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Westover Alumni News - **November 2018**

Message from the Chair

HOMECOMING 2018 was a wonderful time together with a record of almost 2,000 in attendance over the weekend. The campus was in full swing with activities including our 3rd annual Tailgating event! Again, Westover Alumni Advisory Council had 3 tented spaces, serving our famous pulled pork sandwiches, smoked brats, coleslaw and Texas sheet cake. Thank you to all who helped set up, take down, furnished food and served - Emily Brown '02, Rich Buthy '70, Joy Flowers '57, Judy Goding '69, Don Graham '67, Gil Hanke '72 and Sherrill Hanke '74, Jan Sigler '65 and Julius Sigler '62, Sim Stidham, Jane & Scott Yost, Linda Zimmerman '70 and Donald Zimmerman, Patsy Zimmerman '63 and Sherwood Zimmerman '64 and of course Lynchburg Alumni Relations Staff and University Maintenance Staff.



Hoping all will have a happy Thanksgiving and will consider joining us for the Westover Holiday Luncheon at the University of Lynchburg on Thursday, December 6, 2018, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Remember, we depend on each of you to share your news with us in the Westover Newsletter. News will need to be sent to Virginia Boyd Collings '66 at vbc137@aol.com. We love to have pictures with your news!

We are looking for chairs and volunteers to head up the Reunion Committees for LC '54, '59, '64, and '69. If you want to help with your class reunion, please contact the Alumni Office to volunteer.

Looking forward to seeing you soon
Helen Hebb Stidham '66
Westover Alumni Advisory Council Chair

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Upcoming Events

The Office of Alumni Relations is looking forward to the holiday events that will be happening on campus. Below are some upcoming events and we hope you will join us!

Thursday, December 6 at 11 a.m.

Westover Alumni Holiday Luncheon with Concert Choir

West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center

Join President Kenneth R. Garren and Mrs. Sheila J. Garren. Limited event parking will be reserved by the Drysdale Student Center. Carpooling is encouraged. Please bring canned food items to donate to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

\$15 per person. Call the Office of Alumni Relations with payment information or mail a check made payable to the University of Lynchburg. Our mailing address is University of Lynchburg, Alumni Office, 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501-3113.

Acceptances only by **Friday, November 30**

Office of Alumni Relations

434.544.8293

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Friday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas in the Chapel Choral Union and Concert Choir

The University of Lynchburg Choral Union and Concert Choir will present the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah and other holiday selections. Free and open to the public; at Snidow Chapel. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Sunday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

Carols by Candlelight

Holiday lessons and carols presented by University of Lynchburg's music department and spiritual life office at Snidow Chapel.

December 5, 6, and 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Concert by the Wind Symphony and Orchestra

The Wind Symphony and Orchestra presents its popular, annual holiday concert to celebrate the Christmas season with a unique mix of musical styles, readings, and theatrical presentations. ***CORRECTION: All performances will be in Sydnor Performance Hall, Schewel Hall.**

Call 434.544.8344 to reserve free tickets.

December 8 at 12 p.m.; 2:15 p.m
Movie and Holiday Cookie Decorating

Movie, Disney's *Frozen*

12 noon | Historic Academy of Music Theatre

Cookie decorating

2:15 p.m. | Ms. Joy's Absolutely Fabulous Treats

Downtown, Lynchburg, VA

Children 12 and under are the guest of the Alumni Office and must be accompanied by an adult, with a limit of two children per alumnus/alumna.

Adults are \$15 for both events or if you can only join us for one event:

Frozen is \$5 and Ms. Joy's is \$10.

Acceptances only by Dec. 3. Your payment is your reservation.

[Additional details!](#)

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Westover Alumni Weekend 2019

Westover Alumni Weekend 2019 is April 5-7, 2019. We have already started making 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

Bev Jordan '52

I was to finish E.C. Glass High School in June of 1945. After another year and two summer schools later, I finally made it out at close to the bottom of my class in June of 1946. Two of my friends and I decided to join the Marine Corps for a two year hitch. It was an adventure and the G.I bill was in effect until the official end of WWII which was December 1946. At that time, I had no other plans, and I sure could not qualify with my grades or even afford to go to college. Quite early on in the first week of boot camp in the Corps, I learned a very valuable lesson. I for sure, had screwed up in high school with three failures in Latin, two in algebra, among others, as well as barely passing

grades in the subjects that I liked, such as history and literature. I quickly saw the difference in the men with bars and stars on their shoulders and those with a stripe or two on their sleeves. It was then that I vowed to go to college when I was discharged, that is, if I could even get into a college. I promised myself that my future would be like the guys with bars and stars.

After my discharge from active duty in the late spring of 1948, I went over to the admissions office of Lynchburg College, hoping to sign up as a freshman for the fall of 1948. I figured that all summer I could play around, shoot pool, look up some old girl friends and go to Virginia Beach. My plans were torpedoed. I was told that with my high school grades I would have to go to summer school just to see if I was college material...wow, what a let down! To this day I believe that the only reason that admissions allowed me to enter LC was because I was a veteran.

