



1 Tarek Azwai with Rudy Menon's dad, Somnath  
2 Steve Dwiggins  
3 Michael Dwiggins

rock followed her to Vassar College, where in 2008, she and a childhood friend founded Neon Gold Records. Releasing singles from artists like Gotye and Ellie Goulding, the label eventually became part of Atlantic Records. While running Neon Gold in New York, post-college, Lizzy got an email from Vassar classmate Max Hershenow. Max was waiting tables and attending the Martha Graham Center of Contemporary Dance while trying to break into music production, and he wanted to know if she had any leads for new artists with whom he might collaborate. Lizzy did: herself. “I had been writing songs but wasn’t ready to go for it,” she recalled. “Max was as green as I was, and it felt safe to send him my work.” During their initial meet-up in Max’s apartment, the two managed to record a song in three hours. “We just instantly connected,” she summed up. Once Lizzy and Max had five songs under their belt, they came up with a band name and put themselves online, where fan mail from agents and music labels started to trickle in. MS MR’s big break came when their self-made collage web video for the single “Hurricane” went viral. “That elevated us from a niche online buzz band to being everywhere,” explained Lizzy. She and Max are currently at work on their second album, which will be released next spring. When asked about her time at ASL, the 26-year-old became animated about her past teachers, such as English faculty **Mr. Potchatek (ASL 2004–present)** and **Mr. Ingram (ASL 2002–12)**. “They taught me how to share my voice,” she said. “What I learned from them continues to inspire my writing as a lyricist now.” She is also grateful for the mentorship of **Judy Kisor (ASL 1994–2014)** and

**Meg Bailey (ASL 1990–2014)** and to all of her numerous coaches. ASL taught Lizzy to work hard, a quality that is just as important to her music career as it was to her high school course load. Her advice for aspiring ASL musicians is to put your music first, and stand by it. “It’s so easy to be manipulated into something else,” she warned. She also encourages those starting out to take advantage of technology and the internet. “You don’t have to have a music label or access to a studio,” Lizzy said. “We spent \$500 making our first record with an old mike and a laptop.” These are humble beginnings for a pop star who performed to a crowd of 20,000 in June. “We take it just one step at a time,” she laughed. Visit MS MR’s website, [www.msrsounds.com](http://www.msrsounds.com), to learn about upcoming tour dates and news about their next album.

**Walking in memory of Rudy Menon ’05**  
More than 100 friends, family members and supporters turned out to London’s South Bank on Sunday, 8 June to join a walk in memory of ASL alumnus **Rudy Menon ’05**. Rudy was an accomplished young man who tragically lost his life last year to Gliomatosis Cerebri, a rare form of brain cancer. Stretching along the Thames from Westminster to Tower Bridges, the walk aimed to raise funds and awareness for treatment of this disease as well as to honor Rudy’s remarkable legacy. Participants included Rudy’s brother, **Arjun ’09**, his parents, **Somnath and Vidhu P ’05 ’09**, alumnus **Tarek Azwai ’05**, **Deepa Mer P ’13**, LS Creative Arts Assistant Teacher **Preeti Nalwa P ’09 ’14**, and advancement team colleagues **Laurie Hindley (ASL 2006–present)** and **Libby Jones (ASL 2012–present)**.

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**17 December: ASL Homecoming (London)**

**5 February: Boston**

**10 February: San Francisco**

**25 April: Connecticut**

**27 April: New York City**

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The weather was gloriously sunny as the group traversed the river bank, smiles beaming and hopes soaring. We extend a special thank you to the ASL community for helping to make Rudy’s walk such an encouraging and memorable event. To learn more about Rudy and how you can help, visit the website created by his family, [www.justgiving.com/RememberingRudyAnirudhMenon](http://www.justgiving.com/RememberingRudyAnirudhMenon) ■



**DURING a picture-perfect weekend in San Diego last May, 17 ASL classmates, brought together by Charles Scudder ’64, gathered to celebrate their 50th high school reunion. Representing the Class of 1964, they brought with them memories of their Gloucester Gate campus and headmaster, Stephen Eckard. They recalled holding vigil at the US Embassy when President Kennedy was assassinated. They swapped Vietnam war stories and shared photos of their grandchildren. They talked of their pursuits in higher education, their service in the CIA, their travels and long careers. Some came with partners. Some brought old scrapbooks and letters. One flew in from China to be in attendance. Over the course of two days that spanned five decades, the Class of 1964 picked up where they left off, some 50 years ago.**

**Clif Cates**  
After completing Grade 9 and leaving ASL in 1961, I attended Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts, graduating in 1964. I earned my B.A. at Yale in 1968, as did my ASL classmate, **Charles Scudder**. I then spent four years as a naval officer, including one “in country” (Vietnam), followed by three years at Harvard Law School, from which

# CLASS OF '64 REUNION



I graduated in 1975. Since then I have been working as a tax lawyer and am presently of counsel to two firms: Ivins, Phillips & Barker in Washington, D.C., and TroyGould in Los Angeles. I have resided in Pasadena, California since 1979. I have two grown sons who live in San Diego. The older is an IT specialist, and the younger is a real estate developer. My outside interests include reading to children in the Pasadena school system, piano, competitive bridge and skiing.

