ANTHONY D. DI SALVO (M, ENHP) of Hamden, Conn., was elected chairman of the Regional Water Authority in New Haven, Conn. A trustee/member of the water authority for 11 years, DiSalvo retired as president of Cello, Ltd., and Viola Audio Labs, manufacturers of high-end audio equipment. An active community member, he has served as president of the New Haven Manufacturer’s Association and ALSO–Cornerstone, as treasurer of the International Association of New Haven, and as a director of the Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund.

ROBERT H. FORRESTER (A&S) of Avon, Conn., has assumed the stewardship of Newman’s Own Foundation’s philanthropic legacy, following the death of Paul Newman. Coexecutor of Newman’s estate, cotrustee of a living trust, and the chairman and CEO of Newman’s Own, Inc., and Newman’s Own Foundation, Forrester also oversees Hole in the Wall camps all over the world and is involved with various other charities founded by Newman.

RICHARD A. MALINSKY (HAS) of Madison, Conn., had his acrylic painting Flora selected for a jurors’ award at the Slater Memorial Museum’s 67th Annual Connecticut Artists Juried Exhibition in

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Norwich, Conn. This is the second consecutive year that Malinsky has been included in the Slater Museum's juried exhibit. He was also selected for the New Britain Museum of American Art’s 40th Annual Juried Exhibit.

1970 CYNT HIA B. GIESING (A&S) of Columbia, Mo., has been working for Applied Ecological Services, Inc., in Brodhead, Wis., since 2004 as a project estimator/coordinator.

1971 PHILIP C. BOWLER (HARTT) of Newtown, Conn., gave a jazz performance at the Flagpole Radio Café in Edmond Town Hall Theatre in Newtown. He is known for his award-winning radio program, Jazz Adventures, on WPKN radio.

1973 PETER B. WAITE (HAS) of Glastonbury, Conn., was featured in Paintings/Paris, a one-person exhibit at the Winston Wächter Fine Art Gallery in New York City.

1975 AARON D. MAHI (HARTT) of Honolulu, Hawaii, was honored by the Oahu Choral Society for his contributions to the arts in Hawaii at its annual fundraiser, held at Waialae Country Club in Honolulu. Mahi was the former conductor of the Royal Hawaiian Band for more than 24 years and the Honolulu Symphony Pops Orchestra for seven years.

WILLIAM MARROCCO (HAS) of Cranston, R.I., has retired after 34 years as a high school visual arts teacher in Blackstone, Mass. Marrocco was a featured potter in 1996 at the National Museum of African Art at the Smithsonian Institution, where he demonstrated the fabrication of Nubian style pottery. The project was a result of a research grant he received in 1995 from the Nubian Institute at Northeastern University. Marrocco is happily married to JOANNE M. MARROCCO ’75 (HAS).

1977 ROBERT BRUBAKER (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., debuted with Teatro Comunale in Bologna, Italy, in the role of Herodes in Salome. He has also performed the role in Barcelona and at La Scala. Brubaker appeared in the production of Die Frau Ohne Schatten in the role of Der Kaiser at Deutsche Oper Berlin in Berlin, Germany.

ROBERT J. GECKLER (A, WARD; ’80 A&S) of Terryville, Conn., serves as an associated minister at the First Baptist Church in Plymouth, Conn. He is the owner of Ecumenical Communications and Christian Podcasts—New England, a production company serving churches and religious organizations in the region.

1978 JOSEPH J. GRECO (M, BARNEY) of Litchfield, Conn., was elected chairman of the Connecticut Banker’s Association. He is the president and CEO of the First National Bank of Litchfield.

1979 JEANNE A. KENT (HAS, M’82 HAS) of Winsted, Conn., has five pieces of gourd art in permanent collections at the Chimney Point Museum in Addison, Vt.; the Institute for Native American Studies in Washington, Conn.; and Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Kent’s work is based on the designs, stories, and history of the Wabanaki people of northern New England and lower Canada. Kent’s studio, Morningstar, produces fine gourd arts based on the designs and stories of the Northeast Woodland people.

1980 SUNIL RASTOGI (BARNEY) of Mount Pleasant, S.C., is vice president of business development at Cypress Bath, Bed & Spa in Mount Pleasant.

SHELLEY SOMERS (M, ENHP) of Beaumont, S.C., is the new principal at Central Middle School in Greenwich, Conn.

