

Hub Club News

A Newsletter for Wheaton College Alumnae and Alumni in the Greater Boston Area Winter 2009

***Finding Pete* A Sister's Journey**

All journeys begin modestly. An individual sets out in one direction suddenly realizing a new path ripe with possibilities has shown itself. As an editor of a food and wine magazine, Jill Hunting '72, decided to write a book on truffles. While bouncing ideas for the book off friends, the metaphor of truffles waiting to be found beneath the ground paralleled Jill's and her family's own buried story of her brother Pete's tragic death in 1965.

On November 4, 2009, more than 50 Wheaton alumnae/i, friends and Harvard Club members listened intently as Jill read excerpts from her new book, *Finding Pete: Rediscovering the Brother I Lost in Vietnam*. She told the audience that her two sisters found 175 letters and home movies from her brother in her mother's belongings in 2004. Those letters and movies built a new connection to their long-lost brother.

Finding Pete gave Jill the opportunity and freedom to discuss her brother's short life and his mysterious death in Vietnam openly. The book illustrates the transformation of a young graduate to an individual who gave himself wholly to helping his community. She told the story of how Pete graduated from Wesleyan and volunteered for the International Voluntary Services in 1963. He intended to teach English, but his construction skills and ability to learn the Vietnamese language quickly were put to use. His letters home gave a first-hand account of what life was really like in Vietnam during the early 1960s, the challenges faced by Pete and the Vietnamese people, and the dangers

associated with living in Vietnam as the war began to escalate. Jill included political and historical context throughout her discussion, allowing Pete's story to become more dimensional as her lecture moved through the book.

Excerpts from the book and an eight-minute video illustrated how Pete affected those in his Vietnamese community. The audience learned of Pete's involvement in the construction of wells and windmills used by his Vietnamese community. Forty years after his death, residents still fondly remember the "tall American." Through Jill's account, the audience was able to grasp the magnitude of Pete's impact on the community he worked so hard to help. It was very clear that this journey of discovery gave Jill and her two sisters a unique learning experience by allowing them to reconnect with their beloved brother and learn more about him as an individual.

To learn more about Jill and her book, *Finding Pete*, visit www.jillhunting.com.

Young Alumnae/i Receptions in Boston*

Clery's (in the Back Bay) on Thursday,
January 21

Vox Populi (755 Boylston Street) on
Thursday, March 11

**Tentatively scheduled – more information will be sent via e-mail in the New Year so make sure Wheaton and the GBWC have your e-address.*

Upcoming Events -- Save the Dates!

March 3, 2010

“Wheaton Connections Continued...”

Our Network of Friends

Tennis & Racquet Club

939 Boylston Street, Boston

March 24, 2010

*Annual Lexington-Winchester Wine Tasting
for Scholarship*

6:30 to 8:30 PM

Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center

242 Cambridge Street (Route 3)

Winchester, MA

March 31, 2010

Presentation and reception with

Professor of Art Tripp Evans:

*Making It Modern: Wheaton College and the
International Style*

St. Botolph Club

199 Commonwealth Ave., Boston

E-mail Updates and Club Dues

To receive occasional e-mails regarding upcoming Wheaton events in the Boston area, subscribe to the GWBC listserv. To subscribe, write to either Cindy Rodday '92 at clrodday@yahoo.com or Melissa Namiot Mader '88 at mnamiotmader@gmail.com, and they 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 Namiot Mader, 43 Carpenter St., Rehoboth, MA 02769. Thank you.

Energy Management Workshop

An Event with Ann Matteson from The High Potential Group

Have you ever looked at children and wondered where they get all their energy from and want to know where you can get it? If so, then you should **come to our next GBWC event with Ann Matteson from The High Potential Group on February 24 at 245 Summer Street, Boston**—next to South Station and directly across from the Federal Reserve Bank. **RSVP information will be shared via e-mail in early 2010.**

To reach our potential—to do all that we're capable of—a fundamental and often overlooked need is energy. Energy allows us to perform at our best in all aspects of our life. Our performance, our health, and our happiness are all influenced by how we manage our energy. The number of hours in a day is limited, but our energy can be regularly expanded and renewed.

The work of The High Potential Group is to help individuals and leaders better manage their energy so they have more capacity to do what's important to them. They help clients learn to maximize their energy in each of three dimensions: physical, mental, and emotional. Each of these sources plays an important role in how we feel and perform every day. They are all connected, and we need sufficient quantities of each to perform at our best.

Ann will be joining us from 6 to 8 PM, to share the concepts of energy management. We will have an opportunity to assess our current energy levels and identify specific actions we can take to increase our energy. We'll look at three energy states, how they impact our performance, and how to build our overall capacity.

(Energy Workshop continued)

Join us for this interactive and thought-provoking presentation. You'll gain insights into a new and different way of working—one we think will help you get more done in less time at a high quality and enable you to feel better in the process. What a great way to start out the new year by investing a little time to learn how to manage your energy and help you reach greater potential!

About Ann:

Ann Matteson is the founder of The High Potential Group, a company that helps individuals and organizations build capacity and high performance through the development of high potential and leaders. Ann has over 20 years of experience in the development and coaching of leaders through individual and organizational change. She has designed and facilitated leadership development programs for senior executives on topics including leading through change, personal effectiveness, and building effective teams.

Before starting her consulting firm, Ann worked at The Energy Project for more than a year, as an organizational consultant, program facilitator, and executive coach. Prior to The Energy Project, Ann was employed at Fidelity Investments for 13 years, where she led leadership development for a large division of Fidelity. Previously, Ann worked for Fleet Bank and Bank of New England, where she was responsible for management and organizational development.

Ann holds a Master's Degree in International Management from Thunderbird, with a concentration in cross-cultural communications and a BA in Political Science from Colorado State University. She has served as an adjunct faculty member at Suffolk University's MBA program and has presented at the Conference Board and the New England Human Resource Association (NEHRA) annual conference.

Ann lives outside of Boston with her husband Josh, an entrepreneur, and her two children. She and her husband are avid sailors who race competitively.

Tickets for this event are \$15. Information will be shared via email, or contact Melissa Namiot Mader '88 at mnamiotnader@gmail.com.

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