1958
JOHN P. CONNOR (HILLYER) of Westfield, Mass., spent the fall semester as an exchange teacher at the National University of Ireland, Galway. He is currently attending Westfield State College pursuing a second degree in American history and teaching certification. John reports that students have not changed in 40 years: “girls, parties, and studies in that order.” He retired in 1997 to pursue his teaching goal. He spent his career in grocery sales.

DORLEE CLARK ROHLFING (HCW) of Milwaukee, Wis., is currently working part time at the University of Wisconsin School of Education as a supervisor for intern teachers in the multicultural teacher education program and is writing a novel, “The Front Porch Is Gone.” Rohlfing retired from her position as student services specialist for the Milwaukee public schools in 1996, and her husband, David, retired in December 1999 as executive director of the Milwaukee council on alcoholism and drug abuse.

1961
JUDITH (JUDE) SULLIVAN HERSEY (HCW) of Williston, Vt., writes that she enjoys her new home in Vermont and has become active in the town of Williston and on the board of the Northern Vermont chapter of the American Red Cross.

FLORENCE ROBIN WINNIK (HCW) of Bethesda, Md., is a speech pathologist for the Montgomery County public schools. “I’m enjoying the variety of cultural offerings in the D.C./metropolitan area,” she writes.

1962
MELVIN RAIMAN (HARTT, MEd ’67) of Tucker, Ga., has had his new book, Strategic Marketing in the Arts: A Plan for Enrollment Management, published by Pierson Press. Raiman was recently a guest speaker at the National Association of Schools of Music annual convention.

1964
RICHARD BRYSKIEWICZ (WARD) of Tampa, Fla., has been named vice president, capital management consultant, for First Union National Bank, Tampa.

BARBARA CACCAMO-SWENSON (A&S) of Shanks, W. Va., is a full-time West Virginia University student working toward a degree in theater and acting. She retired from teaching in 1994 after over 25 years with the New Britain (Conn.) school district.

1965
DOUGLAS BRASH (BARNEY) of Jupiter, Fla., has been named senior vice president and head of the trust division of Fidelity Federal Savings Bank of Florida, a subsidiary of Fidelity Bankshares, Inc. Brash, who has 25 years of banking experience, was formerly president of the trust division of Island National Bank and Trust Company, Palm Beach.

ALICE HUBERT GARDNER (HCW) of Beverly, Mass., continues both her work as a psychotherapist in private practice and her art, for which she has won several awards for watercolor, acrylic, and collage. She writes that her son, Andrew, is a biochemist at New England Biolabs and her daughter, Sarah, teaches music. Gardner and her husband visited Annamarie Lavieri-Gunther ’65 and her husband last summer at their home in Kingston, Wash.

1966
MELISSA CUNHA BANACH (HCW) of Woodstock, Md., recently was assigned a new responsibility: chief of strategic planning for Montgomery County, Md. She is now responsible for long-range land-use planning and land development. She and her daughter, Alexandra, plan to treat her recently widowed father to a two-week trip to his childhood home, Lisbon, Portugal.

ROBERT J. DAGLIO (BARNEY) of West Granby, Conn., is a member of the CB Richard Ellis team that won the 2000 Pinnacle Award in real estate for largest industrial sale.

MARGARET GIBBS (ENHP, MEd) of Eastham, Mass., was honored in February as part of the City of Ansonia (Conn.) celebration of Black History Month and was cited as one who “served the community with pride and dignity.” Gibbs is secretary to the Ansonia

A Journey toward Hope

Margaret Berger Morse’s (A&S) journey had just begun when she graduated from the University of Hartford in 1965. That path has led to her first book, Choices: A Journey of Faith—Torrey’s Miracle (Vantage Press, 1999), in which she chronicles her eight-year-old daughter’s struggle with, and ultimate triumph over, an aggressive strain of cancer rarely found in children.

Morse says that her book “shares the journey her family walked… the faith that brought them through this illness, and the risks they took in choosing an alternative cancer therapy unavailable in the United States.” Today, Torrey, a 21-year survivor, lives a normal, healthy life.

After retiring from teaching in 1987, Morse earned her M.A. from Hartford Seminary in 1991. She was a church administrator and volunteer choir director until 1997, and is now in private practice giving spiritual direction. Dividing her time between Guilford, Conn., and North Ferrisburgh, Vt., she lives with her husband, Whitney, and has a second daughter, Jessica. The author is currently working on her next project, a children’s book series called “The Ape Chronicles.”

Morse’s book Choices is available through Vantage Press, Inc., 516 West 34th Street, New York, NY 10001; or online at <amazon.com>, <barnesandnoble.com>, and <borders.com>. She says that all profits from the sale of Choices are deposited into a “nonprofit bank account to be used for cancer patients who choose alternative therapy and are in financial need of assistance.”
Historic District Commission, a volunteer at the Ansonia Library, and the city's municipal historian. The first woman to be elected to the Ansonia board of education, she is a founder of the Willis School PTA, secretary to the League of Women Voters, a former incorporator of the Valley United Way and Griffin Hospital, and a former member of the economic development commission.

1968

SUSAN TIPPER LEAVITT (HARTT) of Ashford, Conn., not only teaches elementary music in the Stafford (Conn.) school district but also has founded the Family Academy of Music, where she teaches classes for infants through age 14. Leavitt has an auditioned children's chorus and a summer camp for ages 8 to 14 that performs a mini-musical, and recently she purchased the Preschool of the Arts in Ansonia. She and a partner hope to have a direct, significant impact on early childhood education.

MEREDITH TAKALA (A&S) of Suffield, Conn., has joined the Simsbury (Conn.) office of DeWolfe realtors.

1970

M. KEVIN FAHEY (BARNEY, Med '73) of Coventry, Conn., was recently honored by the National Association of Campus Activities, New England Region, with the establishment of a regional graduate student award in his name. Former director of the University of Hartford's Gengras Student Union, Fahey is the senior associate director of campus activities at the University of Connecticut.

LINDA R. GARCEAU (A&S, MPA '76) of Avon Lake, Ohio, has been named dean of the college of business at East Tennesee State University and will assume her new position on July 1. Garceau is currently interim assistant dean in the College of Business Administration at Cleveland (Ohio) State University, where she has held several positions since 1989 and has been instrumental in building community partnerships and incorporating technology deeply into the curriculum.