**Michael Dwiggins**  
After graduating from ASL, I attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, but ultimately received my B.Sc. in 1968 from the University of Oregon. I spent four years in the US Navy and then started my business career in 1973 at Occidental Life

Insurance Company in Los Angeles. In 1977, my wife and I moved to San Luis Obispo, California, where I pursued a career in real estate. In 2002, I entered the Internet industry, ultimately becoming CFO and part owner of a company. My wife and I retired in March 2010 and spend much of the time traveling and playing golf at our local country club in Arnold, California. We have two grown children, one in the real estate industry in San Francisco and one in the entertainment industry in Los Angeles.

**Steve Dwiggins**  
Like my brother, I attended Whitman College for a period of time. After a year off for health issues, I earned a B.A. in history from San Francisco State College (now University). This was the same school from which **Sunni Anderson** graduated, although we did not know we were there at the same time. In 1969, I started working for Pan American World Airways in Los Angeles, which would turn out to be a 42-year-career in the airline industry. After almost 11 years with Pan Am, I was laid off and moved to San Luis Obispo, California, to spend the next 30 years working for SkyWest Airlines, the nation’s largest regional airline. Twenty of those years were spent in SkyWest’s corporate offices in St. George, Utah, handling the airline’s corporate real estate functions. Upon retirement in 2013, my wife and I took a 30-day cruise



- 1 Chaddie Kruger
- 2 John Maybury
- 3 The Class of '64, junior year
- 4 Lisa and Richard Weiner
- 5 Sandy Hunt and Cliff Cates
- 6 Roxanne Johnson and Dan Sanders
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- 8 Charles Scudder with Jim McConkie
- 9 The Dwiggins twins



to the South Pacific and continue to enjoy traveling in our RV, visiting family in California, Texas and upstate New York. We've also been dancing and playing bridge while watching our new home being built in a retirement community here in St. George. I'm still in good health and look forward to many happy years in retirement. I like to think that, in the 42 years I spent in the airline industry, I made a positive contribution to the lives of the traveling public as they visited family, friends and exotic destinations throughout the world.

#### Chaddie Kruger

Firstly, please email me, chaddiekruger@gmail.com! I would love to hear from anyone I knew who wasn't at the reunion (or was!). I have missed you all for so long! Secondly, my update: I ended up getting



an M.A. in Latin and teaching Latin and various areas of classical civilization for over 30 years at high school and university levels. I resigned two years ago and am now doing writing projects. I have a wonderful, crazy husband, a son and daughter (now not-so-children-ish!) and two beautiful grandsons (8 and 4). Thirdly, there are not words to tell you what it feels like, 50 years later, to be with ASL classmates again. It's a heart-clutching time warp—filled with memories that seem totally present, and the same love for ASL that I had in 1964. My ASL group is my family and always will be. I hope the next reunion is soon!

#### Roxana (Johnson) Lonergan

Post '64 included college years, work in New York City and living in Los Angeles. In the 70s, I worked on *The Waltons* and then got married. We moved to New York. We had two daughters, a family life in Manhattan and summer stays on the North Shore of Massachusetts. The 90s brought a job for me in NYC and our first child going to college. I eventually divorced, left NYC and returned to Los Angeles. 2000 brought a high school boyfriend back into my life. 2003 provided a salaried job in a Santa Monica law office. 2014 includes that same boyfriend, same job, a house and a cat. Not bad.

#### John Maybury

While most of my 20 classmates dispersed to the Ivy League in 1964,

I headed back to the West Coast to famed party school UC Santa Barbara. It took all of my ASL-learned discipline to withstand UCSB's surf and beer culture, but I eventually found the sweet spot: a combination of academic social sciences and practical journalism (writing and editing for the campus daily and publishing an off-campus newspaper), plus a junior year "abroad" as a volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) in a poor neighborhood of New York City. After college, I drifted in and out of writing and editing, gigs with newspapers, magazines, newsletters, nonprofits, research firms, labor unions and county government, plus sideline work in limousine chauffeuring and Amtrak bartending. Finally, in the mid-1980s, I landed a solid full-time copyediting job, which morphed into my current iteration as a freelance copy editor (see [Goofbuster.com](http://Goofbuster.com)). In my spare time, I write columns for the *Pacifica*, *California Tribune* and the Sierra Club Peninsula Chapter's Loma Prieta, and I publish and edit the *Pacifica Riptide* blog. The opening of the Tom Lantos Tunnels at Devil's Slide and the welcome beginning of social security benefits have allowed me to move to a new home in bucolic Moss Beach, California, along with my longtime partner Leslie Davidson. We are surrounded by national, state and county parks, ideal for biking and hiking. We live close to good seafood places in Princeton Harbor and Half Moon Bay.



