, 2010, is a weekend dedicated to you—the incredible women who embody the dynamic spirit of HCW. There couldn’t be a better time than March, Women’s History Month, to bring together the amazing women who graduated from HCW.

The weekend begins with a lecture on March 4 by Kelly Corrigan, author of The New York Times bestseller The Middle Place. Corrigan will talk about something we all need and crave: friendship. An invitation-only reception precedes the lecture, which is open to the public.

The weekend also features these events for HCW alumnae:

- **Motherhood Out Loud**, March 5, Hartford Stage—a play that celebrates the awesome power of mothers. The evening includes an HCW reception.
- A champagne brunch, March 6, Town and Country Club, Hartford, with special guests from your HCW days.

For the past several months, a volunteer committee has been hard at work to bring you a weekend to remember. According to committee chair Cheryl Chase ’99 (HCW), “This will truly be a celebration of friendship and the kindred spirits of women who spent part of their lives with the Hartford College for Women. The weekend will be full of good fun, warm memories, and new relationships to carry forward. We can all look forward to reconnecting, networking, and sharing the legacy of our time at HCW.”

The event is co-sponsored by the Office of the President, the Women’s Education and Leadership Fund, and the Alumnae Council for Women.

Look for more information, including details about accommodations and volunteer opportunities, in the coming months.

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**KICK IT!**

September 22, 2009
6:30 p.m., BBQ; 7 p.m., Game
Third Annual Soccer Season Kickoff and Alumni and Student BBQ
Coach Dan Gaspar and the men’s soccer team invite alumni, students, and families for a barbecue and soccer game vs. Boston College. Come out to Alumni Stadium and show your Hawk pride!

**BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**

Fall Weekend, October 2–4, 2009

It’s an action-packed weekend you won’t want to miss. Your charter flight on Hawk Air departs from Konover Campus Center on Friday evening. Passengers will be spending their Hawk Dollars at the tables in the “in-flight” casino and enjoying four fun destinations with food, music, and many great prizes.

On Saturday there’s shopping for handcrafted items at the Alumni Artisans Marketplace, music from featured alumni in the Alumni Musician Spotlight, various Hawk athletic events, and new-and-improved children’s activities. That evening it’s the annual Alumni Anchor Awards, which recognize outstanding alumni.

**ART & COCKTAILS**

October 9, 2009
5:30 p.m., Silpe Gallery
Hartford Art School Alumni Exhibition Opening Reception
Join us for the opening celebration of the third annual HAS alumni show, titled Work It! Measure It! 120. Graduates from more than six decades will be represented in this exhibit. Many pieces will be available for purchase.

**ART, FOOD, FALL COLOR**

October 17, 2009
8 a.m. departure, Lot F, University of Hartford
Daytrip to the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute
Join alumni and Anchor Award recipient Dorothy Bosch Keller ’62, M’63, as she leads us through the collections of The Clark in beautiful Williamstown, Mass. A delicious lunch at The Williams Inn will follow our tour. And don’t forget: this is prime leaf-peeping season in the Berkshires!

**MANHATTAN FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

December 5, 2009

Buses leave from West Hartford, Conn., and Framingham, Mass.
The Hartford and Boston alumni chapters have arranged for coach buses to bring alumni to the Big Apple at the height of holiday season. With stops at Rockefeller Center, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Broadway, you have your choice of activities throughout Manhattan. Bus departs Lot F, University of Hartford, at 8 a.m.; second bus departs 1672 Worcester Road, Framingham, Mass., at 7 a.m.

Register for any event at www.hartford.edu/alumni or call 860.768.2452.
Playing to a Worthy Crowd

David Dyson ’81 (right) draws a long, cool bow next to singer, actor, and composer Harry Connick Jr., who hired him to play at a birthday party for Connick’s friend in New Canaan, Conn., in May. Like Connick, Dyson believes in working for worthy causes and served as co-chair of the 15th annual Tabor House giant tag sale and auction held in July in West Hartford, Conn. Each year, the event raises thousands of dollars for local men and women living with HIV/AIDS.

