



## Hartsbrook Board of Directors - Welcome New Members

November, 7th 2012

### **Bryant Rother**

Prior to moving to western Massachusetts in 2005, I spent most of my childhood and adult life in New Jersey. I graduated from Fordham University in 1989 with a BS degree in finance. Over the last eighteen years, I have been employed in the financial services field.



My wife, Suellen Walsh-Rother, and I are Hartsbrook parents. Our daughter Olivia is in the 8th grade. Like many other parents, over the years I have volunteered for various Hartsbrook activities. Those include field trip chaperone, 3rd grade practical arts assistant, Long Range Planning Committee, and most recently, high school basketball coach.

I am honored to serve on the Board. I do believe that "giving back" to the greater school community that has shaped and affected the lives of our young children in so many incredible ways, is the right thing to do.



### **David Ranen**

I have lived in the Pioneer Valley for thirty-eight years minus one year to teach outside of Boston. I have taught music, both choral and classroom, in the Amherst Regional Schools for thirty-two years where I also have served as a Guidance Counselor. I have a BA in Music Education and a MEd in Counseling. I have conducted children's and adult choirs as well as teaching private voice.

I have been involved with Hartsbrook since the 2008-2009 school year when my daughter entered the High School as a 9th grader. During those four years I chaperoned trips, sat on parent committees, helped at fundraisers, and did vocal coaching for three incredible Hartsbrook musicals.

As a new board member I feel I can bring the viewpoint and voice of a teacher. I have devoted my professional life to helping early adolescents and young adults while working with faculty on setting safe boundaries for students.

### **Jacqui DeFelice**

(Joining the Board in February 2013)

I have been a member of the Hartsbrook community since my son Jordan (class of 2011) began in Erika Hollister's 1st grade class in 1999. The following year my younger son Vincent joined Mrs. Riahi's Kindergarten and I began working in the Ben Smith office as administrative assistant. Three years later I took over the position of Enrollment Director from Jessica Stark - last year's 8th grade teacher. This is a job that I held for nice years until my departure in November 2011.



Since leaving Hartsbrook last year I have been working with Arthur Zajonc (co-founder of the Hartsbrook School). The position that I hold at this time is Director of Operations and Advancement for the Mind & Life Institute, [www.mindandlife.org](http://www.mindandlife.org).

I was delighted and honored to be asked to join the Hartsbrook Board of Directors. My commitment to this school, this community and to the Waldorf Educational philosophy is central in my life. I look forward to working closely with the other Board members and the Faculty Conference to offer whatever I can from my experience as Enrollment Director and long-term parent to support the continued health of The Hartsbrook School.



**Tony Cape**

We would also like to welcome Tony Cape as one of the two Faculty Conference member of the Board. Tony holds a Master's degree from Cambridge University. His daughter was a member of the first High School class, and he has taught English and History at the High school full-time for six years. Prior to teaching at Hartsbrook he taught writing at Bard College and Yale University. He has also published four works of espionage fiction.

- Swansea Benham Bleicher  
For The Hartsbrook School Board