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Letter from the Editor

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Lenox School,

Fall 2012 has been full of surprises – some welcome, some not. Overall pleasant weather in the northeast was interrupted by Hurricane Sandy, which slammed into the east coast. Sandy inflicted significant loss of life and massive property losses, particularly in the New York and New Jersey areas, among others. It is astonishing that some of the NYC subway tunnels flooded – and equally astonishing that they were pumped out and restored to service within ten days. Damage in the New York area was severe. Our daughter, who lives in Brooklyn and works in the Wall Street area, saw her business completely flooded. They've picked up and moved uptown to temporary quarters.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who've suffered, and our thanks go those who've lent a hand to friends and strangers in need.

The physical storm may have been a metaphor for the turbulence surrounding the presidential election. Let's hope that the political waters settle and smooth so we can focus on the task of uniting our country and solving problems.

Closer to home, the October reunion was a grand success despite the headache caused by an apparent incomplete mailing of the last Pen and Scroll. We're just now fixing that problem.

To avoid missing your copy of the Pen and Scroll—should a similar problem occur—consider switching from the printed version to the emailed version. Not only is it easier to administer, but it is less expensive for the LSAA. This leaves a little more money for our scholarships.

Our business meeting was informative and upbeat. Bob Sansone, Ed Miller, and Paul Denzel presented significant material that is detailed elsewhere in this issue. Randy Harris again makes stellar contributions, as he does with every issue. The Class of 1962 had a strong showing, and Doug Hardy provides us with an overview. And as usual, we capped a successful weekend with a terrific dinner at the always delightful Lenox Club.

Class of 1963—next year is ours. Please make contact so we can plan together.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season and a fruitful new year!

Don Foster, '63

The President's Message

Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind. "Pooh?" he whispered. "Yes, Piglet?" "Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's hand. "I just wanted to be sure of you."

— A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*

The LSAA reunion allowed alums, friends, family and masters to grasp hands once again and 'be sure'. We were honored to acknowledge the earliest class in attendance, 1948, represented by Charlie Daniell and Bob Kline. Which class will take the honor next year?

The Class of 1962 led the way for their 50th and demonstrated why this organization endures. What an incredible turnout and function they held. The entire reunion was enhanced by their spirit. LSAA maintained our KEEP connec-

tion (remember “The Improbables”?). Well, they were at the reunion with us! Midori Curtis; Mary Kate Jordan and Liz Goodman added a wonderful and meaningful reunion connection for some of the class of ’62 who went to Japan on the trip 50 years ago.

James Jurney Sr. (owner of much of the northern portion of the campus) called to wish us well as he was not able to join us this year. He indicated there may be some light at the end of that Springlawn/Schemerhorn Hall tunnel. All in all, we had another glorious time reflecting on old friends, new friends, the days past and days ahead.

We were treated to an inspirational talk by Tony Simotes at our business meeting and he and his wife Lucy were able to join us for dinner as well. Through Tony’s capable leadership, Shakespeare & Co has navigated themselves into a fairly good stretch of water, much calmer than the rapids they had recently endured. We remain fortunate that so much of the campus is in their hands. They remain true friends and warm hosts for LSAA. Frankly, they are the best stewards we could hope for to reasonably maintain the buildings we had the privilege to call home in our own youth.

At the business meeting, we elected Directors and Officers so that the LSAA Board of Directors slate for the period 13 Oct 2012 – 18 Oct 2013 will be:

Paul Denzel ’67 (Vice President)
 Fritz Eckel ’65
 James Fawcett (Faculty Advisor)
 Don Foster ’63
 Mark Gottsegen ’67 (Secretary)
 Randy Harris ’68
 John Schneiter ’68
 Oliver Kempton ’70
 Fred Lavenberg ’70
 Ed Miller ’66 (Treasurer)
 Ed Ockenden ’43
 Bob Sansone ’68 (President)
 Allen Sloane ’67

In addition, Don Foster has generously agreed to take over the reins of being the Editor of the Pen and Scroll from Mark Gottsegen. We thank Don for his willingness to serve and thank Mark for his years of service as our Editor.

We were warmly welcomed by Rev. Father Michael Tuck, the new Trinity Rector, at the outset of our hymn sing. A special mention has to be made for Steve Lowry ’66 for his performing (yet again) as our organist. Steve and Ara

Dostourian led us through the nostalgic paces of raising our voices in song as we did years ago as students.

Our scholarship effort continues with Paul Denzel leading the way, along with the outstanding assistance of Fritz Eckel. We still are vigilant for the opportunity to award a Curry Scholarship which has special requirements for nominees.

We launched our Charlie McGee Memorial Golf Tournament (with a fitting new annual golf trophy) and have already received funds for charitable donations and scholarships we hope to establish in his name. We will work with Wendy McGee to determine how the funds raised will be used. We were also deeply moved by Wendy’s comments at dinner regarding our dear friend Charlie and his love of Lenox School and his devotion to LSAA.

In addition, we were inspired by the wonderful comments expressed by Andy Van Lingen regarding his dad John (who was installed into the LSAA Hall of Fame) and their life as part of the Lenox School family.

We welcomed Mr. Paterson ‘home’ and we were honored to be able to install him into the LSAA Hall of Fame, along with Randy Harris, who has contributed so much to our organization.

“Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present.”

— **Albert Camus, Notebooks 1935-1942**

The response forms this year warmed our hearts: many who were not able to attend simply sent in donations with a short word of encouragement to keep up our efforts. Many who attended included generous donations in their response form in addition to dues and other event costs. All in all, we overcame glitches in distributing the reunion notice and ended up with a fabulous response from members. As you probably know, we use these funds in consonance with our motto and we are deeply grateful for the incredible and enduring support of our membership.

Paul Denzel has created a fundraising opportunity for LSAA through Shop.com. which is further detailed in an article in this Pen and Scroll. If members utilize this, LSAA gets a direct donation, and this could result in additional money for LSAA initiatives, so I encourage you to check this out. The LSAA website has a link to this shopping site.

Ed Miller has ably navigated the financial matters for LSAA for years and we are fortunate that he has done so. In his remarks at the business meeting, Ed shared that the

financial affairs of LSAA are fine (somewhat down from the past few years) but we're capable of carrying on as we have been.

And carry on we shall – October 18-19, 2013 will be our next reunion, so save the dates. Class legacy reunion years are 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, and 1968. See you there!

Bob Sansone '68
President, LSAA

Treasurer's Report

Thanks to the usual, generous spirit of our alumni and the sale of about \$700.00 worth of Lenox School tee shirts, our treasury remains sound, if not robust. Here are the amounts available at present, keeping in mind that the costs for the 2012 Reunion dinner (\$3,500.00?) haven't yet been billed or paid, notwithstanding several requests on my part.

Savings	\$10,714.99
Checking	6,311.07
Special Savings	1,005.08
Total	\$18,031.14

The Special Savings account is one we recently approved and funded to honor our friend Charlie McGee, Class of '71, who died this past spring. We'll work with Charlie's wife Wendy to support charities and organizations in need, principally in the Berkshires.

In general, we have the money available to support two \$1,000.00 scholarships at Miss Hall's School (in honor of Pete Pickett), two \$1,000.00 scholarships at BCD (in honor of Jim Fawcett), and one \$1,000.00 scholarship at Shakespeare and Co. scholarships we've funded for several years. We also have enough money to support our usual administrative activities, including publishing and distributing the Pen & Scroll on a regular basis. Compared to last year at this time, we're probably down about \$2,000.00 in total LSAA funds available – after we pay off the remaining Reunion expenses.

In a word, our treasury is not overflowing with wealth, but we're okay for the foreseeable future. No particular concerns or issues exist at present.

