



# LE ROSEY FOUNDATION

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## A FOUNDATION SCHOLAR REMINISCES ON ROSEY'S SENSE OF COMMUNITY

*Nicholas Russell Smith, our first Foundation Scholar (1999-2000) and now in his final year at Harvard, takes a look at his Rosey experience after almost four years.*

Like many of my Rosey classmates, I have been spending a good part of this year gearing up for life outside of the ivied walls of university. Everyone's experience is different, but I will be the first to admit that my excitement at breaking the bonds of academia is met with equal parts of uncertainty and anxiety. Come June, life in the classroom will be just a memory, and I will most likely be on my way to China or the equally expansive and foreign New York City. Facing the prospect of starting life again in a strange place far away from those who have become my friends and neighbours over the past four years, I often find myself thinking about the importance of community.

In particular, I find myself thinking with a great deal of nostalgia about the Rosey community of which I feel privileged to have been a part, even if only for a year. There are many things that make our school great. Indeed, we are fond of saying that Rosey is "a school for life", but I have come to realise that Rosey's greatest asset is something that can never be adequately put into words. A good deal of my uni-

versity studies have focused on the unquantifiable and intangible forces that make human communities into organic wholes. Some communities successfully grow into more than the simple sum of their parts, while others fail gloriously. Why I do not know, but I can tell you that Rosey is lucky to possess an innate and indefinable ability to build a vibrant and organic community from a diverse group of individuals.



Nick Smith standing near the Universitat Heidelberg in Heidelberg, Germany while running the 2003 World Model United Nations (WorldMUN) conference there. WorldMUN brings university students from all over the world together every year to simulate UN committees and discuss global issues.

Rosey's strong community is in large part due to this very diversity. Each member of the community, each student and each faculty member, does his or her part. Indeed, I feel just as lucky to have had the chance to contribute to the Rosey community as to benefit from what it could give me. This is part of the reason why I am so glad to see the continued success of the Foundation Scholarship

Program. The Foundation Scholars bring a new dimension of diversity to Rosey, a dimension that all members of the community benefit from in both direct and indirect ways. Raising the level of debate and intellectual inquiry on the Rosey campus is an important goal, but the Foundation Scholars are just as important for the new experiences and perspectives that they bring to the Rosey mix. I certainly hope that the Foundation Scholarship Program will continue the strong tradition it has already established and become an ever more important part of our school.

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Since its inception, the Foundation's Scholarship Program has continually expanded its program and cooperation with Le Rosey. Now in its fifth year, we are pleased to have awarded scholarships to three outstanding candidates for the school year 2003-2004. Not only are these three scholars brilliant students, they also reflect the diversity at Le Rosey to which Nick refers— an American, a Swiss and a Bulgarian; 2 young men and 1 young woman; and two on the French side and one in the Anglo section.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gstaad Dinner and Benefit Auction

Now well instilled as a tradition during the winter Rosey weekend, the Le Rosey Foundation Dinner and Benefit Auction was held once again at the Olden. We included as many guests as possible in the very cosy and intimate dining room. We were warmed to see many of our 'faithfuls' who participate each year as well as delighted to welcome many newcomers to our gathering.



Alexis Zervudachi welcoming the lovely Arlene Bonnant and her supportive father, Marc Bonnant

Arlène Bonnant, who led the auction, captivated the attention of all viewers – especially the men! Simon de Pury, our *commissaire priseur* in years past, lent us his inimitable talents as did Arlene in very much her own distinctive style. Using all her feminine charms to the benefit of the Foundation, Mlle Bonnant led a most entertaining and successful auction raising CHF 138'000, including the lot that funded a scholarship for one full year.



John J. Silvin thanking Georges Marci for her generous bid and contribution to the Scholarship Program

Apparently, Arlene's efforts were not enough for John J. Silvin, chairman of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee. Following

her hard work, John led his own impromptu auction to raise more funds specifically for scholarships. Again, the generosity continued from the participants resulting in an additional CHF 33'000.

In total, this event's net income reached over CHF 200'000. The Board thanks once again all those who took part in the event - both those present and those who could not attend but sent a donation. We also thank all who contributed their time, ideas and hard work to make the evening such a success.

Of course, we especially thank those who bid and those who offered the many unique auction lots.



Chuck Downer, Wendy Kelly, Michael Kadoorie and Katleen Claessens enjoying the auction with Romain Faizov looking on

### 'Friendraiser' held at hip SOHO HOUSE in Manhattan

New York, NY---The Le Rosey Foundation gathered anciens and friends at Manhattan's hottest nightspot, SOHO HOUSE. With the help of Margaret Logreira, of Hive Communications, and Maribel Alvarez, ancienne Roséenne and publisher of 95 East magazine, the Le Rosey Foundation secured the hippest locale for an evening of drink, food and memories. Special thanks to Sueraya Shaheen for her enthusiasm and help in spreading the word.

The event, planned in less than three weeks, was an absolute hit. Some flew in from as far as Switzerland (Carolyn Favre-Bulle), Texas, (Nina Helms), Washington, DC (Sueraya Shaheen) and Florida (Alexis Posada.) Even Aiglonites paid \$100 to attend this hot Rosey event.



