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Letter from the Editor

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Lenox School,

Summer has officially arrived. And I don't mean because June 21st has come and gone – but because the mercury is nudging toward 100 degrees and higher in parts of our country that are normally more comfortable. Despite that, we've enjoyed many cool, clear evenings, perfect for sleeping. Drink plenty of water, stay in the shade, move slowly.

And, not to dwell on it, but our national politics have been every bit as mercurial. Some of us awake every morning curious (maybe fearful) of what bombshell might have erupted the night before. Regardless of which side of the divide each of us stands, we need to remember that we are still one country. As Lenox grads, we all remember "Not to be served, but to serve." Personally, I like to reflect on Jeremy Bentham: "The greatest good for the greatest number." I daresay that Washington would do well to internalize Bentham and especially our Lenox School motto.

Planning for our October reunion is in full swing. Last year was successful and well attended... this year promises to be even better. As usual, the forms and agenda are included in this issue, and Bob Sansone explains all in his letter. I hope you can attend.

Once again, I want to extend an invitation for someone to be an assistant editor to the Pen and Scroll. It is not a difficult or demanding task – but it makes sense that the LSAA have an alternative and back-up to each key management position, including the P&S editor. Any takers?

Wishing you a safe, relaxing, and healthy summer.

Don Foster '63



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The President's Message

"Sometimes you have to lose your way to get back home." Tagline from the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

A perfect segue for asking the classes of '47, '52, '57, '62, and '67 – "O Brothers, Where Art Thou?" The reunion looms large in Oct (13 and 14 Oct) and it's time to get back home to Lenox for your legacy reunion!

"Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result." Winston Churchill. I want to respectfully present the following corollary:

"There is nothing in life that is as exhilarating as going under your first overpass in a new RV without result." R. J. Sansone.

Let me explain – for some years my wife and I have discussed getting an RV and visiting the national parks. Well, that bucket list item came to fruition this May as we traveled from CT to CA and back, hitting as many National Parks as possible on the way.

Seven thousand plus miles later and over 40 days on the road allows one time to reflect on many things. To be honest, it did not dominate my thoughts, but during the rare, quiet times, the prospect of the upcoming reunion surfaced, along with reflections on the stunning attendance we experience and enjoy every year (all for a school that has been closed longer than it was open).

I have heard many descriptions by attendees over the years for this turnout – gratifying, joyful, inexplicable, stunning, improbable, reconnecting, mystifying, spectacular, resolving, closure, tremendous, cleansing, etc. One thing is certain; it has become "the event" in Lenox now for that particular weekend.

"No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude." Alfred North Whitehead.

We owe a great and continuing debt of gratitude to our friends at Shakespeare & Co for allowing us the use of their facilities, as well as allowing us to revisit the campus we called home while at Lenox for our reunions. Can you imagine a reunion anywhere else but on our old campus?

I say this every year but it bears repeating – we could not be more fortunate than to have them as stewards of what was our campus. They welcome us warmly every year, facilitate and participate in our events, and feel a shared connection with us to the grounds we once walked as students. Our history is part of their history.

"It's a thing to see when a boy comes home." John Steinbeck, "The Grapes of Wrath."

The Lenox reunion is like coming home for the boys of Lenox. With that in mind, we try to ensure that the reunion is filled with as many meaningful events for everyone – returning masters, staff, alums, family, and friends of Lenox School.

Every year we end up with an absolutely full house, so please send in your response form as soon as possible so we can arrange the necessary logistics to ensure a great reunion for you.

While the following is covered in more detail in the response form, here is a brief review:

We start with the yearly McGee golf tournament on Friday, which is followed by an informal pay-as-you-go dinner at the Cork and Hearth.

Saturday will commence with the business meeting in the morning, followed by our ceremonial Lenox School flagraising and a luncheon in Tina Packer Playhouse (formerly our old gym). The early afternoon is open for a campus tour and update courtesy of our good friends at Shakespeare & Co.

How could you have a reunion without reprising our shared experience of the hymn sing at Trinity? The answer is you can't. And thus we trod up the hill yet again at 5:00 p.m. (for those of us still able to trod) after 45+, 50+ 55+ ??+ years or so to see how our voices have held up. And yes, we still stomp our feet if Hymn 562 is selected.

The hymn sing is followed by a short cocktail reception at the Lenox Club from 6:00-6:30, which is then followed by a reading of the Lenox School prayer, the missing person ceremony, comments by masters, dinner, announcement of the golf winners, and the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

One of the things that gets asked at nearly every reunion (and frankly has been fairly well answered through the White Paper we have on the website thanks to Randy Harris '68) is how did our school go out of business.

Every time I hear this, I am reminded of a quote attributed to one of the characters in Hemingway's "The Sun Also Rises." When asked how he went bankrupt, he replied, "Two ways – gradually and then suddenly."

There are a number of things that impinged upon the school's closure. While it may be interesting to understand the specifics of the issues involved, rather than dwell on that part of our history, I think we're better served to celebrate the fact that the Lenox School Band of Brothers returns each year (in numbers quite astounding) to honor that school, the selfless masters and staff and what it meant to attend.

My suggestion is that you plan early and get your arrangements made. Come see the incredible memorabilia displays we have in two buildings on the grounds; the historical marker about Lenox School placed near St Martin's and join us for the camaraderie and fellowship that exists every year.

Lenox School Reunion – Oct. 13 and 14 – save the dates!

Bob Sansone, '68

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Treasurer's Report

Our Association accounts, as of mid-summer, consist of the following:

 Savings (Acct.#....9364)
 \$10,224.77

 Checking (Acct.#....7559)
 \$ 932.58

 Special Savings (Acct.#....6570)
 \$ 370.99

Total \$11,528.34

(The Special Savings is the McGee Fund)

We also have \$500 on deposit with the Lenox Club to hold our 2017 Reunion dinner. All bills have been paid, and we don't expect any major expenses (other than the summer/fall edition of the Pen & Scroll) to be incurred before our upcoming Reunion in October (October 13-15).