JAMES A. STIDFOLE (A&S, MA) of Quaker Hill, Conn., writes that he has been "buried for the past three and a half years" in the restoration of a New London, Conn., landmark, the Hygienic art gallery and apartments for artists. Stidfole is treasurer and often spokesperson for Hygienic Art, Inc., the local preservation group responsible for reopening the derelict 1844 building that had been eyed as the site for a parking lot despite its position on the National Register of Historic Places. On January 21 a celebration marked the building's reopening as Hygienic Artists Cooperative and Galleries. Stidfole is technical director at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Conn., and is its chief grants writer. His wife, Sherry, has taught music in the Waterford schools for nearly 30 years.

DIANA WYTHE TYLER (ART) of Amston, Conn., exhibited her art work during March in the community room of Douglas Library, Colchester. Tyler taught art at RHAM High School for 14 years before establishing Wythe Studios.

1971

RICHARD NABEL (ENHP, MEd) of West Hartford, Conn., was chosen principal of Brookfield High School at the beginning of the present school year. Nabel has had 31 years of experience in education and has served as principal of Hamden High School, Nathan Hale-Ray High School in East Haddam, and Naugatuck High School, where he was principal for 10 years. He holds a law degree from the University of Connecticut and has completed course work for a doctoral degree from Nova University in Florida. His wife, Doris, teaches at Rocky Hill High School.

ROBERT SUMMA (BARNEY, MBA) of Collinsville, Conn., retired from Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Torrington, Conn., after 41 years. At the time of his retirement he was associate administrator for community relations, a position that required him to be spokesperson for the hospital and responsible for developmental marketing and advertising. Starting as head pharmacist in 1958, Summa was later director of purchasing, then vice president for administrative management. From 1984 to 1989, he was president, then left for a year during a reorganization, and returned as interim president during a search for a permanent president.

1972

THOMAS O. BARNES (BARNEY) of Bristol, Conn., chairman of the board of directors of the Barnes Group, Inc., has been elected vice chair of the board of directors of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, the largest business organization in Connecticut, with 10,000 member companies. Barnes is a member of the University's board of regents.

LINDA DeMICHEL CAVAUGH (BARNEY, MPA) of Farmington, Conn., is economic development coordinator for Farmington's new Economic Development Office. Cavanaugh had chosen early retirement from federal service.

MARYLOUISE FENNELL (ENHP, MEd) of Pittsburgh, Penn., was designated a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania last year by the Pennsylvania Commission for Women. Fennell is past president of Carlow College, Pittsburgh, the first UofH graduate to be named a college president. She entered the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Connecticut Regional Community, in 1957 and earned a degree from Diocesan Sisters College. Each year since 1948, a group of women has been named to the Distin-guished Daughters organization by previously selected members.

RAYMOND FERRARI (A&S) of West Hartford, Conn., is a member of the team from CB Richard Ellis that received the 2000 Pinnacle Award for most unusual/difficult transaction: the bargain sale of the former corporate headquarters of the Heublein Corp. in Farmington.

MARIE (NEE VERGEAU, FORMERLY GROTH) LEMERISE (HARTT) of Brooklyn, N.Y., co-founded a marketing research firm, rethink, in January 1999. During its first year of operation, the firm has completed dozens of qualitative studies in product development, branding, and Web site design for Fortune 500 companies and new Internet ventures. Lemerise and her husband, Richard, live in Brooklyn, N.Y., overlooking Prospect Park.

PATRICIA A. MCKINLEY (HCW) of Cheshire, Conn., recently returned from a vacation in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, facilitated by Lisa K. Durgin, HCW '78, and encourages alumni who are thinking about a trip there to check out Durgin's Web site, <www.vacationvistas.com>. McKinley is vice chair of the University's board of regents.

ANDREA OLMSTED (HARTT) of Boston, Mass., is the author of a comprehensive history of the Julliard School, titled Julliard: A History. The book is described as a thoroughly researched pioneering study and a story with "remarkable twists and turns." Olmsted is coordinator of the department of music and literature at the Boston Conservatory and a former teacher of music history at Julliard. This is her third book.
Mastersingers, in a Poulenc and Finzi program billed “Reflections.” Eaton organized the Mastersingers 22 years ago at a time when few, if any, community choral groups sang serious classical music. “Now everyone does,” he says.

ALLYSON McGILL (HCW) of Fairfax, Va., is teaching full time at The Chelsea School, a secondary school for learning-disabled children, and is taking classes toward a license in special education. McGill is also, obviously, a dedicated alumna: in response to a mailing concerning the establishment of an alumnae group in the Washington, D.C., area, she wrote, “My gratitude to HCW is as strong as ever. In fact, the HCW alum who hosted President [Kathleen] McGrory’s visit in 1986 has continued to be a friend, and we occasionally manage lunch.”

JOHN MCGUIRE (BARNEY, MPA) of Storrs, Conn., has been named vice president of EnergyUSA customer relations and strategic business development. In this position he will be responsible for utility outsourcing, leveraged marketing, executive-level sales, and customer relations for all of the Energy USA operations.

1974

SHELLY PAKMAN (ENHP) of Blue Bell, Penn., has a new position as business development coordinator for ECS, Inc., of Exton, Penn., an XL Capital Company that provides integrated environmental risk management services worldwide.

CAROLYN SCHAEFER-HOWD (HCW) of Coral Gables, Fla., is an instrument-rated pilot, preparing for the FAA commercial license. She writes, “Hartford College provided us the skills necessary to take the runway into the unknown and also, at times, gave sanctuary from confrontation. At Hartford College we were safe to learn and to dream.” Her introduction to flying was at a small airport on the western fringe of Miami. She had planned to give her brother a 40th birthday present of flying lessons. Her brother doesn’t fly yet, but, she says, “After I finish my instructor’s license, he could be my first student.”

MATTHEW SCHOENBERG (A&S) of San Diego, Calif., was on last November’s Forbes list of 100 top franchisees controlling fast foods and restaurants. Schoenberg’s company, Sydran Services, controls 216 Burger King and 35 Chili’s units, according to a research firm survey.

