

AlumNews

60s and before

Frank (64) and Anita (Gutzmann) (64) Hines are retired from teaching and live in Montana near their six grandchildren.

Gordon Coulter (66), pastor of a Wesleyan church in Covina, Calif., recently earned a doctorate in educational leadership. He also serves as chaplain for the local police.

Wally Waters (67) recently completed his 36th year teaching high school science. He and his wife have four grandchildren.

James Hall (67), a retired Air Force captain, lives in San Jose, Calif., where he works as a computer programmer.

Jim Savage (69) spent 31 years working as a unit supervisor in the probation department for Kern County before retiring in 2000. His wife, Nina, passed away in 1999.

1970s

Donald Dyke (73) relocated to Banning, Calif., where he is a Nazarene pastor.

1980s

Richard Ziebarth (81), a former Air Force fighter pilot, instructor and commander, now resides in Las Vegas with his wife, Beth, and their two children. He is deputy director of the United States Air Force/Department of Energy Liaison office.

Rick (81) and Paulette (Robinett) Bell live in Gilbert, Ariz. Rick, who earned a master's degree in psychology in 2000, teaches junior high school and is an adjunct professor at local community colleges. Paulette teaches high school marketing.

Don (82) and Sylvia (Schuber) (82) Webb celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have two children: Erich, 21, and Nina, 13.

Greg (86) and Diane Gates moved to New York where Greg is the pastor of Watertown Church of the Nazarene.

Lora Schrock (86) works for Cook Communications as the managing editor of the book division. She lives with daughter Meghan, 14, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Louis (93) and Lynn (Tarvid) (89) DeBiase relocated to Anchorage, Alaska, where Lou is captain in the Air Force and nurse manager at the base's family practice clinic. Lynn works at a nearby trauma center.

1990s

Paul Erdman (90) earned a master's degree in organic chemistry from San Diego State University. His wife's name is Maria.

Yvonne Davis (MA. 91) is a high school counselor. She and her husband, Rick, live in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

James "Chip" (91) and Debbie (Glenn) (90) Monck live in Lexington, Ky., where Chip accepted the call to serve as pastor of a Wesleyan church. Debbie is a stay-at-home mom to Jamie, 9, and Allie, 5.

Kristin (Mays) (91) Picton and her husband, Scott, live in South Carolina and are preparing for missionary service to Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia.

Madie Liseblad (94), a media events manager for Volvo Cars, recently transferred from corporation headquarters in Sweden to work for the company in Irvine, Calif.

Jacqueline (Bland) (95) Hunt, and her husband, Brian, live in House Springs, Mo. They have two children.

Alvin Green-Le wis (95) teaches high school English in San Diego. He has two children: Michael James, and Anastasia Naiobi.

Andrew Tistadt (97) will begin physician assistant school in Oregon this summer.

Daniel (96) and Michelle (Pettis) (97) Espinoza live in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he is an insurance consultant and she is a graphic designer for Zondervan.

Melinda (Fine) (98) Wilson earned a master's degree in comparative literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She and her husband, Ian, were married Jan. 10, 2004, and now live in Kentucky where he is a teacher and she is an internship coordinator for a college.

Douglas (98) and Kristi Barnhart live in Tulare, Calif., with their two children. Doug is a game warden.

Jennifer (99) Williams, a nurse midwife, lives in Albuquerque, N.M., with her husband, Jim, and children: Katie, Matt, Brennan, and Benjamin.

David Mills (99) received a Ph.D. in immunology from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. He lives in San Diego.

2000s

Garrett Smee (00) graduated from California Western School of Law in April 2003 and passed the bar exam in July. He and his wife, Randi (May er) (02) live in Chula Vista, Calif., and are expecting their first child.

Michael Ruybalid (00) is in his second year of teaching music to elementary school students at Redwood Christian Schools in Castro Valley, Calif.

Ben and Selena (Machen) (00) Shaffer live in Bakersfield, Calif. Selena recently finished a master's degree in education.