Ed Miller '66
LSAA Treasurer

Letters to the Editor

Dear LSAA members, Monterey Church members, and KEEP members,

I just would like to report that I received a very nice e-mail, yesterday from some NPO young guy whom my husband Gerry and I met when we visited the devastated area Ishinomaki in 2011. He told us about the hardship, especially the elementary students there were facing and he was trying to get one more nutritious meal for school lunch for those pupils who are in the stage of developing their bodies.

I was just wondering and even mentioned to my husband if Japan will respond to the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

As we came back from Monterey Mass., last night, there was a mail from this young fellow saying, they were worried and thinking about the damage of Sandy, and devastation people are facing.

The mail said, because people of Ishinomaki pushed them to just go to New York, he will leave for New York. I called him, and he and one more person who is an Australian fellow just arrived in Tokyo from Ishinomaki, and were on the way to the Narita Airport to catch the plane, yesterday.

They have a thank you letter from mayor of Ishinomaki to New York mayor, and they would like to return the help Americans gave to Japanese when they were facing such huge difficulties. They will come to check what kind of need the victims are facing here in New York area.

I thanked them and told them that we are happy to meet with them during the time of their stay, and told them if there are anything we can do to help them to let us know.

I would like to thank to LSAA members and also to the Monterey United Church of Christ, where Liz Goodman is the minister.

I thank you so much for the help you have given to the victims through KEEP, and I really am so happy to be able to report some young people are now flying over to New York.

With heartfull of thankfulness.

Midori

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Dear LSAA Alumni and Supporters,

First, thank you very much for your support of KEEP. It was a pleasure to hear from Midori Curtis about your reunion last month. I was actually at KEEP that weekend assisting with County Fair and our Sister Region Exchange Program.

During my visit to Japan, my Japanese girlfriend had her wedding at KEEP. She grew up going to there with her family and wanted to share the special place with her American husband. (They live in Philadelphia, PA.)

I thought you might like to see the attached photos I took at Lenox Chapel of the bride and groom as well as the groom and his sister. It was a cool, crisp fall day, yet the family was determined to take photos at Lenox Chapel. (The ceremony was held in the new hall at Seisen Ryo.)

Continued gratitude to all the "Lenox Boys" who created this very special place at KEEP! Please know that it is cherished by many visitors to KEEP.

Warmest regards, and Happy Veteran's Day,

Jennifer Corwin, Executive Director, American Committee for KEEP, Inc.

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Dear Bob,

I won't be able to make it to the reunion this year, but I did want to touch base with you, send my dues, and pass on some news that just came to my attention. My very old friend and Lenox classmate, Edward Donnelley Treanor, III '41, passed away on August 21st at the age of 90. He celebrated his 90th birthday in June with some 50 members of his family in attendance. Don was an absolutely wonderful, loving person. He was also tall and very muscular. He played center and linebacker on the football team and I remember a game in which a smaller lineman was getting pummeled and punched by a couple of guys on the opposing team. The referee hadn't seen it, but Don had. He took the place of the smaller lineman for one play and hit those guys so hard that both wound up flat on their backs and decided to play clean for the rest of the game. That was the kind of person Don was. He always looked out for his friends and teammates. We went to Sunday school together at the First Congregational Church in Pittsfield and he had more stuff in his pockets than any other two or three boys put together; string, colored rocks, a sling shot, you name it. At Lenox, he was an outstanding athlete, lettering in varsity football, varsity hockey, and varsity baseball in both his junior and senior years. He was also on the ski team, the Pen and Scroll, and the Beefeaters. The

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class voted him the most popular senior. He was liked and admired by everyone. He is survived by his wife Barbara, and many children and grandchildren.

Bob, if you are not the editor of the Pen and Scroll, please pass it on to whoever is. My congratulations and best wishes to everyone who attends the reunion. I think it is remarkable that the Lenox School Alumni Association survives some 40 years after the school closed. It is to those who attend the reunion and those who support LSAA and work to put on the reunion that we all owe our thanks. Perhaps I can make it next year before it is too late.

Very best wishes,
M. Burrage "Burry" Warner, Jr. '41 and faculty '45 to '53

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Dear Mr. Sansone,

After receiving the latest Pen & Scroll, I thought you might want to have my father's obituary for your newsletter. I have copied it below. [*Ed. Obit for Robert Irwin Edwards is in the obituary section.*] My father taught French at Lenox for a number of years, and my family lived in Schermerhorn Park, right across the street from Clipson Grange. My sister, Susan, and I both graduated from Berkshire Country Day, and I remember BCD French classes taught by Mrs. Rutledge, which were held in the library at Clipson. We had a number of other Lenox faculty as teachers, such as Noel Putnam, Phil Potter, Janet Faxon, Bob Curry, and others.

My parents had a number of close friends on the faculty at Lenox, and my sister and I particularly remember spending many happy evenings in the company of David Wood, David Ellms, and Roger Hinman.

They also gave a Christmas party for the faculty, which was attended by almost all the masters and went on well into the wee hours of the morning as everyone sang carols and celebrated.

Lenox School, its faculty, and students all hold happy memories for my sister and me. I applaud your efforts to keep the Lenox community alive and wish you much success in that endeavor.

With best wishes,
Carol Edwards

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Dear Bob,

I failed to mention that Susan and I spent as much time on the Lenox campus as in our own yard. We played for hours

with Ronnie and Todd Baker, whose parents were first at Clipson and then at Schermerhorn. We tobogganed and skied on the hill behind Schermerhorn, played tennis on those courts, and skated on the hockey pond. I wonder whether any of you remember the rock-candy chamber in Schermerhorn, accessed, as I remember it, from a dumb-waiter in the Bakers' apartment. Its walls were lined with rock-candy crystals--a leftover from the grander estate days of Lenox. I also remember when there were still solid-gold faucets in the Schermerhorn bathrooms.

Many Lenox men in their early days played at our house, too, and later partied there--Peter Little, Jay Albert, Chris Bigelow (class of 1966), and David McCarley (class of 1967) among them. David and I grew up together a few houses apart in Schermerhorn Park and were good friends. My best friend was Sally Whitman and Susan and I spent many hours in the rectory, on occasion trying to raise the spirit of Latta Griswold! We remember Sally and Romi and, of course, their parents, with great fondness.

Cheers,
Carol Edwards

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Dear Mr. Foster,

George Norris "Whitey" Watson, my husband, a student at Lenox School (graduated June 1950), died on July 2, 2011 in Wilmington, NC. *[Ed. Obit is in the obituary section.]*

I am sorry that I did not get the word to Lenox, so would you please pass the word. I do not know anybody at the school to notify. He (Whitey) loved Lenox School and always had a smile on his face when talking about his times there as a student.

Thank you -- the best of wishes for you all at and during the reunion weekend.

Anne O. Watson

In Memoriam

John "Jay" Albert

John "Jay" Albert passed away peacefully after a 17 month brave battle of Pancreatic Cancer on September 9, 2012 at the age of 59. Born September 27, 1952 in New Bedford, Mass. and raised in Philadelphia, PA. He attended The Lenox School for Boys, Lenox, Mass., Wesley College in Dover, DE and graduated from Lebanon Valley College, Lenox, Massachusetts 01240

Lebanon, PA with a degree in special education.

Jay relocated from Philadelphia to Santa Barbara to be with the love of his life, Brian Meeder, in May of 1987, being together for nearly 30 years. They managed to get married during the few months that it was legal here in California.

He worked for Strawbridge and Clothier, then at Rets Electronic Schools as a career counselor in the Philadelphia area. After settling in Santa Barbara, he worked many years for Johnny's Sheet Metal and Heating, Inc., which later became Service Now Plumbing & Heating. Then for Cottage Health System as a Patient Financial Counselor II, a position he so very much loved.

