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**BROWN UNIVERSITY**  
**CLUB OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

*Newsletter &  
Membership Renewal*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

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**O**n behalf of The Brown Club of Fairfield County, its officers and directors, I extend a cordial welcome to all members of the Brown University community – alumni, parents, students, and friends. With your continued support, our Brown Club continues to flourish.

We hope that you were able to attend several of our recent events. Over the last year, we organized thirteen events that drew hundreds of Brown alumni and friends. With your support, we continue to be recognized by Brown as one of the leading and most active Brown Clubs in the world.

**We are pleased to announce another ambitious schedule for the upcoming year!** Our new season begins with a busy fall lineup, including a Greenwich Polo Club outing on September 11, a festive fall wine tasting, a Brown faculty lecture, and a forum with Brown's Associate Director of Admissions.

In 2017, we will host our successful alumni networking event, a talk and book signing with a Brown author, and the return of our popular a cappella concert. We are planning an evening at the theater, a Brown sports event, a Brown film event and hope to help organize a get-together with other young Ivy alums. Spring will feature a Brown accepted students event, our popular family Lobster Bake, and an evening at "Shakespeare on-the-Sound." We will conclude the year

with a summer send-off party for area students of the Class of 2021.

**To make sure you receive information and updates on these events, please join the Club using the enclosed form or through our website at <http://bit.ly/2aaAfZy>.** We rely on email to announce details about upcoming events so please be sure we have your current email address. You may also follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/browncluboffairfieldcounty](http://www.facebook.com/browncluboffairfieldcounty).

The Club is dedicated to growing Brown's presence in Fairfield County and beyond, in collaboration with the Brown Clubs of New York City, Westchester and New Haven Counties. As a Brown Club of Fairfield County member, you will be notified of the activities hosted by our sister clubs, and receive member pricing for their events. All of these programs are managed by Club volunteers and produce many benefits for our extended Brown community and for the University. In addition to building camaraderie, inspiring dialogue, and providing entertainment, our programs support the Club's 35+ year legacy of connecting Brown alumni.

**Our Board of Directors remains strong with members representing a cross-section of classes.** One of our long-time Board members, Preston Tisdale '73, is President of the Brown Alumni Association, and Board member Jane Sprung '88 is Area Chair of

the Alumni Interviewing Program. We are also pleased to welcome Karen Brown '89 to the Board!

We are always looking for new ideas and events of interest to Brown alumni. Please let us know if you have any suggestions. And, if you would like to become more involved in the Brown Club, help to host an event, or be considered for our leadership team, please feel free to contact any one of our directors.

**Please note that all annual memberships expire on August 31st and are currently up for renewal.** We ask you to complete the enclosed membership form and include your email address so we can keep you posted on upcoming events. Alternatively, you may pay your dues online by visiting our Club website and clicking on "Become a Member." We are confident you will find the Club a great way to stay involved and connected with the University and our extended community of alumni in Fairfield County, and beyond.

Thank you in advance for sending in your Brown Club membership forms and dues, your ideas and suggestions, and your help. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Richard A. Williamson  
'65, P '03, P '15, President

## OUR PAST EVENTS

Thank you to the many Brown alumni who sponsored and supported thirteen Brown Club events over the past year, in addition to the full support and active participation of our Board of Directors.

We began the 2015-16 season in September with an afternoon for fans of Greenwich Polo, coordinated by **Dr. Steven Fern '86** and **Jesse Poole '94**. Later in September, we heard **Ray Rhinehart '62** present an architectural tour of the Brown campus at Bush-Holley House in Cos Cob coordinated by **Dr. Steven Fern '86** and **Richard Williamson '65**.

In October, **Lisa Ryan-Boyle '89** and **Jane Sprung '88** arranged for Director of Admissions **Jim Miller '73** to speak to an audience of prospective students and their parents at The King School in Stamford. And, in November, The Brown Sports Foundation sponsored a tent at the Brown-Yale football game in New Haven. Also in November, **Daryl and Peggy Twitchell '93** and **Gavriel Rosenfeld '89** organized a wonderful wine and hors d'oeuvres tasting at the Westport Country Playhouse in Westport.

In February, 2016 **Darcy Travlos '84** hosted a reprise of our successful alumni networking event at Barcelona in Greenwich. In April, Lloyd and **Jane Sprung '88** and **Darcy Travlos '84** arranged for **Sean Kelly '84** to speak about **S.J. Perelman '25**, noted Brown author and humorist, at the Sprung home in Greenwich. Also in April, Perry and **Lisa Ryan-Boyle '87** hosted an accepted students' party in Darien.

In May, along with the Brown Club of Westchester County and the Brown Sports Foundation, we arranged for a panel discussion with four head coaches from Brown at Rye Country Day School, hosted by Headmaster **Scott Nelson '77**.