Heather Palstring (02) is working on a master's degree in school psychology.

Rebecca Langdon (01) teaches English in Taiwan with Ilene Chen (01), Jenny Bisht (01) and Matthew Mueller (01).

Kimberly Gunter (02) works with cardiac patients in Laguna Hills, Calif.

Mitchell (03) and Heidi (Martin) (02) Smee live in Gig Harbor, Wash., where Heidi is a preschool teacher and Mitchell works for Country Life and Financial Services. Heidi completed her teaching credential from PLNU in 2003.

ALUMNI WALK HONORS GRADUATES

The beautiful newly-reconfigured Alumni Brick Walk was installed last summer in the heart of the main campus. The walk runs down the center of the Campus Mall from Ryan Library to Cooper Music Center.

Orders are currently being taken for bricks honoring 2003 and 2004 graduates. The bricks for 2003 graduates will be installed this summer and for 2004 graduates during summer 2005. The deadline for ordering for 2003 graduates is June 1, 2004. To order, visit www.ptloma.edu/alumni



Don and Sylvia Webb

From Albuquerque to Honolulu

By Sheryl Smee
Director of Alumni Relations

A day at the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, a Padres baseball game at new Petco Park, a party on a San Clemente beach, and dinner with Concert Choir followed by miniature golf in Honolulu. What do all of these have in common?



Each is an Alumni & Friends Area Event in 2004. The alumni association is planning area events in six cities each year so alumni may gather and meet other alums in their geographical area. These are relaxed times of greeting, meeting, eating, sharing and laughter.

I hope you'll join us when we're in your area. These afternoon and evening events include entertainment, delicious food and time to mingle. We plan around student sports teams or music groups visiting a city or a large city event occurring that spring or summer. Invitations are sent to alumni living in that area and we post the information on the alumni section of the PLNU web site.

This spring, we have already hosted events in Honolulu, Los Angeles and San Diego. This summer and fall we'll host the following events:

A Day at the Beach
July 10 • San Clemente, Calif.

Mariners' Game and Tailgate Party
July 24 • Seattle, Wash.

Hot Air Balloon Festival and Potluck
Oct. 9 • Albuquerque, N.M.

Please come and enjoy a Saturday with other PLNU alumni and friends. I hope to see you there.

For more information on alumni association events and to order tickets, please visit www.ptloma.edu/alumni

Ricky Guzman Jr. (03) lives in El Centro, Calif, with his wife, Jeanette, and children: Ricky, 5, and Derek, 4. He is working toward a teaching credential and master's degree in crosscultural education.

Jeff (03) and Michelle (Royal) (03) Turner live in Bakersfield, Calif. Michelle is finishing her teaching credential.

Marriages

Dustin Davis (03) and Nicole (Peviani) (03) were married June 16, 2002. They live in Orange County, Calif., where Dustin is a mortgage banker and Nicole is finishing her teaching credential.

Aimee Gaylen (99) and Don Verreth were married on September 6, 2002. Caleb Jozef born on August 8, 2003. They live in Gent, Belgium.



Doug Poppen (99) married Jennifer Peterson on Sept. 29, 2002. Doug is pursuing a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Rory Terkeurst and Kelly Creeden (01) were married May 10, 2003. Kelly works in the neuroscience intensive care unit of a trauma center near the couple's home in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Joel Schmid (03) and Sara Lichti (03) were married June 14, 2003.

Rev. Harold Quarles (62) and Charlotte Beckwith were married July 12, 2003.

Armando Villalobos and Christine Jones (97) were married July 20, 2003, and live in Whittier, Calif., where Christine teaches third grade.

Jeff Birdsell (03) and Reine Freeman (98) were married July 26, 2003. Jeff is an admissions counselor at PLNU and Reine is working on a master's degree from San Diego State University.



Ryan Asche (01) and Karen Velton (01) were married Sept. 21, 2003, and now live in Roseville, Calif., where Ryan is an advertising coordinator and Karen is an executive assistant.