Jay belonged to many organizations including: The Savoy Opera Company in Philadelphia, Gilbert and Sullivan Company of Santa Barbara, Hollybush Singers, Santa Barbara Master Chorale, AMICA International (Automatic Musical Instrument Collectors' Assoc.) and the Trinity Episcopal Church Choir. He volunteered and also worked with The Beyond Tolerance Organization to help when the Anne Frank exhibit came to Santa Barbara and served on the Sarah House board and was their board president.

Jay will be greatly missed by those who knew him for his outgoing and always positive personality, kindness and generosity.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents, The Rt. Reverend John J. Albert and Mary Betty Albert, beloved step-mother, Alice Albert, sister, Anna Maria Albert, cousin, Margaret (Marky) Stevenson, step-brother, Henry McNally and step-brother-in-law, Harold Roselius.

He is survived by his spouse/partner Brian K. Meeder of Santa Barbara, cousins, Mary Beth Dent, James (Jamie) Albert, step-sister, Nancy Roselius, step-sister-in-law, Kay McNally and their families. Brother-in-law, Thomas Meeder, sister-in-law, Ann Meeder, brother-in-law, Bruce Meeder, sister-in-law, Debbie Meeder and brother-in-law, Douglas Meeder, sister-in-law, Denise Meeder and their families.

The family would like to thank all of the medical care teams both at Cottage Health System, Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care and Cancer Center of Santa Barbara with special note to Dr. Thomas Woliver.

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Stanley Roy Brinster

Mr. Stanley Roy Brinster, 69, of Salisbury, NC, passed away July 10, 2012, at his residence. Mr. Brinster was born January 21, 1943, in Patterson, NJ, and lived in Freehold, NJ

before moving to NC two years ago. He was educated at the Lenox School for Boys, in Lenox, MA, and received a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maine. Before moving from Freehold he volunteered many hours at the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold and spent his leisure time on his boat with his family and friends. While living in Salisbury he attended St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Stanley was predeceased by his parents Frank and Charlotte (Watson) Brinster. Surviving are his wife, Ruth Goller Brinster, whom he married July 2, 1966; his daughters Karin George and husband Richard of Jackson, NJ, and Stacy Ferrier and husband Jeffrey of Cream Ridge, NJ; his sister Joan Whittingham and husband William of Bonita Springs, FL; and four grandchildren, Matthew and Kristen George and Austin and Jordan Ferrier.

Visitation will be held Sunday, July 15, 2012, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold, 118 W. Main Street, Freehold, NJ. A Celebration of Life will be held at 5:30 pm on July 15th, 2012, also at the First Presbyterian Church, Freehold.

Donations may be made in his honor to the NJ Sharing Network, 691 Central Ave., New Providence, NJ 07974 or The American Cancer Society, 1901 Brunswick Ave., Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28207.

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Robert Irwin Edwards

Robert Irwin Edwards, 94, died Tuesday, January 17, at Gosnell Memorial House in Scarborough after a period of failing health.

He was born December 10, 1917, in Worcester, MA to Lilly Christiansen and Irwin Broomfield Edwards. He attended Worcester public schools. As a young man, he had the extraordinary experience of being with scientist Robert Goddard when he launched his first liquid-fueled rocket in 1926.

Edwards received his A.B. and M.A. from Clark University, after which he taught in the Worcester public school system. He was also a member of the team at Babson Institute that created the world's largest relief map of the United States. Extending 65' x 45' and covering a 3,000-square-foot expanse, the map was begun in 1925 and completed in 1941. Its curvature corresponds exactly to the curvature of the earth.

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In December 1941, Robert enlisted in the army and served as a sergeant, seeing action in New Guinea and the Philippine Island campaigns. He received two Bronze Stars and a Victory Medal and was honorably discharged in 1946.

While teaching French at Russell Sage College in Troy, New York, he met Elizabeth Alden Dix, and they were married at St Paul's Episcopal Church in June 1947. While teaching at Russell Sage, he studied for a doctorate at the French School at Middlebury College.

In 1950, he and his family moved to the Berkshires. In the Pittsfield public schools, where he was employed from 1950 to 1986, he taught French, Spanish and German, was the first coordinator of foreign languages for the district, and served as chairman of the Foreign Languages department. He also taught French literature at the Shadowbrook campus of Boston College and at Lenox School for Boys.

He was a technical translator for General Electric Corporation, translated several books for New York publishing houses as well as monographs for Huguenot Heritage, a lineage organization in New York City. He was an honorary member of the Instituto Nacional Browniano in Buenos Aires.

For many years he was active in civic affairs and was a communicant and vestryman at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lenox, MA.

In 2000, he relocated to Kennebunk following the death of his wife. He moved to Atria in January 2011.

Robert is survived by his two daughters, Carol Elizabeth Ware Edwards and Susan Clendon Storer Edwards, both of Kennebunk.

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William H. Hoffman Jr.

William H. Hoffman Jr. of Huntington Beach, California, died Sunday, July 29th following a long illness. Born in Raleigh, North Carolina on December 27, 1944, he was the son of the late William and Eleese Hoffman. He was raised in Adams, MA, where his parents ran a floral shop.

Bill graduated from Lenox School for Boys in 1962 and from Northeastern University in 1966 where he received a BS in Industrial Engineering. He entered the Army and served in the Vietnam conflict, gaining the rank of Captain, US Army Corps of Engineers. Following his discharge from the Army he began working for the Tumpane Company, a worldwide airfield maintenance company. His job took him to many areas in the US and abroad, including Saudi Arabia and Iran.

After returning to the states he and his family settled in Huntington Beach, CA and he opened the first software only store in the US. In 1983 he purchased an Apple dealership which he eventually sold and then opened the House of Generators. He retired in 2007 due to ill health.

Bill's interest in World War I history led him to publish a periodical about the war entitled "Over There!" for ten years. The Smithsonian Museum selected "Over There!" for their periodical section. He owned a 1943 Weapons Carrier and volunteered to transport the Pearl Harbor survivors in the annual 4th of July parade in Huntington Beach for many years.

Bill was a loving, caring, giving, genuinely nice man and will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife Penny (McClintock) and son William H. Hoffman III of Huntington Beach, CA. A Celebration of Life was held on August 25th in Huntington Beach, CA.

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Frederick (Fred) H. Myers

Frederick (Fred) H. Myers, Jr., 82, died peacefully at home on June 21, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Harriet Epps Myers, two daughters, Mary M. Bridges (E. Wayne Bridges), and Cynthia M. Reeves, and one son, Sanford E. Myers (Charlotte R. Myers). He is also survived by eight grandchildren, Ashley C. Bridges, Justin A. Reeves, Rebekah B. Duke, Wesley T. Reeves, M. Taylor Bridges, Mary Katherine Myers, Kaitlin E. Reeves and Caroline E. Myers. In addition he had 3 great grandchildren, Ben Reeves, Hampton Duke and Colton Duke.

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Davis L. Plunkett

Davis L. Plunkett, 69, former employee at the Cape Cod Times, died on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Plunkett, Craigville summer resident since 1955, moved permanently to Craigville in 1989. Previously he lived in Hyannis from 1971 to 1980. Childhood years were spent in Dedham.

Mr. Plunkett worked from 1975 to 1998 as a retail advertising salesman at the Cape Cod Times. He was a part time tour director from 1990 to 1998, becoming a full time tour director for Paragon Tours, Fall River, upon his early retirement from the newspaper. Upon graduation from Michigan State University in 1966, he held a variety of advertising-related positions both in the Midwest and Boston areas.