TREVOR THORINGTON (BARNEY, MPA) of Windsor, Conn., has joined the finance department of the Connecticut State University System Office as executive officer of finance. He will manage all financial account-

ing, financial reporting, budgeting, and purchasing for the System Office. Thorington is a CPA with more than 20 years of experience in financial management. Most recently, he was with United HealthCare in Hartford.

1975

ROY CORDATO (HARTT, MA ’80) of Angier, N.C., has won the Leavey Award 2000 for excellence in private enterprise education. Dr. Cordato, a former member of the University of Hartford economics faculty, is the Lundy professor of business philosophy at Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C. He was among 16 to receive the national award, presented to innovative programs by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Penn.

CARLTON HELMING (BARNEY) of Cheshire, Conn., is serving as chair of the legal committee of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants for the current activity year.

A. RAY PETTY (ENHP, MEd) of Mercedita, P.R., recently delivered the keynote address at a conference celebrating the 35th anniversary of the schools of education in Cuba. Petty is associate professor of education at the Universidad Interamericana of Puerto Rico. The event took place at the Instituto Superior Pedagogico Enrique Jose Varona in Havana.

JANE SHULMAN (ENHP, MEd) of West Hartford, is coordinator of a 12-month grant awarded to the Connecticut Legal Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition. The coalition works to restore benefits such as food stamps that were taken from immigrants who are not citizens. Shulman was coordinator for Connecticut Immigrant Day on April 18, 2000.

BRUCE SIMPSON (BARNEY, MBA) of Rochester, N.Y., has been appointed to the board of directors of Bradley Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Simpson is founder of his own private health-care consulting firm and was previously president of Genpharm, Inc., of Ontario, Canada.

1976

PAMELA DePAULO (HARTT) of Southington, Conn., awarded music scholarships to local eighth-graders for the fourth consecutive year in 1999. DePaolo was able to boost the amounts of the scholarships because of a fund at the Southington Savings Bank named for her father, an accomplished accordionist, who died last year.

RUTH HERMINA KRAKOWER (ART) has been appointed director of alumni and gift records at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. She was previously supervisor of medical affairs and graduate medical education at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Her paintings and illustrations combining Native American culture and classical mythology have been exhibited at the University of Pennsylvania and are in private collections in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, California, and Switzerland.

MICHAEL LAJEUNESSE (ENHP, MEd) of North Grosvenordale, Conn., plans to begin a third career—oil painting and photography—and is a freshman at the Rhode Island School of Design. Lajeunesse began as a research chemist and developed the first nonwax floor covering. He then turned to a teaching career and has spent 24 years as a math teacher at Harvard H. Ellis Regional Vocational-Technical School, Norwich, Conn., where he is advisor to the senior class and the ski club, weight-lifting advisor, and cross-country coach. He plans to retire from Ellis in June. Until his recent retirement from the Department of Environmental Protection, Lajeunesse was also a seasonal employee at Mashamoquet Brook State Park in Pomfret for 33 years. He has served as seasonal patrol officer, campground manager, and life-guard. He also initiated summer projects to improve the public’s enjoyment of the park. He has always enjoyed painting and photographing nature, and now, he says, “I hope to begin a career in the art world.”

MARY-ELLEN WHINNEM (ENHP, MEd) of Stamford, Conn., has been named managing director of Marsh, Inc., of Stamford.

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JULIANNA KOVACH ZINGALE (ART) of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, collaborated with Jim McWilliams, visiting Hartford Art School professor from 1972 to 1977, to design the Dial Corporation logo that now appears on Dial soap, Armour Star, and other products. Kovach/McWilliams Design of Cleveland and San Diego provides conceptual design and brand positioning for its corporate clients.

1977

ANNE SENECHAL FAUST (ART, MAEd) of Baton Rouge, La., is the first woman and the first printmaker to be named Master Wildlife Artist by the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau, Wis. Faust is featured in the elaborate March exhibition catalog with one of her works on the cover. The February, 2000, issue of American Artist also shows a Faust print, Itaitala, on its cover and contains a six-page color spread plus a photo essay of the artist at work.

WILLIAM McMANUS (HARTT) of Washington, D.C., writes that he "recently escaped from corporate America after 18 years of financial planning and management to join United Airlines as a customer service representative."

JILL WILCOX STILL (HCW) of Oreland, Penn., is currently in the middle of a three-year term as president of the women's board of Abington Memorial Hospital. The board and auxiliaries raise over $700,000 annually through gift and thrift shops, a fair, and other special events.

TAMAR BEACH WELLS (HARTT) of Harwinton, Conn., oboist with the Borealis Wind Quintet, performed in a January concert for the New Canaan (Conn.) Library's annual concert series.

1978

PAUL BISACCIA (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., concert pianist, performed the music of George Gershwin, Scott Joplin, and others at the fourth concert in the Music at Memorial Concert Series, held March 5 at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Avon, Conn.

PATRICIA CHEYNE (ART) of Portland, Ore., has been granted tenure by the board of trustees of the College of Arts and Sciences at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon. Cheyne has been a professor of art at the university since 1994. She recently published the book Art in the Classroom and was the recipient of a Pacific University faculty development grant.

MELISSA ENGEL (A&S) of East Hampton, Conn., is the first woman to chair the Town Council of East Hampton. She was chosen in December 1999 to serve in 2000. Engel owns and runs Markham Meadows, a local campground built by her family.

FRANCES HAAG (ENHP) of Farmington, Conn., has begun work as Southington senior coordinator for special education. Haag had previously been education coordinator at the Children's Medical Center School in Hartford and has over 20 years' experience in education.

ROBERT HAMMOND (BARNEY, MBA) of Newtown, Conn., is currently corporate controller for TransTechnology Corporation. He was promoted from his position as director of financial analysis and planning for the company, where he has been employed since 1995.

JANET S. MALEY (BARNEY, MS) of Woodbridge, Conn., is serving a one-year term on the board of governors for the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants CSCPA. Maley is the principal in the Woodbridge firm that bears her name and has served CSCPA in a number of executive positions.

1979

ROSE MILLS BELLO (HARTT) of Silver Springs, Md., is president of Vocal Arts International, Ltd., a group devoted to furthering the vocal arts throughout the world. At the Pushkin Bicentennial Conference, held in Moscow in June 1999, Dr. Bello was a guest lecturer and performing artist.

