



Letter from the Editor:

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Lenox School,

What a summer. Wet, hot, hotter, wet, cool, warm. Corn washed away; a second planting did better. So far, we've harvested barrels of lettuce, asparagus, onions, garlic, peas, beans, cukes, acorn squash, okra, peppers (sweet and hot, and hotter), a young ton of herbs, and, finally, tomatoes. Blessed tomatoes + basil + a little salt and pepper = bliss on a plate.

Otherwise, all is well in this corner. I am certain we're all looking forward to the Reunion, coming October 14. Bob Sansone has more to say about that, below.

Co-editor Frank McCoy contributes the following thoughts:

This is the 40th anniversary of the class of 1971, which was the last Lenox School class to graduate. We members of the class of 1970 liked that group of teammates and friends. I trust that those former boys still think of themselves as the fortunate ones because they received a Lenox School for Boys diploma.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

And what lies within LSAA is the connection of a shared experience that has brought great meaning to many lives. We meet once a year to rekindle friendships, recall stories of our Lenox years and share our experience of how the journey is going. That once a year opportunity is upon us!

The Lenox School Reunion

October 14, 15, 16, 2011

The class of 1961 continues to build what looks like an impressive gathering for the upcoming reunion and we hope that all other classes (legacy year or otherwise) will join in for what we believe will be another stellar weekend. **The reunion response form is in the Pen and Scroll as well as on the LSAA website. Join us!**

Need another reason to come to the reunion?

Aside from the memorabilia collection and material assembled at Shakespeare and Company, there really is nothing that informs visitors that the Lenox School existed on these

same grounds for many years ... **until now.**

Thanks to an anonymous donation from one of our alums, the continuing efforts of Randy Harris and the generous permission of Shakespeare and Company, we plan to have an unveiling ceremony for an historical marker commemorating the existence of Lenox School: a bronze plaque to be set in front of Saint Martin's.

Although I listed the following in my Spring message, it is an effort that merits reprising:

"If there's a book you really want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it." Toni Morrison

I know Randy Harris and Ed Ockenden are eager to receive more information for the Lenox Book project: Lenox School Book of History and Memories (not the final Title) whose goal is to provide a source of memories and enjoyment for LSAA members; commemorate the School and those involved with it; and to add to the enduring legacy of the School "as we knew it."

Please send information to: Email to Randy Harris rdassist7@gmail.com with a copy furnished to Ed Ockenden at edock2@verizon.net. Written input to Randy Harris, 410 Cottonwood Drive, Harker Heights, TX 76548. Telephone Input, as necessary, to Randy Harris at (254) 690-6795. See the LSAA website for more on this as well.

Looking forward to seeing you back at school!

Warm Regards,
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Letters to the Editor

June 28, 2011

Dear Mark,

I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Stoughton Bell '42. I believe that Stoughton was the Senior Prefect in '42 and I think he attended Harvard. He was an expert at playing Hearts and practically put himself through college with that ability. From the 1941 yearbook, I was able to ascertain that he lettered in hockey his junior year, was in the Dramatics Club and on the *Pen and Scroll*.

I'm also sorry to hear of the passing of Rev. Ray Ferguson. Both Ray and Larry played hockey on teams I coached. They were both very good players as well as being outstanding Christian gentlemen. Ray was in my dormitory in North Cottage.

Re: The Lenox School Song. I really don't have any hard evidence but I would be willing to bet that Spence Kennard, '37 (I think), a Master for many years, was the one who wrote it. The tune would be that of the hymn [that begins with]

*"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from
distressing; sing praise to his Name, he forgets
not his own."*

I have only vague recollections of Walden Pell's hymn.

Paul Warren '39 and his wife Isobel are on their way to Maine. They live about a mile away and we expect to see them this evening as they are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. Paul was Senior Prefect [and] played football, basketball, and baseball.

I'll send you more information as it turns up. ... We return to Florida on September 30th and it is doubtful that we will make the reunion in October.