Sports Chairs for a Cure

Pink sports chairs complete with a cooler and a comfortable shoulder strap will be available this spring. These lightweight yet sturdy chairs are available for $50, with $5 of the purchase price going to the American Cancer Society and $5 to the Alumnae Council for Women. An individual’s name, college, or university can be embroidered on the front panel (as shown in the photo) at no charge. What a perfect gift!

If you would like to order your chair, contact Kandycce M. Aust, director of alumni relations, at aust@hartford.edu or 860.768.2409. There are a limited number of chairs available.

Alumni Connections entries are distinguished by types of degrees and certification:

- **A** associate’s degree
- **AD** artist diploma
- **C** sixth-year certificate
- **D** doctorate
- **GPD** graduate professional diploma
- **M** master’s degree

No letter designation before a degree year indicates a bachelor’s degree.

1962

**WILLIAM W. LANDON** (CETA) of Lebanon, Conn., was featured in The Hartford Courant for inventing a magnet-powered motor. He is currently awaiting a decision from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

1964

**G. WAYNE MCCRARY** (BARNEY) of Longmeadow, Mass., was elected chairman of the Outdoor Amusement Business Association. He is president of the Eastern States Exposition, better known as The Big E.

1967

**JEREMY J. JOYLELL** (M, ENHP) of Bristol, Conn., discussed his book, A Lifetime Ago: Before the Death of Childhood, at the Woodbury Public Library in Woodbury, Conn. The book is a memoir of Joyell’s life that infuses insights concerning today’s youth with thoughts on children past and present.

1969

**JOHN M. BETZ** (BARNEY) of West Haven, Conn., is the new director of finance administration for the Town of North Haven, Conn.

1973

**PETER M. DUDIS** (BARNEY) of Rocky Hill, Conn., was inducted into the Connecticut Food Association Hall of Fame. Dudis is the director of grocery sales for Big Y Supermarket.

1975

**RAYNARD D. KING** (M, BARNEY) of Oakland, Calif., was appointed by the California State Board of Education to its African-American Advisory Committee. King is the president of the Urban League of San Diego County, a nonprofit organization that sponsors youth education programs and advocates for residents of color in low-income communities.

1976

**JOHN E. ABRAHAM** (A&S) of Atlanta, Ga., has published From Ballpark to Boardroom: Lessons for CEOs from a Little League Coach, in which he applies the lessons he learned from the “little kids” to the “big kids” at the Centers for Disease Control (www.ballparktoboardroom.com). Abraham is chairman of the Cobb County School District in the metro Atlanta area.

1977

**STEVEN J. KOBYLENSKI** (HAS) of Naugatuck, Conn., successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, titled Artistic Emergence: Common Triggers, Shared Perceptions, and Strategies for Perpetuation. He is an art instructor at Naugatuck High School and an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University.
1978

PAUL P. BISACCIA (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., treated his audience to a piano performance, dubbed “Night at the Opera,” held at Brewster Academy’s Anderson Hall in Wolfeboro, N.H. The concert took viewers on a tour of some of the greatest Broadway and opera music.

JANICE LAMOTTA (HAS) of West Hartford, Conn., was appointed program coordinator for The Studio @ Billings Forge. She is responsible for developing and managing all studio programs and presentations.

1980

MARGARET W. LARSON (BARNEY) of Oshkosh, Wis., was selected from 150 nominees as one of 10 recipients of the Community Quarterback Award from the State of Wisconsin for her work throughout the Oshkosh community.

1982

MICHAEL L. CONN (ASS) of Fort Myers, Fla., has accepted the position of director of client services at B-Squared Advertising in Naples, Fla.

1983

JOSEPH J. GRECO (A, WARD) of Bristol, Conn., received the Business Leader Award presented by the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce.

STEVEN R. KASS (BARNEY) of Trinidad, Colo., completed an intensive, 22-week training academy and was sworn in as a Colorado state trooper.

1984

FREEMAN BURR (M, ENHP; C’91 ENHP) of Bloomfield, Conn., is superintendent of the Shelton, Conn., public school system.

DANA N. PANZARINO (CEA) of Watchung, N.J., is a managing director for VVA Project Managers Associates in New York City.