Surviving are a son, Davis L. Plunkett, Jr. and granddaughter Chloe Plunkett of Maricopa, Arizona, and a daughter Jennifer S. Guite, her husband Todd, granddaughter Sierra and grandson Joshua Guite of Windham, Maine. He is predeceased by his wife, Andrea, who died in 1985. Also surviving are his first wife, Ariel Patricia Drake, of Maricopa, Arizona, and a sister, Sarah Tossey and her husband Ken, plus a nephew and niece from Columbus, Ohio.

There will be no visiting hours. In lieu of flowers a thoughtful kind deed toward one another would be appreciated. A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 421 Wianno Avenue in Osterville.

Ed. note: Mr. Plunkett was a Lenox student apparently for only the 1959-'60 academic year and did not graduate from Lenox.

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Edward Donnelly Treanor III

Edward Donnelly Treanor III passed away on August 21, 2012 at Northeast Georgia Medical Center after a brief illness. He was born in Pittsfield, MA June 10, 1922 to Edward D. Treanor Jr. and Evelyn W. Treanor. He graduated from Lenox School and following service as a Navy pilot in WWII he returned to graduate from Union College in 1949. Don was married to Barbara Miller of Dalton, MA in May 1944.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years and his son Edward and daughter Penny Bradley, son-in-law James Bradley, daughters in law Leslie and Pam, nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Richard and his sister Sallie Sweeney.

Don worked in electrical sales in the southeastern states and most customers became friends. He lived in Wilmington 23 years and upon retiring moved to Rabun County, GA where he was active in Clayton First United Methodist Church, Stephen's Ministry, Wesley-Seekers SS Class and Men's Thursday morning prayer group. He enjoyed sharing his love of hiking with various grandchildren on the Appalachian Trail each spring break. He and Barbara shared an interest in travel, especially with Friendship Force. Don loved dogs and he had a love affair with Sparkie who lived next door.

Don never met a stranger and looked for the best in everyone he met. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday with over 50 family members and a few old friends.

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George Norris Watson

George Norris Watson, age 80, of Wilmington, went peacefully with the Lord on Saturday, July 2, 2011.

He was born in Washington, DC on May 1, 1931 to the late Olzie Caroline Dance and Lewis Randolph Watson Jr. Norris received his B.A. degree in 1954 from the University of Richmond, his Law LL.B degree in 1957 from The University of Virginia and received his Doctorate of Law degree from Georgetown University in 1962. He was a member of the bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He started practicing law in West Virginia for the firm of Stathers & Cantrall in 1957 to 1960. Norris then joined the IRS Chief Counsel's Office in Washington, DC later that year. He was promoted to Assistant Director of the IRS Interpretative Division in 1974. In 1981, he joined the United States Tax Court as Counsel to the Chief Judge and he finished out his government service in 1992. Norris received many awards for his government service; most notable was the J. Edgar Murdock Award. From there he joined Scribner, Hall and Thompson as a tax attorney. Norris retired in 2002 to Wilmington, NC.

In addition to his profession, Norris was passionate about sports. Norris served as the Founder and Commissioner of the Braddock Road Youth Club and spent many years devoted to youth sports and coaching the Lake Braddock High School basketball during the summer and acting as the score keeper in the regular season. Norris also spent many hours going to his children's basketball, soccer and baseball games.

Norris was a member of Masonboro Baptist Church in Wilmington and was involved with many church activities.

Mr. Watson is survived by his loving wife, Anne Oliver Watson, with whom he has shared over 50 years of loving marriage; his children, David N. Watson of Rosemont, PA; Elizabeth W. Durham of Wilmington, NC; and Randolph O. Watson of Roswell, GA; a brother, Lewis R. Watson of Las Vegas, NV; and seven grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by many.

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The Lenox School community extends its profound condolences to the families and friends of loved ones lost.

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Other News

2012 Reunion Attendees

Ed (`66) and Sarah Miller
 John Schneiter `68
 Bob (`68) and Andrew Sansone
 Mark Gottsegen `67
 Bob Kline `48 (FAC)
 Don (`63) and Carole Foster
 Bob (`61) and Lynn Brownlee
 George Cleveland `70
 Frederick (`65) and Meredith Eckel
 Skip Demerski (`62) and Veronica Baer
 Kimball (`70) and Neysa Packard
 Fred (`70) and Bonny Lavenberg
 Gerry Korkin `62
 Eric (`62) and Cheryl Purdon
 Toby (`62) and Pam Griggs
 Nicholas Solley `68
 Allen (`59) and Patty Jenkins
 Keith Simpson `70
 Tim Robinson `70
 Jody (`70) and Kim Haddow
 Stu Hardy `64
 Doug Hardy `62
 Jim Paterson (FAC) and Kay Maloney
 Ara Dostourian (FAC)
 Paul Denzel `67
 Jan Selkowitz `61 (FAC)
 Dave Tracy `61
 Bill (`62) and Deb Cumings
 Scott (`66) and Chris Reynolds
 Jeff Smith `70
 Charles (`48) and Zoe Daniell
 Bob (`62) and Mandy Mitnik
 Ron Fletcher (`62) and Patricia Jackson
 Bill (`62) and Pete Kenah
 Gene St. Jean `63
 Jack Hill `62
 John Powlovich `63
 Gil Skidmore `68
 James Fawcett (FAC)
 Patrick (`69) and Mrs. Mary Gable
 Jim Braim `58
 T.B. Boyd (`62) and Gail Anderson
 Randy Harris `68
 Wendy McGee
 Robert and Beverly Bartsch
 Pat and Rudy Mantegari
 Mary Kate Jordan

Gerald Curtis
 Midori Curtis
 Andy van Lingen
 Jeannette van Lingen
 Chris Kinchla '66
 Steven Lowry '66
 James G. "Bud" and Beryl Wells and Kris (Wells) Warfield
 Tony and Lucy Simotes

81 strong! A great showing!

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Lenox Class of 1962 – 50th Reunion

This reunion was the class of 1962's 50th and also the 50th anniversary of Lenox's first outreach program the trip to the Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project (KEEP) in Japan. Our yearbook has 50 graduates listed, but we have several more who didn't graduate with us, left, or rolled back to the next class, thus our true class may be 55. A couple of us present in 2011, saw the effort the class of 1961 put into their reunion, and it inspired TB, Jack Hill and Hardy to try to contact all in our class. We "found" several and now have a base to continue to search for news of the rest. We would like to be a growing presence at future reunions. We also know about six classmates who have died (Pete McCabe, Cliff Mignery, Dick Crockett, Bob Robinson, David Shelsy and his twin Mike) and we remembered them at our class dinner. Twelve classmates plus spouses and significant others and in Bill Kenah's case his son Peter attended: TB Boyd, Bill Cummings, Skip Demerski, Ron Fletcher, Pete Gottsegen, Toby Griggs, Doug Hardy, Jack Hill, Bill Kenah, Bob Mitnik, Eric Purdon, Bob Rush. Our class dinner on Friday night was wonderful. Many of us hadn't seen each other in the intervening 50, but we were able to catch up, talking and laughing about old adventures and events. The ease with which we re-connected was amazing.

We were joined by Midori and Gerry Curtis. Midori was a young girl who often visited KEEP and remembers our trip. In 1962, she helped us carry rocks up from the river to make the altar at KEEP's outdoor Lenox Chapel. In 2011, she wondered if the Chapel had anything to do with Lenox, MA, a town nearby to their summer home in Monterey, MA. Because we had sailed from LA on the *SS President Cleveland*, we were assumed to be Californians. She eventually was able to contact Bob Sansone and attended the 2011 reunion. By then, she and Mary Kate Jordan, a writer in Monterey, MA, had published a long article about the Lenox-KEEP connection. We have received permission to
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copy and make this article available to all interested.