MARK L. WINZLER (M, ENHP; C’83 ENHP) of Manchester, Conn., was named interim superintendent of schools in Berlin, Conn.

1981 MEGAN P. COLLINS (A&S) of Norwalk, Conn., had an exhibit of her paintings, titled Reflections on Asia, at New Canaan Library in New Canaan, Conn.

JULIE JANSEN (A&S) of Stamford, Conn., has just released a revised edition of her bestselling first book, I Don’t Know What I Want, But I Know It’s Not This. Jansen (www.juliejansen.net) is a speaker, coach, consultant, and trainer who helps individuals and businesses reach their fullest potential in today’s chaotic workplace.

1982 BRIAN P. DAVIS (ENGINEERING) of Scottsdale, Ariz., is the author of The Hunt for Sunan. This new mystery novel follows two engineers drawn into a treacherous manhunt for a missing colleague in rural Louisiana. For more information, visit www.brianpauldavis.com or www.thehuntforsunan.com.

1983 DAVID M. CYBULSKI (BARNEY) of Franklin, Mass., is vice president of finance at Lenze AC Tech Corporation in Uxbridge, Mass.

KATHRYN D. CARLIC (M, BARNEY) of Buffalo, N.Y., was named to the Daemen College Board of Trustees. She is an investment management executive at M&T Bank.

DALE W. MAINE (A’81, WARD; WARD) of Simsford, Conn., received his second software patent for a system that translates Web application code from one development format to another. He was inducted as the first IT Fellow at Hamilton Sundstrand in 2008.

1984 DIANE O. STABLES (M, HARTT) of Glen Mills, Pa., designs and creates beaded jewelry in various colors, shapes, sizes, and textures, each with its very own personality.

Elizabeth “Betty” Burnham Bennett

Betty Burnham grew up on a tobacco farm in Windsor, Conn., during the Depression and attended Hillyer College during World War II. She married her sweetheart, Howard Bennett, after he returned from service in the Navy. They raised three sons together while Howard enjoyed a successful career with IBM. After losing her beloved husband to cancer, Betty took advantage of a plan that gave her income for life and, with careful planning and some old savings bond certificates stored in her attic, found a way to help others have the educational opportunities she had enjoyed.

Today, there is a named scholarship fund in memory of Betty and Howard Bennett that offers tuition assistance to veterans attending the University of Hartford.

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Barbara Quirk Beaudin C’82
ENHP

Barbara Quirk Beaudin holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mathematics, a Sixth-Year Certificate in Public School Administration from the University of Hartford (1982), and an EdD in administration, planning, and social policy from Harvard University. She worked for 16 years in the Farmington public schools as a mathematics teacher and administrator and for 12 years at the University of Hartford as a mathematics professor and administrator.

Beaudin began working at the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) in 1986 on a consulting basis for a variety of research projects focusing on teacher and administrator supply and demand. In 2000 she moved to CSDE to take a program evaluation position in its Division of Research and Evaluation. Since then, Beaudin has served as the chief of the Bureau of Research, Evaluation, and Student Assessment and is currently the associate commissioner for the Division of Assessment, Research, and Technology.

Eileen Callahan Bredice ‘89, M’91
ENHP

Since graduating with a bachelor’s degree in 1989 and a master’s degree in education in 1991, Eileen Callahan Bredice has called Simsbury, Conn., her home. She recently returned to her career as a teacher after spending nine years at home with her children, Nicholas, 14, and Callahan, 11. For the past two years she has been teaching 2nd grade in Newington, Conn.

Bredice says she often reflects back on her experience as an undergraduate at the University and feels fortunate to have had an outstanding teacher-training foundation. She is thankful for the support of professors like S. Edward Weinswig, who brought teaching to life for her through his commitment and sincere love of learning.

Bredice and her husband, Mark ‘89, often bring their children back to the University for various sporting events as well as Homecoming Weekend. She says it is amazing to see the changes around the campus, but somehow they still feel that connection to the place they called home almost 21 years ago.

Bobbi McNeil ’94
ENHP

Bobbi McNeil began her professional career 46 years ago as a student in the radiography program at Hartford Hospital. Through those years, she advanced from a diagnostic technologist to an interventional technologist to a supervisor. In 1994 she graduated with a BS in health sciences from the University.