I was assigned two classes to attend. I fail to remember one of the class subjects, but no matter, what counts is the one I remember well. I was to be in the class of freshman English, taught by Laura Jeter Parker. This was truly a turning point in my life. Ms. Parker was the greatest teacher that I had ever encountered. The primary thing that she taught me was how to really study. She made English become one of my favorite subjects. I made a "B" the first semester of summer school and an "A" the second and her reputation was one of the hardest teachers at LC. She saved my future!

I chose economics as my major. Again I had a great teacher, Dr. Bronislaw E. Matecki. Dr. Matecki was Polish and served on Great Britain's Economic board during WWII. He too, was a no non-sense teacher. My schooling was interrupted on July 29, 1950. I was in the Marine Corps reserve and was called into active duty because of the Korean conflict. Fortunately I was not sent to Korea and returned to LC in the fall of 1951. I had even more G.I bill credits toward college now. I did well in economics. I went to classes winter and summer and worked as a sales person in the men's department of J.R. Milner Department store as well, about twenty-five or so hours a week, and I studied like Laura Jeter Parker had taught me to do so well. In addition I got married in December of 1950 while home on leave. My hours were filled! I studied hard....I remembered Parris Island and my promise to myself. With less than twenty scholastic hours needed for my degree in the fall of 1951, I took every economics class that was offered and more on the side that Dr. Matecki gave me. I finished with many more hours than required for my degree and was in the top ten per cent of my economics class. Still, like high school, I finished a year and many summer schools later after I was supposed to graduate, in the spring of 1951. Thank you U.S. Marine Corps, and especially you, Laura Jeter Parker, and thank you Lynchburg College for giving me that opportunity so many years ago.

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Dale Almond '57 and Peggy Miller Almond '61

Dale and Peggy of Shelby, NC will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 26th. They will be joined by their family, three children and spouses, six grandchildren and spouses and two great grand-daughters. Dale and Peggy met while at Lynchburg College.

Thomas A. Tunstall '60

Thomas rode his bicycle in the New Bern, North Carolina Multiple Sclerosis 150 mile tour in September 2018. This was his 28th year riding and raising funds for M.S. research. At age 82, he completed riding 100 miles and raised more than \$3,000. He finished in the Top 100 Club out of 3,000 riders.

Tom, a retired minister of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ, is a 1960 graduate of Lynchburg College. He lives in North Carolina with his wife **Patricia Stokes Tunstall '60**.



Thomas A. Tunstall '60



Nancy Rosser Nadin BA '64, MAT '69

Just wanted to let classmates know that my husband passed away on August 11, 2018.

Dorothy Bundy Turner Potter '64

From September 15 to September 21, Clifton Potter '62 and Dorothy Bundy Turner Potter '64 were part of a tour group which visited numerous World War I battlefields, museums, and monuments in France and Belgium. This tour was organized by the 116th Infantry Regiment Foundation (Virginia National Guard), as part as the hundredth year commemoration of the end of the so-called "War to End all Wars,"

(November 11, 1918). Focusing in particular on American cemeteries and monuments, the Potters, their son Edmund, who was one of the tour leaders, and their grandson Landon, visited the Cloth Hall Museum in Ypres Belgium, Belleau Wood, St. Mihiel, Verdun, the Meuse-Argonne, and other French sites, making particular efforts to locate and mark graves of American soldiers from central Virginia. Other activities included walking through still-extant German trenches which had been built well enough for tourists to invade, a two-night stay at a nineteenth century chateau, and a day in Paris, which included a visit to the monument of the famed Lafayette Escadrille (photo), as well as the tomb of Napoleon I and adjoining museum. There was also still time for shopping.



The Potters, grandson Landon, and son Edmund

Darryl W. Rhodes '64

Darryl and his wife, Jeanie, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on August 8, 2018. They reside at 115 Hickory Lane, Conway, SC 29526. After "retiring" Darryl has worked for the Horry County Council on Aging, delivering food to elderly and disabled people for the last 12 years. Jeanie worked as Executive Assistant at the Myrtle Beach Senior Center, then Manager of the Conway Senior Center, and then as Manager of the Myrtle Beach Senior Center. She now coordinates trips both within the U.S. and Internationally for the Horry County Council on Aging, through the HCCOA travel club.

Dennis Fritts '65

Dennis participates in ceremonies for both Va Sons of the Rev and Va Society War of 1812. He's pictured in the uniform of a Virginia War of 1812 soldier (below). The plaque beside him list all of the War of 1812 buried in the cemetery.



Dennis Fritts '65



Ed Welch '65

The North Carolina State Bar held its Fifty-Year Lawyers Luncheon Oct. 25, 2018, in Raleigh, NC. Among the honorees was Ed Welch '65, who graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1968, and was admitted to the NC Bar that summer. Ed went on to earn his Master of Laws degree from George Washington University in 1979. He practiced law in the U.S. Marine Corps for 29 years, then worked 15 years as a Special Deputy Attorney General for the North Carolina Department of Justice. He retired in 2011. These days, you can usually find Ed on the tennis court!