All of our accounts are at the Community Bank, NA (formerly Merchants Bank) in Northfield, Vermont.

Ed Miller, Bob Sansone, and assistant treasurer Allen Jenkins are authorized signatories.

Questions/comments: (802) 229-0422

Edward A. Miller, Jr. '66, LSAA Treasurer

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: The following email was sent at the end of 2016 and "slipped through the cracks." My apologies for the oversight, especially to Jeannine & Jim Paterson.

Dear Lenox Friends,

2016 has been a very good year.

We have continued medical trips to Tucson; however, instead of 2 or 3 a week, we are now down to 2 or 3 a month or less. We even go to Tucson once in a while just for fun. All of Jim's medical reports are excellent; in fact, the doctor who discovered the cancer has discharged him. It is now over 2 years cancer free.

Jeannine has continued with her work at the jewelry store although she has cut back on the number of hours she is working.

We had a wonderful trip back to New England. If we count the entire immediate family, we can count 40 and we were able to make contact with all of them.

A dog rescue facility has opened in the area, and we are working with it. Jim is taking pictures of all the adoptable dogs. Jeannine has walked dogs.

We continue with church although we have changed churches.

Jim continues with his photography, and glad that he is doing it just as a hobby because it is growing.

Love to all and remember the reason for the season!

Jeannine & Jim (and whatever other names you call us)

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Dear Lenox Friends,

On July 5, 2017 we celebrated my 70th birthday and my mother's 99th and my sister was present. I am Facebook friends with many Lenox people and received many birthday wishes. We had wonderful messages from Nol Putnam and Tim Cogan which my mother certainly enjoyed hearing. She still speaks fondly of the masters and so many Lenox alumni. She wants to say hi to all. I hope I don't catch heck for sending this along. Our best to all this summer.

Dave Curry '65



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A couple of happy guys stayin' out of trouble... Jamie Martin '65 and Dave Curry '65.

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Editor's note: Please see two additional items on pages 12 and 13. They were too large to fit here.

Other News

School Happenings 50 Years Ago According to the P&S – June 3, 1967

This was the traditional graduation edition of the Pen and Scroll published the day before graduation, covering the last month or so of the term, a term which had apparently been marked by extremely wet and unpleasant weather. The schedule for the Class of 1967 graduation weekend was published, highlighting: the Thursday night Sixth Form dinner at the Lenox House; Friday night's athletic awards dinner; Saturday's Sixth Form breakfast, the tug of war and alumni lacrosse game, the evening's glee club concert and school play "Mr. Roberts" both in the gym; and Sunday's corporate communion service at the school chapel, including signing the School Book, the Baccalaureate Service at Trinity Church, a buffet luncheon, and then the graduation ceremony with guest speaker The Right Reverend Neville R. Clarke, Bishop of James Bay, Canada.

The details on eight departing masters were provided: Mr. Khan to the Shadyside Academy in Pittsburgh, PA (math/varsity soccer); Mr. Didier Poulet back to France to teach; Mr. Jan Selkowitz '61 to work as a representative between Paris and New York for an import-export company; Mr. Bruce MacDuffie to the nearby Monument Mountain Regional High School as the regional librarian; Mr. Wayne A. Holsman to study at the Hartford Seminary Foundation; Mr. Donald Terwilliger '48 to the Gould Academy in Bethel, ME

(math/athletic director/varsity football); Donald Rutledge to the new and nearby Winchester School in Sheffield, MA; and taking a leave of absence, Mr. David Blanchard to the Bishop Cotton Boy's School in Bongolore, India to work in the science department. Additionally, athletic trainer Mr. Tom Bosworth departed for Lenox High School.

News and feature articles focused on the following. The details of another successful annual Spring Weekend (May 12-14). [See related article in this edition.] The election of the class of 1968 prefects (May 21), with Larry Wilhem, Senior Prefect; David Nathans, First Prefect; 4 additional elected prefects; and 7 appointed prefects. The choir's last excursion of the year to St. Michael's Church in Worcester, MA (May 21), where they performed the "canticles in a folk setting" and two anthems composed by ex-choirmaster Mr. Demone and present choirmaster Mr. Frederickson. A meeting with the Fifth Form (Monday night, May 22), hosted by Mr. Blanchard, on the following year's proposed "honor pledge" which would require signees to obey all regulations and to adhere to "a code of honor which makes it their personal responsibility that their peers also obey."

Editorials addressed: the merits of granting students an occasional weekend to go home, thus displaying trust in them, encouraging a sense of responsibility, and marking an initial step toward a more liberal and normal school environment; questioning what's wrong with the long hair and mod clothing [e.g. madras pants, shirts and shorts] of the current generation which simply signifies its desire to be different and to express its individuality; and a letter to the editor from Mr. Thomas Sturges commending the administration for finally paving the entrance road to St. Martin's, but lamenting the installation of several excessively high artificial speed bumps that ruin cars that have a low suspension or heavy load. [Remember his blue GTO?]

In athletics a spirited varsity baseball team under Captain Pete Sauter and Coach Terwilliger endured a rough season, constantly battling the weather along with its opponents. After two rainouts, the team went 3-7. Offensive power was provided by John Sumner and Kevin Hunt while the defense featured the pitching of Paul Hartshorn and the stellar play of Sauter at second. Junior varsity baseball under Coach Burger went 4-4, after opening with three losses, with pitcher Gary Case starring and John McNeil and Paul Blatz contributing offensive power. The junior baseball team under Coach Hall went 5-2, a miraculous recovery from the previous year.