ALAN J. ROTH (BARNEY) of Fort Lee, N.J., was promoted to vice president, asset management, at Wachovia Multifamily Capital, Inc., in New York City.

CORNELIUS G. WHITE (HARTT) of Tampa, Fla., has founded Creative Mind Entertainment, a company focused on promotion, marketing, and representation of musical artists. White also conducted master classes and lectures for the Summer Vocal Institute at St. Petersburg College of Fine Arts and Humanities, where he discussed vocal performance and artist development.

1986

BARBARA LUSSIER (HAS) of Putnam, Conn., presented a three-day plein-air painting workshop at the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, Vt.

Newlyweds at Last

It’s a story of two young people who went off to college in 1955, excited to begin their adult lives. At a freshman orientation picnic at Trinity College in Hartford, they spotted each other—and as the saying goes, it was love at first sight. After graduation, they began their careers and continued their education. In 1967 they moved into a house with two apartments, giving the appearance of living separately. They continued their careers: one as a high school math teacher and eventual administrator; the other as a professor of philosophy, religion, and education, and as an Episcopal priest.

Their relationship, which has lasted more than 50 years, has weathered considerably more than the usual ups and downs. Why? Because the Rev. Dr. Richard T. Nolan and Robert C. Pingpank M’64 are gay men.

Fearing intolerance and its consequences, Nolan and Pingpank hid the true nature of their relationship for years from all but their closest friends. Gradually, attitudes within society and the church changed, and they felt safe selectively revealing their secret. In 2006 they received a domestic partnership certificate from Palm Beach County, Fla., their current home. In June 2009 the couple returned to Connecticut, one of six states in this country that allows same-sex marriage, for their 50th class reunion and to be wed in Trinity College’s chapel. Now, at age 72, the two are finally newlyweds and also celebrating their 54th anniversary together. (Their informal biography, Soul Mates: More Than Partners, may be accessed at www.nolan-pingpank.com.)

Nolan says that getting married was a mixture of sentiment and practicality. “Rich has been hospitalized on an emergency basis and for major surgery about five times in recent years . . . . Our Florida attorney recommended that we marry in Connecticut. Although the marriage certificate is not yet recognized in Florida, he believes [it] would be very persuasive in a medical crisis and some other matters.”

Nolan and Pingpank have strong ties to the early years at the University of Hartford. Both remember taking and teaching classes initially in the old Hillyer College building in downtown Hartford before moving to the main campus, which Nolan describes as having been “only a couple of buildings on a rather stark acreage.” Pingpank earned a master’s in education here in 1964, just after the Fuller Music Center was dedicated (1963) and the same year the Hartford Art School moved to the Bloomfield Avenue campus. Nolan was an adjunct instructor of philosophy and ethics at the University between 1966 and 1968, during the years when the University opened its first residence halls and built the Gengras Campus Center.

In a recent trip to campus the two expressed their amazement at the University’s growth in the intervening decades.

“Our June visit to the campus was surreal. . . . A lot can happen in half a century!” says Nolan. “We are very proud to have been associated with the University in its formative years and now to be so welcomed as alumni/friends.”

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Student • Teacher
Glassblower Naomi Kravitz ’05

BY THERESA SULLIVAN BARGER

Hartford Art School adjunct instructor and 2005 alumna Naomi Kravitz is a flowing stream of motion while she’s creating a glass sculpture. She spins a hunk of glass in a 2,000-degree oven, then removes it to mold the glowing orb quickly into a piece that plays with color, light, air, and form. Some of her vases, sculptures, and bowls capture her love of nature. Lime dots of glass resemble lichen on a pink bowl. Sacred Water, above, blends shades of blue, evoking the sea.

Krivitz says her work evolves because she’s always learning, including from her students at the Hartford Art School (HAS) and the world-renowned Pilchuck Glass School, founded by glass artist Dale Chihuly (Hon. ’00), near Seattle, Wash.

At HAS, Kravitz teaches a glass fabrication course that introduces students to glass casting, mold making, and blowing.

“Every class that I teach, . . . at the end at least two students have found their art form [that] they have always been searching for,” says Kravitz, of Canton, Conn. “This is what happened to me when I first found glassblowing.”