The weather was good and the Berkshires—which many of us took for granted 50 years ago or maybe even disliked when running the square, the triangle, or raking up leaves—were beautiful.

– Doug Hardy



The Lenox Chapel at KEEP in Japan.

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A Reunion-Weekend Look Around the Campus and Town

The trees were still colorful though a little past their prime due to a wet fall and the grounds, still a lush green, were well maintained and mostly clear of leaves. The campus was alive with many buildings in use, especially at night, and on the weekend, with many high schoolers preparing for their annual fall Shakespeare Festival.

On S&Co's southern 33-acres of the campus, the private home on the lacrosse field adjacent to the Old Stockbridge Road is getting a new coat of paint; new David Bakalar sculptures adorn the baseball outfield below the Gym; the Rose Footprint Theatre on the infield has a new tent over it; and a large white tent from a recent Arts Show dried in the intermittent sun. The following buildings were all in use: the Gymnasium (now the Tina Packer Playhouse, not Founder's Theater, the site of Shakespearean plays, meetings and yoga classes); the rear wings of St. Martin's; the Faculty/Maskell Cottage (now Southeast Cottage); the Library (Miller Office Building); West Cottage; Lawrence Hall; and the Sports Center (Bernstein Center for the Performing

Arts, and Bernstein Theatre used primarily for non-Shakespearean plays). The Lenox School historical plaque looks great, with permanent flowers around it and the south wing exterior near it and around the garden behind it are maintained in better condition than the rest of the building.

Building improvements budgeted for this year include strengthening a cracked buttress in the Gym roof before it snows; stripping and repainting West Cottage; and repairing leaks in the flat roofs of St. Martin's. Fixing the foundation of Southeast Cottage, which is otherwise in good shape, will be done next year. New energy efficient windows in Lawrence Hall and some interior cosmetic fixes to the Gym as well as pavers outside it are desired, but not yet approved or funded.

Lost, with no plans for repair, are the Infirmary, Monks Hall and the Coop, the former two fenced off to protect against collapse. The Field House's thick walls keep its future perhaps viable, despite a collapsing second floor and now a leaking slate roof. The slate adds to its charm, but is expensive to fix. This year, South Cottage may also have been lost, due to excessive water runoff from Kemble Street that floods the basement and which would require it to be lifted from its foundation. Remember that all deteriorating buildings will be left standing so that their square footage can be quickly replaced when future plans and money are available. Partners are being sought to renovate the northern hockey rink portion of the Sports Center and St. Martin's (see separate article). The hockey rink has no power and is zoned for light manufacturing storage.

Several movie production companies have expressed interest in it, with three movies having been shot there ("Before and After" being the latest). Rezoning, a truck dock, and a temporary special permit to see if there is excessive noise at night will be required. S&Co would like to move the maintenance garage away from the Bernstein Theatre, but it must be 200 feet from any property line. A paved parking lot would also be nice, but would cost a rather excessive \$545K. Plans to convert the nearby Bible Speaks' indoor pool building to an open-air dance pavilion are on hold due to structural concerns.

Nothing much has changed on the northern portion of the campus during the past year. Dr. Journey remains in South Carolina; North and East Cottages slowly crumble; Clipston Grange has been beautifully restored and is occupied; Schermerhorn Hall still looks beautiful from the outside, but has a new ceiling leak above the main staircase, while the Annex's new roof keeps water out of an unrestored

interior. The Carriage House is still a private residence with a fenced-in backyard, and Bassett Hall (the Kemble Inn) and the Jones House (the Walker Inn) remain open, the former offering a separate dining room as well.

Trinity Church is as beautiful as ever and has a new "permanent" Rector. The Town Library recently uncovered a large collection of School Founder Rev. Latta Griswold's personal papers from which I was able to uncover correspondence between him, Rev. Thayer and local parishioners concerning the initial purchase of School property and changes to the Board of Trustees by-laws. More information remains to be discovered. I also had an enjoyable visit with Bud and Beryl Wells from the School staff (1962-1973) who provided many interesting recollections and insights on Lenox School life.

– Randy Harris

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Summary of LSAA Business Meeting Sat Oct. 13, 2012

(9:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Meeting held in the Tina Packer Playhouse theater, the former Founder's Theater, with refreshments and memorabilia display in the lobby. Provided below are the topics addressed and a brief summary or reference to an associated article. All motions are in bold font.

1. **Call To Order:** Meeting came to order @ 9:45 a.m.
Welcome and Opening Comments (Bob Sansone).

Shakespeare & Co Update/Comments (Tony Simotes, Artistic Director): S&Co doing very well, meeting budget targets early in the season, and offering other events for the community. Committed to: bringing life back into St. Martin's, but will require a partner to do so; and to maintaining legacy and energy of the property. (See articles: S&Co Experiences Unprecedented Success and St. Martin's - What's Its Future). President Sansone presented Mr. Simotes with a \$1,000 youth scholarship and a \$250 gift.

Review of the reunion events (Bob Sansone): Luncheon @ Gateways 12:00; Lenox Campus Tour 1:30 – 4:30 by Steve Ball of S&Co; Hymn Sing & Prayer Service @ 5:00; Pre-Dinner Social @ Lenox Club @ 6:00; Dinner, Hall of Fame induction and closing comments.

2. **Reports**
Financial Report (Ed Miller): Funds sufficient to support current efforts. **Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Passed unanimously.** (See Treasurer's Report).

LSAA Market America Fundraiser update (Paul Denzel): Shopping portal on the LSAA website is secure and works well: <Shop.com/LSAA>. No separate link yet on the LSAA website. Percentage of sales provided to LSAA. **Motion made and seconded to add a link on the website and provide a short description for the next Pen & Scroll. Passed unanimously.** (See associated article). A link, <Shop America>, visible on each page of the LSAA website has been established.

Scholarship/Donations Report (Fritz Eckel and Paul Denzel): Paul Denzel reported on the effects of the scholarships on the recipients: positive and keeps alive the memory of Lenox School. **Motion made and seconded to accept the report and continue the 5 scholarships (2 for Miss Hall's, 2 for BCD, and one for S&Co); passed unanimously.** Concern that some schools won't release sufficient details on individual students required to determine their merit to receive the Curry scholarship. Scholarship to be addressed in next Pen and Scroll. (See associated article). Question on whether scholarships to Native Americans from tribes of students taught at Lenox were ever considered. They were as part of Quo Vadis, but existing scholarships have closer relationship to our school and it was difficult to identify a suitable organization to deal with at the time.

President's Report (15 minutes Bob Sansone)

Member E-mail and snail mail. Dissemination problems experienced with previous edition will be solved before the next edition. As a cost-saving measure, backup hardcopies to members with email addresses will no longer be provided unless specifically requested. Printing costs per edition vary with its size, but ~ \$700+.

KEEP update: LSAA will make a small donation to KEEP, site of first Outreach visit in 1962. Midori Curtis was at the reunion and accepted it. Son of President visited this summer and obtained memorabilia. Lenox Outdoor Chapel still in use. **Motion made and seconded to give another \$500 to KEEP this year passed unanimously.**

Joint LSAA/S&Co fundraising proposal: Alumnus raised issue of participating in S&Co's Tina Packer fundraising effort focused on upkeep of the campus. LSAA would like to earmark funds for a specific building and place someone on the fundraising committee. Discussed with Tony Simotes, who suggested St. Martin's, with an LSAA lounge and memorabilia display in its south wing a possibility. Future discussions required. The status of the portion of the northern campus owned by Dr. Journey was briefly discussed. Future as a resort may be in question. Hope to one day have a reunion-weekend cocktail hour
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in Schermerhorn Hall. Dr. Journey has generously promised that an area in Schermerhorn could be an additional place for an LSAA permanent memorabilia display if it ever opened as a resort.