Under Captain Frank Pfau and Coach LaPointe, the varsity lacrosse team posted a "highly respectful" record of 10-1, scoring 114 goals for the season with opponents tallying

only 31, losing only to an undefeated Trinity-Pawling team in the next to last game of the season. Attackmen Ken Lord and Mike Terwilliger were the top scorers, followed by midfielders John Collyer and Bob Winston. Pfau, Lord, John Stier and Winston were selected to play in the East-West New England Prep School All-Star game.

The All Club lacrosse team was deemed the best team ever seen at Lenox by Coaches Blanchard and Sturges going 4-2. High scorers were Roger Hoefer and Tom Calhoun, with a strong defense led by Bill Parsons and goalie Fred Nicholaev. The intramural lacrosse club season was won by the 6-0 Iroquois club led by Captain Bill Parsons; followed by the 3-3 Blackfeet team led by Jeremy Giddings and Bill Graesser; and Len Klein's Mohawk squad at 0-6.

The varsity tennis team under Captain Paul Denzel compiled a 4-4 record despite being rained out of the majority of its practices and five matches; while varsity sailing, under consistent winner Captain Chip Whitmore, and Sixth Formers' But-Yang Lo and Bob Gordon, but lacking key contributor Roy Ballantine due to injury, compiled an 0-1-3 record.

~ Randy Harris

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Spring Weekend Brings Sunshine An Article from 50 Years Ago in the P&S – June 3, 1967

Friday, May 12, brought sunshine, high spirits and women to the Lenox School campus. A rare day.

After meeting their hosts and hostesses for the weekend, the girls accompanied their dates to chapel where all thrilled to another episode of Don Camillo. Following this inspiring sermon the couples picnicked (?) in the dining hall where hamburgers and liquid refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Lowry. The high point of the evening was the dance in the Tuck Shop where Joshua Bauman and his band entertained. Candlelight provided a pleasant atmosphere but some decided that at times a little less atmosphere was more desirable. However, Mr. Lowry was always prepared to restore the atmosphere where he found it lacking. The dance was over by 11:00 and by 11:30 all were in their respective dorms and houses.

Saturday promised to be another pleasant day as the sun rose bright and red in the early morning sky. Two days in a row. What miracle was this? The morning was free and the couples occupied themselves with various means and entertainment. In the afternoon the school provided the entertainment with athletic contests in all sports. The female support brought winning results as the teams won

5 out of 7 encounters. Finally the big evening began with a delicious chicken dinner at the Hearthside in town. From there the couples proceeded to the Schermerhorn Ballroom where music was provided by The Royal Order. An extremely pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. But at Lenox good things end at 11:30, at which time everyone escorted his date, in a roundabout way, to her place of lodging and the night concluded with a 12:30 curfew.

After a leisurely breakfast on Sunday morning (with the sun still shining!) all attended their respective church services. A delicious roast beef dinner awaited the hungry churchgoers and all ate heartily. With many sad goodbyes the buses departed for distant parts as the clouds formed on the horizon. The weekend was a success. All wish to extend hearty thanks to all those who made possible this pleasant break in the daily routine.

And Monday it rained.

~ Randy Harris

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Lyrics and Score of Original Lenox School Song Found

You may recall from a previous edition of the Pen and Scroll (May 2011) that we have been seeking details on the lyrics and score of the first school song, 'The Black and the Gold', portions of which had been recalled by The Rev. Whitman '33 in 1999. From references to it we knew that the lyrics were written by The Rev. Walden Pell, a classmate of headmaster Monks at Harvard, who travelled with him to England to study its secondary schools. He was one of the school's original four masters in the fall of 1926, leaving to become the first headmaster at St. Andrew's School in Delaware. The score was composed by Mr. Thomas Moxon, Director of Music and the Glee Club at Lenox, who was educated at the Royal Academy of Music and was also the organist and choirmaster at Trinity Church.

After the 2016 reunion, I was going through a newly uncovered box of Lenox School memorabilia set aside for me by the librarian at the Lenox Library, which contained school publications and Pen and Scrolls from the school's first five years. In it I found a mimeographed copy of the threeverse song that included both the score and lyrics. It was titled 'The Black and the Gold' with 'Moxon' handwritten above the top right corner of the staff and 'Pell 1930' handwritten below the bottom right corner of the staff. The Rev. Whitman's memory proved to be very good as he had remembered the last verse in its entirety, as well as portions of the first verse. As for its melody, I don't read music and so am unable to tell if it's a familiar tune or not.

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'The Black and the Gold'

The crash of the line and the thrust of the backs, And the thud of the foeman down in his tracks, The thunder of cleats on the battle-scarred mold, Sound the attack of the Black and the Gold.

The wintery air sings with the swish of our steel, And the crash of our sticks as we circle and wheel, Descend on the foe like wolves on the fold, Bearing to triumph the Black and the Gold.

And when it is time from this School to depart, We'll remember it still with the Cross at its heart, So let the hills ring with a shout eighty fold, In honor and praise of the Black and the Gold.

It would appear that this first attempt at a school song was created to accompany the school motto, coat of arms/crest and patron saint, Saint Martin, which were all approved by the board of trustees in the fall of 1930. This was just after the school's first graduating class that June, the first year in which the school had all five forms (second through sixth). These original lyrics were assured of a future rewrite by referring to a student body of eighty boys in its third verse. This figure reflects the beginning of the negative impact that the depression had on enrollment starting in 1929. The school began in 1926 with only a second and third form, adding a new second form each year until it had all five forms and graduated its first class in 1930. Apparently, after its first three years it was no longer able to maintain its goal of 18-20 boys per form.

You'll notice that the lyrics of this first song focused on the school's exploits on the football field and on the hockey pond, two of the school's three original sports, and concludes with departing students' reflections on their time at school. It's interesting to note that some of the lyrics recalled by The Rev. Whitman focused on things learned in the classroom, not just on athletic contests, which may indicate a future addition or change to the song to make it more inclusive of the overall Lenox School experience.

