

## Proudly Serving: New Board President

Henry Posner III was elected to serve as Board President for a two-year term, beginning in July 2007. The father of Hannah '06 (now a sophomore at Kenyon College), Ida '08, and Gus, who spent his K-5 years at WT, Posner is married to Anne Molloy who currently serves as both Librarian and President of Rodef Shalom Congregation. They chose WT for their children, Posner says, "because of its urban location (we live in Oakland) and its culture of respect for each child's individuality. Our three kids are very different from one another. And yet, for each of them, WT was the best choice." Another reason was his long-standing admiration for the WT Class of 1974, a number of whom he maintains contact with. "WT graduated some of the most accomplished, interesting people I've known," says Posner.

Posner was a leader in ensuring the success of WT's recent capital campaign, which was completed on time and on budget. In addition to business responsibilities which include serving as Chairman of Railroad Development Corporation, Iowa Interstate Railroad, and Ferrovias Guatemala, Posner put a great deal of time, energy and focus into his nine years



as a WT trustee. His involvement, which has ranged from Enrollment and Marketing to the Committee on Trustees, culminated in the fall of 2005 when he assumed leadership of the capital campaign's Development Committee. "Having spent my life in the rail industry, serving WT has been a completely different type of experience and a source of great personal pride. I am most proud of the capital campaign because it demonstrated

WT's ability to accomplish a major goal through teamwork, involving every one of our constituencies--students, alums, parents, faculty, administration and trustees. It also involved foundations: this is especially significant because it represents a validation of WT in the face of intense competition for funding."

Posner graduated from Shady Side Academy in 1973 and entered railway service with Conrail in 1977 upon graduation from Princeton with a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He also holds an M.B.A. in finance from the Wharton School; is a member of the Advisory Council of Princeton University's Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS); is a member of the Association of American Railroads' Rail Security Working Group; and has lectured and published extensively on railway matters, with a particular emphasis on developing countries. In conjunction with his family, he is active in welfare projects for the Jewish community in the former Soviet Union. He speaks Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Russian.

Posner sees this as a time of both opportunities and challenges for WT. "We have a strong, dedicated board that is focused on a number of initiatives. The completion of the Strategic Plan will provide WT with objectives for the next 3 to 5 years. Board committees are also working on Diversity, Enrollment, Development, Finance, and Facilities initiatives, while at the same time supporting Gary Niels and his team as they take a comprehensive look at the school's curriculum and programs. I am proud to serve this unique institution; we have a rich history, have made great strides, and stand as an important alternative in an increasingly competitive educational landscape."

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