Michael Palat and Colleen Schoelz (96) were married Oct. 11, 2003, and reside in San Marcos, Calif.

J.R. Caines and Jennifer Maxwell (01) were married Nov. 8, 2003.

Victor Leyva and Don-nae Layton (00) were married Nov. 22, 2003.

Robert Brenneman and Jasmine Butler (02) were married Dec. 20, 2003. He teaches high school math and she teaches third grade.

Geordan Hammond (00) and Iulia Mignea were married Dec. 20, 2003. They live in Manchester, England, where he is working on a Ph. D. in church history.

Cy Na'ihe and Sandra Victoria Kainoa (Johnston) (95) were married Dec. 26, 2003. Their family includes five daughters, two sons and a baby on the way.

Jonathan Munn (01) and Stacia Sanders (01) were married Dec. 27, 2003, and now live in Portland, Ore., where he is completing a master's degree and she is in her second year of medical school.

Shaped to Serve

By Mark Michaelson

Many people might not have the faith and courage to leave their comfort zone for the mission field, perceiving the day-to-day life in another country as too intimidating for such a risk. **Josh (03) and Nell (Becker)(02) Sweeden**, however, aren't like many people.

Josh graduated with a degree in Bible and Christian ministries and Nell with degrees in theology and Spanish. They were married last May. By September they had embarked on an unforgettable journey to Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. They returned home in March after six months volunteering with the Church of the Nazarene's Paraguayan district.

Josh and Nell's path to the mission field began in December of 2002, when they became engaged. "We wanted to travel," said Josh. "Nell wanted to experience the Spanish culture and both of us wanted to see the mission field, what the Nazarene church was doing."

The couple says PLNU played a major role in their motivation to serve and provided the link to Paraguay.

"Point Loma taught us to see our need for an experience such as Paraguay," Nell said. "It shaped us to seek an experience that would put us out of our element and therefore teach us not only about other parts of the Kingdom of God, but about ourselves and our own culture."

In the months after their engagement, Josh and Nell e-mailed Nazarene missionaries in South America, offering

training classes through a translator. "But by spending time with the people everyday, eventually we picked things up. By the time we left, we didn't speak any English in our classes."

The willingness to immerse themselves in the day-to-day culture, rather than spend their time trying to change people to their American way of thinking, was the cornerstone of Josh and Nell's education as missionaries.

"You try to reconcile the different cultures so they see eye-to-eye, but you just can't do it," Nell said. "You just try to work through the muddy waters and meet people where they're coming from. It's difficult to do, but it's a major part of what Christianity is all about."

"Our purpose in going to Paraguay was simply to learn to be a guest. We needed to learn to observe and participate,



Left: The Sweedens (far left) with their congregation at the Asuncion Church of the Nazarene in Paraguay.

Below: Nell and Josh Sweeden

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their services. The responses and opportunities were scattered. The prospect of Paraguay didn't develop until spring, shortly after the Associated Student Body elections.

Josh, who served as ASB Director of Student Ministries both his junior and senior years, was training his successor Marcos Canales. It was then that Josh learned Marcos's parents, Wilfredo and Ada, were missionaries in Paraguay.

With Marcos's endorsement, Josh and Nell e-mailed the Canaleses, longtime missionaries from Peru who are pastors in Asuncion. Josh and Nell soon received an invitation from Wilfredo and Ada, and the trip was scheduled.

Josh and Nell encountered many challenges during their trip, beginning with the language barrier. Although nearly fluent in Spanish, Nell had difficulty making the transition to the exclusively Spanish-speaking culture. It was even more difficult for Josh, who barely knew the language at all.

"It was hard at first," said Josh, who initially had to teach

not necessarily in roles of leadership, but in support of the existing leadership," Nell said. "In six months, we knew we didn't have enough time to make some powerful change. Our job was to be a part of the Kingdom of God, to be witnesses to Christ in another culture, and to learn from the Paraguayans how to be better followers of Christ."