.....in classroom and hall,
Dickens and Daudet, Euclid and Paul,
.....things new and old,
Written in Black and remembered in Gold!

The subsequent 'Lenox School Song' that appears in the 1942 and 1943 yearbooks is now sung at each reunion's Hymn Sing. Though it incorporates a few of the elements of the original song, it clearly changes it to a more tradi-

tional 'alma mater' - type song highlighting the traditions, virtues, and benefits of the school experience in lieu of the more fight-song nature of the original version. I still don't know on what occasions these school songs may have routinely been sung.

'Lenox School Song'

Author unknown/melody the old Thanksgiving standard, "We Gather Together." (Circa 1942-1948)

Let mountains around us resound with our chorus, Bound loyal to Lenox, the Black and the Gold:
Our motto of service long ages before us,
Saint Martin with valor was proud to uphold.

From year unto year in unceasing rotation, From boyhood to manhood, days passing so fast Bind fathers with sons in one long generation, 'Til present and future are one with the past.

In hall and field we will strive with high spirit
To honor our School while her fortune we share,
And further with merit the strength we inherit,
To live through the years by the faith we declare.

~ Randy Harris

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Recent Donation to the Memorabilia Collection

Provided below is a description of the memorabilia itemsdonated since the last edition of the Pen and Scroll. Our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks go to Jud Fisher '63. The items will be added to the existing Collection Inventory. Additional items are always welcome.

Jud Fisher '63: his second donation of correspondence to Mr. David H. Wood, purchased on EBay from an estate sale, consisting of 273 pieces from 1974-1986. The correspondence is mostly from family and non-Lenox friends, but includes some letters from Lenox School masters, alumni, and friends that mention school-related matters, including 29 letters from The Rev. Robert L. Curry. Jud removed sensitive personal-in-nature letters and arranged everything in chronological order by sender, with notes on Lenox School-related content annotated on applicable envelopes. His generosity and hard work are greatly appreciated.

~ Randy Harris





'The Black and Gold'

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Trivia Questions

Though Lenox School no longer exists, much memorabilia from it does. This month's trivia questions address that memorabilia and how it was obtained and is displayed.

- 1. At which of the following locations can Lenox School memorabilia currently be viewed?
 - a. Shakespeare & Company (Tina Packer Playhouse (Gymnasium) and Bernstein Theatre (Sports Center).
 - b. Trinity Church.
 - c. Lenox Library (Lenox Library Association).
 - d. LSAA Website (lenoxschool.org).
 - e. All of the above.

- With the exception of the Lenox School Alumni Association (LSAA), who maintains the largest collection of Lenox School memorabilia?
 - a. Lenox Library (Lenox Library Association).
 - b. Lenox Historical Society.
 - c. Berkshire Historical Society.
 - d. Trinity Church.
- 3. Who were responsible for securing the majority of memorabilia from the Lenox School campus once the school and its successor the Bordentown/Lenox School closed?
 - a. The New School at Lenox.
 - b. The Bible Speaks (summer of 1979).
 - Mr. Mark L. Selkowitz '55, Lenox School Trustee.
 - d. Mr. David H. Wood.
- Who was responsible for organizing, researching and assembling the four Lenox School scrapbooks that form the heart of the Lenox School memorabilia collection at the Lenox Library?
 - a. Mr. J. Arthur "Gramps" Howland.
 - Mr. Spencer P. Kennard '34, spouse of the Lenox Library Association Librarian and its bookkeeper.
 - c. Mr. David H. Wood.
 - d. The Rev. Whitman, Rector of Trinity Church.
- 5. Who was responsible for obtaining the memorabilia that became the LSAA memorabilia collection?
 - a. Mark L. Selkowitz '55, Lenox School Trustee.
 - Charlie McGee '71, items obtained from the Lenox Library Association Librarian.
 - Donations from Lenox School alumni, faculty, staff and friends.
 - d. All of the above.

~ Randy Harris

In Memoriam

Thomas Johnson Hubbard '43

Thomas Johnson Hubbard, son of the late William Brewster Hubbard and Martha Hale Hubbard of Cornwall, died on March 20, 2017, in Delray Beach, FL. He was 92.

The youngest of five children, Tom was born at Sharon Hospital on Nov. 20, 1924, and raised initially on the Brewster

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family farm in North Cornwall. His father died, however, before Tom's first birthday, leaving the family to cope amid difficult circumstances. Tom grew up under the eyes of his mother, siblings, and his Uncle Gordon Hale, a captain in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, who provided much love and support to the family. During school months, Tom lived and studied wherever Uncle Gordon happened to be stationed on the East Coast: Portsmouth, Philadelphia, Norfolk, or Parris Island. A fond memory was of once serving as a ball boy for the Army-Navy football game, held in Philadelphia. In the summers, Tom and his mother would return to Cornwall, to live among family and friends.

Tom attended the Lenox (Mass) School; he later recalled the headmaster's announcement at Sunday dinner of the attack on Pearl Harbor. After graduating, he enlisted in the Navy, ultimately serving aboard a troop carrier in the Pacific as a pharmacist's mate.

Following discharge, Tom attended Harvard College, with the financial assistance available to veterans under the G.I. Bill. Graduating in three years with an English degree ("We were all in a hurry"), he and two classmates used their leftover G.I. money to travel and study in France. Upon returning home, Tom enjoyed a brief career as a newspaperman for the Providence Journal before switching to attend Columbia Law School.

New York City remained thereafter the base of Tom's professional life. For more than 50 years he was a practicing trust and estate lawyer, first at the firm of Davis Polk & Wardell and later in partnership with a series of fellow attorneys. He and his wife, Anne, were longtime residents of Bronxville, NY.