In June, Kravitz worked as a teaching assistant to master glassblower Sonja Blomdahl at the Pilchuck School, helping to teach a three-week class called Blowing in Color.

Krivitz began teaching informally while still a college student majoring in sculpture.

“There came a point when I was being asked by others how to create a certain shape or idea,” she says. “One learns the most through teaching. I have been teaching glassblowing since 2004, and I love it, as I am still learning new techniques daily that I feel obligated to pass on.”

She credits former professor Joe Dal Pra, her glass instructor, and Associate Dean Tom Bradley, who allowed her to use the glass studio and was “always there for advice and encouragement.”

“It was in that studio that I was able to hone my skills through trial and error and really find my way of communicating my art through sculpture,” she says. “It was there that I learned about glass making, equipment building, equipment maintenance, and how to teach.”

She has furthered her education by studying glassblowing in Italy, both in Cortona and Murano; at the Pilchuck Glass Studio with Hiroshi Yamano, a leading Japanese glassblower; and at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y.

“Glass making is the ultimate art form, and I thank the University of Hartford for giving me the opportunity to discover its power,” she says. “The University has also given me the confidence to follow my dreams and not let anything stand in my way.”

Editor’s note: To watch Naomi Kravitz create a glass sculpture as she teaches a class at the Hartford Art School in 2008, see www.youtube.com and search for “Naomi Glass.”
Robert C. Pingpank ’M64 & Richard Nolan
Susan J. Dulepski ’92 & Brian Ducey (9.27.08)
Kristen J. Branca ’99 & Richard Acton
Sarah Pagliaro & David M. Tellerico ’00 (9.27.08)
Caryn Tobiasz & Brian Ducey M’03, M’06 (11.29.08)
Jennifer Forello A’02, ’04, & David S. Broslovsky ’04 (6.17.06)
Aliza Berger M’06 & Harry Petrucci (8.2.08)
Kathleen M. Lupher M’06 & Andrew Zell (10.11.08)
Stephanie Tsouvalas & David M. Hernandez M’08 (8.17.08)

Right: A radiant Rachel A. Lutcker ’99 and David Jorgensen cut their wedding cake on March 28, 2009, in New York City. The bride is a morning news anchor and traffic reporter for WTIC-TV, the Fox affiliate in Hartford, Conn. The groom is a senior account executive for The Hartford.

Weddings

ROBERT A. COOPER (A&S) of Fort Myers, Fla., has been named a partner with the law firm of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP in Fort Myers.

DONALD E. KEAGAN (M, BARNEY) of North Adams, Mass., was promoted to president and chief executive officer of Hoosac Bank in North Adams.

PATRICK SHEEHAN (ENHP) of Oviedo, Fla., birdied the first playoff hole to win the Athens Regional Foundation Classic, his first win of the season in the Nationwide Golf Tour.

1993
JAMES W. LONG (CETA) of Virginia Beach, Va., is the Hampton Roads bridge safety engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation. He is responsible for the safety and maintenance of more than 1,700 bridges and 20,000 ancillary highway structures.

1994
MATTHEW T. CURTIS (A&S) of Ellington, Conn., is director of human resources with the Simsbury Board of Education in Simsbury, Conn.

SCOTT B. METCALFE (HARTT) of Severna Park, Md., has been names director of recording arts and sciences at the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University.

First row (l—r):
Rebecca ’02 & Scott ’95 Scorso (Vaughan Houston, B.3.08, grandson of Sharon ’02 & Clifford ’75 Scorso)
Laura M. Sardelli ’03 & Michael D. Sardelli ’01 (Mark David, 3.26.09)
Colleen A. Parillo ’00 & Antonio Parillo (Natalie Teresa, 1.28.09)

Second row (l—r):
Maria J. Feijoo M’08 & Vince Feijoo (Nicholas Anthony, 10.29.08)
Jennifer Broslovsky A’02, ’04, & David Broslovsky ’04 (Cooper Thomas, 10.12.07)
Marcy Gotterbarn Weiss ’03, M’04, & Ivan Weiss (Jacob Simon, 5.14.09)

Not pictured:
Carrie Long & James W. Long ’93 (Joshua William, 8.31.07)
Cindy Waters & Richard B. Waters M’97 (Matthew Charles, 4.6.09)
Elizabeth Raithe & Kevin R. Raithe ’99 (Ella Rita, 3.3.09)
Michael J. Gonzalez ’02 (Kaelyn Beth, 2.29.08)

Celebrate with the Observer!