Very best wishes,
"Burry"

M. Burrage Warner, Jr. '41: Master (Fall '45 – Spring '53), math teacher, hockey coach, Athletic Director
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In Memoriam

Dear Mark,

Can you please share the death notice for Frank Gabron, Lenox School class of 1948 with your *Pen and Scroll* readers. I can be reached at (703) 625-6969 for any questions.

Sincerely, Andrew Gabron
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H: 703 448-0388
C: 703 625-6969

Frank Gabron, 81, formerly of Carlisle, Massachusetts, died Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in Washington, D.C. of cancer. He is survived by his son, Andrew Gabron; daughter-in-law Katherine Epler Gabron; and three grandchildren, Hailey, Cynthia, and Andrew, of McLean, Virginia. He was predeceased by his wife, Mildred Gabron in 1999, and his sisters, Madeline and Frances Gabron.

Frank served as Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Helix Technology Corporation in Mansfield, MA, positions he held from 1980 until his retirement in 1996. During his tenure, Helix achieved dramatic growth in sales and profitability, highlighted by joint ventures in Europe and Japan, and a successful initial public offering on the NASDAQ Exchange. Helix was the world's leading producer of vacuum equipment used in the production of semiconductors prior to its acquisition by Brooks Automation in 2005.

He also served on the boards of several Massachusetts firms including Technical

Communications Corporation; Aeonics Systems; Dynamic Research Corporation, and Termiflex Corporation of Merrimack, NH; and the Emerson Hospital, Concord MA.

Born in 1930 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to Frank and Mary (Fantini) Gabron, Mr. Gabron grew up in Lenox, graduating from Lenox High School in 1947, and completed a postgraduate year at Lenox School for Boys in 1948. He attended the University of Rhode Island, and was awarded a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1953, and earned an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University in 1955, and was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa at both institutions.

After graduating from Penn State, Mr. Gabron went to work as a senior combustion research engineer at United Technology Corporation. He was responsible for the initial development of the hydrogen-oxygen rocket engine technology used in UTC's highly-successful RL-10 upper-stage rocket engine for a variety of space missions. In 1960, he joined Arthur D. Little, Inc., an international research and consulting firm, where he held several engineering and new venture management positions. In 1969, Gabron received the NASA Achievement Award for his work "developing and producing equipment used in the Apollo 11 space flights." In 1974, Gabron joined the Helix Technology Corp. in Latham, Massachusetts, as group vice president for the company's CTI-Cryogenics and Process Systems divisions. Gabron became president of the corporation in 1980 and was elected chairman of the board in 1981. He held several U.S. patents, and was published in numerous technical publications.

In his retirement, he focused on creating educational opportunities for students in the engineering profession, and 1989, Gabron was named the first Keen Professor for Entrepreneurship in Engineering at Penn State, for which he earned the Penn State Engineering Society Distinguished Service Award. He also endowed five fellowships and sponsored the Dusenberre Distinguished Lecture Series at Penn State's College of Engineering, as well as the

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Gabron Fellowship in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Rhode Island. Following his beloved wife's passing in 1999, he established the Mildred H. Gabron Liver Research Endowed Fund at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Locally, he mentored and supported the education of several local students, and supported the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Penn State College of Engineering, or the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua, New Hampshire. Please send to: PSU Engineering – Dean's Office, 101 Hammond Building, University Park, PA 16802-1400, attention Trish

Long; or Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua, 47 Grand Avenue, Nashua NH 03060, attention Patricia Casey.

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This was published in the Asheville (NC) *Citizen Times*, June 5, 2001, and sent to the Editor accompanied by following note: "July 2, 2011. Many of my husband's fondest memories were those [of the time] he spent at Lenox. Barbara Lawrence"

William Robert "Bob" Lawrence passed away peacefully on June 1, 2011. Born in Quincy, Mass. to William and Bernice Davis Lawrence in 1928, he was a Korean War veteran. He is survived by his college sweetheart, wife Barbara Young Lawrence.

Also surviving are their children, Donna David of Norwalk, Conn. and David Lawrence of Cutchogue, N.Y., along with grandchildren Carolyn Davie Haight, Andrew Davie and Alex Davie. Bob was a graduate of Lenox Preparatory School and Marietta College.

