**Class Notes**

**Frederic Schwartz**

On Sept. 11, 2001, Frederic Schwartz, '73, heard jets swooping low over his loft on their suicide mission to the World Trade Center just ten blocks away. Five years later, Schwartz joined the families of 109 victims from Westchester County, New York, to dedicate his inspiring 80-foot-high memorial "The Rising," in a quiet park in the city’s northern suburbs.

Schwartz’s second/9/11 memorial, now under construction on a spit of land in Jersey City, New Jersey, looks out on the lower Manhattan skyline where the towers once stood. Called "Empty Sky," the memorial features two walls 210 feet long and 30 feet high, that flank a 16-foot-wide path.

"Many of the families don’t want to go back to the spot at Ground Zero," says Schwartz, 54, an architect, city planner, and sculptor. "Now these families will have a place to go that’s home."

Schwartz’s emergence as a designer of memorials comes as his firm, Frederic Schwartz Architects, finds itself in the airy company of firms that vie for commissions in major international competitions. His firm won the 2005 Shanghai Fortuny World Tower International Competition with his design for a 60-story skyscraper and was a runner-up to design the plan for reconstructing lower Manhattan at Ground Zero. He recently won a competition in India to design an airport terminal. This year, he’s collaborating with Berkeley architect David Trachtenberg, ‘81, on a project with the Albany school district, to develop affordable housing for teachers in the East Bay.

Schwartz’s firm was also selected to work with community groups to draw up the plan for affordable housing in one-third of New Orleans’ historic neighborhoods devastated by Hurricane Katrina. His firm won the contract after Schwartz made a public presentation attended by hundreds of residents who had the opportunity to choose who would help them rebuild their city. "Our vision is to get people back in their own homes, and when they can’t get back in their own homes, to get them new homes in their old neighborhoods," says Schwartz, who delivered a lecture on post-Katrina planning in 2006 at Cal. "We want to have them in on the planning process. It will be inclusive and transparent, totally unlike what happened at Ground Zero after 9/11."

A 2003 New York Times article revealed that the design submitted by Schwartz’s team for the 16 acres leveled by the 9/11 attacks had been selected by the commission in charge of rebuilding there. But New York Governor George Pataki subsequently overruled the commission and tapped another firm for the job. "I was brought up to take your licks and move on," says Schwartz. "It happens all the time."

Raised in suburban Long Island, Schwartz headed west to study at Cal in the late 1960s. After receiving his bachelor’s in architecture, he earned a master’s in architecture at Harvard’s Graduate School of Design. He landed a job with the firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, then joined Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, where he worked on the blueprint for the Westway highway project along the Hudson River in Manhattan. He launched his own firm in 1985, and 22 years later, works with 15 architects from an office in Manhattan’s SoHo neighborhood.

At the dedication of "The Rising," Schwartz hoped victims’ relatives and friends would find solace and inspiration from the 109 strands of stainless steel that wind together and meet in the sky.

—David McKay Wilson

**Wally Vinnemans Association, Jarvis Conservatory of Music, and others.**

The Reunion Committee will meet Nov. 1 to discuss our next event. If you have suggestions, please contact our class secretary.

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**52** Our class will be honored at the Golden Bear luncheon at noon on Friday, Oct. 12, in the Pauley Ballroom. Cost is $50 per person for a sit-down luncheon including beer and wine.

Robert and Mary Schuler Henderson reside in Hillsborough.

Jim and Marilyn Meitner Johnston split the year between Lake Tahoe and La Quinta. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking their family to Alaska. Jim enjoys tennis, golf, travel, and volunteer work. Marilyn and three friends kayaked around Lake Tahoe a couple of years ago.

Laura June Williams Kenny has been a director and officer in her son’s corporation, Kappa-Rise Homes. Now living in Sylmar, Laura writes a weekly column in the Palm Valley Gazette. She and husband Cliff teach and lecture about palliative care and hospice volunteering, and also write about it on their website.

Eugene and Joan Troxell Jacks of San Anselmo have three daughters (Alison and Wendy are Berkeley grads, Maggie is a UC Davis grad), four grandsons, and two granddaughters. Gene is a retired actuary and studies nutrition.

**Robert Kinkead Jr.** of Redding is a retired graphic artist and has spent several years in Virginia helping his daughter’s family while she attends medical school.

Robert N. Kipkirkpatrick and wife Kathleen live in Williams. He retired from his job as county superintendent of schools, but teaches ceramics at Mendocino College and supervises student teachers at Dominican College. He also tends the 500 roses in his one-acre garden.

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**54** Now living at Rossmore, **Ann Hawley** serves with Nancy Monroe Ditzler as class contact for holders of our CCA scholarships. We are proud to welcome her to the Class of 1954 Roll of Honor.

The Class of 1954 Gate at Northside, and the new landscaping around the green knob behind it, are largely due to the work of Jack Bing Wah Ken. We add him to the Roll of Honor with heartfelt thanks.

**Dr. Joseph I. Azale** lives in Lafayette with wife Lynda. Joe chose a career in internal medicine and worked at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco.