

Hub Club News

A Newsletter for Wheaton College Alumnae and Alumni
in the Greater Boston Area

Winter 2006

Wheaton Connections Continued

Continuing the Wheaton Connection has never been so easy or fun! Join greater Boston Wheaton alums on February 7 for a networking reception at One Financial Center on the Mezzanine Balcony Level. We'll enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while a panel of alums (see below) will share career wisdom and advice, including making the most out of Wheaton and other available networks. This is a great opportunity for you to not only make your own career connections but also to assist the career development of fellow Wheaton grads and current students.

There is a \$10 fee for this event, which also entitles you to one complimentary drink ticket that can be used at the bar. Please return the enclosed reservation form by February 1, with your check for \$10 made payable to Wheaton College, to Melissa Mader '88, 43 Carpenter St., Rehoboth, MA 02769. Additional questions should be directed to Jessica Benjamin '99 at jessica.s.benjamin@columbiamanagement.com.

**Wheaton Connections Continued
February 7, 2006, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
One Financial Center, Boston**

Alum participants include:

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Chief Compliance Officer/Assistant General
Counsel, Boston Medical Center

Paige Scott '93
Partner/Principal Manager, Boston office
Sextant Search Partners, LLC

Cliff Zawasky '98
Commercial Property Mgr/Marketing Associate
Paradigm Properties

NESCAC Plus UPDATE

by Sandra Sable '95, NESCAC Plus Liaison

The fall season was kicked-off in the Financial District by a NESCAC Plus Happy Hour in September at McFadden's. There was a friendly crowd of fellow New England college alums. In case you missed this fun après work event, there are others being planned for '06, including Ice Skating on Frog Pond on January 23rd. Remember...the regular GBWC e-mail blasts will always have the most up-to-date information on NESCAC Plus events, as will the GBWC website!

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Hub Club News is a newsletter for members and friends of the GBWC. It is published two to three times a year.

Greater Boston Wheaton Club web site:
www.wheatonclubs.org/boston

Upcoming GBWC Events

GBWC Meeting- 1/25

Where: One Financial Center

When: Wednesday, January 25th at 6pm. Please contact Margy at mbratschi@pbl.com if you plan to attend the meeting.

Ice Skating on Frog Pond - 1/23

What: Skating on Frog Pond followed by drinks at Beantown Pub, with alums from a range of college clubs from coast to coast, sponsored by the Stanford Club of New England and the NESCAC Plus group

Where: Frog Pond is in the Boston Common on the Beacon Street side; Beantown Pub is at the corner of Tremont and Bromfield Streets

When: Monday, January 23rd -- skating 7:30-9:00 pm and drinks at Beantown Pub 9:00-whenever! No need to RSVP – just join in the fun!

Cost: Skate rental (\$5/person) plus drinks.

****March Madness at F1****

Get revved up for spring! Join other Wheaton alums at *F1 Boston*, the area's most complete entertainment facility, for a night of racing and NCAA basketball. Learn more about F1 Boston at http://www.f1boston.com/discover_f1.htm

****Wheaton and the BoSox!****

As soon as the Red Sox announce the beginning of group sales, the GBWC will again purchase a block of tickets for our area alums for our annual Fenway Park pilgrimage. This is the most popular event of the year and tickets will go quickly!

For those who may not snag tickets to a ballgame, the GBWC will also sponsor a guided tour of historic Fenway Park this summer, followed by lunch at Game On!, where we can enjoy the Sox in action on the road.

Watch your mail and e-mail in the New Year for more information about these events!

Save the Date!

The Annual Lexington-Winchester Wine-Tasting for Scholarship will take place at Mahoney's Greenhouse on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. *Details to follow, closer to the date of the event!*

E-mail Updates and Club Dues

To receive occasional e-mail regarding upcoming Wheaton events in the Boston area, subscribe to the GWBC listserv. To **subscribe**, write to Heather Corbett '86 at hcorbett@wheatonma.edu and she will add you to the list! ***This is the only way to find out about young alum events and other GWBC events that don't make our publication deadline, so don't be left out!***

Annual dues are *only* \$10 and all money is used to support the events we plan! Dues checks may be made out to: The Greater Boston Wheaton Club and sent to: Melissa Mader, 43 Carpenter St., Rehoboth, MA 02769. Thank you!

Chocolate Heaven at the Langham

By Margy Bratschi '78

On Saturday, September 24, close to 30 Boston area alums indulged in the Chocolate Bar at the Langham Hotel in Boston's Financial District. The decadent smorgasbord included white, light and dark chocolate mousses, cakes, tortes, crepes, fondue, puddings, cookies, and truffles. (Not to mention berries, nuts, granola and M&Ms to include in the delicious made-to-order crepes!) Professor of Chemistry Elita Pastra-Landis '69 discussed the background and the chemical properties of chocolate and its age-old effect on, and relationship with, humans. She even brought some jars of cacao beans to view.

Featured Alum: Paul Holian '93

By Melissa Mader '88

So, what does a former Boat Captain and group of friends do for fun? How does start one of the hottest bars in Boston sound to you? Unbelievable? Surprising? That's what I thought too as I sat across the table from Paul Holian '93 at a quiet table in the back of his bar, The Place, in the Financial District in downtown Boston. That is until we started our conversation.

Boat captain turned Corporate Finance Professional, Paul not only manages all aspects of operations at The Place, and he also holds a full time job as a Vice President at NewStar Financial. Prior to joining NewStar, Paul spent 2 years working for FTI Consulting, Inc, the largest turnaround consulting practice in the U.S. as a Director in its Business Restructuring Practice. While there, he advised large, distressed companies (pre and post Bankruptcy) in the Retail, Manufacturing, and Service Industries on liquidity management, cost reductions, debt re-structuring and asset divestitures. Prior to joining FTI Consulting, Paul spent 8 years working with Fleet Bank in its Acquisition Finance Group working with large private equity firms on numerous leverage buy-outs and re-capitalizations for companies between \$500 million and \$5 Billion in sales.

One thing that I like best about Wheaton alums is that we always seem to have very interesting paths to success. Luck, maybe? Or is it a by-product of the dynamic liberal arts education we receive at Wheaton? Paul Holian is no exception to this phenomenon.

In 2001, Paul and a group of friends decided to start a business "for fun." Indeed, they did. Paul and his friends started The Place, a very happening hot spot for those who enjoy sports, or hanging out with friends where there is good music, good food and lots of people. The bars patrons have included the likes of Matt Damon, Tom Brady, Nomar Garciaparra, Huey Lewis, Tara Reid, Chris Berman, Joe Thornton, and numerous other Patriots, Red Sox, Bruins, and Celtics players.

Paul confessed that on top of his work at New Star Financial and managing The Place, he has now been exposed to other aspects of the Boston business community including the Boston City Counselors office, the Mayor's Office, Boston City Hall, Massachusetts State Senators, Boston Police, etc.

Hmmm...perhaps one day there could be a Representative Holian or even a Senator Holian?! I wouldn't discount it based on my impressions of him.

Paul is a very energetic and engaging individual. He has a lot of passion for what he does and derives a tremendous amount of enjoyment from his "neat investment." He even met his wife there – now THAT is a return on investment!

I asked Paul how his work experience helps him with managing his investment. In 2004, two of his main partners wanted to start another venture and needed equity capital to do it. Taking advantage of his corporate finance background, Paul reached an agreement to buy them out of the business, along with all his other partners. Paul completed a leveraged buyout of the business in October 2004 which included negotiating the asset purchase agreement, arranging the debt financing, negotiating the seller note provisions and intercreditor agreement, and managing all the various regulatory issues with the transaction.

If you are looking for a great downtown sports bar, with a lively "after work" scene, DJ's and good music, with friendly and outgoing staff, then you are guaranteed to have a good time at The Place. If you check out The Place, you can find Paul Holian hunkered downstairs in the office after 6PM, usually until after midnight at 2 Broad Street in Boston. Paul mentioned that there have already been some Wheaton mini-reunion parties for some of the local alums in the area, and he is always interested in helping out his fellow Alums.

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