Throughout his career, Tom devoted a great deal of time to charitable endeavors. (Indeed, these were as much his career as was the law.) Most notable was his association, beginning in 1975, with the New York Botanical Garden, which continued nearly to the time of his death. For nine of those years he served as the garden's chairman. He was for many years the chairman of the Metropolitan Opera Guild and secretary of the Westminster Kennel Club (silently rooting for the Scotties at the annual dog show). Tom gave of himself freely to countless other organizations and causes. Any matter to do with the well-being of Cornwall was sure to spark his concern.

Tom is survived by his wife of 58 years, Anne (née Attfield); their children John, Daniel, Harriet, and David, all with homes in Cornwall; and grandchildren Kevin, Sarah, Max (McKendry), Emily, Annie, Iris, and Ava. Tom is also survived by eight nieces and nephews, the children of his predeceased siblings William B. Hubbard Jr., Elizabeth Hubbard Lansing, Lydia Hubbard Wolf, and Gordon H. Hubbard.

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Peter William Mason '48

Peter William Mason died peacefully on June 18, 2017, in Manchester, Vermont, with his loyal black Labrador and wife at his side. Peter was a devoted father and grandfather (Grandpere) of ten. Peter was a 37 year resident of Ridgefield, Connecticut and then Rowayton, Connecticut before retiring to Weston, Vermont in 2004.



Peter was born in Hamilton, Ohio. His parents were William Mason, and Elizabeth Hall Mason, both of whom loved to fish which influenced Peter's passion for fly fishing. Peter was five when his family moved to Shaker Heights, Ohio, where Peter often played catch after school with his next-door-neighbor, Bob Feller, the future Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher. In 1938, the Masons moved to Longmeadow, Massachusetts during the great hurricane of 1938. From that experience, Peter gained an avid interest in weather that lasted a lifetime. Peter attended Classical High School in Springfield Mass where he played football. He also ran track because his football coach wanted him to stay in shape. Though football was his sport, he won the Massachusetts High School State Championship in both the 100 and 200 yard sprints. During World War II, he was a volunteer firefighter, an air warden, and annually raised an enormous victory garden. He spent his senior year at the Lenox Episcopal School for Boys in Lenox, Massachusetts which he despised. (Later, when asked if he would rather go back to prep school or Marine Corps Boot Camp, he emphatically chose Parris Island Boot Camp!).

In the fall of 1948, Peter attended Ohio Wesleyan University as a journalism major. There, he enrolled in the United States Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Course, completing Officer Candidate School during the summers following his freshman and sophomore years. He was called to active duty (ironically during an American History class) in January 1950, and landed in the Republic of South Korea five days later. After some fierce fighting (he was in the second wave of the invasion of Seoul), he was ordered back to

the US to attend aviator training at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida. He returned to Korea as a close air support officer in the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing. As a forward air controller, during the infamous "war on the hills," Peter, along with his radioman L.Cpl. Gino Fusillo, and their rifleman Sgt. George Washington Nero, would be dropped behind enemy lines, to call in airstrikes on the target. (It was during this period that Peter developed his enthusiasm for Peter Paul Mounds candy bars, because he could keep them in his fatigue pants pockets where they would just squish when he hit the ground for cover, instead of bruising his legs.). As the war settled into a long, bloody stalemate, Peter earned three Purple Heart Medals and two Bronze Stars. When he bravely had to call an airstrike on his own position because his unit was being overrun, Peter earned a Silver Star for valor in combat. Peter was honored to have the medal pinned on his fatigues by the legendary Marine Corps General Chesty Puller. Among Peter's Marine memories... In February 1953 he was at K-13 airbase in Suwon when Marine Pilot Ted Williams landed his flaming Panther aircraft to the great relief of Peter and his fellow Red Sox fans everywhere. Peter also recalled when he was on leave, he met President Harry Truman who was out walking one morning near the White House (The President often snuck away from his Secret Service for a walk.). The President asked Peter and his friend who were both in uniform to escort him to a nearby doughnut shop, where Peter purchased a chocolate donut for the President who forgot he didn't carry a wallet on his walks.

After his Marine Corps service, Peter met and married Faith Mason, they moved their young family to Marblehead Massachusetts. While there, Peter began his career in publishing, working for McCall's magazine in Boston as New England Sales Manager. In 1966, Peter and Faith moved their family to Somers, NY and eventually Ridgefield, Connecticut where they raised their four children. At McCall's New York headquarters, Peter shared an office with the magazine's fiction editor, Joseph Heller, who frequently asked Peter to edit the magazine's monthly short story, because Joseph was totally absorbed working on his novel (Catch 22).

In a 1968 Peter began working for Meredith Publishing on Better Homes and Gardens Magazine, as New England Sales Manager, managing diverse advertising categories from tourism to china and silver to home building and even ladies lingerie. In 1985, Peter was named Director of the Meredith Travel Marketing Group, and he grew sales from \$800 thousand to \$21.7 million. During that period, Peter served as president of the Travel Industry of America,

whose Board awarded him their highest achievement award. As a travel expert, Peter was regularly quoted in USA Today, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and many travel industry publications. Peter also frequently appeared on the Today Show, Good Morning America, the CNN Morning Show, and the American Public Media radio program Marketplace. Peter was a keynote speaker at 48 major travel industry events. Peter retired from Better Homes in 2004 after a 50 year career in publishing.

Peter later married, Marguerite Kennedy in 1991 and soon after retired to Vermont. Peter was a member of the Wantastiquet Trout Club in Weston, VT and always carried a collapsible fishing rod on his business trips- just in case! Peter wore red socks every day in retirement in allegiance to his baseball team. He also was an ardent fan of the New England Patriots, as a season ticket holder when they were the "Boston Patriots" in their first season in the American Football League

Peter was an avid book reader and traveler with limitless intellectual curiosity and spirit of adventure. He and his wife traveled to England and France annually. It was his France trips that earned him the name Grandpere to his 10 grandchildren. Their trips included visits to WWI and WWII military cemeteries and memorials, to include multiple visits to the Invasion Beaches in Normandy, Point du Hoc, and the Normandy American Cemetery.