We had a very busy June, with **Daryl and Peggy Twitchell '93** hosting a capacity crowd at the Silvermine Arts Center to hear Professor Wendy Schiller speak on 2016 Presidential Politics. The next weekend, **Gavriel Rosenfeld '89**, **Erika Banks '89**, and **David Muller '81** sponsored the ever-popular Lobster Bake, this time at The Saugatuck Rowing Club in Westport. The next week **Daryl and Peggy Twitchell '93** hosted Shakespeare-on-the Sound's "Hamlet" at Pinkney Park in Rowayton.

Finally, in August, **Jane Sprung '88** arranged for a send-off party at her home in Greenwich for Fairfield County students entering the Brown Class of 2020.

## BROWN ALUMNI INTERVIEWING PROGRAM

We had an active interview season, though thankfully without the snowy weather encumbrances of past years. In coordination with Brown, we pared down our college fair participation to one event, at Central Magnet School in Bridgeport. We also hosted the ever-popular Introduction to Brown at the King School, which this year featured outgoing Dean of Admission James Miller '73, who shared his years of wisdom about the University and the admission process.

We saw a significant increase in candidates from our area last year, which matched the rise in global applicants to Brown. Like Brown, our BAIP area encountered the largest applicant pool ever: 326 students, all of whom received interviews thanks to the hard work of our alumni interview volunteers. Of those applying from Fairfield Countyschools, 24 from our area will be matriculating into the Class of 2020.

After admission decisions were made, our work shifted in tone to activities that are more celebratory in nature. We brought back the Brown in your Town reception for accepted students, hosted by Lisa Ryan-Boyle '87 on a beautiful spring day in April. The event was attended by more than 40 students, parents and alumni who helped persuade undecided students to choose Brown over other admission choices. On August 24th, Jane Sprung '88 hosted our annual Send Off Party at her home, where matriculating students to the Class of 2020 had the opportunity to gather and connect before heading to Providence.

After five dedicated and successful years, Lisa Ryan-Boyle '87 reached the end of her term and stepped down as co-Chair of BAIP. I am very excited to continue the work I began last year as co-Chair and look forward getting to know all of you who volunteer for the Alumni Interviewing Program. If you are interested in joining our team of interviewers, especially if you are new to interviewing or have taken a hiatus, please contact me at [jssprung@optonline.net](mailto:jssprung@optonline.net) to ensure you receive the fall volunteer outreach letter. Becoming an alumni interviewer is a great way to connect with Brown and prospective students and I would love to have your help in what is sure to be another busy admissions season.

Ever true,  
Jane Sprung '88  
Fairfield County Area Chair, Brown Alumni Interviewing Program

## TOP 10 REASONS FOR JOINING THE CLUB TODAY!

10. Getting to attend family-friendly events, including concerts, sports outings and faculty lectures.
9. Gaining access to reserved seating at Shakespeare on the Sound with pre-show discussions.
8. Reconnecting with old friends and building new relationships at our annual Networking and Relationship Building event.
7. Keeping the "Ever True" legacy alive by doing alumni interviews for Brown and helping us achieve 100% interview rates year after year.
6. Attending our ever-popular Lobster Bake, with a delicious spread for alums and their families at scenic locations.
5. Gaining access to Brown events in Westchester County and New York City (such as tickets to Hamilton and panels with top comedy writers).
4. Attending lectures by Brown faculty (recent speakers include Dean Hazeltine on Entrepreneurism, Wendy Schiller on Campaign 2016, and Jim Head on Planetary Geoscience).
3. Coming to our annual Fall Wine Tasting event at venues such as The Drawing Room in Cos Cob and The Westport Country Playhouse.
2. Attending special film screenings and book talks by Brown alums, such as David Lipsky '87 (on The End of The Tour) and Sean Kelly '84 (on humorist S.J. Perelman '25).
1. Knowing that your donation helps us continue to organize more than a dozen events like these every year!

*Please consider becoming part of our community and join us at our next adventure!*

## UPCOMING 2016-2017 EVENTS

Our new Club Membership year begins September 1st and we have planned a full calendar of exciting events. Members of the Club will be entitled to admission discounts and will also receive event information for the New York City, Westchester County, and New Haven County Brown Clubs.

Additional event details will be posted on our Club website at <http://bit.ly/2aaAfZy>. Be sure to bookmark our site and check back often. We will also send announcements about our events by email, and post updates on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/brownclubfairfieldcounty](http://www.facebook.com/brownclubfairfieldcounty). Please be sure that Brown has your current e-mail address so that we may reach you.

**Greenwich Polo Outing** (Sunday, September 11, 2016–1pm gates open, 3pm matches begin). Arrive early and beat the crowds! Bring a picnic, refreshments, blankets and chairs to a reserved Brown Club area. Contact: Jesse Poole '94 (203-536-3515).