Weddings, births, new jobs, promotions, performances, exhibitions, publications—these and so many other notable milestones and accomplishments are what punctuate our lives once we leave the University of Hartford campus. Send the Observer your news, and we’ll let old friends and faculty, as well as the global University community, know what you’ve been up to since graduation. Announcements may be sent to alumni@hartford.edu or to the Office of Alumni Relations, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.
1999
RACHEL A. LUTZKER (A&S) of Hartford, Conn., was featured on the TLC reality show Say Yes to the Dress, as she chose the perfect wedding dress for her March 2009 nuptials (see Weddings on p. 28).

2000
JOSEPH D. COLWICK (M, BARNEY) of Plantsville, Conn., has accepted the position of account executive with TD Insurance, Inc., in Wethersfield, Conn. Colwick is responsible for employee benefits sales to business customers throughout Connecticut.

CRISTINA D. PLACILLA (M, HARTT) of Winston Salem, N.C., is a member of Ensemble Argos, a flexible chamber music ensemble. Along with performing works from the standard literature, the ensemble is dedicated to commissioning and performing new works. Placilla is a viola soloist, chamber musician, scholar, and teacher.

LOUIS R. SPETRINO (A&S) of Stratford, Conn., opened a studio named Spetrino Pictures, LLC, in Milford, Conn. The studio offers motion-picture, video, and photography services for weddings, music videos, corporate events, and commercial promotions.

2001
JONATHAN M. RIVERA (A&S) of Guilford, Conn., is the new head coach of the girl’s track-and-field team at Guilford High School.

2002
JEREMY F. BELL (HAS) of New Haven, Conn., is the gallery conservation technician at the Yale University Art Gallery. Bell works with conservators in an effort to maintain and preserve the gallery’s collection of paintings and sculpture as well as new acquisitions.

2003
JONATHAN P. BABCOCK (D, HARTT) of Kyle, Tex., is the associate director of choral activities at Texas State University-San Marcos, where he conducts the School of Music’s University Singers and Men’s Chorus.

KATHARINA LINDNER (A&S, M’05 A&S) of Kleinostheim, Germany, was nominated for the Scottish Women’s Football Player of the Year Award. She is a striker for Glasgow City and was named Players’ Player of the Year in her first season.

DESTINEY M. KIMMERLE (HAS) of Grotton, Conn., announces her engagement to Matthew Proctor. An October 2009 wedding is planned in Grotton.

BRENDA A. ROBERTSON (ENHP) of Windsor Locks, Conn., is the new director of care coordination at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, Conn.

HEATHER A. STRIZALKOWSKI (M, HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., completed a three-year teacher certification program in the Alexander Technique. She teaches flute and Alexander Technique in private practice throughout the Greater Hartford region.

2004
DAVID R. BOSSO (M, ENHP) of Berlin, Conn., was honored by the Connecticut Council for Social Studies as its 2009 Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

LISANN D. CAMPBELL-ROBINSON (BARNEY) of Cromwell, Conn., has accepted the position of marketing communications director with the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc., in Rocky Hill, Conn.

TIMOTHY M. DELOUREIRO (CETA, M’08 BARNEY) of Rocky Hill, Conn., was inducted into the Rocky Hill Athletic Hall of Fame. He is the third member of his family to receive the honor, following his father and sister.

JAMES A. FORD (HARTT) of West Boylston, Mass., appeared in an episode of FOX’s scary supernatural series, Fringe. He played a computer-whiz geek helping a villain to open up a time-dimension portal.

DARCY PURINTON (M, ENHP) of Jeffersonville, Vt., is co-author of Tobacco Sheds in the Connecticut River Valley. The book gives an overview of the tobacco industry from the farmer’s perspective and tours the valley’s rich agricultural history, using interviews and hands-on research to capture the essence of this special crop.