In addition to his wife Marguerite, Peter is survived by his four children: Steven William Mason, his fiancé Courtney Grier and Peter's newest grandchild Cooper William (born on March 20, 2017), Steven's daughters Elizabeth and Lauren and their mother Paula Mason, all of Darien, Connecticut, his second son Scott Frederick Mason, Scott's wife Jennifer Mason, and their three daughters, Heather, Tori, and Lindsay and their son David, of Ridgefield Connecticut, Peter's daughter Heidi Mason Black, her husband Peter Black, and their three sons Hunter, Craig, and Charlie Black of Park City Utah, and his youngest son Craig Hall Mason of Chelsea, MA.

Peter asked that any contributions in appreciation of his service to our county be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, whose mission is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational, and other need-based assistance to active-duty and retired Sailors and Marines, their eligible family members, and survivors.

Richard G. "Dick" Stack '58



Richard "Dick" G. Stack, 76, passed away on March 24, 2017 at Wingate at East Longmeadow. He was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts the son of the late James N. and Miriam (Savage) Stack; but was a resident here over 50 years. Dick honorably served in the United States Air Force during the Viet-

nam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post #293, East Longmeadow. He retired as mechanical engineer from the former Package Machinery Company, East Longmeadow.

Dick leaves his wife of 55 years, May E. (Garrett) Stack; a son, and daughter in law, Harley and Kathy Stack of Atlanta, Georgia; a daughter and son in law, Lin and Dennis Greenaway of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania; a sister and brother in law, Eleanore and James Inhelder of Plattsburg, New York; five grandchildren, Shauna Stack, Garrett Stack, Daniel Stack, Kyra Greenaway, Ian Greenaway; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Frank Danforth Baker, Master '55-'59

The Reverend Frank Danforth Baker, a priest in the Episcopal Church and rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in West Roxbury, Massachusetts from 1966-1987, died in Milford, MA, on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 surrounded by family and friends. His wife of 57 years, Barbara Elizabeth (Miller) Baker, died in 2003.

As a priest, minister, and friend, Frank will be remembered for his compassion, religious conviction, integrity, work ethic, candor, generosity, common sense, and wit. As a family man, he will be remembered for his enduring and loving relationship with his wife Barbara and for his nurture, guidance, wisdom and unconditional love for his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many other family members.

Frank was born in Woburn, Massachusetts in 1922, the third of seven boys born to John E. and May (Corlis) Baker. He graduated from Woburn High School in 1940 and Boston University in 1950 (Science with a Teaching Certificate). He also attended Union Theological Seminary. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and again during the Korean Conflict.

During his childhood, Frank and his family experienced the Great Depression and remained well fed thanks to the family's hard work and vegetable garden, orchard, and flock of chickens. An active member of the Congregational Church in North Woburn, MA, Frank first felt a calling to serve God when he was 15, but did not pursue it until later in life.

After military service, he moved with his wife Barbara, and their first two sons to Barre, MA where he was a high school science teacher. In 1954, he joined the faculty of Lenox School for Boys, a prep school affiliated with the Episcopal Church in Lenox, MA. While teaching at Lenox school, he was able to pursue his calling to serve God by studying for the priesthood.

Frank was ordained in 1959 and became a curate at Saint Michael's on the Heights in Worcester, MA. In 1961 he became the rector of St. Luke's Church in Hudson, MA where he helped grow the parish, built new class rooms and facilities, established a preschool and served as police chaplain. In 1966, he became rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in West Roxbury, MA, where he led an active congregation and served until his retirement in 1987.

Throughout his ministry, he helped people in need, found people medical and social services and helped strangers in need, even providing them food and shelter in his home. He and his parishioners sponsored refugees from Cuba and Vietnam who became life-long friends.

During their retirement in Waterville, Maine, Frank and Barbara were active participants in St. Marks Church. Frank came out of retirement to serve as a visiting priest at mission churches in Brownville Junction and Milo, Maine for 8 years.

He also served on the board of directors for the Hinkley School in Maine for 8 years and as director of the Water-ville Food Bank for 14 years. Both he and Barbara were active volunteers at Inland Hospital for 16 years. For all of their volunteer work, Barbara and Frank received a special award from the governor of Maine for their exceptional service.

After Barbara died in 2003, Frank moved to Lowell, MA with his daughter, Cindy, where he was an active participant of St. Ann's and St. John's churches. In 2015, he moved to Cornerstone at Milford, MA, where he made new friends and ministered to those who requested it.

Frank is survived by seven children, 18 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren: His children and their families

include Ronald and Anna Baker; Todd and Katharine Baker; Lee and Frank Tyburski; Cynthia Quercia; Peter and Diane Baker; Beth and Paul Washburn; and Melinda Baker and Paul Camardo. He is also survived by his youngest brother, Harold (Skip) Baker and his wife, Jean, of New Hampshire. Frank was the proud brother of Eben C., John H., Frederick S. (his twin), Charles C., and Robert C. Baker, who predeceased him.

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Edward Thomas "Ned" Forrest '59

Edward Thomas "Ned" Forrest, 79, of Pittsfield, died Saturday evening, February 18th at Berkshire Medical Center.

Born in Pittsfield August 7, 1937, the son of George and Mary O'Brien Forrest, he attended Lenox Schools, was a 1955 graduate of Lenox High School and a 1958 graduate of the Lenox School for Boys. Ned attended Springfield



College and later enlisted and served in the US Army from 1961 until his honorable discharge in 1963 spending much of that time stationed at the Schofield Army Barracks in Hawaii.