Quo Vadis Accomplishments: Past year focused primarily on legacy initiatives which were assisted by recollections and memorabilia from alumni. (See separate articles on Quo Vadis and Memorabilia.)

3. Old Business

LSAA Website and LSAA Database (Kimball Packard, Bob Sansone): Oliver Kempton has developed an excellent automated database, but not yet ready for the Website. President Sansone acknowledged Kimball Packard's continued outstanding work on the Website. Kimball asked for vintage pictures, said the site only had a modest number of hits, and has provided an analysis of them.

4. New Business

LSAA By-Laws changes, discussion and motion to adopt (Bob Sansone, Ed Miller and Randy Harris): Recommended change to eliminate director term limits, currently two 3-year terms, as has been done for officers, in order to benefit from individuals willing to continue to serve. Also explains role of president ex-officio (past presidents). **Motion made and seconded to make the By-Laws changes; passed unanimously.**

Contact with St. Mark's re: Lenox School Connection (Bob Kline, Bob Sansone, Randy Harris): President Sansone briefly mentioned Bob Kline's ground-breaking work to establish an enduring Lenox School legacy at St. Mark's and obtain school-related memorabilia. They are receptive to the effort. (See associated article)

Nomination and election of directors and officers:

The following people stood for re-election/election to the LSAA board, per LSAA by-laws: Randy Harris '68, John Schneider '68. Don Foster '63 – stands for election to a three-year term to fill the seat being vacated by David Nathans. Fred Lavenberg '70 – stands for election to fill out a two-year term due to the untimely death of Charles McGee. **Motion made and seconded; passed unanimously.**

The following people continue to serve as directors: Terms Expiring in 2013: Jim Fawcett – Faculty Advisor, Ed Ockenden '43, Allen Sloan '67. Terms Expiring in 2014: Fritz Eckel '65, Oliver Kempton '70.

The following people placed their names in nomination for consideration to serve as officers for the LSAA board for a 1

year term, per LSAA by-laws: Bob Sansone '68 – President, Paul Denzel '67 – Vice President, Ed Miller '66 – Treasurer, Mark Gottsegen '67 – Secretary. **Motion made and seconded; passed unanimously.**

The 13 people identified above and listed in the President's Message constitute the LSAA Board for the coming year.

4. Open

Free Choir/Glee Club CD: Fritz Eckel mentioned and Ed Miller seconded what a good deal Bruce Low's offer of a free CD of the Choir's Lenox School Mass and Glee Club performances was. Just contact Bruce for your copy. Howard Low '64 - hbrucelow@aol.com - 304-582-1684, PO Box 3204, Sheperdstown, WV 25443.

5. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

(This summary is based on Mark Gottsegen's minutes of the meeting and was prepared by Randy Harris.)

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S&Co Experiences Unprecedented Success

The following summary of S&Co's current status was provided by Mr. Tony Simotes, Artistic Director and Mr. Stephen D. Ball, General Manager and bodes well for the future of the campus. It's been a record season with \$1.3M in ticket sales to date and a \$400K budget surplus with three shows remaining, the proceeds from which will be all profit. According to their Managing Director "we've never been in this good a shape before." Their three major programs: performance, training and education have only slight changes from previous years. There are two travelling shows instead of one and more special events, but about the same number of shows on campus though they've optimized show-times resulting in fewer performances, but the same income. The in-residence training programs have an increased number of college aged students and professional actors; and their education program is considering a spring Shakespeare Festival in addition to the one in the fall, so that more high schools can participate.

Since Mr. Simotes arrived three years ago, \$4M of the \$10M debt has been eliminated and within five years all remaining debt, except for the original mortgage on the property, now valued at about \$1.8M will be eliminated, with \$1M earmarked for the Tina Packer Fund to offset the expense of maintaining the theaters and campus. This was accomplished through a Department of Agriculture loan guarantee which allowed the mortgage to be refinanced,

saving \$250K in interest; the receipt of an unusually large grant from the prestigious Kresge Foundation of \$800K (2 to 1 matching funds, only provided to organizations in the last points of and therefore successful capital funds); and individual pledges over the next five years, which have habitually been honored at over a 95% rate.

The focus is now on the future of the campus. Since the campus enjoys a special relationship with the Town of Lenox, S&Co is trying to open it up to as many vendors as possible thereby increasing its visibility to the public, showing them what it offers, and getting them involved with it. Tony feels that "this property is special" with people always asking, "What was this place?" To get the public on the campus and in some instances to also obtain rental fees, the following events, not an all-inclusive list, have been staged: an arts show, British car show, two yoga groups on an ongoing basis, a lacrosse camp (on the Infirmary field), a Coors Light commercial (filmed in the Bernstein Center scene shop), a farmer's market (weekends in season), a caroling festival, 5KM cancer fundraiser run, buffets after Saturday matinees and before evening performances, and several concerts. Tony is on the Town's Marketing and Events Committee to ensure that events continue and plans a town/regional Shakespeare festival on the property to celebrate Shakespeare's 450th birthday in April 2014.

Now that the debt has been eliminated, the goal is to solidify the campus either by improving buildings or tearing them down and replacing them which must occur quickly thereafter. The first step will be stripping and repainting West Cottage this fall for which funding is available and required State code requirements (due to the lead-based paint) approved. S&Co recognizes that St. Martin's is the "gorgeous keystone building" of the campus; "needs to have life brought back into it"; and sees it eventually housing their offices and box office. However, they recognize that S&Co can't undertake the entire funding alone and will require some other entity to bring the necessary additional funding to renovate the building. Currently a sculpture school is interested in the dining hall portion, but the entire building must be brought up to code before it can be used (see the separate article on St. Martin's).

Mr. Simotes concluded that the "energy of creative spirit remains on this property forever. As far as life and the heavens will take us, and two people's ashes are now buried on the property, we don't want the property to be forgotten. We look to be on this property for many years; your legacy on the campus continues; and we expect that it will live on for many more years."

– Randy Harris

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St. Martin's – What's Its Future

You've seen in other articles in this edition that St. Martin's is the "keystone building" of the S&Co campus and that they want to "bring life into it," but what's the real story and is it feasible? S&Co says that it is determined to renovate the building, but realizes that it needs a partner to join in the effort which could cost up to \$10M, including an elevator. There are S&Co contributors with money, but they of course want a guarantee that such a project will be successful.

S&Co currently uses the two unheated rear wings as rehearsal rooms, and the rooms in the south wing, dining hall and study hall for storage. Optimally, they envision St. Martin's as their headquarters with offices in the south wing rooms and a box office, reception area for 40 people, and a gift shop in the center section. This would leave the north wing and possibly portions of the center upstairs available for use by another party. They're currently moving the stored items out of the north wing and into the northern hockey rink side of the Sports Center in order to make the available space more attractive to interested parties.

Their immediate concern is stopping further deterioration so that the building remains renovatable by fixing persistent leaks in the flat portions of the roof. It's budgeted for this year, and though improving over the years, it's the third time that they've repaired them. Ironically, it's a problem that existed in the early 1960s with people walking on them to shovel off snow. The next challenge is to convince their board and contributors that such a project is the prudent thing to do and then of course to find a partner interested in using the building. Hopefully, an ongoing \$100K management review, paid for by a trustee, will approve the desired way ahead, thus providing the necessary support to accomplish the former. In regards to the latter, there have been several inquiries by perspective partners, including use by Amherst College as a satellite campus and more recently as the home of a sculpture school.