Calling All Alumni!
We’re looking for alumni who have made mid- or even late-career changes.

Did you start out as an attorney and end up designing custom lampshades? Were you an artist who now bakes pies and cakes for a living? Did you leave social work to write novels or sell real estate? For an upcoming issue of the Observer, we’re looking for alumni who have traded in their first careers to follow their hearts in what the media calls “Plan B” careers.

If you have a story to tell, contact us at observer@hartford.edu. And thanks!

2005
CHRISTOPHER J. DUBEY (A&S) of Middletown, Conn., was the recipient of the Middlesex Community College Annual Award for Academic Excellence in Biotechnology.

MICHAEL J. HANLON (M, BARNEY) of North Haven, Conn., was reappointed to serve as a member of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants’ Advisory Council.

KERRY K. JONES (C, ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., has been named principal at Squadron Line School in Simsbury, Conn.

RUTH I. LEVY (D, ENHP) of Middlefield, Conn., is superintendent of Regional School District 4 in Deep River, Conn.

SCOTT M. WISE (CETA) of Rocky Hill, Conn., graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex.

Richard Malinsky ’66 (HAS), Giant Sea Fan (limited-edition print on paper, 18” x 24”), 2009. From his Aquos Series, Malinsky’s vivid prints are inspired by his travels in Florida. The full range of his work may be viewed at www.malinskyexpressionism.com. Malinsky, who makes his home in Madison, Conn., was recently elected to the HAS board of corporators.
2006
CAITLIN EICHLER (ENHP) of Madison, Conn., is the new head softball coach at Westbrook High School in Westbrook, Conn.
JENNIFER O. JURCZAK (M, BARNEY) of Avon, Conn., was named branch manager and officer of Bank Newport’s Narragansett office. She is responsible for branch operations, business, and staff development.

2007
RENEE J. MONICO (HARTT) of Eldsburg, Md., is on tour with TheatreWorksUSA as the lead in Junni B. Jones, a children’s show.
PETER J. MORETTI (A&S) of Stratford, Conn., graduated from Western Connecticut State University with a Master of Fine Arts in creative and professional writing.

In Memoriam

Mark Ferguson, an adjunct faculty member in sculpture at the Hartford Art School, died on Nov. 11, 2008, at the age of 49. Ferguson, who was instrumental in establishing the art school’s glass studio, was honored this summer with a retrospective exhibit of his work in glass at the Windsor Arts Center.

Fredric “Fritz” Moses, associate professor of voice at The Hartt School and an accomplished baritone, died on July 8. Performing as a soloist with such conductors as Joshua Rifkin and Robert Shaw, Moses sang in the United States with the Detroit Symphony, Boston Bach Ensemble, and Washington Cathedral Choral Society, and abroad with the Stadttheater Trier, Stadttheater Oberhausen, and London Contemporary Opera.

Attention, Alumni Artists!

The Observer welcomes your art. Your work in any medium is a great addition to our Alumni Connections section. We’re proud to publish the art you’ve worked so hard to create.

Let us give your art a wider audience. Send in digital photos of your artwork from a recent or upcoming exhibition. Photos should be high resolution, less than 2MB each, saved in jpg format, and e-mailed as attachments to bkennedy@hartford.edu. Larger files may be mailed on CD to Observer, Office of Communication, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.

Mari Skarp ‘04, C’07 (HAS, A&S), Rocking Horse (welded steel, wood, wire, rubber, horse hair, found objects, 23” x 15” x 27”), 2008. Concerned with the disappearance of farmland in the United States, Skarp works to promote farm-preservation awareness by re-creating the living spirit of the farm and its animals using objects found on abandoned farms in Connecticut. Skarp’s work has won several awards recently, including second place, sculpture category, in the 59th National Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Realism in Art. Find more of her work at mariskarpart.com.