Following his military service he became employed at the General Electric Co. Power Transformer Division and later GE Plastics as a Chemical Technician, retiring in 1993. Prior to his military service he was assistant basketball and baseball coach at Lenox School where he also assisted in coaching varsity football and JV soccer, and was Athletic Director at Berkshire Country Day School. Before working at GE he was employed for a year at Pratt and Whitney as a shift supervisor.

A former high school basketball and baseball player and lifelong sports enthusiast, he was a fan of the Boston Red Sox, Celtics, Bruins, and New England Patriots, enjoyed collecting sports memorabilia, and spending time with his family and friends.

Ned and his wife, the former Marsha Chelstowski of Pittsfield, were married in Holy Family Church June 22, 1968.

Besides his wife of Pittsfield he is survived by his sister Karen E. Kelly of Lee; sister-in-law Jo-Anne Chelstowski; nephews and nieces including Mark, Kevin, and Keith Kelly, Kim Walker, Lisa Kane, Sharon Keenan, and Tari Kelly; and several grand nieces and nephews and close friends.

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Jim Hunt, Master '68-'69

Revered Upvalley athlete, coach Jim Hunt dies at 72

Jim Hunt, a legendary St. Helena athlete and Calistoga football coach, passed away Tuesday morning, his family confirmed. He was 72.

Hunt, a 1962 graduate of St. Helena High School, was revered in the Upvalley community as a decorated football, basketball and baseball player. He went on to play defensive back and quarterback at UC Berkeley.

Hunt was a dedicated schoolteacher and coach. He taught at Lenox School for Boys in Massachusetts before returning to the Napa Valley. He taught at Justin-Siena in 1976-77 before taking a position as a history teacher and football coach in Calistoga. After his time in Calistoga, he held the same position at Rancho Cotate High School in Rohnert Park.



Hunt earned the adoration and respect of the Calistoga community as the Wildcats' football coach from 1978-84.

Hunt won a North Coast Section title in 1978 and also led the legendary "Dirty Dozen" team in 1984 that embodied all of the romantic elements of football when it came to toughness and relentlessness.

In retirement, Hunt was the driving force behind bringing an athletic hall of fame to St. Helena High. As the HOF committee chairman, he unveiled the first class in 2013.

His feats as a prep athlete earned him a spot inside the HOF the next year. The 2014 class included his teammate Ray Myers and coach George Davis, among others.

Hunt was a dedicated researcher and St. Helena sports historian, and began contributing to the St. Helena Star in January 2016. His bi-monthly series "On This Date Plus" looked at notable games in St. Helena history and featured profiles of teams, athletes and signature moments from the annals of the school's longstanding tradition of athletic success.

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April 27, 2017

Lenox School Alumni Mr. Robert Sansone, President 69 Mount Sumner Dr Bolton, CT 06043

Dear Robert,

On behalf of the Berkshire Country Day School community, thank you for your generous gift of $$2,000.00^*$ dated 4/30/2017 for the G. James Fawcett Award.

Your generosity to Berkshire Country Day School is inspirational, particularly in how you have chosen to direct your gifts. You have invested in our students by supporting their continuing education after BCD.

The Lenox School Alumni have made a difference to our school. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joanne DelCarpine

Development Office Coordinator

*No goods or services were received in exchange for this charitable gift.

Berkshire Country Day School is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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start to life. Shis off to Miss Hawis! Thanks again,

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Service for David Southworth

Lenox School was well represented at Brookwood School in Manchester, MA for David Southworth's memorial service. The crew from Lenox was met by Toby Seamans '65 and his wife at Brookwood. Included were David Blanchard (Fac and headmaster), David Lowry (Fac), David Nathans '68, Mark Sinkinson '68, and John Schneiter '68. We found a community that became a home for Mr. Southworth from 1973 until his death last year. One of the pictures included shows a tree that was planted this week in memory of David with a plaque in front of it as a memorial to David and what he meant to the school. David Blanchard and Toby Seamans both gave eulogies from the Lenox perspective. One of his students (now an adult) from the class of '86 spoke about how much David had meant to him. He told a story about having to go to Mr. Southworth as a result of a behavior issue and how scared he was. He also said that David was very precise with a piece of chalk when thrown at a misbehaving student. The Assistant headmaster who worked with David for many years also talked about how much of a mentor he was to her. It became clear that David continued and maintained the style, humor and grace that we all knew when he went to Brookwood in 1973.

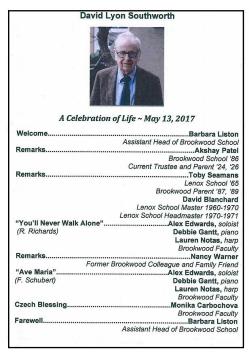
Nancy Warner, a former colleague and family friend of David made sure that David was fine. She had some great stories about David. On the last day of his life, she took him to his bank. It was on a corner. Opposite the bank was the Cappys liquor store. David looked at them and remarked to her. "look at that... side by side and both with liquid assets." So to the end his humor and intellect was something to be appreciated. A member of the faculty closed with a Czech Blessing. She was from Czechoslovakia and she said David loved to speak with her in Russian. She regarded him as her Grandfather.

It was great that the Lenox Community let the folks at Brookwood know that David learned his craft at Lenox along with the proper technique to discipline a student with a firm hand but proper support (along with a well thrown stick of chalk).

~ John Schneiter



L to R are Dave Nathans, David Blanchard, John Schneiter, the tree, Stella Mae Seamans, Robert Seamans (grandson), David Lowry, Toby Seamans, Robby Seamans, and Mark Sinkinson.





David Blanchard

2017 LSAA Reunion Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, October 13, 2017

- 1:00 p.m. Tee Off LSAA's "Charlie McGee Memorial Golf Tournament"; Cranwell Resort, Lenox. All players and classes invited. Please arrive early for team assignments and registration at 12 noon. Payment for golf is to be provided at course (\$45 each).
- **5:30-10:00 p.m.** Informal Cocktail Party (cash bar) and dinner (on your own) for early arrivals at The Cork & Hearth (Lenox, MA).