**College Admissions: An Introduction to Brown University** (October, 2016). In partnership with the Fairfield County chapter of the Brown Alumni Interviewing Program, we will host a forum for area high school students led by a Brown Admission Officer. Contact: Jane Sprung '88 (203-662-9862).

**Faculty Lecture with a Brown Professor** (November, 2016). Once again, we will bring a piece of Brown to Fairfield County by hosting a lecture with a noted Brown Professor. Contact: Richard Williamson '65 (203-655-4470).

**Wine Tasting** (November, 2016). Back by popular demand, we are organizing another festive evening of wine tasting. A broad array of wines from around the world will be paired with delicious hors d'oeuvres and light fare. Contact: Gavriel Rosenfeld '89 (203-570-7608).

**Brown A Cappella Concert** (January, 2017): A Club tradition, we will host a winter concert featuring an a cappella group from Brown. Contact: Richard Williamson '65 (203-655-4470).

**Alumni Networking Event** (February, 2017). A popular event offering an opportunity for alums to build their networks and share and receive career advice. Contact: Darcy Travlos '84 (203-912-6374).

**Avon Theater Movie Screening** (March, 2017). We will host a special screening of a film produced, written or directed by a Brown alum, at the Avon Theater in Stamford. Contact: James Thomas '88 (203-698-1446).

**Brown Author and Book Signing Event** (March, 2017): We are planning to invite an alumni author to speak about and sign copies of one of their books. Contact: Richard Williamson '65 (203-655-4470).

**An Evening at the Theater** (April 2017). Join fellow alums at an upcoming theatrical performance at an area playhouse. Contact: Richard Williamson '65 (203-655-4470).

**Brown vs. Yale Sports Event** (April, 2017). Come cheer on the Bears as they take on the Yale Bulldogs in New Haven. Contact: Richard Williamson '65 (203-655-4470).

**Accepted Students Reception** (April, 2017): A great occasion for newly admitted students from Fairfield County to meet each other before heading off to Brown. Contact: Jane Sprung '88 (203-629-0270).

**Annual Family Lobster Bake** (June, 2017). One of our most popular events returns! Enjoy an evening with fellow alums over drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and a full lobster bake. Contact: Gavriel Rosenfeld '89 (203-570-7608).

**Shakespeare on the Sound** (June, 2017): Bring a picnic, refreshments, blanket and chairs to a reserved Brown Club area to watch a performance under the stars! Contact: Peggy Twitchell '93 (203-966-6956).

**Send-off Party for the Class of 2021** (August, 2017): A great occasion for newly admitted students from Fairfield County to meet each other before heading off to Brown. Contact: Jane Sprung '88 (203-629-0270).

## Club Officers and Directors

### For 2016-2017

The following alumni have devoted considerable time and effort to ensure The Brown Club of Fairfield County continues to offer events and programs to help alumni, students, parents, and friends stay in touch with the University and the extended Brown community.

### Officers

President: Richard Williamson '65.....(203) 655-4470  
Vice President: Daryl Twitchell '93.....(203) 570-8124  
Secretary: James Thomas '88.....(203) 698-1446  
Treasurer: Al Bartosic '79.....(917) 923-1485  
Membership: Peggy Twitchell '93.....(203) 722-2289  
Communications: Gavriel Rosenfeld '89.....(203) 570-7608  
Alumni Relations: Darcy Travlos '84.....(203) 912-6374  
Alumni Interviewing Program Area Chair: Jane Sprung '88(203) 629-0270

### Directors with Terms Through

#### 2017

Al Bartosic '79  
Emerson Coleman '76  
Brian Murphy '67  
Linda Putman '75  
Jane Sprung '88  
Daryl Twitchell '93  
Peggy Twitchell '93

#### 2018

Michael Klehm '77  
Jesse Poole '94  
Gavriel Rosenfeld '89  
Jessica Sheinman '81  
James Thomas '88  
Darcy Travlos '84

#### 2019

Erika Banks '89  
Lisa Ryan-Boyle '87  
Karen Brown '89  
Steven Fern '86  
David Muller '81  
Preston Tisdale '73  
Richard Williamson '65





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## PHOTOS OF RECENT EVENTS

*The Brown Club of Fairfield County organized thirteen events over the last year that drew hundreds of participants.*



*Reception for Newly-admitted Students to Brown*



*Shakespeare on the Sound Performance of Hamlet*



*An Architectural Tour of Brown University*



*Lecture by Political Science Professor Wendy Schiller*



*Annual Family Lobster Bake*



*Panel with Four Brown Athletic Coaches*

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[sites.google.com/a/brown.edu/brown-club-of-fairfield-county/home](https://sites.google.com/a/brown.edu/brown-club-of-fairfield-county/home)

Did you know our Club website is continuously updated with upcoming event details? Visit our site often by bookmarking our URL or simply typing "Brown Club Fairfield" into Google. In addition to our event calendar, our site offers Club membership information and an application form, photos from recent events, information about volunteering as an alumni interviewer and much more!