A memorial service will be held on June 5 at 1 p.m. in the chapel of the Solace Center of CarePartners.

Memorials may be made to CarePartners, P.O. Box 5779, Asheville, NC 28813.

The following was the text portion of an e-mail from John Gilman to Bob Sansone

received June 26, 2011:

I really never new the complete history of the school post my graduation in 1964 except that the school had to close circa 1971. In looking over the Lenox Website, I found the white paper outlining the entire history of the school. I was sad to read what happened after I left but otherwise the paper was a fascinating history from closure to the present. I thank those people who put the time into writing this history of the prep school that all of us loved!

John Gilman

On Jun 25, 2011, at 6:52 PM, David Nelson wrote to Mark:

Hello again:

I have just been reading the latest issue of the Pen & scroll and continue to be impressed by the warm memories that the graduates have of their years at Lenox. It is amazing to me that Lenox continues to have reunions some 40 (?) years after it closed its doors. Like the majority of voices from yesteryear, I felt that it was a very memorable experience from washing dishes to not being overly excited about our 15 minute chapel services and to looking back at the whole experience. It was, as the Episcopalians say, a "firm foundation".

I am just one of hundreds who have graduated and have retained good memories of our school. With this in mind (and with all due respect to myself which is hard to subdue) I really think that my suggestion of "Lenox Remembered" really expresses how we all feel about the Black and Gold, The book is not a "history", it's almost a family album.

Keep up the good work and, if all goes well, I will try to join my younger colleagues in celebrating our respective decades (70 for me and my good friend John Coe). Many too many are elsewhere.

Regards,
David

From Howard Suzuki, July 6, 2011:

Howard K. Suzuki (Lenox 1945) has established an endowed scholarship at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine to be awarded to a second year medical student who upon completion of the sophomore year best exemplifies excellence in the practice and art of physical diagnosis and patient interviewing. Dr. Suzuki established the scholarship because of his concerns to renew the art of traditional physical diagnosis and patient interviewing, as many physicians have become too dependent on technology to make their diagnoses. The College was kind enough to name it the "Howard K. Suzuki, Ph.D. University of Arkansas College of Medicine Scholarship".

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From: bayard kellam bskellam@gmail.com
Subject: LSAA
Date: July 11, 2011 1:52:47 PM EDT
To: Randy Harris RDASSIST7@gmail.com,
 Mark Gottsegen mdgottsegen@earthlink.net

Cheers Randy,

I'm Rob (Bayard) Kellam, '64, and I'd like to thank you, first, for your prodigious efforts re the White Papers and, second, to give you a first-hand accounting of some of the areas that seem to be a bit fuzzy.

I was admitted to Lenox as a Lenox School first former in 1958. That school year, 1958-59, I lived in West Cottage (I was told that it had been a duck coop/house). I think there were only 6 of us in that form (not all of us were boarders). I took all of my meals at Lenox, did all of my sports at Lenox, as well as afternoon study hall before chapel which was held in Thayer Hall. I walked up to BCD, that year on Walker Street, to do all of my classes. Don Oaks was BCD's headmaster at the time, and he coached football in the afternoons at Lenox. As Don Oaks went down the hill in the afternoons to coach, several of the Lenox School masters came

up the hill in the mornings to teach at BCD. My/our class was Lenox's last first form.

The next year, 1959-60, my second-form year, the drill was the same excepting that my BCD classes were conducted in Bassett Hall on Kemble Street; chapel was moved to Trinity Church; and I lived on the second floor of St. Martin's which was referred to as WABC, if I remember correctly. That year's second form was, again, Lenox's last second form. From that point on, "business was as usual," my third through sixth forms on the Lenox School campus. My third-form year I lived in the Coop, fourth in the Annex, fifth in Schermerhorn and sixth in both the Senior Wing and in St. Lawrence.