The Canaleses thoroughly enjoyed hosting the young couple. "The time we spent with Josh and Nell was wonderful," Wilfredo said through Steven, his son and translator. "They are very loved by the people in Paraguay. They are a great example of service with pure love since they came down here as volunteer missionaries."

The Sweedens are currently living in Ojai, Calif., Nell's hometown, until this fall, when they both will begin graduate education at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

Mark Michaelson (00) is a freelance writer in San Diego.

Representing You

The following graduates have been elected to represent you, our alumni, on the alumni association board. Their terms begin on May 16, 2004. The board has 34 members, with graduation years from 1941 to 2004.

Linda Talbert (66)	President Elect
Cindy Outlaw (80)	Treasurer
Jeff Harris (80)	Central California District Director
Mark Ballew (74)	Sacramento District Director
Scott Ketchum (96)	Director at Large
Josh Van Bruggen	Student Representative

For a complete listing of alumni board members, visit www.ptloma.edu/alumni.

Alumni Constitution Ballot

The Alumni Association has considered several revisions to the constitution which will require action by alumni in the next six months. PLNU currently has over 30,000 alumni which makes it more economical to change the process of amending the constitution.

If you are an alumnus, please vote on the following:

Currently stated in the constitution:

"All proposed amendments to this constitution shall be approved by the Board who shall cause same to be printed in an official ballot of this association and mailed to the association members at least one month prior to the closing of the vote."

Proposed change:

"All proposed amendments to this constitution shall be approved by the Board who shall cause same to be printed in an official ballot on the university website at least one month prior to the closing of the vote. The ballot's presence on the website shall be announced in the university's magazine."

Approve Disapprove

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Please mail to:

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Births

Sage Ellen: born to Deanna Lynn (Lorenz) Lee (94) and her husband on Sept. 26, 2003. Siblings: Samuel Zachary, 4, and Caleb Taylor, 2.

Jack William: born to Lee and Sarah (Elliott) (92) Carroll on July 31, 2002.

Cailyn Ann: born to Jason and Cathy (Lilja) (93) Reed on Oct. 8, 2002.

Rebecca Sophia: born to Jacob and Holly (Monroe) (87) Ellers on Jan. 11, 2003. Siblings: Benjamin, 5, and Jonathan, 3.

Courtney Noel: born to Jim (94) and Beverly (Wienke) (94) VanderZwan on Jan. 24, 2003. Sibling: Chase James, 3.

Joshua Ryan: born to Michael (98) and Anna (Earnest) (00) Fisher on March 1, 2003. Sibling: Ethan, 2.

Jacob: born to Mark and Becky (Hoffman) (88) Novak in May 2003. Siblings: Sarah, 6, and Emily, 4.

Mason David: born to Marcus and Michelle (Lester) (95) Emerson in May 2003.

Kade Anthony: born to Kevin and Arranda (Stamper) (99) Johnson on May 19, 2003.

Devin: born to Loren (90) and Julie Hines on May 24, 2003. They recently relocated to Monrovia, Calif., where Loren is a pilot for the California Highway Patrol and Julie is at home with Devin.

Mikayla Renee: born to David and Tarrara (Koehn) (93) Ball on June 27, 2003. Sibling: Nathanael Christian, 3.

Kate Elianna: born to Travis (98) and Kim (Ziller) (99) Marshall on June 27, 2003.

Elizabeth Marie: born on July 17, 2003 and adopted by George and Rebecca (Noble) (87) Zdravicky. Siblings: Liam and Xander.

Alexander David: born to Tyler and Rebecca (Fikse) Powell on July 26, 2003.

Noah John: born to Mike and Tracy (Gustafson) (91) Young on July 29,

2003. Siblings: Christian Michael, 4, and Luke Timothy, 2.

Matthew Lee: born to Robert (82) and Karen Wiese on July 15, 2003. Sibling: Joshua, 4.

