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HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

2017 Annual Meeting & Reunion

August 4 – 7, Babson College

Check-in on Friday, 4:00 p.m.

Check-out on Monday, noon

Executive Conference Center

Babson Park/Wellesley, MA

(20 miles from Boston's Logan Int'l Airport)

**Registration closes on
Friday, June 23, 2017**

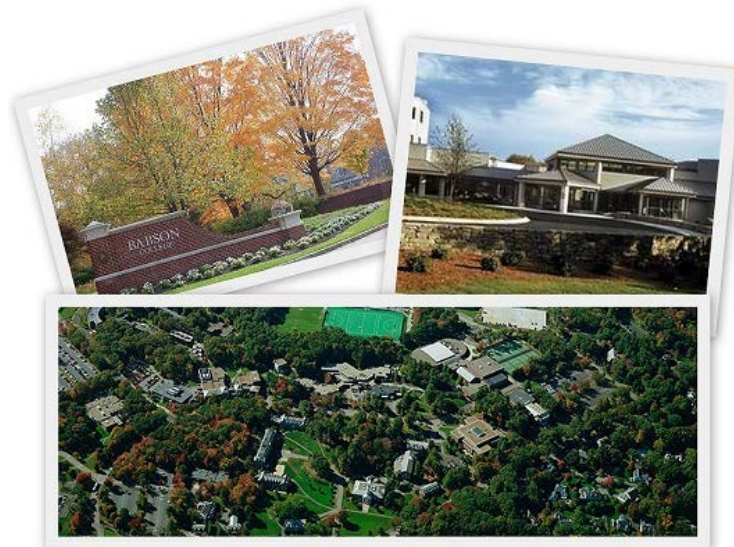
Register online or by mail!

Check out FWS Website's Events page for both options and to see what activities have been planned. For more info and to chat about the Reunion, go to the Local Planning Committee's [Facebook page](#).

QUESTIONS?

Email or call David Wheeler at: dwheeler@fwsfoundation.org
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*A Big Welcome to Alumni, Guests,
Staff, Parents, and Friends!*



This Year's Theme

LANDSLIDES, PUSHTAS, AND PATHS: BREAKING THE MOLD

Meet Woodstockites Who Are "Breaking the Mold"!

We'll be there to welcome you at 3:00 p.m. Room registration starts at 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY MEET, GREET, AND GATHER

Glenn Conrad '68 is a legendary leader who has been involved for decades in our North American organizations, WOSA, KWI and FWS. Glenn will MC the evening.

TRADITIONAL NEW ENGLAND CLAM BAKE & SEAFOOD DINNER (Veggie and Vegan Options)

FRIDAY EVENING TALK

Secondary and Tertiary Education is Failing our Youth: How Will We Change This? – Jeet Singh '81 is an entrepreneur, co-founder and CEO of Redstar Ventures, founder of the Winterline Foundation's Global Skills Program, and a singer and composer with The Singhs, a Boston-based band.

SATURDAY IS A DAY OF NEW IDEAS AND INSPIRATION

Keynote Address about Woodstock's New Campus Master Plan

Lini Mazumdar '78, Transplanting Yoga, Mindfulness and Ayurvedic Medicine, with Panelists **Mark Wagner '67** and others

Marty Chen '60, Linking Working Poor Women Around the World

Woodstock Alumni on the Frontiers, with Panelists **Dorien Ediger-Seto '06**, **Shruti Ganguly '00**, and **David Raskino '97**

David Weidman '75, Inclusivity: Life after Woodstock, with Panelists **Chad Kammin** former WS staff, **Gayatri Patnaik '86**, and **Marilyn Webster '81**

Sharon Seto '79, Moderator, Woodstock Connect: Internet Resources, with Speaker, **Lauri Coulter '81**, Woodstock's Alumni Director