ROMA PRINDLE (HARTT, MA, DMA ’97) of Morehead, Ky., applied for and received a grant from the German government to take 11 students from Morehead State University on a 10-day study tour of southern Germany. The Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, with its headquarters in Bonn, provides support for young academics, interdisciplinary, teaching and a forum for the discussion of contemporary German and other European issues. Prindle is associate professor of music and director of the opera program at Morehead State University. The study tour will visit Munich, Nuremberg, and Frankfurt, where the group will attend operatic and musical performances and visit museums.

DIANNE RECHEL (HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., realtor with Realty Executives Capital Region, was top agent for 1999 in both listings and sales. She has been reelected president of the West Hartford chapter of Business Network International.

THEODORE SHONECK (A&S) of Downingtown, Penn., has been appointed chief executive officer of Quad Systems Corporation, a leading supplier of surface mount technology (SMT) and advanced packaging technology (APT). He will continue to serve as president of Quad, a position he has held since 1998.

1980

BEN LARKEY (ENG) of Caldwell, N.J., commutes to Long Island as the environmental/quality manager for Canon USA. He previously worked as an international composting troubleshooter for BFI in Houston, Texas, and later formed a consulting firm doing brownfield remediation work for Newark, N.J. Larkey would like to hear from classmates and see the campus, and he comments that "The Observer looks better all the time."

JAMES M. GARRETTSON (BARNEY) of Monmouth Junction, Ill., has been appointed president of Teleglobe Business Solutions, a company within Teleglobe Inc., a deliverer of global broadband services to the North American corporate market. TBS was recently formed by combining the business services units of Teleglobe Communications Corporation and Telco Communications Group, Inc. Garrettson was recently senior vice president of general business sales for Qwest Communications/LCI International and previously held a number of positions with MCI Telecommunications.

JULIE JANSEN (A&S) of Stamford, Conn., has recently started her own business, Julie Jansen LLC, in Stamford, focused on speaking, writing, and coaching. She is writing a book for baby boomers on finding satisfying work for the next 10 to 30 years. Her Web site is <www.juliejansen.net>.

CLIFFORD JARVIS (A&S) of Windsor Locks, Conn., has a new album titled Universal, released in January under the Prophet Records label. A piano and keyboard player, Jarvis wrote each of the 12 songs on the CD, which he describes as "a blend of tradi-
Joseph Baginski (HARTT) of Plainville, Conn., was the subject of a recent Southington Observer article honoring him for his 20 years of teaching, at the Henry James Memorial School in Simsbury, where he is choral director for the seventh and eighth grades and runs a performing arts theater program. In October, Baginski presented a series of three concerts titled “Anytime at All,” an evening of original songs benefiting local scholarships for Simsbury students.

April 4, 2000

MaryJane Peluso (HARTT, MMus) of Plantsville, Conn., and Margaret Kelly, pianists, presented a program of light classical music at Bethany Covenant Church, Berlin, Conn., in January. Peluso and Kelly have been presenting duo-concerts for 14 years. They met when both were Hatt students.

June 1982

Kevin Grant (BARNEY, MBA ’86) of Concord, Mass., took part in the fall Lunch and Learn series offered by the Barney School. Grant manages 13 portfolios for Fidelity Investments.

January 1982

Patrick Tannock (A&S) of Wilbraham, Mass., has been promoted to senior project manager for Fuss & O’Neil Inc. of Manchester, Conn.

October 1982

Ashin Goodarzi (ENG) of Westport, Conn., has been named director of data warehousing for e-Commerce Solutions LLC of Stamford, Conn. Goodarzi will be responsible for managing the data warehouse and mining data to understand consumer behavior better.

1983

John Powers (BARNEY, MSPA) of New York, N.Y., has signed on with Team One Advertising as management director in charge of the Lexus Dealer Association. Powers was recently Young & Rubicam vice president for the Eastern region dealer association of Lincoln-Mercury Division, Ford Motor Company.

September 1984

Blair Arnold (A&S) of Gaylordsville, Conn., has joined the Savings Bank of Danbury as a mortgage originator. Arnold has been mortgage account executive with the Village Bank and Trust Company.

November 1984

Bobbi Buckner (BARNEY, MSOB) of Unionville, Conn., was elected unanimously to serve as the chair of the Farmington Republican Town Committee at a March 1 meeting. Buckner has been active in Republican politics for the past five years and most recently was vice chairman of the town committee. She is currently assistant personnel director at the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, a position she has held for seven years.

1983

Donna Dower (HARTT) of Toronto, Ont., is the first invested cantor in Toronto. After six years as cantor at Temple Emanu-el in Livingston, N.J., she was installed at the Toronto temple last November. “I am fortunate to come to a city that has so much to offer,” she says. “Toronto is a wonderful place in which to be Jewish.”

William Farrell (BARNEY, MBA) of Vienna, Va., has been appointed senior vice president, portfolio and financial technologies, for Fannie Mae, the nation’s largest source of financing for home mortgages. Farrell is responsible for providing architecture and technology solutions to portfolio and financial systems, including application systems.

Tony Gibson (HARTT, MMus’88) writes that “after a fulfilling, 15-year career as a classical musician,” he has decided to pursue a second passion in the field of counseling psychology. He received a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy in 1996 and began working as a clinician at The Children’s Home of Cromwell (Conn.) in March 1997. The Children’s Home is a residential facility that provides comprehensive therapeutic services to abused, neglected, and psychiatrically challenged children ages 7 to 17. He moved into his current position of assistant director of treatment services in June 1999. He and his wife, Julie, have been married for nine years and have three children—Jonathan, 5; Hannah, 2, and Will, 1.

Lynda Green (ENHP, MS) of Simsbury, Conn., is the new assistant superintendent of East Hartford schools. Green was previously director of curriculum for 10 years in Rocky Hill, Conn.