Jesus Thomas: born to Jesus and Bonnie (Gare) (98) Cano on Aug. 17, 2003.

Emma Ann: born to David (85) and Kim (Moore) (86) Baker on Sept. 4, 2003. Siblings: Zane, 12, Madeline, 9, Hannah, 5, and Grace, 2.

Olivia Juliette: born to Greg (88) and Ericka Rizio on Sept. 5, 2003.

Erin Aubreigh: born to Robert Baggett III and Christel (Fort) (98) Baggett. Sibling: Ethan James, 3.

Sierra Rose: born to James (82) and Lorraine Hazel on Sept. 14, 2003. Sibling: Ashleigh, 10.

Madison Makenna: born to Cameron and Audra (Schenper) (00) on Sept. 21, 2003.

Nathan William: born to Scott and Tammy (Hertica) (96) Wethersten on Oct. 19, 2003. Scott and Tammy both serve as probation officers in San Diego County.

Ashlyn Grace: born to Dan (97) and Julie (Schanze) (99) Little on Oct. 22, 2003.

Kyla Christine: born to Luke (00) and Christine (Chambers) (00) Navarro on Oct. 24, 2003.

Kaden James: born to Eric (99) and Shauna (Helm) Petersen on Oct. 27, 2003.

Rachel Elise: born to Christian and Kayta (Saxton) (95) Rogers on Oct. 31, 2003. Siblings: Kate, 6, Joshua, 4, and Hannah, 2.

Kaden Anthony: born to Tony and Alison (Savage) (00) Johnson on Nov. 25, 2003.

Kestle-Lyn Noe'ulaonalani Sumiko: born to Kalen and Crystal (Palacio) (95) Kaya on Dec. 9, 2003. Siblings: Keenan and Crysten-Kaori.

Margaret "Maggie" Elizabeth: born to Ben (97) and Ashley Pettus on Dec. 10, 2003.

Matthew Dale: born to Brian (99) and Karolina (Zmirak) (99) Spry on Dec. 12, 2003.

Olivia Helen: born to Larry (92) and Kendle Figueroa on Dec. 21, 2003. Sibling: Isabella, 2.

Hudson Jay and Hannah Joy: born to Rusty and Lesli (Teakell) (97) Cryer on Jan. 7, 2004.

Natalie Ruth: born to Greg (01) and Ashley (Songer) (01) Harmon on Jan. 8, 2004.

Alana Marie: born to Corey (00) and Jamie (Ornee) (02) Gilliland on Jan. 13, 2004.

Christian Dean: born to Mike (95) and Shannon (Spencer) (94) Sapp on Jan. 13, 2004.

Edward Herbert: born to Douglas (88) and Angie (89) (Trisler) TenNapel on Jan. 16, 2004. Sibling: Ahmi, 2.

Aidan Michael: born to James and Elizabeth (Braden) (99) Shehee on Jan. 23, 2004.

Kelley Hope and Heidi Noelle: born to Shawn (94) and Debbie Gallagher on Feb. 23, 2004.

In Memoriam

Darold Wilson (52) passed away Jan. 28, 2004, eight days before celebrating his 49th wedding anniversary with wife, Gerdonna (Payne) (52). During his lifetime, Darold promoted Christian radio and missions. Gerdonna lives in Oceanside, Calif.

Corrections... from the winter *Viewpoint*.

Bradley Newbold and Heather (Fielding) (00) were married Jan. 12, 2002.

Pete Titterington (02) and Rosie Holman (02) were married on Jan. 3, 2003 and live in Portland, Ore. He is a research chemist and she teaches high school biology.

STAY IN TOUCH – WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOU!

The events of your life are interesting to other alumni. We encourage you to send us news about yourself. You can also help us keep our Viewpoint mailing list current by using this form to notify us of a change of address. Send forms to Alumni Office, PLNU, 3900 Lomaland Drive, San Diego, CA 92106, or send e-mail messages to alumni@ptloma.edu.

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