As an aside, my wife, Suzanne, and I had a wonderful lunch with Tim "the Rev" Cogan and his wife in Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, late last summer. Don Oakes, many years later and after having been Headmaster at Miss Hall's School and interim head in other schools, returned to BCD as interim headmaster while my wife, chairman of the board of trustees at BCD and its search committee looked for a permanent head. And, during my 28 years at Berkshire School, an arch rival of Lenox, I "colleagued" with Brooks Butler, Don Rutledge and Don Terwilliger.

Again, thank you for your labors; your piece brought back a flood of memories and some things that I'd forgotten.

With best regards, Rob Kellam '64.

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From Scott Horton, 07/27/11:

Hi, Mark--good to hear from you. Yes, I am Rick's brother, and yes I do want the substance to be included in the August Pen & Scroll, also the part about the aesthetic lesson the Japan trip afforded. For those who went, knowing how I came to have the negatives will also be of interest, so I'd appreciate as much of the email being included as you can. I wrote it with that in mind, not that it would be to you per

se, but the students who went to Japan. By the way, at least two have died (Bill Hungerford and Tom Mitchell). There may be more. Anyway, thanks for the response. I will be interesting to see who contacts me, so including my email address along with my home address is fine with me. Take care. Scott

Begin forwarded message:

From: Scott Horton <scott.horton@maine.edu>

Date: July 26, 2011 5:31:09 PM EDT

To: mdgottsegen@earthlink.net

Subject: some Lenox news

Hi--I read with interest Doug Hardy's letter about Japan. I was there as well and found it to be the most long-lasting and important aesthetic lesson of my life, something I didn't fully grasp until almost 20 years later. My purpose here, however is to let others who went know that I have the negatives of the film (still in the can) that was shot of our trip, including footage on Fuji, the high school where we played softball and some took part in a judo demonstration, the Lenox chapel, and other sites. I acquired the negs from David Wood, who had for quite a while insisted they didn't exist, so when he found them (itself a miracle, considering his clutter), he just mailed them to me. As for the finished positive film stock, I don't know where it is, if it is, even. I remember seeing the positive at least once, probably at school. In any case, it was a chore to get the negative converted to tape, as it had turned color, and only a fluke attempt determined that using a filter would correct for the discoloration.

I have a few half inch VCR tapes still, that probably ought to be converted to DVD at some point (and who knows what else in the future), as well as a master tape that I think is three quarters. I paid a lab to have these things copied in the 70s I recall and actually a few students who went reimbursed me for the copies I sent them (I gave one to Bill Hungerford's widow--it had some of the only images of him his daughter had ever seen), but anyway I'm not

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so concerned about \$ here. Let me know if you are interested. You may contact me at scott.horton@maine.edu, or by mail at 393 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04102. Sayonara onara...

Scott L. Horton, Ed.D.

Hold fast to dreams for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly.

-- Langston Hughes

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Hello, lads!

Randy Harris '68 and I have spent a considerable amount of time over the past several months thinking about and re-writing our Lenox School Alumni Association by-laws. Bob Sansone has also contributed to the effort.

Randy and I will be proposing some modest changes to our by-laws, in part to clarify some things, and in part to give us some guidance as to future activities ... and the eventual dissolution of our Association. These proposed changes will be presented for approval of our membership at our next Annual Meeting, on October 15, 2011.

Our current by-laws were adopted in 2008, and for the most part continue to be pertinent and helpful. None of the changes we're proposing this year are particularly controversial, but they better define current roles, duties, and functions of our officers and directors, and the continuing goals and purpose of the Association itself.

By the time you read this, I suspect we will have posted a copy of the proposed changes, together with an explanation of each change, on our Association website (<http://www.lenoxschool.org/>).

In addition, if any of our members have questions, aren't computer-literate, or simply would like a copy of the proposal sent to them, please feel free to contact me directly.

I look forward to seeing you all at our October 14-16 2011 Reunion, and in adopting

the by-law changes that we will be recommending then.

Best wishes to you all.

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SAVE THE DATES:

Reunion Weekend

October 14, 15, 16, 2011

Lunch will be at 12:30 Saturday, October 15, at The Gateways

Class of 1941, 70th Reunion

Class of 1951, 60th Reunion

Class of 1961, 50th Reunion

Class of 1971, 40th Reunion

Be there, or be square.