The fact that St. Martins was built by the prestigious firm of McKim, Mead and White is a selling point to some, but the Town of Lenox has been unable to provide the paperwork to verify it. Ironically, our memorabilia collection's Architect's Sketch of the building and a 1937 P&S with a picture credited to the *Berkshire Eagle* provided that necessary verification.

The next challenge is to get a handle on what's required to renovate the building and the approximate cost of doing so for both contributors and partners alike.

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The first step in any renovation, even if only a portion of the building will be used, is to bring the entire building "up to code" in the areas of fire suppression, electricity, plumbing, and heating. An exception to this policy was made to allow the current use of the rear wings, but won't be granted again. There are many different options for these types of systems based upon how the building will be zoned and an architect must make an analysis of what's safe (i.e. there can be more risk and thus less capability in areas occupied by those who work in the building daily as compared to areas for the general public, who only visit infrequently).

This presents S&Co with a series of Catch-22 situations. How the building will be zoned is based upon how it will be used, which depends upon the partner; and yet partners want to know what it will be zoned as and its cost, before they commit to anything. To obtain these costs, an architect must develop a detailed plan, which they hesitate to do until they know that there's a buyer

Thus, the renovation of St. Martin's won't happen tomorrow; it is feasible; S&Co is determined to do it; and they're building the framework to make it a reality.

– Randy Harris

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Shopping for Christmas – www.shop.com/Isaa

When you shop this fall for the holidays, you have a new option available to you as a Lenox School alumnus. The LSAA has adopted a shopping portal, www.shop.com/Isaa, that has several benefits for users and for LSAA.

Alumni will benefit by having access to hundreds of stores on one site that offers comparison shopping. We can be sure of the best prices as well as receiving cash back by being a preferred customer. In addition, there will soon be significant cash back for electronics -- as much as 20-40%. This may be available before Christmas.

Also, by being a preferred customer, alumni have access to very high quality, exclusive products not found in stores and a list of the top selling products, shown on the left side of the portal under "Top Selling Products." Because there are no middle men with these products, the highest quality ingredients are used in these products, and LSAA receives the retail profits. And don't forget -- alumni receive cash back on these purchases.

People usually want to know two things: First, as a preferred customer, will personal information be used in other

ways or given to other retailers? The answer is NO. The information is used to keep track of cash back and to know where to send cash, if requested. The cash can be sent to you or left to pay for future purchases. Second, where does the money come from for the cash back? The answer is from the advertising budgets of the retailers, such as Macy's, Dicks Sporting, Dell, Apple, and many more. These huge retailers pay to be on the portal.

If just 10 people bought an average of 1-2 of these products a month, then LSAA would have somewhere between \$1,500-\$2,000 for scholarships by the end of the year. LSAA will benefit from all the purchases, but the reality is that LSAA will benefit most from the purchase of high quality, exclusive products found on this Website.

We hope that alumni will check out the shop.com/lsaa portal and give a few of the exclusive products a try. This can be a real win-win.

– Paul Denzel

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Scholarships – This Year and Next Year

This year we awarded five scholarships, as has been our tradition. Charlie McGee, Bob Sansone, and I visited both Miss Hall's and Berkshire Country Day School on "award day."

We started the day at Miss Hall's and presented two \$1,000 scholarships to two very deserving students, who told us of their plans and ambitions. As in past years, we gave a little history of Lenox School and of Mr. Pickett, for whom the scholarship is named. Needless to say, the two students were surprised and thrilled! They had no idea why they were told to "report" to the head of school office and were greatly relieved that they were not in trouble.

Jeanie Norris, the Head of School, was about to retire, so Charlie, Bob, and I took her to lunch. Once lunch was over, Bob presented Jeanie with a mug bearing the Lenox School motto, and Bob had "From your boys at Lenox School" written across the bottom. She was at a loss for words. It was a touching moment.

I have met the new Head of School, Margaret Jablonski, and I am confident that we will have the same terrific relationship with Miss Hall's going forward.

At Berkshire Country Day School, we were warmly greeted and brought into a large room where the whole school had been assembled for our presentation to two lucky stu-

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dents, chosen by the BCD teachers to receive the \$1,000 scholarships. This year we honored Mr. Fawcett at BCD in the same manner as Mr. Pickett at Miss Hall's.

After the presentation, Mr. Fawcett took the three of us to his classroom, where he proudly showed us the materials he uses to make his classes interesting while creating a fun and stimulating environment. He showed real passion and love for what he was doing at BCD, and his students are benefiting from his care and concern for their educational experience.

At the business meeting we presented Tony Simotes, Artistic Director at Shakespeare & Co, with a \$1,000 scholarship for their education program. This program reaches high school students across Berkshire County. Also at the business meeting, Ed Miller reported that we have sufficient funds to continue awarding the same five scholarships, and we voted to award them for another year to students from Miss Hall's, BCD, and Shakespeare & Co.

We also discussed another scholarship in the memory of Reverend Curry for \$5,000. To date, this scholarship, which was established by an unnamed alumnus, has only been awarded once. It was given to another Miss Hall's student, who indicated that she wanted to go into the ministry. We are seeking students who may qualify for the Curry scholarship. Anyone can recommend a worthy student -- please let us know, so we can judge suitability. Note, however, that the merits of the student must be clearly documented and capable of being verified by the school during an inquiry. Contributions to the Curry scholarship will be greatly appreciated.

On a personal note, I will greatly miss my friend Charlie McGee, who worked with me not only on the scholarships but also helped to arrange the reunions. Charlie's love for LSAA was second to none. Golf on Friday afternoons at our reunions will never be the same! We are also accepting scholarship donations, which will be given in memory of Charlie.

– Paul Denzel

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Quo Vadis Accomplishments

With service exemplified by our five annual scholarships and two recent donations to KEEP, Quo Vadis accomplishments for the past year focused most on service to our members and friends and preserving the school's legacy. We identified and took photographs of all the memorabilia maintained at both Trinity Church and the Lenox Town Library. Unfortunately, a few of the altar items from the

Lenox School Chapel appear to have been lost in a church robbery during the 1980s. The Library had over 3,000 items, mostly photographs and a few documents; will maintain a copy of the School/Campus History for reference; and is open to maintaining some of our more historic documents and perhaps displaying them, should we choose to do so.

Alumni, often from the early 1940s, continue to provide recollections and answer questions about school life, so that we now have a relatively accurate picture of life during Rev. Monk's tenure. We also continue to receive all types of memorabilia from alumni, some of great historical significance. Through alumni generosity, we are only one yearbook (1952) short of a complete set of the 35 published yearbooks, which hopefully we'll eventually get scanned. As a means of expanding our legacy, made possible in large measure by the mentioned alumni recollections and yearbook collection, we are able to answer questions about and provide detailed and personalized descriptions of a student's Lenox School experience. Many such descriptions have been provided when requested by family members and researchers.

Through extensive research, interviews and alumni recollections, a major update to the School and Campus History is in progress. Likewise, progress continues on the Lenox School Experience book project aided significantly by the research involved in answering the requests for information mentioned above. For those unable to visit the campus, a virtual walking tour of the campus is near completion, which mixes the history of buildings and facilities with current pictures of the campus. Finally, as you've read elsewhere, coordination with and donations to KEEP in Japan, site of our school's first Project Outreach visit in 1962, continue to increase, as does coordination with the St. Mark's School concerning establishing some type of enduring legacy.