Virginia Boyd Collings '66

I recently traveled to Lynchburg for Homecoming and to visit our granddaughter who is in her first year at the University of Lynchburg. I enjoyed the Alumni Awards Dinner and saw a few familiar faces. Best of all, I spent time with Dana and watched her ride at the amazing equestrian center at Sweet Briar College. The college seems to be flourishing and it was wonderful to wander around and enjoy it. Back home in the Cleveland area, I continue to practice part-time as a clinical psychologist, primarily working with individuals with disabilities, evaluating and planning appropriate vocational plans. My husband and I love to travel and hike and have done both several times this year, including Buenos Aires and part of Argentina and Barcelona and the Catalan area of Spain.

Sally Phillips Griffith Price '66

University of Lynchburg alumni class of 1966 briefly left their Hampton

Roads/Manasses, VA homes in September 2018 to enjoy a retreat at a country house in Cape Charles on the Eastern Shore. Pictured, left to right, are Trish Walker Mitchell, Martha Garretson Wright, Barbara Yearta Shaal, Carolyn Franklin Dunbar, Mary Christopher Dail, Sally Phillips Price, and Helen Hebb Stidham. These ladies, plus Marti Strite Scull, have been meeting monthly for lunch in Hpt. Rds. for many years since graduation 52 years ago.



Marc Jordan '69

We have joined each other as we have celebrated our 70th birthdays starting with mine and Tucker's in Feb '17. This photo is at Jim Thieringer's 70th at Shelter Island, NY in September, 2018. In the boy's photo, seated L to R, Tucker Withers, Marc Jordan, Jim Thieringer. Standing L to R, Roger Roberts and Rod Pitta. In the group shot we are joined by our wives and a few of our children, many are LC grads, but only my wife Vicki is an LC grad of the wives. (standing above me between Roger and Rod.) JT's wife Cynthia, Roger's wife Jodi, and Rod's wife Beverly, are all adopted LC alums.



Mary Jane Watson '69

Mary has written poetry that has been published. It's a children's book titled *A Pumpkin Story*. If you would like to check it out, it's on Amazon.

L. Richard Martin, Jr. '70

Richard was elected President of the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) during the 195th annual meeting on the association on November 14, 2018. Richard previously served the BGAV as First Vice President.

The Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) is a cooperative missions and ministry organization that consists of over 1,400 autonomous churches in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as churches from Seoul, South Korea, Toronto, Ontario, the District of Columbia, and the states of California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

Richard also serves Virginia Baptist as a director of the Virginia Baptist Children's Home & Family Services Foundation and as a trustee for HopeTree Family Services. He retired from the Virginia Department of Social Services in 2010 as the Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs.

Ron Stepanchick '70

As freshmen in 1966, we were required to wear a coat and tie to the dining hall which happened to be Westover. Micky Ashby was an upperclassman waiter who would check off your assigned number on his sheet to allow you in for the meal.

Micky was so good at his job, after a couple of days he would know your number from memory. I was in the 300's so he had quite a long list.

Once there was a special meal of a large chicken leg and thigh which was so good, Ross Younkin and I ate upstairs and "snuck" downstairs to eat a second meal... it was a bit much and we never did that again.

Westover was old and made entirely of wood... downstairs on an unusually warm day in the fall, termites were falling out of the ceiling onto our trays... raining bugs that day as I remember.

Carol Cini '71

I graduated from Lynchburg in 1971 and recently completed my memoir "The Spy and His CIA Brat" available on Amazon. If you have any questions, let me know via email or phone (703) 798-3798.

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:4345448293).

Deceased Alumni

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

Barbara W. Hall '48 - 9/30/18
Donald E. Lee '48 - 10/17/18
Dr. Norman L. Snidow '49 - 10/27/18
A. Garnett Day '52 - 10/13/18
Rev. E. Nelson Lea '52, '83 MEd - 9/18/18
Carole D. Rennels '53 - 10/2/18
Howard T. Williams, Jr. '54 - 9/18/18
Marian P. Barnard '55 - 10/31/18

Dr. leeNee Yoon '55 - 9/5/18
Robert Abbott '57 - 10/15/18
Harold S. Reams, Jr. '57 - 10/13/18
Hon. Joyce K. Crouch '58, '97 DHL - 10/25/18
Patricia J. Bell '60 - 9/8/18
Ronald G. Phillips '61 - 9/20/18
Rev. Paul W. Carter '62 - 9/10/18
Carolyn H. Close '63 - 11/4/18
William M. McClenny, Jr. '66 - 8/23/18
William Smith '66 - 10/31/18
Glenna T. Lingafelt '68, '78 MEd - 9/17/18
Suzanne T. Gouyer '71 MEd - 8/25/18
Shirley B. McCabe '72 MEd - 11/1/18

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.

As a reminder, the University of Lynchburg and the Office of Alumni Relations will be closed Nov. 21-23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends!

Best wishes,

Heather Ayers Garnett '05 MEd

Director of Alumni Relations

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