Judith O’Brien (HARTT) of Lubbock, Texas, became the executive director of the

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Samara Weinstein ’87 and Jeffrey D. Goldstein
Audrey Stein and Scott Kramer ’88
Arlene Tima and James Maloney ’88
Katherine Palazzo ’88 and Michael Mecca
Traci Turski and Andrew Sheintop ’88
Melissa Schantz and Alan Aiken ’89
Ame Flynn and Bernard J. (BJ) Green ’90
Diane Hastings and William Hastings ’90
Dawn Fabrycki ’91 and Andrea Uccello
Anne-Marie Coen and David Feldman ’91
Cheryl Russo and Joel Kaplan ’91
Rachael Rubin ’91 and Eric Adam Cole
Diahann Sibley ’91 and Michael R. Martin
Lauren Feldman ’92 and Brian M. Gavigan
Janett Mugaburu and Gilbert Richards IV ’92
Kim Paradine ’93 and Ethan Schnepper ’92
Debra Bulwin ’93 and Robert Volz

Wendy Goldstein ’93 and Marc Landow ’93
Tovah Martin ’93 and Jimmy Ringland
Kimberly Mineo ’93 and Kirk Manley
Lisa Sebring ’93 and Marcos Carreras ’95
Saeko Suzuki ’93 and Dean Russell ’94
Kristin Holme and Chad Albano ’94
Michelle Pinnette and Thomas Birdsey, Jr. ’94
Janeth Giovanna Cano and Charles Clas ’94
Kris ten Haberstumpf and Brent Shriver ’94
Tammy Young and Marc G. Cote ’95
Carolyn White and Christopher Cronkhite ’95
Alicia McFarland and Frederick Hirning ’95
Christine L. Joseph ’95 and Joseph W. Mahoney, Jr.
Laura James and Robert M. Ryan ’95
Allicia Barnes and Timothy Flaherty ’96
Amy LeBel and Joseph P. Guenther Jr. ’96
Sheri Siegal ’96 and Eric Monheimer
Denise Trepke and Steven K. LePage ’97
Laura Cowden ’98 and Stephen M. Jones
Catherine S. Smith ’98 and Michael Thomas

and to our alumni parents

Kim M. Holmes ’78 and Kerwin J. Mumford ’78 (Matthew)
Cathy Twill ’85 and Jim Pitingolo (Jimmy, Grace, and Louis)
Felice Liebman ’89 and Neil Kaufman (Bradley Allen)
Gail Chernick ’90 and Elliot Martin (Matthew Aaron)
Theresa and Gabe Rosanio ’90 (Maria Theresa)
Debra Barrie ’93 and Joseph Princz (Hayley Nicole)
1986
SUSAN CHASSAGNOUX (HARTT) of Cos Coh, Conn., was a guest soloist during March at Wilton (Conn.,) Presbyterian Church. She is soprano soloist for Rye Presbyterian Church, Rye, N.Y.

ANNETTE LAWRENCE (ART) of Denton, Texas, had an installation of her work Transparent/Opaque, on exhibit at the University of Michigan Museum of Art through April 16. That work and others may be seen on the Web: <www.umich.edu/~umma/>; click on "past exhibitions."

JOSEPH PESQUALUCCI (ENG) of North Haven, Conn., has been elected vice president of operations for Memry Corporation, a company with locations in Brookfield, Conn; Menlo Park, Calif; and Herk-de-Stad, Belgium, that provides fully integrated development and manufacturing services to the medical-device industry. Pesqualucci has been vice president and general manager of the company’s western division.

NATASHA RETHKE (A&S) of Collinsville, Conn., has joined BrainBug LLC as creative director. Rethke is an award-winning creative director who has worked with both national and international design firms, most recently for Moss Warner Communications Inc. and Product Ventures, Ltd.

1987
JOSEPH DIAMOND (HARTT) of Liberty, N.Y., has been aggressively promoting his own independent CD release, Not Your Typical New Yorker, on his own Bacileus label, literally going store-to-store. Because he does not have a distributor, Diamond plays his Latin jazz CD in the stores, leaves a few discs on consignment, and gives the staff promotional pieces. He has been working toward distribution in other cities. “I sent the CD to radio stations and then worked out consignment deals with local retail stores,” he says. According to one Manhattan retailer, Diamond has done “incredibly well for an independent consignment deal."

DAWN GIBSON-BREHON (HARTT) of Boynton Beach, Fla., is among eight Floridians who received the 2000 African-American Achievers Awards for contributions toward enriching the quality of life in their communities. Gibson-Brehon manages the Palm Beach Community College's Watson B. Duncan III Theater, where she is responsible for managing a 30-event performing arts season. She is also responsible for program development, fundraising, marketing, and budgeting for all theater events.

JOEL M. GRIECO (BARNEY, MSPA) of West Hartford, Conn., is among the 2000 Pinnacle Awards for achievement in real estate. Grieco is a member of the team that received the award for largest office lease, the Kennedy Corporate Center which had been vacant for five years before it was leased to Pratt & Whitney.

JANET COCHRAN RAWLEIGH (HARTT, MMus) of Strasburg, Penn., played English horn and oboe for the 1999–2000 Abendmusiken series at the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, Penn. Rawleigh is principal oboist for several symphony orchestras. She teaches music and oversees the instrumental program at Lancaster Bible College.

Insights on the Web

Since graduating in 1996, William J. Piniarski has accomplished quite a feat. Not only is he owner and founder of WEBster Computing Services, a leader in Website and domain hosting, but he is also a prolific writer.

Currently in the works are several science fiction books, two of which derive directly from a short story Piniarski wrote while studying with Professor William Stull of the English department. “Although I was a computer science major, I was lucky enough to be able to create my own English course one semester, which allowed me the creative freedom to assign myself a series of writing projects under Professor Stull’s supervision.” The 12-page short story called “Saturn’s Rings,” written while Piniarski attended the University, has now become 500 pages—and counting—and will be part of a trilogy.

His first book, Launching onto the Web: A Small-Business View, received rave reviews from industry leaders such as Kevin Martin, founder and CEO of Pair Networks, the largest privately held Website-hosting company in the world. Piniarski’s guide is designed to help computer novices promote their companies on the Web. His casual style makes this concise book both useful and enjoyable.

Professor of mathematics Ray McGivney, Piniarski’s friend and former advisor, weighs in on the work in a recent review. It is, he writes, “a book where anyone from the computer illiterate to the savvy user can gain insight on how to market their business effectively on the Net...a book that will pay for itself and save you time and energy using Mr. Piniarski’s ideas and insights.”

