



Westover Alumni News - **August 2018**

Message from the Chair

Dear Westover Alumni,

The Westover Alumni Newsletter is back on schedule after missing our May issue because of staffing changes in the Alumni Office. Thankfully, we welcome two new staff members.

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The next meeting of the Westover Alumni Advisory Board will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 24, 2018. We will be discussing our participation in the Tailgating event at Homcoming; reunion committees for the classes of '54, '59, '64, and '69; and future events. If you would like to be a part of your class reunion committee, please contact Heather #2!!

2018 Westover Weekend was a delightful event highlighted by fun, food, bands, and an exceptional performance by Jane Van Boskirk '70 of "Eleanor Roosevelt – Across A Barrier of Fear."

HOMEcoming IS FOR ALL ALUMNI!!! OCTOBER 19-20, 2018!!!
Westover will have a tent at the TAILGATE PARTY on OCTOBER 20!!

Look forward to seeing you soon,
Helen Hebb Stidham '66
Westover Alumni Council Chair

In this edition of the Westover newsletter: Upcoming Events, Westover Alumni Weekend 2019 information, Westover Alumni news, how to update your information, and deceased alumni.

Upcoming Events

The Office of Alumni Relations is looking forward to another year filled with events for alumni on campus and around the country. Below are some upcoming events for all alumni and we would love to see Westover Alumni there! If you would like to attend any of these events, please email us at alumni@lynchburg.edu or call [\(434\) 544-8293](tel:4345448293).

August 11, 2018

Bedford, VA

Claytor Nature Center - Family Fun Day - Faculty/Staff/Alumni

Check out our website to learn more - [Family Fun Day](#)

September 8, 2018

Lynchburg, VA

Student Lunch with the Office of Equity and Inclusion, BSA, and Alumni

[Click here](#) to find out more information

September 12, 2018

Richmond, VA

6th Annual Alumni Charity Challenge Event - Hardywood Brewery

For more information, [click here](#)

September 20, 2018

Birmingham, AL

Event details TBD

September 21, 2018

Huntsville, AL

Event details TBD

September 24, 2018

Lynchburg, VA - Hornet Hive

Westover Alumni Advisory Council Meeting

10 a.m.

October 6, 2018

Lynchburg, VA

Alumni Softball Game

Event details TBD

October 19-20, 2018

Lynchburg, VA

Homecoming 2018 Weekend

Check out our website to learn more and register - [Homecoming 2018](#)

December 6, 2018

Lynchburg, VA

Westover Holiday Lunch

Westover Alumni Weekend 2019

Westover Alumni Weekend 2019 is April 5-7, 2019. We have already started making wonderful plans for this special weekend! We will be celebrating the Class Reunions of 1954, 1959, 1964, and 1969. You can look forward to music, activities, great food, and time to reconnect with your Lynchburg classmates and friends. If you would like to help plan for your Class Reunion, let us know! We would love to have you as a volunteer. If you are interested, please email alumni@lynchburg.edu.

Westover Alumni News

Emilee Hines Cantieri '55

Emilee writes: "Despite my breaking my hip on Christmas Day 2017, my husband Gerald Liedl and I still made two lengthy planned trips in March and May/June. Both were private, with guide and driver, which made my travel much easier. Our first took us to Myanmar, Vietnam and Cambodia. Highlights were a balloon ride over the 3,000+ temples at Bagan, the scenery of Vietnam and the temples of Angkor Wat. The Killing Fields of Phnom Penh were

gruesome, but should be seen anyway. Afterward we joined a cruise from Bali to Hong Kong.

Our next was to the Balkans: Romania, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Albania. The latter was especially interesting to me, since Americans were not allowed to enter in 1988 when I visited the other three. We explored ancient ruins, some still being excavated and admired frescoes painted centuries ago in monasteries. Storks were nesting and roses blooming in Bulgaria, and everywhere cherries were ripe, spoiling me for the supermarket variety here. Albania's numerous beaches and spectacular mountain scenery have made it a tourist site, quite a change from the Cold War days.

On a different note, two more of my books were published in 2017, 'A Castle in the Wilderness,' a mystery set at Biltmore in the 1890's, and 'The Prince and the Passion,' a long historical set in 990 AD, when Prince Vladimir made Russia Christian. I write as Emilee Hines, and now have 16 books on Amazon, all as e-books and paperback and 2 on audible. Because glaucoma has affected my eyesight, I use DragonSpeak to dictate my books. It's an amazing bit of technology. I'd love to hear from LC alums, especially if you have comments about my books."