After 27 years at Mt. Sinai Hospital and having passed her advanced certification boards in cardiovascular radiography, McNeil decided to use her education at a different level. She says her degree allowed her to advance to a manager of interventional radiology at Hartford Hospital. McNeil’s years in this role led to a position as operations manager.

Last year brought yet another challenge, when she became the director of radiology. Now, with a $22 million budget and 188 full-time employees, McNeil feels that Hartford Hospital has arguably the most cutting-edge technology department in the state.

A University regent from 2001 to 2010, McNeil has served on a number of committees at the University. She also served as president of the Alumni Association from 2001 to 2004.

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From Mathematician to Conceptual Artist

BY BEVERLY KENNEDY

Kevin Van Aelst M’05 is a self-confessed “bit of a nerd.” As a guest speaker last February in Associate Professor Ellen Carey’s class in Professional Practices in Photography, Van Aelst explained how he went from undergraduate math major to conceptual photographer for high-caliber publications like *Time* magazine.

As an undergraduate at Cornell University, Van Aelst began to lose interest in math when the concepts became too abstract and switched his major to psychology and creative writing. At the same time, he was drawn to photography. The realization that “art didn’t need to look pretty” was the confirmation he needed to begin photographing seriously.

Pursuing a master’s degree in fine arts at the Hartford Art School was his next career step. “I like making sense of what we don’t have control over,” Van Aelst says, like the patterns that show up in nature. He tries to corral the abstract into images that are concrete, fun, and meaningful to him. Food shows up in a Van Aelst work as an apple with enough chunks gouged out to leave a recognizable, red-skinned replica of the Earth. The New England night sky is proportionally laid out in constellations of tiny lint wads on a cobalt-blue sweater background.

In February, Van Aelst announced that he had just submitted his 100th conceptual image for “The Medium,” Virginia Heffernan’s weekly column on visual culture in the Sunday *New York Times Magazine*. He shot the Jan. 18, 2010, cover of *Time* and has also done work for *Men’s Health*, *GQ*, *Business Week*, and *Fast Company*.

Van Aelst is a part-time faculty member at Quinnipiac University and a 2008 recipient of a Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism fellowship grant. A national exhibitor, his work may also be viewed at http://keinvanaelst.com.

A White House Christmas

Daniel G. Pikarski A’92, ’94, poses with his nephews, Nicholas, 8 (left), and Mike Pikarski, 7, before entering the wreath-bedecked iron gate to the East Wing of the White House for a special holiday party and private tour of the East Wing’s Christmas decorations, hosted by President Barack Obama. When not visiting the White House, Pikarski is a real-estate taxation attorney in Chicago, Ill.

Sailing Ahead

Kenneth R. Muskat ’94 stands on board a Royal Caribbean International ship as the cruise line’s new vice president, sales. Based in Miami, Fla., Muskat is responsible for consolidating the company’s distribution strategy and overseeing the field sales organization throughout the United States and Canada as well as inside sales, special events, and sales communications. The new VP also serves on the board of directors for the Children’s Cancer Caring Center, the only free pediatric oncology treatment center in the southeastern United States.

Muskat recently hosted alumni on *Oasis of the Seas*, a Royal Caribbean vessel (see photos, p. 31).
**WEDDINGS**

**THE REAL THING**

Ryan Labbe’s ‘02, M’05 (right), walk down the aisle to marry Trine Engelbrektsen reads like a dream sequence. While the groom, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., was receiving a liver transplant in May 2008, he met his bride, the first successful liver transplant in Florida.

After discovering that *Wedding Day*, a new television reality show, was looking for a couple tied to the theme of organ donation, “We sent in a few videos, answered lots of questions about us and our ‘dream wedding,’ and four days before being married [Dec. 19, 2008], we were told we had won,” Labbe explains.

The winning couple was given the wedding of a lifetime at the Trump International Beach Resort in North Miami Beach, Fla., with many surprises for the bride and groom. “The producers of the show knew that I was a musician and guitar player,” Labbe says, “so they had lots of music-themed surprises for me.” Pictured with the newlyweds on Catlin, 5.11.09)

(Above right) Katie DiDonato ’06, M’07, and Timothy DeLoureiro ’04, M’08, are blissful on the altar steps on their wedding day, Aug. 7, 2009, in Schenectady, N.Y. The bride played basketball for the Hawks in her student days at the University.