SUNDAY, WE REFLECT

Titus Presler '68, leads the Interfaith Spiritual Service

Bruce Browne '70, learn ways to collect our family stories

Yasmin Padamsee '87, Myanmar – A Journey of Discovery

Hank Lacy '63 and **Charlene Chitambar Connell '51**, share our memories, music, and stories

The Quad Dining Hall Renovation

The School will announce plans to break some of its own molds! The newly refurbished Quad Dining Hall and Kitchen Facilities is the first step in a much-anticipated Campus Master Plan. It officially opened on February 8, 2017 in a ceremony attended by students, staff, alumni and hillside residents. A plaque about the project's [Facts and Figures](#) can be found by the entrance. What a beautiful space!



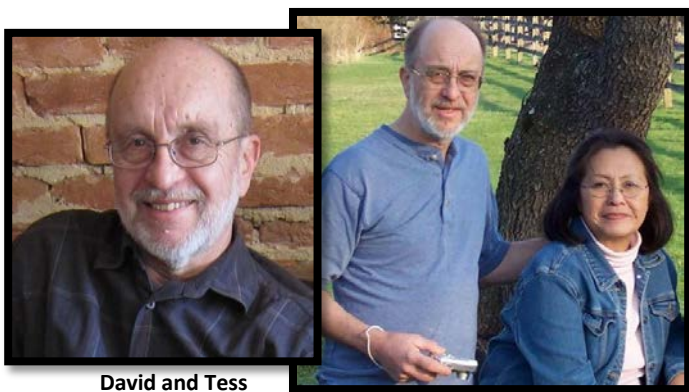
Class Reunions

How long has it been since you saw your Woodstock friends, the people with whom you shared long talks into the night? ...with whom you spent hours hanging out in the bazaar or around the flagpole? ...the people who may best understand where you came from and how that affects who you are today? This may be your time to gather again, hug and tell your stories, old and new. The Class of '71 already plans to meet before the national reunion at a classmate's farm near Boston, and others are discussing their options. For help arranging your gathering, contact David or Connie Wheeler at FWS.



Class of '71 at UCLA - 2016

David Eakin, Class of '62



David and Tess

David Brandriff Eakin, 73, died peacefully at his home in Pittstown, NJ on March 3, 2017, after a year-long battle with lung cancer. Like so many Woodstockites, he lived a fantastic life and we thought you might like to read a selection of David's short stories and essays compiled for his memorial service booklet ([click here](#)). They will transport you.

Arun Mehra '62 shared this beautiful, personal poem which also universally speaks to all of us.

David traveled widely during his formative years, mucking around with his cousins in Newfield, NJ, bouncing from Pakistan to Germany, and attending high school at Woodstock. While studying at the University of the Philippines, he met his wife of fifty years, Tess (Teresita Quinto). David finished his college degree at Grove City College, PA, and then served in the U.S. Army at Fort Carson, CO. He also earned a Masters Degree in Urban Education from Rutgers University. Strong family ties to New Jersey brought David and Tess to North Plainfield, where they raised their two daughters, Anne and Nora. David shared his love of literature as a high school English teacher (at Newark Arts High School, Somerset County VoTech, and Roselle High School), and then started a chimney sweeping business. His highly respected firm, David the Village Sweep, was well-known in central New Jersey not only for the logo of his smiling caricature dressed in top hat and tails by artist Harry Devlin, but also for the care and professionalism he showed his customers. David the Village Sweep was a true family business, with Tess managing the office, Anne assisting with the computer, and Nora joining David on roofs. David and Tess ran the business for over 35 years, retiring in 2014. In 2002, David and Tess moved to Pittstown, NJ, where they created a welcome retreat for their family and friends. David enjoyed cultivating the grounds of the property with Tess, taming the wild bramble to create walking paths, and developing an extensive meadow and vegetable garden.

