

# Curry Clubs



Above: DC Curry Club  
Right: Seattle Curry Club



## Boston Chai Party

We had 10 people at the Gandhi Resturant in Central Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts. There was Nancy Macmillan (56), Jane Wallbrown (52), Susan Downs (78), Rachel Wyon (69), Kelli Smith (98), Ann Davidova (01), Simoni Todi (01), Tanuskree Hazarika (01), Bhavesh Jain (01) and Bhavesh's friend. It was a good mix of people at the gathering. In true Woodstock fashion everyone was assembled an hour after the official time. We all had an Indian buffet and talked to the owner of the restaurant about Woodstock. There were many surprises. Susan Downs used to live 4 blocks from Kelli's current residence, Rachel does live about 4 blocks from Kelli, Nancy realized that Shiv Nanda, who she knew because he is a neighbor, is also a WOSA, and the waiter's siblings attend Guru Nanak School in Mussoorie and are probably playing sports against Woodstock currently. There was some discussion about the Yahoo groups site, wsalumni and how the job searchers can help Jane in what is turning into a lot of work. We should hopefully having another meeting in January after all the holidays and the college students come back from winter break.  
—Kelli Smith '98



Above: Charlottesville, Virginia Curry Club.

### Front row:

Marguerite Thoburn Watkins '48, Anne Lind (S), Philip McEldowney '59

Back rows: Wini and Norman Williams '40, Beth Norford '80, Dan Lind (S), Cheryl and Dick Jonnsen '42.

### Missing:

Betsy Rose Carr ('58), DeeJ Baker and others who were not there on Saturday September 20, 2003  
Right: Lunch in Evanston, Illinois, June 2003. (l-r) Ken Rockey '42, Cate Whitcomb '66, David Canfield, 150th campaign (spouse of Ruth Harper Axelrod '70), Christy Dinakaran, computer teacher at Woodstock, Shruti Ganguly '00, Jack Hinz ex-staff.



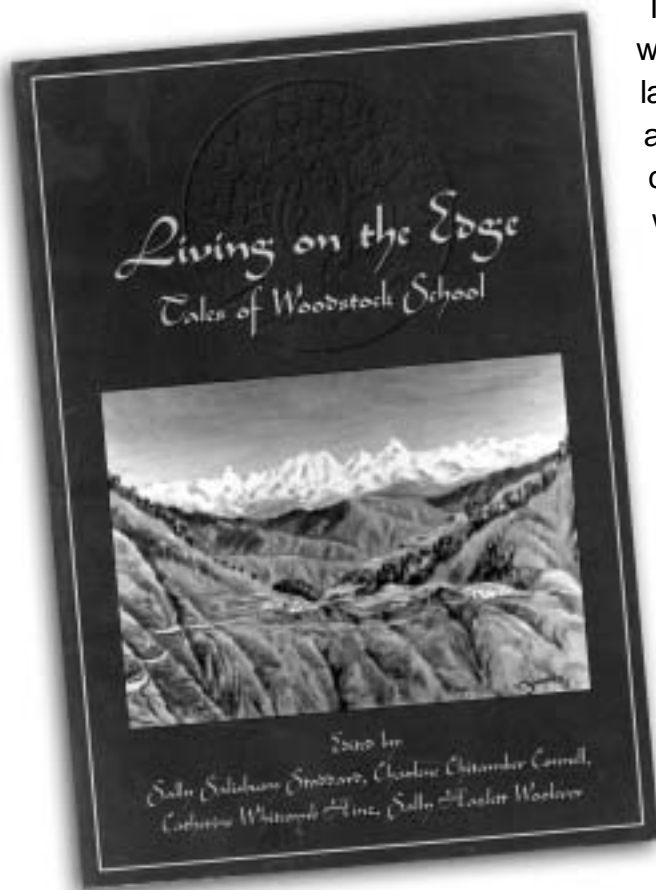
## Inaugural Meeting of the 454 Curry Club in Nebraska

What happens when you send out invitations to all the Woodstockites and Kodaites in the whole state of Nebraska (all 454 miles of it) is a good time of both renewing acquaintances and making new acquaintances. At this first get-together in Nov. 2003, there were 32 in attendance with another half as many again saying they had conflicts and want to come next time. And, yes, the Kodai and Woodstock people enjoyed laughing about the age-old rivalry between the schools. We all felt really close 7600 miles (12,230 km) away from India. The group shared five minutes of fame each and then enjoyed a pakka Hindustani khana catered by one of the Indian restaurants in Lincoln.

### Woodstock folks attending were:

Verda Hostetler Bialac '55, Karl Menzel '49, Andy Wedeman '75, Clare Gertsch '79, and Bob and Sally Stoddard Staff. Everyone is looking forward to our next meeting (sometime after the snows melt!).

## ***Living on the Edge: Tales of Woodstock School***



This book of “anecdotal history” about Woodstock, written by former students and staff, was published last fall as part of the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Woodstock. Letters and emails have come streaming in from readers all over the world of which the following are just a small sample.

Charlotte Gould (author of *Gandhi's Lap* and winner of the Washington Prize for Poetry) writes:

*‘ . . . I'm savoring each entry and love the chorus of individual voices. . . A treasure-trove of vivid memories that any Woodstock student will instantly identify with.*

*'I like the way you've sorted and broken up the entries . . . by subject matter, not individual voice. Doug Pickett's introduction is excellent. So are the drawings by Shalini Prakash Agarwal '72, and the cover painting by Vera Frances. The title is great! So is the text.*

*‘ . . . Telling it like it was — you've done that for me, confirming memories and sharing the laughter, heartache, camaraderie, loneliness and mystery of growing up in that part of the world.'*

Dr. Everett Woodman (father of Betsy Woodman '63, formerly with Ford Foundation and that US Information Agency in India, and past president of the

American Association of Junior Colleges) says:

*‘...It's truly a classic of its kind... Wow — to sort out 297 contributions, get them in order and ...an index too!! ... It is a gem. **Shabash.***

*'It doesn't matter what page I pick up at — everything fascinates me. Who could miss the great sense of loyalty welling up between the covers with the spectacular vista on the front. Woodstock will profit from your effort. . . '*

Abby Shaw (Spouse of John Shaw '49) writes:

*'...John is having the greatest experience reading the new book. It has brought back so many memories to him that were long gone. The really special thing is that he feels **he can now better explain his Woodstock experience to his son and daughter**, as well as to me.'*

Alumni should know that copies of ***Living on the Edge: Tales of Woodstock School*** are still available from Vivia Day Tatum, 8412 Edith's Lane, Terrell, NC 28682, USA — though their number is dwindling fast. Copies are also available on Amazon.com. Woodstock School also has a supply of the book. Copies can be ordered from the Development Office at Woodstock School (see page 72 for details). All the income from sales of the book, now approaching \$5000, is designated for the writing program at Woodstock School in a fund named in honor of Sally Stoddard, former Woodstock staff and editor in chief of the book.