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Katherine Perlman & Alexander Perlman (7.19.09)

Andrew M. Hacker ’84 & Patrick C. Puccino ’94 (Marley)

Angela M. Puccino ’94 & Matthew Puccino ’94 (Jonathan Samuel, 8.19.09)

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**BIRTHS**

Brandon Mallis (Jayden Samuel, 7.19.09)

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Carmen P. Cairelli A‘59, ‘62 1.19,10
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Paul M. Maigret A‘63 3.12,10
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PAUL NASKIE (CETA). See KRISTY WING ‘03.
LAUREN S. ZILKA (ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., is sales and marketing manager at Morton’s Steakhouse in Hartford.

2002
BRYAN J. BENDIG (ENHP) of Boston, Mass., is the grassroots marketing manager at Gait Lacrosse in St. Louis, Mo. He is responsible for the Gait Grassroots Program nationwide.
LAUREN M. CAVANAUGH (HARTT) of Union City, N.J., was featured in Farmington LIFE in an article about growing up in Farmington, Conn., and her work now as a playwright in New York City.
THOMAS P. CREAM (HARTT) of Windsor, Conn., performed with fellow Hartt School alumnus DANIEL A. VOSS ‘02 in the Tom Crean-Dan Voss Duo at Martocchio Music in Simsbury, Conn.
SCOTT A. HILL (M, HARTT; C‘04 HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., and CARLOS BOLTES ‘04 received the 2010 Chamber Music America/American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Award for Adventurous Programming, Hill, on guitar, and Boltes, on viola, make up the Alturas Duo.

2003
ERICA L. GELLER (HARTT) of Cherry Hill, N.J., is pleased to announce her engagement to John Guillaume. The couple plans a June 2011 wedding.
CHRISTOPHER NELSON (HAS) of Westwood, N.J., portrayed Prince Barry in Rapunzelarella White, with the Bergen County Players at the Little Firehouse Theatre in Oradell, N.J. Nelson is an art director for MGMGold Communications in New York City.
MATTHEW M. SHEA (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., a former Broadway publicist for Barlow and Hartman, launched his own styling company, called Matt Shea Style, in New York City.
BENJAMIN P. WHELAN-MORIN (HARTT) of Washington, D.C., was nominated for the Mayor’s Arts Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Performing Arts by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. The award is the most prestigious of its kind given by the government of the District of Columbia. Whelan-Morin is production supervisor/music and theater instructor at the William E. Doar Jr. Public Charter School for the Performing Arts in Washington.
KRISTY WING (ENHP) of Wallington, Conn., is pleased to announce her engagement to PAUL NASKIE ‘01. A Sept. 5, 2010, wedding is planned.

2004
ELISAH C. LIVINGSTONE (A, HILLER; ‘06 BARNEY) of Hartford, Conn., received the Program Achievement Award from the Urban League of Greater Hartford for her accomplishments following her Urban League in

1996
ROBERT T. JACHYM (BARNEY) of Middletown, Conn., was inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame. He is the head boys’ soccer coach at Wethersfield High School in Wethersfield, Conn.

1997
DAVID B. ALLEN (A’95 HILLYER, BARNEY) of Edgewater, N.J., is president and founder of DBA Commercial Real Estate NYC in New York City.

KYLE L. WOLFE (HAS) of Framingham, Mass., is design director at Sunshine Sign Company in North Grafton, Mass., overseeing all company design and engineering efforts, providing custom-designed and -engineered solutions for individual client signage needs. Wolfe also leads Sunshine Sign’s green/sustainable design-management and material-selection efforts.

1998
MICHAEL C. RYAN (BARNEY) of Broad Brook, Conn., announces his engagement to Tracy Gaudreau. A July 2010 wedding is planned.

1999
DAVID P. NUTT (BARNEY) of Marblehead, Mass., was inducted into the Marblehead Chamber of Commerce. He is an auto-, home-, and life-insurance sales representative at Liberty Mutual.
SHEL P. TSCHERNE (ENHP) of Marlborough, Mass., is youth group leader at Memorial Congregational Church in Sudbury, Mass.