THE BONDS OF ETERNITY

By Arun Mehra

Having known you for not enough time,
How shall I meet you now, oh friend of mine?
How can I let you know I care?
I too have not had my share.
Where shall I find you,
Perhaps beyond the veils of mist,
And then perhaps beyond clouds,
Which cannot suppress,
But only sometimes hide,
The bright stars,
The twinkle in your merry eyes.
Surely here you must abide.

To describe your face, with smile filled lips,
I knew a joke or anecdote was waiting there.
For were you ever at loss for words - never!
But still I have not had my share.

To me and to many I know,
And also those I do not know,
You were like a magic spirit,
A bearer of special gifts and stories,
And little and big deeds of goodwill.
Especially in your last months,
Your words, your time with us did fill,
Our hearts - like a present from above.

To you Tess, though we have never met,
Yet through Dave we have a special bond.
And I write to you dear friend,
Whose husband is going away.
Grieve not you must remember,
That the distance is no greater,
Than what your heart does say.
How can the magic fade.
He was specially given to you.
Your chance of hope and love.
This and more to you he gave.
Can you not see him guide,
Just above your hand is his.
The touch firm and sure,
Yet gentle, like curves of light.
His words are beside you and inside.
He whispers, he laughs, he tells you -
Even now - words only for you.
You can go to him anytime.
He is in the room next door.
This is his game - there does he hide.
Just relive the past and you can go
Where your heart does reside.

And to you his children,
You have had a childhood rare.
The gift of Dave - a friend
And a father beyond compare.
For he grew with you,
And you with him.
In you and for you,
He is - and always will be there.

A keen story-teller, David often shared vibrant anecdotes of his life, told in his matter-of-fact way with an honest and wry delivery. Those stories include hitchhiking to San Francisco, coming of age in India, meeting the Dalai Lama, sailing Barnegat Bay, adventuring with various two- and four-legged companions, and his insights on everyday life. Like many proud fathers and grandfathers, he was not shy in sharing the accomplishments of his daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.

Our thanks to David Schoonmaker '62 for sharing the short stories, essays, and poem with us. Take a moment and read them all.

And for me my dear friend,
A meeting can come anytime.
I just have to shut my eyes and I am there
Your world, your thoughts and mine,
Are one any time.
As long as I truly care.
This is how the time
Of remaining apart,
Simply flies away.
Just shut your eyes and then,
Yesterday's tomorrow
Will become today.

So say it softly.
Say it proudly.
Say it along with him.
For we can here Dave say,
"I lived my life
For myself and for you.
That was the only way I knew."

Hugh Mumby, Class of '43

Inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame on May 20, 2017

Hugh Mumby, the first San Jose State University wrestling coach to lead the Spartans to a NCAA Championship appearance, is one of eight inductees into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame through the organization's California chapter.

Hugh attended and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley where he was a three-sport letterman in gymnastics, track, and wrestling and he was an undefeated Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling Champion in 1946 and 1947. After winning a championship at the AAU Pacific Association Tournament in 1948, he won a championship at the Far Western District 15 Olympic Trials which qualified him for the U.S. Final Trials. He is known as one of the finest mat technicians in collegiate history, and he coached many PCI Champions during his tenure, including two-time Olympian and Hall of Fame inductee Russ Camilleri. He started the San Jose Invitational Wrestling Tournament in 1956 which was later renamed the "Mumby." Hugh was an official at the Far Western AAF Championships in 1949 and at the National AAU Championships in 1954, serving as the college representative to the Bay Area College Wrestling Officials Association from 1960-65. He was Wrestling Commissioner for the Pacific Association AAU from 1952-61, and he was Vice President and President of the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling Association from 1956-58.

Hugh's colleagues consider him one of the finest gentlemen to ever coach intercollegiate wrestling in California and an exemplary role model for wrestlers, coaches and officials. In 1980 he received the Martin Olavarri Memorial Award for his contributions to wrestling.



Congratulations Hugh!

HUGH MUMBY
San Jose State
Wrestling Coach
1953-69, 71



The FWS Science, Math, and Computer Science Fund at Work!

