



Westover Alumni News - **November 2019**

Message from the Chair

Dear Westover Alumni,

Wow, for those of you who attended Homecoming in October you saw what a record breaking crowd we had and how great the campus looked, especially the new dorm. Now, we need to Save the Date of April 3-5, 2020 for our spring Westover Weekend. Classes in reunion are: '55, '60, '65, and '70. Please volunteer to help get your classmates to attend if you are in one of these classes. We will be sending out more details in all we have planned in the coming months. In the meantime, we need to hear from you with news and photos. The campus is always beautiful in the spring so please join your friends and family to make even more wonderful memories. Hope to hear from you and see you in April. Go Hornets!!

Sincerely,

Marc Jordan '69

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Holiday Reception at the Garrens

This year instead of our Westover luncheon, we have an opportunity to have a reception with President and Mrs. Garren at their home. We hope you are able to come celebrate the holidays with Westover Alumni at the President's home for holiday punch, a glass of wine, and light hors d'oeuvres. The reception will be Tuesday, December 17 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Please let the Alumni Office know if you are able to attend by Dec. 10.

Please consider a \$10 contribution to be used toward a gift from Westover alumni to thank and recognize the Garrens for 19 years of service. You may 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.

Veterans Day 2019

On Veterans Day we honored our Lynchburg alumni U.S. Military Veterans with a special service and lunch. **Colonel Richard "Dick" Moore '63, U.S. Army, Retired** was our guest speaker - thank you, Dick! His remarks were moving and inspirational. He said "I am a veteran, and you probably would expect my speech today to follow the traditional patriotic tone you normally would hear. However — as a soldier and also a far-from-perfect Christian — my message today is a little more complex. We need to take better care of our veterans. We also, as people of faith, have to think long and hard about war. Particularly the kind of voluntary wars our nation currently finds ourselves in."

The University of Lynchburg was also presented a Purple Heart Plaque given by The Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA, Gary Witt, Commander MOPH 1607, Lynchburg, National Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms.



Lynchburg alumni U.S. Military Veterans



Gary Witt, Commander MOPH 1607, Lynchburg, National Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
The Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA and
Dr. Kenneth R. Garren '07, President and Honorary Alumnus



Colonel Richard Moore '63, U.S. Army, Retired

Homecoming 2019 Highlights

Homecoming 2019 was a huge success! Over 2,000 alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, and friends were on campus over the October 18-20 weekend. On Friday, Oct. 18, we presented Alumni Awards to the 2019 recipients, which included two Westover alumni. **Gregory B. Rice '69** received the T. Gibson Hobbs Memorial Award and **Elizabeth "Betsy" Carter Smith '67** received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

We are so thankful for all of our alumni and friends who helped at the Westover Alumni tent and joined the fun festivities at Homecoming. Save the date for next year! Homecoming 2020 is October 16-17.



Homecoming 2019 tailgate at the Westover tent

Westover Alumni Weekend 2020

Westover Alumni Weekend 2020 is April 3-5, 2020. Classes of 1955, 1960, 1965, and 1970 are in reunion - everyone is welcome! We'll have special class dinners, tours, wine tastings, and more. We hope you'll join us! If you are interested in helping to plan this special weekend as a Class Reunion Committee Volunteer, please contact Heather Garnett at garnett_h@lynchburg.edu or call 434.544.8293.

Upcoming Events - open to all alumni and their guests

Richmond Happy Hour

Thursday, November 21, 2019

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sedona Tap House

5312 Wyndham Forest Drive

Glen Allen, VA 23059

Christmas in the Chapel

December 6 and 7, 2019

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

University of Lynchburg | Snidow Chapel

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday, December 8, 2019

7 - 8 p.m.

University of Lynchburg | Snidow Chapel

Wind Symphony & Orchestra Holiday Concert

December 11, 12, and 13, 2019

7:30 - 9 p.m.

University of Lynchburg | Sydnor Performance Hall, Schewel Hall

Westover Holiday Reception at the Garrens - only open to Westover alumni and their guests

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

4 - 5:30 p.m.

The President's Home

3806 Faculty Drive

Lynchburg, VA 24501

Acceptances only by December 10, 2019 by emailing alumni@lynchburg.edu or calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 434.544.8293.

Richmond Happy Hour

Thursday, December 19, 2019

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Jefferson Hotel

101 West Franklin Street

Richmond, VA 23220

Westover Alumni News

Darryl Rhodes '64

Darryl and wife Jeanie traveled to Portugal from October 18 to 28. They were part of a tour group of mostly senior citizens from all over the country. Jeanie works for the Horry Council on aging, and works with collette travel to arrange the trips. They toured the Eastern and Southern parts of Portugal. They has a great time other than being a victim of pickpocket on the next to last day. Should mention that the country is largely crime free, obviously other than pickpockets.