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Susan Richert '60

Susan says: "Dear Class of 1960. I have just returned from my 18th annual trip to Tanzania to visit with the 20 young men and women who have received scholarships to go to colleges and vocational schools over there. I have known many of them since 2002, when I decided to help them and hook them up with friends and relatives as sponsors. Anne and David Pollitt have helped me, too. My college roommate Myra Kollmer has sponsored a young woman who is now a nurse! Many others are teachers, guides, a priest, community developers, etc. Let me know if you would like to help! Blessings and love, Sue."

James L. Barrett '61

From James: "I retired at the end March after serving for 35 years as an Investment Representative for Edward Jones. My wife Henrietta and I reside in Kernersville, NC."

Paul H. Lilly, MD, MPH '61 Col., USAF, Ret.

Paul writes: "Winds Aloft Farm: I was awarded the Master Pilot Award by the FAA and I still perform FAA medicals — class 1,2,3. I am a certificated instructor pilot airplane, instrument single and multiengine and I also hold an Airline Pilot Certificate in multi engine and Commercial Pilot single engine. 'An old pilot is one who remembers when flying was dangerous and sex was safe.'"

Kendall Sydnor, Jr. '64

From Kendall: "Grace Pittard Sydnor, born 5/16/1916, died 2/26/2018. Wife of A. Kendall Sydnor '39 and mother of A. Kendall Sydnor, Jr. '64. Teacher and homemaker, born in Clarksville, long time Lynchburg resident."

Earl Caudill '65

Earl writes: "I am currently living with my wife, Karlaine Crawford Caudill (class of '75) in Bayfield, CO. I work as Chaplain of Hospice of Mercy in Durango and Pagosa Springs, CO."

Bruce Smith '66

Bruce writes: "Alumni who may be interested can access my bio of the sixties online. The main chapter that deals with LC is focused on 1965-66, my senior year at LC. I began my involvement with the civil rights, anti-war, students, women's rights, gay rights and labor movements while a student at LC and have continued since then. Interested readers can find my story of the 60s on the internet at: brucejsmithblog.wordpress.com.

My website allows for readers to post comments, additions and corrections which may be incorporated into the body of the work. I completed a Masters in Education with a concentration in Reading at the University of The District of Columbia in the very early 90s and focused on teaching reading and writing after that."

Bruce Smith

Retired Reading Specialist

Member of the Board, VEA Retired, representing the 11th Congressional District

Virginia Boyd Collings '66

From Virginia: "My granddaughter, Dana Collings, will be a member of the first class of students to enter the University of Lynchburg this fall. She graduated from McLean High School in Falls Church, Virginia in June. I continue to practice as a clinical psychologist in the Cleveland, Ohio area."

Delores Utz Dalton Dunn '67

Delores writes: "Pat and I are enjoying the benefits of downsizing. Our new address is 139 Arlington Square, Ashland, VA 23005. We recently enjoyed a trip to Carlsbad, CA where we visited with family and took in a few S. California sites. Every opportunity we get we spend time in Tanglewood on glorious Lake Gaston, Bracey, VA."

Aurora A Mata '68, '80

From Aurora: "Aurora has accepted the calling at the Fort Pierce Ward LDS Church as a Family History Center Consultant in addition to being the Ward's Language Interpreter Specialist. I am now the Fort Pierce Family History Consultant, as well as the Ward's Interpreter Specialist. I help with genealogy search and providing help with creating family trees. The service is offered free of charge to anyone. One does not have to be LDS to avail oneself of this service. We can help at the center or, if requested, at a person's home."

Chuck Tooley '68

Chuck shares a story from the *Billings Gazette*:

Former Billings Mayor Tooley tapped to lead Bozeman think tank

May 7, 2018

Former Billings mayor Chuck Tooley has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Burton K. Wheeler Center for Public Policy in Bozeman, the organization announced Monday. Tooley is the first Billings resident to serve as chairman. The Wheeler Center, founded in 1988, is a public policy think tank located on the Montana State University campus. "Chuck brings diverse experience to the position," outgoing chairman Bradley Snow said in a statement. "He is a visionary leader who possesses a rare knack for bringing people together. He will provide the Wheeler Center with excellent leadership for years to come." Tooley has also served as president of the Montana League of Cities and Towns, as director of the Urban Institute of MSUB and is a board member of Big Sky Economic Development Authority and a Trustee of Rocky Mountain College. "The core values of the Wheeler Center resonate with me," Tooley said in a statement. "We address Montana issues in forums where various and even opposing views are discussed with courtesy and respect. In the increasingly contentious atmosphere in America today, the Wheeler Center will continue to model civil deliberations as an example for others." Tooley was Mayor of Billings during the "Not In Our Town," hate crimes and helped lead the community response to that action, which garnered national and international attention by its thoughtful approach.

**Rod Pitta '70**

Per the request by Marc Jordan, here is a photo of mostly LC Alumni from my 70th Birthday party at Bernard's Landing Resort on the shore of Smith Mountain Lake.