From Jane Cummings' Tribute to T.Z. Chu: *"He was unequivocal in his belief that in order for students to have equal career opportunities, they had to have a base of scientific and quantitative skills imparted by excellent teachers conducting classes in physical sciences and mathematics."*

Sanjeev Puri, T.Z. Chu, and Marlin Schoonmaker worked on the detailed language of the FWS Science, Math, and Computer Science Fund in the first half of 2016 and it was signed in July 2016. By August 2016, it was apparent T.Z. had limited time left and he agreed to fund the five year period of the Science Fund with a generous bequest from his estate after his death. With T.Z.'s generosity and beneficent donations from others, this fund supports both students, teachers, and the Science Department's Five Year Plan.

Northern Arizona University – Center for Science, Teaching and Learning Flagstaff, AZ

Dr. Max Dass, Director of the Center for Science, Teaching, and Learning at Northern Arizona University writes about three Woodstock teachers: *"Nishtha Daniel (High School Chemistry), Todd Schumacher (Middle School Science and Social Studies), and Tarun Seth (High School Mathematics) made a month-long trek to Flagstaff. While here, these educators took part in NAU science and mathematics teacher education classes and immersed themselves in Flagstaff public school classrooms to learn how STEM education is being implemented."*



Makeology - Maker Summit Conference Chennai, India

Rajneesh Daniel and Nikola Zvijezdan Guscic report that: *"This was a superbly organized conference which offered a variety of hands-on activities and discussions related to the making and design process. It was exciting to be able to immediately build our own designs without any prior programming knowledge."*

Conference presentations and hands-on applications included Design Thinking, Touch Interactive Technology, Programming, Robotics Adventures Lego, Design Project Examples, and Maker – Space Useful Ideas.