Louise C. Murray A’43 5,14.09 Marie A. Petrizzo M’67 4,13.09
William R. Steidel A’44 6.09 Edward P. Farrell ’68 5.70
Wallace H. Churchill A’48 3,19.09 Donna P. Neumann A’68 4,29.09
Walter F. Bender A’50 4,13.09 Susan S. Anderson M’69 4,70
John N. Leach A’48, ’50 5,27.09 William E. Bottomley ’69 5,26.09
Robert L. Lassow A’50, ’52 4,19.09 Wayne E. Harrington ’69 3,24.09
Harriet B. Leon A’52 5,31.09 Donald W. Ryan ’71 3,17.09
Robert H. Schultz ’52 3,16.09 Kathleen J. Duncan ’74 4,23.09
John C. Cannata C’58 4,28.09 Dennis W. Schaeffer M’74 4,11.09
Elsie Johnson M’60 3,24.09 Raymond Aron M’75 4,21.09
Richard F. Pauloz ’60 5,28.09 Michael W. Kurmaskie ’76 4,14.09
Lucille A. Diorio C’61 4,2.09 Linda K. Ryan M’76 4,24.09
Hugo R. LaPenta M’61 5,28.09 Linda Carnero A’80 4,2.09
Melvyn L. Raiman ’62, M’68 6,7.09 Harris G. Cohen M’81 3,28.09
Priscilla G. Thompson ’63 3,24.09 Andrew B. Lipner ’83 4,2.09
Sumner R. Thompson M’63 4,20.09 Iolina L. Ragazzo M’83 5,17.09
William R. Neznayko M’64 5,3.09 Joseph H. McCann ’86 5,27.09
Blanche Sherman M’64 3,19.09 Kip B. Evans M’89 4,29.09
Henry G. Rothenauer C’66 5,11.09 John J. Marek ’92 4,27.09

SCOTT OUDERKIRK (M’07) of Addison, N.Y., and his brother, Dave, owner of Al’s Wine & Whiskey in Syracuse, N.Y., are collaborators in Al’s Wine & Whiskey Project, a rather unusual project for charity. A large lightbox of stained glass was created using the medieval process of painting on glass, then kiln-firing it. Donors contributed to have their names fired into bottles in the background of the piece. A total of $3,400 was raised and split between Future Fund and Whole Me, two Syracuse charities. Witness the entire process on www.scottouderkirk.com.

DEBORAH S. WHEELER (D, ENHP) of Terryville, Conn., has accepted the position of superintendent of the Litchfield public school system.

2009
MICHAEL P. THURZ (M, BARNEY) of Glastonbury, Conn., was the recipient of the Glastonbury Exchange Club’s 2009 Firefighter of the Year award.
ALUMNI EVENTS

(1) First row from left: Bill Sherman, Nicole Bocra ’95, and Kandyce Aust, director of alumni relations, in Washington, DC, with the 2009 CT Honor Flight. (2) Bill Sherman salutes for the camera at the Air Force Memorial in DC. (3) Adam Stanisic ’09 and Elsa Chin ’09 celebrate at a Commencement reception. (4) Alumni volunteers turn out for the Travelers golf championship in Cromwell, Conn. (5) From left: Michele ’92, Brian ’91, Noah, and Jordan Swanson at the May 29 Rock Cats baseball game. (6) Susan, professor of finance at Barney, and Bill Coleman found a new friend at the Rock Cats game.

(7) Jonathan Jones, Prudential Retirement and an Express to Success mentor, with Nikki Hoang ’11 and James Ogwu-Weekes ’11. (8) Alumna Penny Coppen hosted an Alumni Council for Women event in Gengras Student Union featuring the Wisdom Wheel. The wheel has roots in Native American culture and involves discussion of value systems and ethics. (9) Hartford Art School alumni gather in New York in April.
Golden Hawks welcome each other and prepare to lead the Commencement procession. Brand-new alums and their families celebrate their success at Commencement gatherings. Deborah ’05, M’09, and Mark Kulwich are a new addition to an ancient backdrop in Greece. The alumni gang in Greece.

A Night at the Wadsworth. Sam Skinner M’85 (first row, center), director of international admission, sits surrounded by a gathering of alumni in Taiwan. Hilary Rudy ’00, left, and Alumni Board member Heather Fraser ’99 explore the Grecian ruins.