Carol Edwards '65

Carol Edwards '65, Donna Rainwater '65, and Dolly Dawson Tolson '65 take an annual trip to Outer Banks, NC. Picture from their trip this past May is below.



Donna, Carol, and Dolly

Virginia Boyd Collings '66

Virginia recently received the 2019 Greg Hoshek Volunteer Guardian Award from Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in Cleveland. Since 2003, she has served as volunteer guardian for eight individuals without family to make medical decisions and to meet their needs, including personal visits.

Jim Wilson '66

Jim will appear in the TV series, The Walking Dead where he will portray a college professor.

Jim has also shared photos he took at Lynchburg College from 1964 and 1965.



Westover Hall in November 1964



Becky Carter Wilson '68 on campus in 1965



Margorie Weston Pugh '70 on campus in October 1965



Photo is of (left to right) Bob Sinclair '66, Earl Caudill '65, and Bill Neale in the duplexes dorm in November 1964

Nancy McAdams Hofmann '67, Phyllis Cassada Shaw '67, Patricia "Patty" Miller '68, and Patricia Burch Williams '68

These ladies were roommates in Westover. On October 8, 2019, they returned to campus to reminisce and see the replica of Westover in the Alumni Lounge!



Harlan Hall '67 and Kay Harvey Hall '68, '70 MEd - celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

From **Nancy Rosser Nadin '68, '69 MAT**: A surprise 50th wedding anniversary party for Harlan and Kay Hall was celebrated in Burlington, NC where Kay and Harlan live. The surprise party was planned by their two daughters. It was quite a gala affair with buffet, drinks, DJ, and I (as her Maid of Honor 50 years ago) even wrote a poem and toasted them with it. It was about how they met at LC.

At Lynchburg College in '65,
I went up to Harlan Hall,
And told him my roommate, Kay Harvey,
Would like him to give her a call.
"What?!" He said, his eyebrows raised,
"Kay Harvey? You are kidding!!"
His eyes lit up, his smile was bright -
I knew he'd be doing her bidding!
So throughout college THEY were a pair,

We all had so much fun!
In '68 he gave her a ring,
Her heart he'd certainly won!

Kay asked me to be her Maid of Honor
In her nuptials in '69,
I was thrilled, and said, "Yes, of course!"
To my roomie - this best friend of mine.
So the big day came and we're all at Kay's getting ready for the wedding,
All at once I noticed that things were so quiet...
They'd left me alone!
To the church they all were heading!
I had the rings - there'd be no marriage,
If they didn't come back to get me..
I guess someone noticed I WASN'T at church -
'Cause one of the groomsmen showed up -apologetically!
We flew back to church as fast as could be...
The rings were finally there - for the ceremony
And Kay and Harlan lived 50 years – happily
Thanks in some small part to...
Little...old...ME!

Here they were...the Golden Couple!!



Harlan Hall '67 and Kay Harvey Hall '68, '70 MEd on their wedding day



Kay Harvey Hall '68, '70 MEd and Harlan Hall '67
at their surprise 50th wedding anniversary party!



Guests at the surprise wedding anniversary party: (left to right) **Ed Story '67, Brenda Helton Story '67, '76 MEd, Kay Harvey Hall '68, '70 MEd, Nancy Rosser Nadin, '68, '69 MAT, Harlan Hall '67, and Don Graham '67, '76 MEd**



Nancy Bow King '68 and Liz Clements Mims '68



Bo King '68, Kay Harvey Hall '68, '70 MEd and Nancy Bow King '68

Chuck Tooley '68

Lynchburg College theater alumni will gather at Aunt Karen's Farm near Cooperstown, New York the end of August of 2020 to celebrate, laugh and enjoy each other's company.

Theater majors and other LC students who participated in theater productions from the classes of 1965 to 1972 have been gathering every 5 years or so to have fun and remember their dramatic times together on stage at Hopwood Hall.

Aunt Karen's Farm is a beautiful 110-acre venue in upstate New York with comfortable housing, living and dining areas, and gathering spaces. It caters primarily to arts-connected and environmental non-profit organizations which need a venue for retreats and meetings. Individual artists are also welcomed for residencies of several days and longer.

Karen Shafer '68, founder of Aunt Karen's Farm has once again opened the entire campus for the exclusive use of Lynchburg College Theater Alums from the classes of '65 to '72. Since 1993, reunions have been held in Washington and Montana as well as New York. The August 2020 gathering will be the fourth reunion at Aunt Karen's Farm.