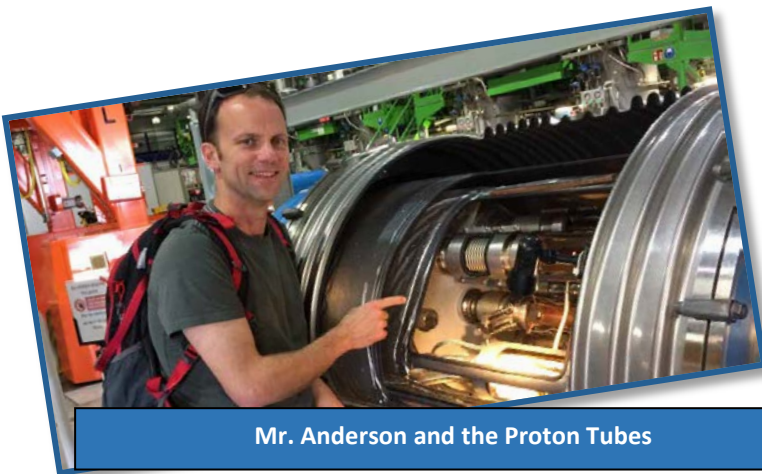


Visiting CERN, the European Council for Nuclear Research Geneva, Switzerland

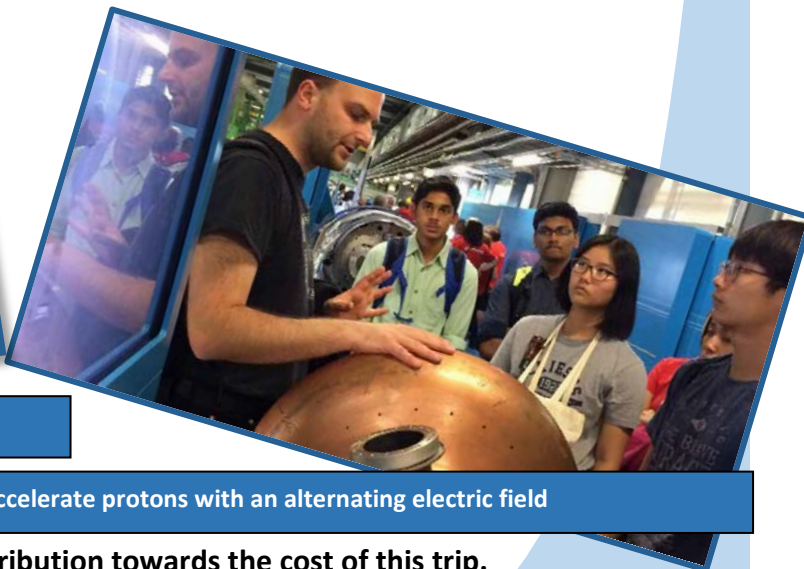
Seven students had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit CERN, famously home to the Large Hadron Collider, by far the world's most powerful particle accelerator. It's also where thousands of physicists and engineers work to expand our understanding of the fundamental structure of the universe. Our students got to spend four full days behind the scenes at CERN, in an immersive educational experience courtesy of some of the world's greatest scientific minds. Stephen Anderson's thoughts on the trip: *"Firstly, I am very privileged as a Physics teacher to have gone, for sure I have learnt a lot and am now more confident to be able to discuss and teach Particle Physics. I now have plenty of CERN related stories to mention in my teaching, i.e. examples to do with electromagnetism, forces and heat transfer concepts."*



The CERN Group



Mr. Anderson and the Proton Tubes



Radiofrequency Generator used to accelerate protons with an alternating electric field

FWS support made a significant contribution towards the cost of this trip.

FWS-Funded Equipment in Use at Woodstock



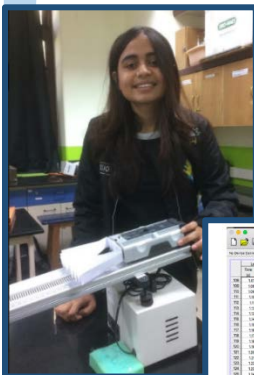
Zorb Balls, Grades Three and Four



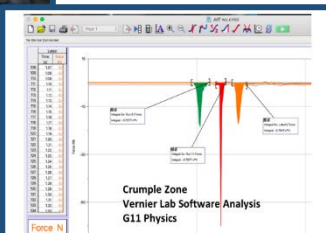
Grade 3 to 6 (Girls only) Passage Robotics using Lego Mindstorm



Early Years and Middle School STEM Passage using K'Nex



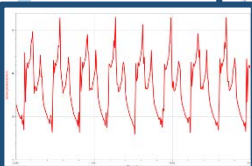
Vernier cart, track and force sensors used with Crumple Zone investigation. Momentum – Impulse Collision Analysis



Grade Nine Science: Heat Transfer experiment using Vernier Digital Temperature Probes



Vernier sound sensors used to determine Sound Harmonics



Environmental Science River Studies using Vernier lab quest interface with Vernier dissolved oxygen probes

Interested in Becoming an FWS Board Member? Joining our Alumni Committee?

We still have several openings on our Board and Alumni Committee with the approach of August 2017. In accordance with our By-Laws, Section 3b, "At least 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Executive Director and President shall solicit from members of the Corporation and members of the Board of Directors by email and other promotional material, suggestions for potential new Board members. General qualities needed should be included in the communications. Nominations from members of the Corporation should be accompanied by a résumé, an indication of the nominee's willingness to serve, and a summary of the experience and expertise the proposed nominee will bring to the Board. Sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Executive Director, President and two Board members designated by the President shall research and contact each suggested person to determine if they fit the profiles needed and to determine which ones are qualified and submit a slate to the full Board of appropriate candidates who are willing to serve. Prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board shall vote on the slate and elect the members to the Board of Directors. The Board may elect members who are not on the slate if, in their discretion, the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby. The new Director or Directors will be introduced to the membership at the next Annual Meeting for ratification by the membership."

If you are interested, please contact David Wheeler at the FWS office:

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