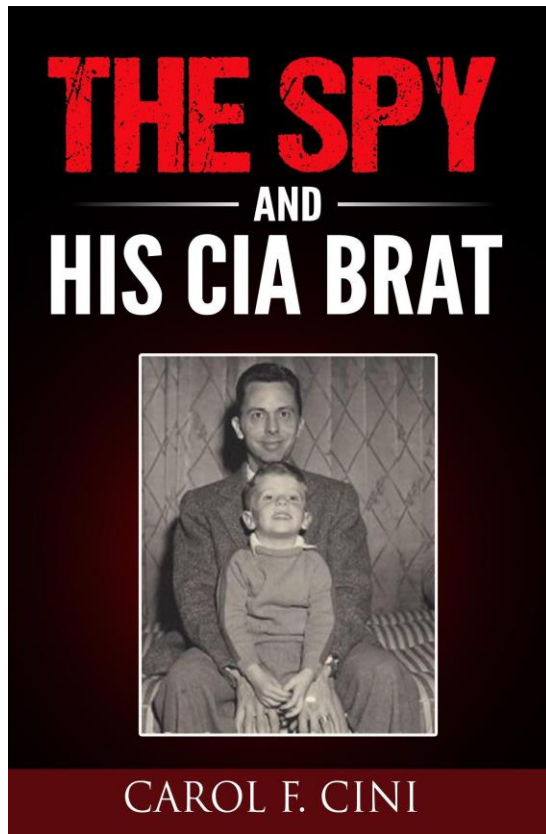
Lorraine Mecca '71

Lorraine writes: "My mother, Ruth Yeager Mecca, passed away in January 2018. She was 92."

Carol (Carl) Cini '71

From Carol (Carl): "Well, we are still loving life and just moved to Chapel Hill, NC to be closer to our daughter (3 hours instead of 6.5 hours), better medical care, international airport, and a lot more to do. During our time in Southport, NC, I volunteered at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office in the fraud unit. Loved it as it kept me busy. I also wrote a memoir, "The Spy and His CIA Brat" about my life as brat. It is available on Amazon in print or kindle format."

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Betty Borrero Schoettler '71

From Betty: "A late 60s, early 70s era Alpha Sigma Pi / Sigma Mu Sigma mini reunion took place on July 6-9, 2018, in Islamorada, Florida Keys, when old friends Betty Borrero Schoettler, who lives there, and Ron Torkas, who went to go deep sea fishing, and got the chance to catch up with each other after 48 years since LC. It was great!"



Update Your Information

We want to make sure we have your most up-to-date information so we may stay in touch! To update your phone, email, address, etc., please contact us by emailing alumni@lynchburg.edu or calling [\(434\) 544-8293](tel:(434)544-8293).

Deceased Alumni

(Listing includes notifications received by the University as of February 18, 2018 - August 7, 2018)

Doris B. Samuels '47 - 4/3/18

Lee Moran '49 - 7/11/18

Nancy Butler Byrne '50 - 6/11/18

John Marshall '51 - 4/4/18

Martha M. Showalter '51 - 3/9/18

William T. Vest '52 - 3/22/18

Aubrey Bowman '53 - 5/28/18

Alan Brinkley '54 - 6/29/18

Lois Umberger Whitehurst '54 - 5/26/18

Jane Freer Brinkley '56 - 5/8/18
Rufus K. Cox, Jr. '56 - 3/21/18
Dewey Boswell '57 - 6/30/18
Marvin E. Swinney '57 - 4/11/18
Sherley Mumaw '58 - 7/17/18
Norborne J. Thomas '58 - 6/19/18
Gilbert Bowman '61 - 7/12/18
Sally Ingraham Coulter '61 - 5/10/18
Wesley Graham '61 - 4/28/18
Bill Ogden '61 - 7/3/18
Sue M. Polluck '62 - 4/8/18
T. Woodson Rogers '62 - 7/5/18
William B. Helsabeck '64 - 4/12/18
Richard G. Morris '64 - 3/22/18
Mary B. Winston '64 - 3/28/18
John R. Cocke '65 - 3/28/18
Pat Bethel Daniels '66 - 7/12/18
Bob Moseley '67 - 4/15/18
Cindy Thomas Funk '68, '72 MEd - 5/20/18
David S. Woodland '68 - 4/24/18
Dave Roberts '69 - 6/10/18
Harold Howard '71, '75 MEd - 3/1/18
Clarence Williams '71, '83 MAd - 6/29/18
John T. Willse '71 MS - 4/11/18
Larry Wimmer '72 - 3/8/18

We hope you enjoyed reading the news about fellow Westover Alumni. If you have thoughts or ideas for this electronic communication, please share them with me at garnett_h@lynchburg.edu.

Best wishes,

Heather Ayers Garnett '05 MEd

Director of Alumni Relations

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