2011 LSAA Reunion Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, October 14, 2011

- 12:30PM tee off - LSAA Invitational Golf Classic; Cranwell Resort, Lenox. All players and classes invited. Please arrive early for team assignments at 11:30 AM
- 6:30 – 10:00PM - Informal cocktail party (cash bar) and dinner (on your own) for early arrivals at The Cork & Hearth (Lenox, MA). Class of 1961 will be having a separate dinner this evening elsewhere.

SATURDAY, October 15, 2011

- 9:30 – 11:30 AM - Annual LSAA business meeting: Founder's Theatre (old gym, adjacent to St. Martin's)
- Noon - Luncheon: The Gateways (Lenox), across from Trinity Church (\$15 each)
- 2:00 – 5:00PM - Lenox School memorial plaque unveiling in front of Saint Martins followed by a Campus Tour courtesy of Shakespeare & Co.
- 5:00 PM - Hymn Sing: Trinity Church.
- 6:00PM - Cocktail Reception at The Lenox Club
- 7:00 PM - Dinner at The Lenox Club *followed by* award presentations and comments

SUNDAY, October 16, 2011

Services at Trinity Church

Recommended Hotels:

- **Super 8 Motel**; 170 Housatonic St.; Lee, MA 01238 : [\(413\) 243-0143](tel:4132430143)
\$95 per night plus tax (mention LSAA)
- **Yankee Inn**; 461 Pittsfield Road; Lenox, MA 01240 : [\(413\) 499-3700](tel:4134993700)
\$112.98 which includes tax for the Yankee Inn that includes the LSAA 15% discount (mention LSAA)
- **DAYS INN Lenox**; 194 Pittsfield Road; Lenox, MA : [\(413\) 637-3560](tel:4136373560) (Note – 25 rooms available; Cutoff for rates is 8/31/11; rates good for 10/14 & 10/15); Mention Lenox School Reunion; 1 - 2 people : \$99; 3 people : \$109; 4 people: \$119

While we do not have any other special rates, other alternatives can be checked out at berkshires.org and info@berkshires.org or call the Berkshire Visitors Bureau at [\(413\) 743-4500](tel:4137434500) for complete listings.



**LSAA 2011 Reunion Response Form
Lenox School Reunion Weekend (October 14 -15, 2011)**

Bob: Please count me in for the following: (Place # of people attending in blank):

• **Friday, October 14, 2011 - (# Attending in blank)**

- _____ Lenox School Invitational Golf Classic (Golf's Fifth Major) (Cranwell Resort, please arrive at 11:30 AM to allow Ed to get the teams made up, etc. as they go off at 12:30 PM sharp; **\$50 each** includes cart)
- _____ Friday 6:30 pm The 19th Hole – The Cork & Hearth (**pay as you go**) **Note** - the Class of 1961 is having a separate class dinner elsewhere.

• **Saturday October 15, 2011**

- _____ 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM; **Business Meeting**, Founder's Theatre (Old gym, Campus)
- _____ 12 Noon; **Luncheon: The Gateways, 51 Walker St., Lenox**, across from Trinity Church (**\$15 each, payable in advance**)
- _____ 2:00 – 5:00PM; **Lenox School memorial plaque unveiling**; Tour of Campus, courtesy of Shakespeare & Co.
- _____ 5:00 PM; **Hymn Sing**: Trinity Church. Steven Lowry '66 will be the organist.
- _____ 6:00 PM **Cocktail Reception & Buffet Dinner at The Lenox Club (\$30.00 per person, payable in advance**; includes tax and tip)

➤ **Subtotal from above** A. \$ _____

➤ **LSAA Annual Dues (2011 - 2012)** B. \$25.00

➤ **Donation (tax deductible)** C. \$ _____

• **Total Enclosed** (Payable to "LSAA" = A + B + C): **\$ _____**

Your Name and Class: (Family member names, if attending) _____

Address: _____ E-Mail and

Phone Number: _____

Please return this reservation form with check before October 1, 2011 to:

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or, if you have questions call Bob at:
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