2001
BRYANT J. McCONKIE (M, BARNEY) of Salt Lake City, Utah, has accepted the position of shareholder with the Strong & Hanni Law Firm in Salt Lake City.
McConkie represents clients involved with legal issues that arise during family disputes and with other family-law issues.
Umbrellas for Peace

Lamb Umbrellas for Peace Project is a global art project involving painting and decorating umbrellas by children and adults. Individuals atavistically design umbrellas that represent their personal values of world peace. A subsequent parade happens throughout their neighborhoods and or campus. This is a manifestation of people bringing peace throughout the world they live in.

This program was sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations (Alumnae Council for Women), Women for Change, and the Women and Gender Resource Center. Funding was provided through a grant from WELFund, a legacy program of Hartford College for Women.

1. Students Shauniqua Blake, Anita Spence, Debra Simpson A’03, Ashley Mussington, and Desiann Malcolm show their support for Umbrellas for Peace.
2. Marelin Vergara ’09
3. Students from Weaver High School and their class advisor joined in the fun.
4. Donna Haghhighat, grants and programs manager, WELFund
Each composer presented a work for solo cello and a work for cello with ensemble.

YUNMI CHO (HARTT) of Kyunggido, South Korea, sang in "Valentines for the Young New Jersey Artists" cabaret at Farleigh Dickenson University's College of Florham.

KENNETH T. PARKER (US, M'09 BARNEY) of Granby, Conn., accepted a position at CIGNA in Bloomfield, Conn., as test environment planning and governance director within the Enterprise Testing Competency Center.

2007

JESSICA M. HARTKE (A&S) of Higganum, Conn., is pleased to announce her engagement to Mark A. Port of Southington, Conn. The couple plans a Sept. 17, 2011, wedding.

DANIEL PIOUS (BARNEY) of Bloomfield, Conn., was a contestant with his brother, Jordan Pious, on CBS's The Amazing Race in February. Although the pair didn't win the million-dollar prize, they did survive the first leg of the race, which took contestants to Valparaiso, Chile.

2008

NICOLE M. LAWHEAD (M, BARNEY) of Newington, Conn., is pleased to announce her engagement to Sean Lee. A July 23, 2010, wedding is planned.

LISA J. MARINO (M, HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., is pleased to announce her engagement to Christopher Abel. The couple plans an Aug. 1, 2010, wedding.

VANEY C. MURILLO (CETA) of Lima, Peru, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C.

KYLA SCHOER (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., won a Best Supporting Actress in a Musical award from the New Hampshire Theatre Awards, Professional Division, for her performance as Hildy in On the Town at the Papermill Theatre in Lincoln, N.H.

DAREN WEISSFISCH (HARTT) of Ridgewood, N.J., helped to organize a benefit concert for Haiti Earthquake Relief. The performance was a musical collage from the University of Colorado College of Music students and faculty.

2009

CHRISTOPHER J. BRUNO (BARNEY) of Maywood, N.J., is business development specialist in the entertainment line of business at NCR Corporation in New York City.

ELIZABETH A. FOSTER (A&S) of Ellington, Conn., placed third out of a field of 9,676 female competitors in the Disney Half Marathon in Orlando, Fla. Overall, she ranked 33rd out of 17,090 runners, completing her first mile in less than seven minutes, while averaging a speedy pace of 6:13 over the grueling 13.1 mile course.

AMANDA LEVY (AA&S) of Boxford, Mass., won second place in the Essex National Heritage Area photo contest in the National Historical Landmarks category.

JACQUELINE A. ROCHE (HAS) of New York, N.Y., is the illustrator for the newly released children’s book, The Derby Ram. John Feierabend, professor of music education and division director at The Hartt School, is the author. Included in this state-of-the-art retelling of the folk music classic, is a Web link to a free MP3 download featuring two versions of the song, one with a singer, the other with an accompaniment for singing along.

ALFONSO A. SANTANDREO (A'06, HILL YER; BARNEY) of Agawam, Mass., was named to the board of directors of the Agawam Small Business Association. He owns Creative Strategy Agency, a marketing agency that assists small businesses with their marketing, branding, web and advertisement efforts.

ALEKSANDER STERNFELD-DUNN (D, HARTT). See CRAIG A. BIONDI '06, M'08.

HOLLY A. VANNucci (M, ENHP) of Enfield, Conn., is a director at the Lee Regional Visiting Nurses Association in Lee, Mass.