Another guiding light during Piniarski’s years at the University was Professor Ingrid Russell, associate professor of mathematics and computer science. “[She] created several independent projects with me,” Piniarski recalls, “and allowed me to serve as a teaching assistant to her younger classes for the majority of my time at UH.”

The most important things he learned that were applicable to the real world, Piniarski says, were in the independent courses that his professors and he created. “Sometimes what you learn out of the mainstream is what you need to learn.” William J. Piniarski’s success proves that that may often be true.
PATRICK TAYLOR (HARTT) of Litchfield, Conn., is the new director of choirs at Greenwich (Conn.) High School. For the past 10 years, Taylor has held a similar position at Wilton (Conn.) High School, following his first job at Park Ridge (N.J.) High School. In Greenwich, Taylor oversees six choirs and teaches piano. He is a vocalist and plays tuba and drums in addition to piano.

1988
DONNA BROWN (ENHP, MEd) of Wethersfield, Conn., has been named the 1999–2000 Wethersfield teacher of the year. Fellow staff members also selected her as a peer award winner. Praised for her significant contributions by school administrators, Brown was described as “having special talents that promote high standards for all students in Connecticut.”

BRUCE CHUDWICK (BARNEY, MST) of Farmington, Conn., has been named partner in the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin LLP. Chudwick, who has been practicing law for 12 years, is a member of the firm’s business department and chair of the public finance practice group.

COLLEEN MURPHY-HILLARD (A&S) of Simsbury, Conn., teaches an innovative swim program called Parenting through Swimming at The Bridge in West Hartford, Conn. The program not only teaches swimming and safety skills but also promotes better interaction between parents and children. Murphy’s program was described in a Hartford Courant feature in February.

LISA SCHAFFER-HARRIS (HARTT) of Albuquerque, N.M., was the featured soprano soloist with the Voices of Baha during a March tour to Haifa, Israel, and Bratislava, Slovakia. In Slovakia she sang with the Slovak Symphony Orchestra, premiering a new oratorio, Carmel, by Tom Price. Schaffer-Harris’s husband and father-in-law accompanied her and sang in the tenor section of the chorus.

1989
SUSAN DANIS (BARNEY, MBA) of Sarasota, Fla., was chosen executive director of the Sarasota Opera after a nationwide search. Danis was formerly general director of New York’s Lake George Opera Festival and has extensive experience in development, marketing, and public relations. Profiled in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, she is described as having “a great working knowledge of what it takes to be a good executive director.”

BARBARA MASE (BARNEY, MPA) of New Britain, Conn., is the newly appointed director of the AIDS Ministries Program of Connecticut, a new human services program offered by the Salvation Army.

BRUCE L. OLIVER (BARNEY, MBA) of Enfield, Conn., writes that he is a biographical subject in the 100th anniversary edition of Marquis Who’s Who in America. Oliver is an Internet business developer; his Web site is <www.newventureinc.com>.

SHARON REILLY (HCW) of Windsor, Conn., was recently named president of Friends of Midwives in Connecticut, a nonprofit corporation devoted to education, advocacy, and activism, following the midwifery model of care. Reilly plans to enter a master’s program in public policy to study midwifery from a public-policy/social-history perspective.

HOURLY MARIE SCHMEIZL (HARTT, MMus) of Southington, Conn., has returned to music directorship of the Nutmeg Conservatory of the Arts in Torrington, Conn. One of the planners of the music division a half-dozen years ago, Schmeizl ran the school until her husband’s job took her to another state. Now she has resumed the job of teaching conservatory students and accompanying dancers in the Nutmeg ballet classes.

SCOTT SIMON (BARNEY, MBA) of Windsor, Conn., is senior-level underwriter at United HealthCare. He and his wife, Jill, celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary in April.

GREGG THALLER (HARTT, MMusEd) of Salem, Mass., recently received a doctor of music education degree at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Dr. Thaller is chairperson of the music department at Salem State College, Salem, Mass., as well as its director of bands. As a free lance percussionist, he is currently the timpanist and principal percussionist for the Cape Ann Symphony, the North Shore Philharmonic, and the Melrose Symphony orchestras.

1990
MELISSA GRANDE (A&S, MA) of Stamford, Conn., has been named vice president in addition to her current role as public relations director of Catalyst Marketing Communications, Inc., Stamford. Grande joined the agency in 1997 and is responsible for existing clients and agency promotion.

RICHARD E. JANKURA, JR. (BARNEY), of Cleveland, Ohio, has been named senior director, finance and administration, at Enterprise Development, Inc., where he will provide overall financial and administrative oversight. Jankura has held positions as manager of financial analysis and controller. EDI is a not-for-profit subsidiary of Case Western Reserve University.

1991
MELISSA BORMANN (Hilliery, A&S) of South Portland, Maine, writes that she graduated from Pace University in January with a master’s degree in elementary education and has moved to Maine to “pursue my career as a teacher.” She also says that her home has “lots of room for visitors, so give me a call and start booking your summer weekends.” Her e-mail address is <melissabornmann@hotmail.com>.

1992
JANICE COSTELLO (ENHP) of Enfield, Conn., has been named vice president for patient care services at Masonic Geriatric Healthcare Center, Wallingford, Conn. Costello has spent over 23 years in various areas of patient care administration and nursing. Most recently, she was director of nursing services at Mount Saint Vincent Nursing Home, Holyoke, Mass.

ALBERT L. FELIU (BARNEY, MBA) of Lilburn, Ga., has been promoted to executive support budgeting manager with BellSouth Telecommunications/Network & Carrier Services in Atlanta. Previously, he was senior office’s apologies.

Oops, We Goofed!
Information on the following graduates was not listed correctly in the March issue of The Observer. Please accept the Alumni Office’s apologies.

Marilyn Rossetti ’98 AA HCW
Duwan Smith, ’97 AA Hillery, ’99 BA A&S
Lisa Vooy’s ’95 BS HCW, ’98 MSOB Barney
Also, Sherryl Margiotta ’94 is married to Antonio Margiotta.
Bella Voce Continues Outreach

Bella Voce, a group of African-American operatic singers affiliated with The Hartt School, is continuing to broaden its fan base and expose growing numbers of Greater Hartford residents to the beauty and power of opera.