– Randy Harris

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Establishing A Legacy at St. Mark's School

One of the Quo Vadis objectives has been to establish a closer relationship with a "similar church school" as a means of establishing a Lenox School legacy at an endowed school likely to endure for a long time. The candidates have been St. Andrew's, modeled after Lenox; Kent, from which our "self-help" concept originated; and the obvious first choice, St. Mark's, from whose headmaster's (Rev.

Thayer's) mind the idea of Lenox originated and which provided its first headmaster (Rev. Monks) and one of the three additional original faculty members (Rev. Pell). The legacy was originally envisioned as a modest recurring annual graduation award or some type of plaque memorializing Lenox's founding and relationship with the school.

Over the past year, Bob Kline '48 (FAC) has singlehandedly and tirelessly worked this issue with St. Mark's head of school John Warren and its historian Nick Noble via emails and a visit to the school. St. Mark's clearly recognizes the relationship and maintains many of Rev. Thayer's letters on Lenox, including one offering the headmaster job to Rev. Monks and requiring him to begin a year earlier than planned. They also have student applications for the school's first class and Rev. Thayer's responses to them. They will provide us with copies of all the letters and the originals of all the applications.

St. Mark's is positive and enthusiastic about creating an enduring legacy for Lenox at their school, with the caveat that it be funded to endure over time. They propose that in the short term the legacy could be a permanent plaque in an appropriate location and/or an article in school media or chapel address by their historian about Lenox and its relationship with St. Mark's, especially during their upcoming 150th anniversary celebration. In the longer term, memorabilia which would require trustee approval, could include an item placed in routine use such as a communion set, a display case, or even a memorabilia display or painting. Also appropriate, in lieu of a small \$100 graduation gift of which they already have too many, would be an endowed (\$20K) annual \$1K stipend for books.

We intend to build upon Bob Kline's remarkable work, by maintaining contact with St. Mark's, requesting memorabilia, providing historical information, and determining the appropriate type of legacy to pursue.

(Compiled from Bob Kline's '48 Reports)

– Randy Harris

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Reunion Additions to the Memorabilia Collection

Provided below are descriptions of the items donated during the 2012 Reunion weekend. Our deep appreciation and sincere thanks go to: Allen T. Jenkins '59, William H. Kenah '62, John Powlovich '63, Robert Rush '62, Gene St. Jean '63, James G. (Bud) and Beryl Wells (Staff '62-'73), and Andrew Sansone. These items will be added to the existing

Collection Inventory on the LSAA website. We're always looking for more.

Allen Jenkins '59: Rev. Curry Letter to Parents, 28 Jul 1958; Lenox School General Information, 1958.

William Kenah '62: 7 Rev. Curry Letters to Parents, coordinating the summer 1962 Japan trip; 12 Rev. Curry Letters to Parents, providing updates on the trip to Japan from Mr. Wood; List of Boys going on the Japan trip; Detailed Daily Itinerary for the Japan Trip; 3 Post Cards and a Letter from Bill Kenah in Japan/onboard ship to his parents; Article in the KEEP *Shimbun* newspaper on the Lenox School visit ("Soldiers of the Cross Lift to Heights His Royal Banner").

John Powlovich '63: 2 1959 Graduation Programs (June 7, 1959); 2 "Lenox In Portrait" Calendars (1962 and 1963); Rev. Curry Newcomen Society Speech (Nov 12, 1964) "Lenox School: Not To Be Served, But To Serve"; 2 LSAA Reunion Color Pictures (1988 and undated); 1960 B/W Dormitory Photo of the Coop (Class of 1963); *Berkshire Eagle* Article: "Our Private School Series (1)" "Lenox: Ex-Baby-on-a-Doorstep"; The Lenox Reader 1961 (a literary supplement); and 2 Framed Color Playbills for The Lenox School Little Theatre: "The Tempest" and "Captain Applejack." Robert Rush '62: 1960-1961 Varsity Hockey Team photograph; Lenox Stein, black with gold lettering, "Monk" (Peter McCabe) 1962; Lenox School Synthetic Black and Yellow Scarf with Script "L" sewn on.

Andrew Sansone (visited KEEP in Japan this year and was given the following items): 3 Pamphlets "The Paul Rusch Memorial Center"; 3 Books on KEEP and Paul Rusch: "Kiyosato Educational Experience - Do Your Best and It Must Be First Class", "A Triumph of Faith - The Dream of Kiyosato in the Words of Paul Rusch", "The Road To Keep - The Story of Paul Rusch in Japan"; DVD "Paul Rusch - His Life and Dream"; 2 Mr. Wood Letters to Paul Rusch; 2 William Kenah Letters to Paul Rusch and KEEP; Lenox School List of Attendees with a short description of each boy.

Gene St. Jean '62: Westfield Newspaper Article "Japan-Bound This Summer for Work, Travel"; Albert P. (Terry) Griffin '62 memorabilia: Business Card "Albert P. Griffin, Esq. Attorney for Mohammad Ali, Mohammad Ali Enterprises" (with a drawing of the boxer inside); 4 Laminated color photographs of Albert Griffin: one with Mohammad Ali, President Ford and 3 others, one with George Forman, and one with his family (2 copies).

James G. (Bud) and Beryl Wells (Staff '62-'73): *Berkshire Eagle* Article: "Two Lenox High* Alumni Graduate at West

Point (*should have been Lenox School, and refers to Daniel H. Gooding '64 and Douglas E. Macfarlane '63); *Berkshire Eagle* Article "Lenox School Headmaster Taking Minnesota Post"; Dan Gooding '64 Letter on USMA Stationery to Bud Wells; Lenox School Stationery Envelope; 3 Griswold Hall (Circa 1935) B/W Postcards, The Meriden Gravure Company (one used as a receipt for 1957 Lenox Alumni Association dues from its Secretary, Spencer Kennard Jr.); 2 Brine Wooden Attack/Midfield Lacrosse Sticks, both with a single fiberglass repair circa mid-1960s (found on the edge of the lacrosse field).

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— Randy Harris



Andrew Sansone at the Lenox Chapel at KEEP in Japan.

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ENDNOTE: Doug Hardy is preparing a Lenox School-KEEP Japan 50th Anniversary booklet, which he expects to be available in early 2013. It will contain David Wood's and R.L. Curry's letters (thanks to Bill Kenah), an article about Midori Curtis's search for and discovery of the connection between the Lenox Chapel at KEEP and Lenox School, and photos from the trip (thanks to Bob Mitnik). Those interested in receiving a copy can email Doug: dlhardy@hotmail.com.

ENDNOTE: A terrific article featuring our very own Nol Putnam appeared on the FauquierNow.com Website, dateline December 2, 2012. The article, "**Artist-blacksmith returns with show in The Plains**", describes Putnam's life journey from Lenox master to master blacksmith artisan. You can access the article at <http://tinyurl.com/bpm4ekt> or via our Website (<http://www.lenoxschool.org/ljaa-news/>).



Members of the class of 1962 lead us in the Lenox School Prayer at the Saturday evening dinner. Clockwise from the left on the steps, are Jack Hill (in his trademark bow tie), Toby Griggs, Eric Purdon, Ron Fletcher, and Gerry Korkin.

Standing on the far left are class of '62 members Doug Hardy and Bill Kenah, and Bob Rush is on the far right.



Wendy McGee awards the Charles McGee Memorial Golf Tournament Trophy to two of the winning foursome.

On the left is John Schneiter with Paul Denzel in the middle. (While Wendy is winsome, John and Paul are merely winning – at golf.)

Reminders

Class of 1963: Our 50th reunion is next year. Please consider attending the Alumni Reunion in Lenox, October 18-19, 2013. More to follow. Please make contact with classmates.

Save The Date: LSAA business meeting and reunion in Lenox, October 18-19, 2013.

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