also invited Klein, her colleague, to speak. Sacks recalls moving into Peabody Terrace in September 1964 with her husband, Sanford J. Sacks, M.B.A. ’66, then at the Business School, and their two-year-old, Lauren. It was still a “mud pit” of new construction, she says, smiling at the memory.

They had relocated from Ohio, where family members looked after Lauren while the couple worked, so Susan Sacks was glad to find a notice on a community bulletin board in her building announcing a meeting for those keen on forming a nursery school. “I already had a master’s in psychology and had been teaching,” she explains, but with her husband fully consumed by coursework, “that degree would not have done any good professionally without a nursery school,” she adds. “It was really a different era and there was really no childcare, which was clearly dramatically needed.”

She and others, including Ann Scott and Diana Ernaelsteen, set to work. “A group of the most talented, innovative, and educationally creative women came together with a shared vision of what we wanted to achieve,” recalled English pediatrician Ernaelsteen, widow of Geoffrey Searle, AMP ’38, during a phone interview. “I had a one-year-old and a three-year-old and was very committed to the children having an education. And the rooms there were splendid: Sert did a wonderful job. I was immensely happy and made a lot of really good, lifetime friends.”

Despite the myriad building, safety, and public-health requirements to be met, and the need to hire a teacher and buy equipment, the Peabody Terrace Nursery Group was up and running by November. Of the 30 children enrolled, and by the spring of 1965, records show, the fee was $6 per week per child. (Full-time care there now ranges from $1,650 to $2,629 per month.)

Ann Scott and her husband, Douglas, M.B.A. ’61, M.P.A. ’65, Ph.D. ’68, traveled from Virginia to attend the April anniversary, during which she walked into the courtyard and looked up at their old apartment. “The children would look out our window and say, ‘There’s a babysitter, and there’s a babysitter,’ pointing at the adults in the courtyard,” she said. The family had moved into Peabody Terrace fresh from three years in Uganda and Ghana, she explained. “The new apartment was a gift. The swift launch of a superb nursery school was another gift. We had an instant neighborhood to support us for three memorable years.”

The PTCC is still run by a parent advisory board, but has grown to serve 80 children daily with a staff of 38. It is one of six childcare centers at Harvard that together enroll about 380 children of faculty, staff, and students; each center is operated as its own independent nonprofit organization, but Harvard pays for the facilities and utilities. “What’s fascinating is that each center has its own unique culture, history, and birth story, coming from different constituents,” according to Sarah Ben-

### HAA’s New Helmsman

**Philip W. Lovejoy** has been appointed executive director of the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA), succeeding John P. (Jack) Reardon Jr. ’60, effective July 1. The executive director leads the HAA’s approximately 40-person staff in managing club and shared-interest-group operations, education and travel programs, international outreach, class reports, reunions, digital communications (the alumni.harvard.edu website and the HarvardX for Alumni online-education experiences), and more. The transition for the staff should be seamless: Lovejoy joined the HAA in 2004, following prior positions in the travel industry and at the then-Harvard Museum of Natural History. He has most recently served as deputy executive director. He brings great personal strengths to this role.” See [http://harvardmag.com/lovejoy-14](http://harvardmag.com/lovejoy-14) for more details.

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