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## Westover Alumni News - February 2019

## Message from the Chair

Dear Westover Alumni,

As your new Chair, greetings from the Westover Alumni Advisory Council and your Alumni Board.

I want to thank our past chair, Helen Hebb Stidham '66, for her leadership and dedication in assuring that our Westover Council provided value to both our alums and the school we all love.

In this, our February edition of our newsletter, I remind you of our upcoming Westover Weekend, April 5, 6, and 7, 2019. See list of activities below.

There are several exciting and informative events planned, including Coffee with Julius Sigler, Retirement Celebration for Clifton Potter, and a Jazz Concert. There are even rumors circulating that the infamous “Precious Few” of Quonset Hut fame, are planning a comeback. Who couldn’t get excited about dancing to such great oldies as “Sittin’ On The Dock of the Bay,” “Girl Watcher,” Double shot of My Baby’s love,” and maybe even “96 tears,” or “Get Off Of My Cloud,” but forgive me as I drift back many years as if they were only “Yesterday.”

That’s what our get togethers are all about and my wife Vicki '70 and I are looking forward to seeing a record number of you guys return for the Westover Weekend, April 5-7, 2019.

In the meantime, keep sending those stories and photos to our newsletter editor Virginia Boyd Collings '66 at [vbc137@aol.com](mailto:vbc137@aol.com). Thanks Virginia!

Also, I would love to hear your ideas and suggestions to enrich our Westover experience. Please also reach out to your classmates and encourage them to join us.

Thanks so much. Hope to see and hear from you soon.

Marc Jordan '69

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## **Westover Alumni Weekend 2019**

Westover Alumni Weekend 2019 is April 5-7, 2019. This special weekend is coming up soon! 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. [View the schedule](#) and let us know which events you'll be at for Westover Weekend. You should have received a registration brochure in the mail. If you did not receive the brochure and would like one, please call or email the Alumni Office. 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 call 434.544.8293 or email [alumni@lynchburg.edu](mailto:alumni@lynchburg.edu).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Happy Hour at Ireland's Four Courts**

Saturday, February 23

Arlington, VA

5 - 7 p.m.

[2051 Wilson Boulevard](#)

[Arlington, VA 22201](#)

### **Concert and Reception with Ray Luck**

Thursday, March 28

Sydnor Performance Hall | Elliot and Rosel Schewel Hall

Lynchburg, VA

7:30 p.m.

Reserved seating 7:00 to 7:20 p.m.

Please arrive by 7:20 p.m. for reserved seating

Wine, cheese and dessert reception with Dr. Luck in

Oliver Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Schewel Hall following the concert

Acceptances only for concert and reception by **March 21, 2019**

by emailing [alumni@lynchburg.edu](mailto:alumni@lynchburg.edu) or

calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 434.544.8293

### **Historic Pharsalia Tour**

Saturday, April 6

Tyro, VA

1 - 5 p.m.

Bus leaves University of Lynchburg at 1 p.m. and returns to campus at 5 p.m. for a 2-hour tour

Preregistration required (\$15 per person) | Call the Office of Alumni Relations to register

[See Westover Weekend schedule for more information](#)

**Jazz Concert with Jazz Quintet Solver**

Saturday, April 6

Memorial Ballroom, Hall Campus Center | Lynchburg, VA

8 p.m.

Sponsored by *The G. Alan Meredith Fund for the Enhancement of Performing Arts*

Free and open to the public

[See Westover Weekend schedule for more information](#)

**Westover Alumni News****(Bishop) Philip E. P. Weeks '55**

Year 1955 seems a long time ago, and events of our graduating class I hardly remember. The years have been good to me. Four months after graduation I married June Simmons. June became a nurse and worked in Orlando Florida hospitals until her retirement. We have two daughters, six grand children, and nine great grandchildren.

I pastored churches in Virginia, West Virginia, and Florida before establishing a missionary support ministry in 1980 that I named Barnabas Ministries, Incorporated with headquarters in Florida. In that ministry June and I served in the Philippines, China, and Africa before I was consecrated a Bishop in the Charismatic Episcopal Church in Uganda, Africa. Being a missionary bishop for CEC's International Development Agency I had no cathedral of my own, but served as Supervising Bishop in Rwanda, Tanzania, and Burundi before retiring in 2005. That year we moved from Florida back to our home area of Lynchburg where now I home care June who has advance Lewy Body Dementia and Parkinson Disease.

Often I drive past the University of Lynchburg recalling the days I walked to class from my home off Old Forest Road. At 85 years of age now I don't remember much of those years. Some of my classmates have died. The campus has changed, but the academic standards continue to meet the challenge of the day. I hope the ole alma mater continues to prepare young people for service.

(Bishop) Philip E. P. Weeks

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**James L. "Jim" Barrett '61**

Last year I retired after a 35 year career as an Investment Representative with Edward Jones Investments in Kernersville, NC. I tremendously enjoyed working for my clients with this great company. I am staying busy with volunteer work now. Later this year Henrietta and I will relocate to a beautiful retirement village near Greenboro, NC. A home is now being constructed for us in the River Landing community. Our son Jack and

daughter Laurie both live nearby.