#### Cherie Morris

I was at ASL for my sophomore year of high school, but it was the most memorable of the four. My career Navy father was transferred back to the US, and I finished high school in McLean, Virginia. I attended Salem College in Winston Salem, North Carolina, and finished at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After majoring in American studies and chemistry, I moved to Atlanta and met my husband, John, within six months. John was working in Atlanta after graduating from Georgia Tech. While many of my ASL classmates were serving their country in the military, I spent almost 20 years on the front lines of the war on poverty, working for the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. I served as the regional director for both the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and food stamp program. John's work took us to Newport Beach, California, in 1985. Today we are retired, working on staying healthy and playing golf. We have a daughter who is COO of Conservation International and a 7-year-old granddaughter.

#### David Romano

I am a Greek and Roman archaeologist who teaches in the School of Anthropology at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Previously, I was at the Penn Museum in Philadelphia for 37 years where I studied classical archaeology, eventually working in the Mediterranean section of the museum and teaching at UPENN. I have been involved in fieldwork in Greece for much of the past 40 years and am currently co-director and field director of the Mt. Lykaion Excavation and Survey Project, [www.lykaionexcavation.org](http://www.lykaionexcavation.org), in Arcadia at the birthplace of Zeus. I am also the initiator of the Parrhasian Heritage Park of the Peloponnesos, [www.parrhasianheritagepark.org](http://www.parrhasianheritagepark.org), the first large-scale cultural heritage park in Greece. I have been married for 35 years to Irene Bald Romano (also an archaeologist who works at the University of Arizona) and have three daughters, Katy, Lizzie and Sarah. Katy is married, Lizzie works at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and Sarah lives and works Tucson. I do travel through London most years on my way to Greece and have had the occasion to stop by and see the new American School in London, and a few years ago, to have the opportunity to give a lecture and attend classes there. I consider London to be the most interesting city in the world and am grateful for the one year, 1959–1960, that I spent at ASL. Visit my website, [www.davidgilmanromano.org](http://www.davidgilmanromano.org)



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- 2 Class of 1964 photo-op in San Diego
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#### Dan Sanders

After ASL, I went to Stephen Eckard's alma mater, Princeton, where I majored in philosophy, and then earned a master of divinity degree from a Presbyterian theological seminary. Many years later, after being a foreign-service officer in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, and Zagreb, Croatia, I got a Ph.D. I did some teaching (of statistics, sociology, economics, and public administration), but mostly I have been doing social science research: number-crunching survey results (in Kentucky and later China). My first wife and I divorced when our children were teenagers. My son heads a software development team, plays lots of soccer, and is co-owner of the Magnolia Photo Booth Company, [www.magbooth.com](http://www.magbooth.com). My daughter went to Columbia University and then moved to France, where she met her French husband and had a daughter, my first grandchild. She also earned two master's degrees and a Ph.D, and currently teaches at the University of Paris. Nine years ago, I spent a week in Shanghai. It seemed like America in the late 1950s. There was less crime, less obesity, less drug use, more optimism, more discipline and less decadence. Feeling safe and at home, I decided to find a Chinese wife and move to China. At the age of 60, I married a divorced Chinese woman of 50 who has a son in Canada. We live in Hangzhou, which is an hour (by bullet train) south-west of

Shanghai. Kublai Khan ended its century as the capital of China. I have recently developed a scholarly interest in Ancient China. My eight years here have been a wonderful learning experience. I have acted in two Chinese TV commercials in which I had the only speaking role, and had a bit part (as JFK) in a historical mini-series that was shown on national TV. I also got to pat a grown tiger.

#### Charles Scudder

After graduating from ASL, I received my B.A. from Yale and then spent three years in the US Army in a military intelligence unit in Vicenza, Italy (this was my contribution to the war in Vietnam). I was married to my first wife, Jannette, in Venice in 1970, complete with a gondola procession up the Grand Canal. I returned to the UK in 1971 and studied law at Merton College, Oxford, where I received my degree in 1973. Moving back to the States, I obtained a further law degree from the University of Connecticut and went to work for the old Wall Street firm Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts (now Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw

Pittman). I spent seven years with Winthrop and then took a position in house with Conoco Inc., which soon was taken over by DuPont. As a result, we moved from Connecticut to Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. After a time at DuPont and a stint with Unisys Corporation as their chief corporate and securities lawyer, I spent a number of years in Cincinnati as US General Counsel for the French company CarnaudMetalbox. Eventually, I was brought back to Philadelphia by an offer of equity partnership in the Center City firm of Obermayer Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel, where I practiced mergers and acquisitions and securities law for a decade. In 2001, one of my clients, Dutch company AkzoNobel N.V., offered me a position to head up their corporate practice in the Americas, where I am to this day. My second wife, Marigrace, and I were married on the island of Capri three years ago, and we now live in Darien, Connecticut. I have three children: Whit, who is a lawyer in Philadelphia; Jocelyn, who works in an art museum in Park City, Utah; and Ansley, who is a tennis professional in Seabrook Island, South Carolina. I still love to ski, enjoy tennis and golf, and play the guitar. I have been out skiing with our classmate **Jim McConkie** in Utah over the years. I am also active on various philanthropic boards of directors. It was wonderful to see everyone at the reunion, some of whom I had not had contact with for 50 years, and great thanks to the ASL team of William and Libby who helped make the reunion such a success. ■