ASHLEIGH K. VOSE (HAS) of Ashford, Conn., was featured in The Hartford Courant’s “Artist Corner.” Her work has been included in the Connecticut Women Artists Juried Exhibition and in every Un-Art event hosted at Hartford ArtSpace and Mansfield Community Center.

Alumni Group Sails Away

1. Oasis of the Seas cruise ship
2. (l–r) Horst and Gail ’70 Feierabend, Richard Gomez A’88, ’90
3. (l–r) Kenneth Muskat ’94, President Harrison, and Richard Cardin ’62
4. Ryan Labbe ’02, M’05, and Richard Gomez A’88, ’90
5. (l–r) Richard ’62 and Lucy Cardin aboard the Oasis of the Seas
Alumni Events

Hartford College for Women alumnae, faculty, and staff came together March 4–6 at “A Home Coming for Women 2010,” to share memories and celebrate the legacy of HCW.

The activities began Thursday evening with a lecture and book-signing by Kelly Corrigan, bestselling author of *The Middle Place* and her latest publication, *Lift.*

On Friday, reunion participants gathered at The 1877 Club for “A Women’s Health Portrait: Awareness and Empowerment,” featuring informative discussions on women’s health issues, presented by Hartford Hospital physicians.

In the tradition of beloved HCW President Laura Johnson, alumnae and friends then attended a Reunion Tea at Butterworth Hall on the HCW campus.

Friday wrapped up with a viewing of the Hartford Stage production of *Motherhood Out Loud,* a play of warm and revealing vignettes exploring the special relationships among women.

*A Home Coming for Women 2010* concluded with a Saturday brunch at the Town & County Club of Hartford. Speaker Sue Blanshan—who served as assistant provost, dean, and professor at HCW from 1992 to 1998—explored the impact of the HCW experience.

1. Dr. Steven Minkler ’86, M’00, D’08; his wife, Karen; daughter, Rosemary (far left), and two of Rosemary’s friends at the 2nd Annual Donor Appreciation Celebration on Feb. 27, 2010

2. Bill Duquette M’74; his wife, Linda; and his two granddaughters, Olivia and Sophie Schwager, at the 2nd Annual Donor Appreciation Celebration on Feb. 27, 2010

3. Pictured (l-r) are Richard L. Cote C’98 and his wife, Brenda Cote; Joyce M. Wilson M’75 and her husband, Allan S. Wilson M’82; and Gerry Wickman and her husband, Roger Wickman M’65. Dick, Allan and Roger were long-time administrators and coaches in the Department of Athletics. Dick was also an athletic trainer and a men’s tennis coach; Allan, a men’s soccer coach; and Roger, a baseball coach. The couples gathered this past August to celebrate the Cotes’ 40th wedding anniversary.

4. Samantha Cahill M’10, special events coordinator in the Office of Alumni Relations, donates sneakers to be distributed to the earthquake victims in Haiti on behalf of the Alumni Association.


6. Cheryl Plichik ’84 (BARNEY), left, and Professor Charles Canedy III at Manayunk Brewery in Philadelphia, Pa., for the inaugural Philadelphia Chapter alumni event

7 & 8. Reinventing Yourself for an Effective Job Search
1. Home Coming for Women committee, from bottom: Rebecca Danchak A'70; Janice Klein A'70; Kandyce Aust, director of alumni relations; Cheryl Chase A'95, '99; Grace Mitchell A'95; Bonny Stoecklin A'02, '04; Deborah Nebel '00; Patricia McKinley A'72; Sharon Scorso '02; Jennifer Sanborn, director of WELFund.

2. Former HCW deans Sue Blanshan, left, and Mims Butterworth.


4. HCW Reunion Brunch with committee chair Cheryl Chase A'95, '99.

5. Alumni and friends gather for brunch at the Town and County Club.

6. Alumnae view photos and share memories at the tea hosted in Butterworth Hall.

7. President Walter Harrison addresses the alumnae.

8. L–r: former HCW deans Kathleen McGrory, Sue Blanshan, Mims Butterworth, and Joan Davis.


12. Tracey Dery A'77 and Doris Mirucki A'64.

13. Alumnae at Hartford Stage for dinner and the opening night of Motherhood Out Loud.