**Bob Bloxom '64**

I was recently presented with Life Membership in North Carolina chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators. I served as President of the 800 plus membership in 1998. He was instrumental in training for the investigation of arson for the Association for 14 years.

**Virginia Boyd Collings '66**

My husband and I just returned from a Road Scholar trip to South Africa and Zimbabwe, including time on safari seeing a variety of wildlife, a rail trip, and visits to Cape Town, Pretoria, and Victoria Falls. It was an amazing journey filled with new experiences and opportunities to meet people and learn about the economies and politics of this part of the world.

**Ralph Elliott '66**

I was in the class of 1966, however, after my sophomore year I transferred to North Carolina State University. If you would like more information about what he has been doing since then, please take a look at his LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/rdeclemson>.

Ralph Elliott  
864.710.2815

**Jane Macleod Keenan '68**

My husband of nearly fifty years, Terry (an Irish citizen) and I had retired and emigrated to West Cork, Ireland in July 2011. I have managed to maintain friendships with a few other Westover Alums from '68...still trying to lure a few to Sheep's Head Peninsula in the far SW of the island to see our corner of heaven. Our two grown children and their "spice" manage to visit us from their far flung corners at least twice a year. Son Conor and his wonderful Japanese wife, Kai, have left Tokyo after several years, and are settling near NYC to further their careers. Daughter Bryna and her marvellous Indian husband, Maneesh have bought a brick Victorian home in Jersey City after living in UK for five years. Their careers are engaging and we are utterly proud of all four of them.

Any Westover Alum wanting to be in touch with me could:

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Phone: US number 1-215-695-5090...this phone as if calling Philadelphia is Internet-based and do please remember we are five hours later in the day than Eastern Time.

Post (mail): Kealties, Durrus, Bantry, Co. Cork P75 TW08, Ireland

View from our kitchen window:



### **Joseph Robert (Bob) Walker '69**

Bob has written a book that captures his life story, which includes his college years at Lynchburg. From Bob: “I married my best friend, Sally Brumback, after we graduated from Lynchburg in 1969 and she was 5 months pregnant with our first child in mid 1973 when a car accident on Interstate 81 took her life and I share that of course in my book. This has brought back memories as I wrote the book so I intend to try and find some ways to share that love and memory related to the book.” His book will be published by Christian Faith Publishers and available soon.

An additional update from Bob: “I was doing consulting in Florida in Marketing, Management, and Partnerships before my wife passed away last year. I have son, granddaughter, and brand new and first Great Grandson as of January 29 here in Tennessee so I have many blessings. Still have my family and other son in Virginia with more grandchildren.”

### **Jane VanBoskirk '70**

I'll be performing Eleanor Roosevelt in Lynchburg, February 23 at Westminster Canterbury. Then on the 24th, I'll be at the Louisa Arts center, they will be afternoon shows.

You can visit my website at [www.janevanboskirk.com](http://www.janevanboskirk.com)

### **Mike Clayman '72**

Below are several pictures of a get together of me, Allan (Buzzy) Weber, Lydia Romano Brown & Bob Brown in Tybee Island, GA.





Mike Clayman ('72), Allan (Buzzy) Weber ('72), Lydia Romano Brown ('71, '72 MEd), & Bob Brown ('72) enjoying a get together in Tybee Island, GA.

### **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](mailto:alumni@lynchburg.edu) or calling [434.544.8293](tel:434.544.8293).

### **Deceased Alumni**

(Listing includes notifications received by the University as of November 19, 2018 - February 20, 2019)

Marie Lacy Wilbur '39 - 1/30/19  
 Aaron O. (Mac) McCrickard '43 - 1/3/2019  
 Dr. Warwick R. (Rick) West, Jr. '43 - 12/29/2018  
 Douglas Drysdale '45 - 11/27/2018  
 Rev. John H. Knibb, Jr. '48 - 11/24/2018  
 Nancy Harvey Floyd '50 - 11/23/2018  
 Malcolm Burgess '51 - 11/25/2018  
 Wilbert H. (Hank) Norton, Jr. '51 - 1/16/2019

Alfred E. (Al) White '51 - 1/31/2019  
Dr. Frank G. Burns, Jr. '52 - 2/15/2019  
Dr. William J. (Bill) Arthur '53 - 2/8/2019  
Jane Hazelhurst Reeves '56 - 1/26/2019  
William Goode '58, '68 MEd - 11/25/2018  
Sam Mason '58 - 11/21/2018  
Carey Corder '61 - 1/4/2019  
Ken Crank '63 - 11/26/2018  
Frank Deaner '63 - 2/5/2019  
Hugh N. (Nellie) Talley '63 - 12/21/2018  
Richard Miller '66 - 1/27/2019  
Thomas Peters '68 - 1/2/2019  
Braswel David Brandt '70 - 1/17/2019

We extend our condolences to family and friends.

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](mailto:garnett_h@lynchburg.edu).

Until next time,

Heather Ayers Garnett '05 MEd

Director of Alumni Relations

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