The vocal group gave its most recent concert on May 21 in Wilde Auditorium on the University campus. The ensemble performed “classical art songs and Negro spirituals,” according to Bella Voce member Kenneth Overton, who recently completed a residency with the Connecticut Opera’s outreach and education program, Opera Express.

“We’ve had a lot of people ask us when we will be performing next. We’ve developed a very loyal following,” Overton said.

Bella Voce is planning upcoming performances that will feature a musical theater cabaret program and a concert of “old Baptist hymns,” Overton said.

In addition to Overton, a baritone who attended Hartt from 1992 to 1995, the other members of Bella Voce are:

JOLIE ROCKE BROWN, a soprano, who earned a bachelor’s degree in music in 1989

GAY CHUN, a pianist and member of The Hartt School faculty

MIA DOUGLAS, a soprano, earned a master’s degree in 1999

GILLIAN FIELDS, a soprano, who earned a master of music degree in May

CORNELIUS JOHNSON, a tenor, who, like Overton, recently completed a residency with the Connecticut Opera

GARRICK JORDAN, a tenor, who earned a graduate professional diploma from Hartt in 1998

For more information about Bella Voce, call Douglas at (860) 827-0317.

SANDRA GRAY (ENHP) of Yardley, Penn., writes that she wants to say hello to alumni Russ, Elissa, Steve, and Marilyn. She is working part time as a respiratory therapist at St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne, Penn., and lives in Yardley with husband, Peter, and son, Peter James, born November 6, 1998.

CHARLES LEMKIN (BARNEY, MST) of Vernon, Conn., has been elected partner at the accounting firm of Gitlin, Campise, Pascoe & Blum, West Hartford and Vernon.

PENNINAH WANJIRU MACHARIA (HCW) of Nairobi, Kenya, writes, “I finally got my degree in marketing,” and she hopes “to return for a master’s degree and complete a bachelor’s in psychology.” She is working with a partner offering marketing consulting services in Nairobi. “It’s a new venture, so wish us luck.”

1993

DOUGLAS MQUILKEN (BARNEY, MBA) of East Lyme, Conn., has joined BrainBug LLC as vice president, technical services. McQuilken has had more than 20 years of technology experience in corporate, commercial software, and Internet start-up environments. In his role as vice president, he will be responsible for building the technical department through addition of individuals and development of new products and services.

JOHN PAVLOVICH (BARNEY, MSPA) of West Hartford, Conn., has joined Archives Management Inc. as chief financial officer. Pavlovich will oversee and direct the accounting and financial functions. He was formerly employed by Arthur Anderson in Hartford and specialized in financial consulting and valuation.

JOHN T. SALEMI, JR. (BARNEY, MST), has joined Kosovsky, Pratesi & Co. LLC as a member and head of the accounting and tax departments.

1994

JERRY BELLIZZI (BARNEY, MST) of Portland, Conn., has received a Juris Doctor degree from Western New England School of Law in Springfield, Mass. Bellizzi is a CPA and is currently an international tax manager at United Technologies Corporation, Hartford.

PATRICK GILBERT (BARNEY, MBA) of Portland, Conn., has been promoted to team leader for Fleet Bank’s municipal banking unit in Connecticut. He has been with Fleet for 12 years, serving as the municipal banking team leader in Maine and recently as a relationship manager for select accounts in Connecticut.

AUDREY LAMY (ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., after teaching special education courses for 11 years, is now coordinating and teaching a new alternative high school program. She writes that the outplaced, restricted program is “challenging at each corner [but] the bends are quite fulfilling.”

BARBARA “BOBBI” McNEIL (ENHP) of Simsbury, Conn., received the Outstanding Achievement Award for exemplary work in the field of radiology technology at the March 25 conference of the, Association of Vascular and Interventional Radiographers, New England Chapter. McNeil is the team leader of interventional radiology at Hartford Hospital.

BRENT ROBERTSON (ART) of West Hartford, Conn., has been named senior graphic designer by Innovative Internet Marketing Solutions of Wallingford, Conn.

1995

CHRISTINE CAPPAIANCA (BARNEY, MST) of Winsted, Conn., has joined the staff of Petrovits, Patrick & Co., LLP, of Torrington. Cappabianca is a certified public accountant with more than 10 years’ experience.

BRUCE FILINGERI (BARNEY, MST) of South Windsor, Conn., was promoted to tax partner at Sheptoff, Reuber & Co. PC, Glastonbury, Conn.

LISA HAUT (ENHP, MSN) of Gaylordsville, Conn., has joined the staff of Community Health Associates as a nurse practitioner. Haut, an advanced practice registered nurse with 20 years’ experience, specializes in the primary care of adults and children.

ROSEMARY JOHNSON (BARNEY, MSPA) of Bolton, Conn., has been named chief financial officer of the Community Health Network of Connecticut Inc. She has held numerous senior-level accounting and financial management positions, including posts with Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut and United HealthCare Group.

SHAWN ORR (ART, MFA) of Plano, Texas, recently held an outdoor exhibit of new pieces of metal sculpture at Holman Pottery and Artworks in Plano.

LISA VOOYS (HCW; BARNEY, MSOB) of Cromwell, Conn., has begun work as a paralegal at Robinson & Cole, Hartford.
1996

MICHELLE D’AUTEUIL (ART) of Tolland, Conn., has joined the staff of DiBacco & Company, an advertising and design firm, in Avon, Conn. D’Auteuil, designer, will be responsible for communications work, primarily in graphic design and corporate communications materials.

FRANCES HARRIS (ENHP, DEd) of Leesburg, Va., was named the 17th East Hartford (Conn.) Service to Youth Award winner by the East Hartford Child Plan and Youth Advisory Board. During the five years when Harris was principal of Hockanum School, student test scores improved, and the school was opened for community programs, including a unique family resource center. Harris and her new husband have subsequently settled in their native state of Virginia.