Any LC Theater alumni from 1965 to 1972 who are interested in attending please be in touch with Karen Shafer karen@auntkarensfarm.org , Ed Steele edsteele45@gmail.com or Chuck Tooley chuck@chucktooley.com

There is housing for a couple dozen folks on-site and there are many alternative accommodations in the area. It would be great to see you and spend some time musing on our theater days at Lynchburg. Let us hear from you!

A photo from our gathering in 2015 which was held at Aunt Karen's Farm near Cooperstown, New York is below.



LC Theatre Alumni in 2015

Vernon Bell '69, '70 MAT

Vernon and his wife, Cathey, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on October 23rd. They have two children and four grandchildren. Since retiring from Accomack County (Va.) Public Schools (Vernon) and Eastern Shore Radiologists (Cathey), they spend much of their time volunteering at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and Cancer Center and for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" and " Road to Recovery" programs. They have also enjoyed traveling to many parts of the world in recent years.

Betty Timberlake Mennetti '69

From **Carol Edwards '65**: Betty's family was chosen as "family of the year" by the Virginia Special Olympics in June. Betty had a Down's Syndrome daughter who was very active in Special Olympics. Also, her family coached some of the Special Olympic teams as well as supported Special Olympics for many years.

Melanie Biermann '71

Melanie shared a few photos from 85th Running of the Montpelier Races at James Madison's Montpelier in Orange County, VA. There was a nice representation from Lynchburg on Saturday, November 2, 2019.



Susie Vandegrift Copsey '71, Melanie Biermann '71, and Kim Joerdens Vanous '71.

We were all friends, roomies back in the day.



From left to right: **Stewart Coleman '86, Melanie Biermann '71, Susie Vandegrift Copsey '71, Fay Richardson Picardi '60, Kim Joerdens Vanous '71, and Andy Tatom '78**

Joanna Evans '71

Joanna would like to share the news of Beth Massey Fore's (class of 1971) passing. Beth was Joanna's roommate at Lynchburg. [Beth's obituary](#).

Dale A. Morgan '71

Dale married Terry LeGros on May 18, 2019. Dale and Terry graduated from W.T. Woodson High School in 1967, Fairfax, VA, and were reacquainted at their 50th High School Reunion in 2017. They are currently residing in Annandale, VA when they are not at Smith Mountain Lake.

Barbara Gabelman Williams Kerr '75

I have retired after 44 years of teaching in Wicomico County Public Schools, Salisbury, Maryland. I began my career as a first grade teacher, obtained a Masters as a Reading Specialist, and then transitioned to a position as an elementary school Resource Teacher/Special Education. During the last 19 years of my career my role changed to that of a Special Education Program Specialist. In this role, I worked with all 24 schools in our county facilitating educational assessments, helping with the development of IEPs, conducting and modeling IEP meetings, mentoring each year's new special education teachers, and conducting workshops on how to implement various reading intervention strategies through the use of Read Naturally and the Wilson Reading System tools (Foundations, WRS, Just Words). I thank my Lynchburg undergrad elementary educational professors for establishing the strong teaching foundations which gave me the confidence

to be the teacher I became. I have loved my 44 years of teaching...couldn't have asked for a better job!

My eldest daughter, Jennifer, joined the Navy and married a Navy fella. They have two wonderful children. My youngest daughter, Samantha, also married a Navy fella. They also have two amazing children. So now, I'm off to play with these enlightening grandchildren who truly give new meaning to life.

Along with retiring I am now moving from Maryland to Montana. This move provides me the opportunity to spend more time with my sister, who lives in Montana, and to be closer to girls and their families.

Anecdotes from O. Carlton Deale '65

Carlton has written many stories of his time at Lynchburg! To read his anecdotes, click on the titles below.

[Remember](#)

[Open Door](#)

[Pillow Fight](#)

[12th Street](#)

[Decision](#)

[Old Friends](#)

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 August 16, 2019 - November 12, 2019).

Dr. H. Jackson Darst, Jr. '45 - 10/28/2019

Raymond B. Phillips '53 - 11/2/2019

Lou Byrd Bowles '54 - 9/10/2019

Nelly W. Finch '55 - 8/23/2019

Dixie Paisley Tiedeken '55 - 11/9/2019

Ellis Moore Fowler '56 - 8/27/2019

Kay Hudgins Basnight '60 - 8/31/2019

Betty Boone Dovel '62, '81 MEd - 10/16/2019

Patricia Hebb Howell '62 - 9/12/2019

Terry W. Stinson '63 - 9/5/2019
Cuyler R. Dalton, Jr. '68 - 10/20/2019
Elaine Monger Brown '70 - 9/9/2019
Clifford A. Wilson '71 - 10/14/2019

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.

Until next time,

Heather Ayers Garnett '05 MEd

Director of Alumni Relations

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