Dalal Elhabashi and Leila Baheri

Other attendees included Bill Randon, Nicky and Irina Alimenastianu, Robin Kenmore, Ned Brown, Alexander and Tatjana Dimitriyevitch, Frederico Wassermann, Valerie Dominguez, Leila Baheri, Alexandra Pochna. Roséens even lured New York socialites and politicians such as former Senator Robert Toricelli, Henry and Patricia Haye, Craig Miller, Melissa Preverini, Jody Morrison, Diane de la Begassiere, Doris Castels, Robin Leacock and Baron Christophe von Hohenberg.

The event was covered by 95 East magazine and will be featured in the December issue and on our website [www.95eastmag.com](http://www.95eastmag.com).

-- Maribel Alvarez



Bill Randon, Carolyn & Eric Favre-Bulle, Irina Alimenestianu, Nicky Alimenestianu, Margaret Logreria and Maribel Alvarez

### PICK YOUR PICS

Don't forget that you can still view and select photographs of this year's Gstaad event as well as those from past years at: [www.photomb.ch](http://www.photomb.ch). Enter the access code RFG2003 when prompted.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gstaad Dinner and Benefit Auction

Enclosed with this newsletter is your invitation to our next event on February 20<sup>th</sup> 2004. But look closely because we are about to change tradition!

The only thing next year's Benefit Dinner will have in common from years past is that it will be held as usual during the AIAR reunion weekend. Otherwise, it's a whole new happening!

A new day: *Friday*

A new venue: *Grand Park Hotel*

A new look: *Come and See!*

The Organising Committee – Anne Callet, Corinne de Castillon, Sabine Notz-Catsiapis and Vivien Yakopin – are combining their many talents and efforts to create an unforgettable experience.

Rest assured, it will still be the occasion to spend a delightful evening with dear friends, welcome the newcomers and check out who's who. So mark your calendars!



Claire Notz, Chuck Downer and Sabine Notz-Catsiapis



Peter Huri surrounded by some of the Board members, Aleco Keusseoglou, Tad Kelly, Nick Zoullas, John J Silvin and Alexis Zervudachi

## ATTENTION: THE WHOLE LOT OF YOU!

We are always looking for unique, unusual or especially appealing-to-anciens LOTS for our benefit auctions. These events raise a LOT of funds that can be used to provide scholarships to Rosey or support other school projects.

Could you offer a stay at a fabulous destination – the Bahamas, Tahiti, aboard your yacht? How about organising an exciting adventure that ancients are always seeking? What about donating a unique and rare object? Maybe you just have LOTS of brilliant ideas to offer about interesting LOTS.

LOTS and LOTS of gratitude would be yours for the sharing. The back of this newsletter gives our contact information. We would love to hear from you - a LOT!

## Dedicated to Scholars

The Scholarship Program benefited last year from a number of direct donations equalling CHF 50'000 to be used specifically to fund our scholarships for the school year 2002-2003. This year we have also received some 'dedicated' donations, including the gift that established the AIAR Scholarship as well as gifts through auction lot purchases at our Gstaad benefit in February.

So, if you also believe in developing outstanding leaders for tomorrow and want to support our dedication to this objective, please consider a donation given specifically for funding a scholar's Rosey experience. Think of it as a kind of adoption – for a week, a month or a full year.

## AIAR Scholarship

The Annual General Meeting of the AIAR in February 2003 voted to establish the first AIAR Scholarship in favour of a deserving offspring of an ancien. The first AIAR Scholarship was given to Roberto, son of Maribel Alvarez, ancienne (1974-76) and proud of it!

## Many Thanks to Our 2003 Event Partners

Continue to support them so they will continue to support the Foundation!

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### 2002 Income Sources

Our 2002 income totalling CHF 345'410 was received from a number of sources including direct **donations** in the form of cash gifts or marketable securities; **interest** earned on money market accounts; discounts or cash given from **event sponsorship**; cash donations dedicated or given specifically to **scholarship support**; and the **net event income** after covering direct expenses.

It is clear what an important source of income our events currently represent. Donations also represent a significant income source and one we hope will increase.

### 2002 Income Utilisation

So how was the income used in 2002? Obviously, our expenses were covered which included funding **scholarships**; the cost of **communications** (like this newsletter); **event organisation**; **fund raising** expenses (mailings, sourcing potential donors, developing prospects); and various **operating expenses** (administrative costs, professional fees). After expenses, over CHF 220'000 increased the Foundation's Capital Fund and our reserve for the Scholarship Program.

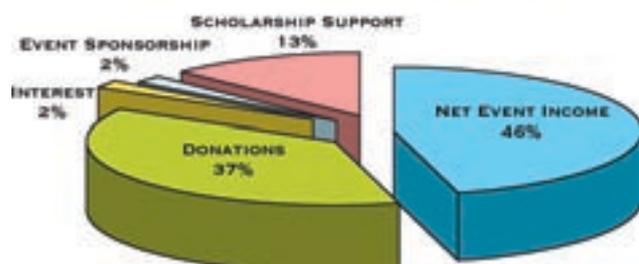
This means that thanks and credit go to YOU, our generous supporters!

### The End is Near!

The end of the tax year, of course! But you do still have a few weeks remaining to make your annual tax estimates and determine your year-end giving capacity.

Include us in your seasonal giving - a gift that benefits everyone: you in the form of a taxable deduction (for US tax payers and Vaud residents); the Foundation as an increase in the Capital Fund or Scholarship Program; and our next scholars with the opportunity to acquire that Rosey spirit!

#### OUR 2002 INCOME SOURCES



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