1997

JAMES DECESARE (ART) of Hartford, Conn., artist-in-residence at Hartford’s ArtSpace, joined other family members in “The DeCesare Family Art Exhibit,” displayed at ArtSpace during March. DeCesare’s mother,
Character, leadership, spirit

Seven people who exemplify the qualities that the University seeks to develop through its athletics program—outstanding character, leadership, and spirit—were honored at the 10th Annual Alumni Athletics Hall of Fame dinner on April 15. They were:

ROBERT H. FORRESTER ’66, a member of Hartford’s 1962 soccer team, which won the NCAA Atlantic Coast championship. A former UofH development director, Forrester was responsible for securing the gift from Faisal Al-Marzook ’67 to build the University’s athletic fields. A successful businessman who specializes in consulting services to the global nonprofit community, Forrester received the Vincent Brown Coffin Award.

Named after the University’s first president, it is presented to a former student-athlete who has demonstrated excellence in his or her professional career.

REGINA RONAN ’91, four-year star for the Hawks women’s soccer program and letter winner with the basketball program, who led the Hawks to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 1989. Following graduation, she became a world-class marathon runner, qualifying for the Olympic Trials in 1996 and 2000.

AUDREY DAHLSTROM ’94, a star setter for four years with the Hawks volleyball program who earned NAC Player of the Year honors in 1993, the only Hawk ever to earn the honor. She still holds Hartford’s all-time assist record with 6,010. Since graduation, Dahlstrom has been coaching at all levels, including high school, club, and collegiate.

HILDA BRASSILL ’60, ’64, assistant professor emerita of elementary education, who received the A. Peter LoMaglio Award, named for the “father of Hartford athletics.” It is presented annually to an individual who has provided outstanding and dedicated service to the Division of Athletics and its student-athletes.

WOLFRID MIELERT ’66, three-year letter winner for the men’s soccer team, starring as a defender, who helped lead the Hawks to the 1962 NCAA Atlantic Coast championship. He is co-CEO of Galaxy Technologies in Bloomfield, Conn.

DAVID CORREALE ’76, four-year star with the baseball team and two-year letter winner in basketball. He earned Baseball All-America honors in 1976, while serving as team captain; he is Hartford’s all-time leader in home runs. Correale is senior vice president of Dentalmatic Technologies and president of Dentalmatic North America.

GEORGE LASNIER ’64, four-year standout for the soccer team who played three years on the tennis team and two years with the basketball squad. Lasnier played semiprofessional soccer in Iran and the United States until the age of 40. He coached youth soccer for several years and remains passionately involved with the sport.

Honorees at the 10th Annual Alumni Athletics Hall of Fame dinner were (left to right): Robert H. Forrester ’66, Regina Ronan ’91, Audrey Dahlstrom ’94, Hilda Brassill ’60, ’64, Wolfrid Mielert ’66, David Correale ’76, and George Lasnier ’64.
SHARON REIS (A&S, MA) of Alexandria, Va., has been distinguished as one of “15 to Watch: Young Stars of PR” by Phillips PR News, a leading public relations trade newsletter. Reis is a founding partner of Washington-based Garrett Yu Hussein LLC.

1999

JOXEL GARCIA (BARNEY, MBA) of Avon, Conn., who is Connecticut’s commissioner of public health, was recently interviewed by the Hartford Business Journal on a number of issues that affect Connecticut residents and are the responsibility of the commission.

PATRICIA GREY (HARTT, MMus) of Danbury, Conn., joined the staff of Joel Barlow High School, Redding, Conn., as music teacher for the 1999–2000 school year.

PAMELA LLOYD (HARTT, MMus) of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, has joined the Blacksburg branch of the Roanoke (Va.) Music School.

CHRISTINA MORALES (HCW) of Hartford, Conn., is working at Drugs Don’t Work! as an intern.

CLIFFORD RANKIN (BARNEY, MST) of Bristol, Conn., is chair of the state taxation committee for the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants.

2000

JOE BROCATO (A&S) of Laredo, Texas, is sports anchor and reporter for KVTV, Ch. 13, the CBS affiliate in Laredo.

JENNIFER MOAK (ENHP) of West Windsor, N.J., writes that she just got her first job as a conference coordinator for the Lambsberry House, a boutique hotel.

RACHEL NOVIN (A&S) of Forest Hills, N.Y., is currently working for D’Arcy Advertising as an associate account manager for Pampers. Novin is planning to attend New York University to pursue a master’s degree.

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now. And if we don’t find peace in ourselves and the world, if we don’t feed the children, if we don’t have a responsibility to future generations then we’re going to lose this planet and the life we have all enjoyed.

PDT: How does A Circle of Women address these concerns?

GK: A Circle of Women’s mission is to educate and promote [woman] as peacemaker, healer, and visionary, and we will launch this “new conversation” with a documentary film that will premiere in September of 2000. It contrasts [tenets of] Western ideology with [the] thinking [of] indigenous [people] and examines the role of the female in the 21st century.

PDT: This sounds like a very big deal.

GK: I’ve been working on the documentary for nine years. The message is urgent for all of us. We have a responsibility not only to ourselves now but to the life on earth and to future generations. At this time, we have circles of women and men—our message is all-inclusive—in eight cities and seven countries. We are just beginning our outreach and plan to have Circles of Women operating around the world very, very soon. Our Web site is just getting up and running. You’ll be able to find us at <www.acircleofwomen.org>.

PDT: Getting back to UofH, do you see a direct link between what you learned as a student and where you are now?

GK: Absolutely! The reason I went to the University of Hartford was because they gave me a full leadership scholarship. They wanted to develop me as a leader, and they did. Today, I’m still teaching and leading but on a more universal level, through filmmaking. The whole idea of bringing together ancient wisdom and the modern world is to remind people to think about who they are and the quality of their relationships, not only with each other but with the world they live in, the environment, and how they treat their children. A lot of who I’ve become has to do with the experiences I had at the University of Hartford.

Little-known facts about Gayle Kelley
First band: Kelley Green
Played: basketball, softball, volleyball
Advisor to Hollywood environmental organization with: Tom Cruise, Jane Fonda, Ted Danson, Ed Begley, Jr., Kenny Loggins, and Glenn Close
Still sees: Kevin Fahey, Debbie Joyce, Jane Sullivan, and Barbara Cavatsos
Most curious about: Jimmy Diamond, Ben Holden, Ed Peletier, and John Seabury
Web site: www.acircleofwomen.org