SATURDAY, October 14, 2017

- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Annual LSAA Business Meeting: Tina Packer Playhouse (our old gym) adjacent to St. Martin's.
- 11:45 a.m. Flag Raising Ceremony at the flag poles in front of St. Martin's.
- **Noon** Luncheon: Tina Packer Playhouse (our old gym) \$15 each, payable in advance (Masters, staff, and their families are always our guests).
- 1:15 2:45 p.m. Class Get-Togethers at the old gym.
- 2:45 4:45 p.m. Campus Tour, courtesy of Shakespeare & Co.
- 5:00 5:45 p.m. Hymn Sing: Trinity Church.
- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception at The Lenox Club (pay as you go).
- **6:30 9:00 p.m.** Lenox School prayer, missing person ceremony, comments by Masters and Dinner at The Lenox Club (\$35 each, payable in advance). This will be followed by the golf tournament awards presentation, the HOF induction ceremony, and final comments.

Lodging Accommodations

These lodging options for LSAA members have been arranged:

1. Super 8 Motel 170 Housatonic St., Lee, MA (413) 243-0143

Group rate: \$95/day plus tax

Cut off: None

2. Days Inn 194 Pittsfield Road, Lenox, MA (413) 637-3560

1 - 2 people: \$89/day plus tax

\$10 more per person, maximum 4 people – Example - 3 people: \$99/day plus tax

4 people: \$109/day plus tax

Cut off: September 15, 2017 (cancellation October 8, 2017)

3. Shakespeare & Co

S&Co has a limited number of rooms available in our former Lawrence Hall, first-come, first-served. Cost is \$45 per night single occupancy or \$75 per night double occupancy (no added room tax, etc.). S&Co will provide linens but guests will need to bring their own towels and toiletries; daily housekeeping in the common areas and bathrooms is provided but not in the rooms. Contact Brittney at comgr@shakespeare. org (or 413-637-1199 x106) for more information or to reserve a room. Labor Day is the deadline for initial requests, with requests after that being honored subject to availability. Payment will be due upon arrival.

BE SURE to book early; these reduced rates are for only a limited number of rooms. First-come, first-served. BE SURE to mention that you are with the Lenox School Alumni Association to receive the reduced group rate. **Note:** "Cut Off Date" is the date past which the special pricing no longer holds.

LSAA 2017 Reunion Response Form Lenox School Reunion Weekend (October 13 - 14, 2017)

Friday, Oct. 13	<u> 3, 2017</u> -	(# attending in the k	ວlank):
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- _____ LSAA's 5th annual "Charlie McGee Memorial Golf Tournament" (Golf's Fifth Major; Cranwell Resort). Please arrive at 12:00 noon to register. Teams will go off no earlier than 1:00 PM. Cost \$45.00 each, pay at the course; includes cart.
- Friday 5:30 pm The 19th Hole The Cork & Hearth (pay as you go).

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 – (# attending in the blanks):

- 9:30 AM 11:30 AM Business Meeting, Tina Packer Playhouse (formerly Founders' Theater, and before that, the Lenox School Gym).
- 11:45 11:55 AM Lenox School Flag Raising Ceremony at the flagpoles in the circle in front of Saint Martin's.
- ______ **12 Noon Luncheon**: Tina Packer Playhouse/formerly Founders' Theater & previous to that, our Old Gym (\$15.00 each, <u>payable in advance</u>).
- 1:15 2:45 PM Class Get-Togethers at the Old Gym after lunch to review their respective histories.
- 2:45 4:45 PM Tour of Campus, courtesy of S&Co (meet in front of Saint Martin's).
- 5:00 5:45 PM Hymn Sing Trinity Church.
- ______ 6:00 6:30 PM Cocktail Reception, followed by Buffet Dinner at The Lenox Club (Starting at 6:30PM) (\$35.00 per person, payable in advance; includes tax and tip. Cash Bar).

•	Subtotal from above	A. \$
•	LSAA Annual Dues (2017-2018)	B. \$ 30
•	Voluntary Donation	C. \$
•	TOTAL ENCLOSED (A + B + C) (Make payable to LSAA)	\$

Please provide your name, class, and names of any guests that you're bringing:

E-Mail and Phone Number:

Please return this reservation form with check before October 1, 2017 to: Bob Sansone ('68)
69 Mount Sumner Drive
Bolton, CT 06043

or, if you have questions, contact Bob at: 860 - 916 - 1467 (cell)

E-Mail: RJSENERGY@GMAIL.com

Trivia Answers from the April-May 2017 Edition

- 1. (b) Daily chapel services at Lenox School were first held in Griswold Hall's main hall.
- 2. (c) The name of the School Chapel located on the ground floor of Thayer Hall and opened on November 11, 1933, was the Chapel of Saint Martin of Tours.
- 3. (d) The Rev. Belliss, Rector of Trinity Church, The Rev. Thayer, Lenox School Co-Founder and President of the Board of Trustees, and The Rev. Monks, Lenox School Headmaster all participated in the blessing of the chapel service on November 11, 1933.
- 4. (a) and (d) [Two right answers] Chapel services moved from the Lenox School Chapel to Trinity Church in 1959 because the size of the student body had grown too large and because the Thayer Hall Chapel had become a fire trap due to grain and hayseed from the former stable above filling its walls.
- 5. (d) After weekday chapel services were moved to Trinity Church, the Chapel in Thayer Hall continued to be used for morning Holy Communion services; select items were relocated to Trinity Church where some still exist today; and it was demolished in the mid-1990s with the rest of Thayer Hall due to the dilapidated condition of the building and because hazardous/toxic material from it was leaching into the surrounding soil.



~ Randy Harris

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