

## ***QUO VADIS PROJECT, WHERE WE'RE AT***

By the *Quo Vadis* Project Working Group

**1. Project Underway.** Since the last Pen and Scroll update, we have done much towards accomplishing the goals of the *Quo Vadis* Project, whose stated purpose is to address the future of the LSAA and how to focus its efforts to best manifest the mission, spirit and motto of Lenox School. The necessary capstone and management documents have been published; a 10-Member Working Group convened; an information gathering and screening phase was begun; feedback was received from the LSAA membership; and reference documents were posted on the LSAA Website.

**2. Capstone Documents Published.** A capstone memorandum identifying the methods for accomplishing associated *Quo Vadis* Project goals has been developed, published and used to create and guide the efforts of the *Quo Vadis* Working Group. A similar "Creating the Memorabilia Display" memorandum was also developed. As part of these two documents, detailed task matrixes were developed to coordinate the efforts of Working Group Members and to manage the entire Project. The information recorded on these matrixes will help in our briefing of the LSAA membership at the 2009 Reunion. All eight documents referenced in the last issue's *Quo Vadis 101* article have been posted on the LSAA Website.

**3. Working Group Convened.** A 10-Member *Quo Vadis* Project Working Group has been convened, consisting of the following alumni: Bob Sansone '68, Chairman; Neil (Dick) Currie '58, Paul Denzel '67, Randy Harris '68, Charlie McGee '70 Hem Merriman '67, David Nathans '68, John Schneider '68, Gil Skidmore '68, and Noel Sodher '57. The Working Group's activities were initiated by disseminating capstone documents to all Members and conducting an initial conference call to ensure that everyone understood the Chairman's intent and the Project methodology, and to assign individual areas of responsibility, based upon each Member's qualifications and desires. The seven areas of assignment and the responsible member/members are provided on the LSAA Website. Subsequent one-on-one calls were made to each Member to ensure that they fully understood their assigned tasks and respective task matrix extract.

**4. Current Activities.** The Working Group is now gathering and screening information. During this phase, Members will look at the 30+ Proposals related to the 7 *Quo Vadis* Project Initiatives, in order to determine which Proposals are feasible to put before the membership for support or that require further investigation, and those that are not feasible and should no longer be considered. The results of this process and analysis will be presented to the LSAA membership at the 2009 Reunion and posted on the LSAA Website. The 30+ Proposals that are currently being investigated are listed under their respective Initiatives on the "*Quo Vadis* Project Current Initiatives and Proposals" document on the LSAA Website. This document is continually updated as new ideas are received and these new ideas are immediately added to the ongoing analysis.

**5. Membership Feedback.** Several excellent new Proposals and offers of assistance have been provided by the LSAA membership, either through the *Quo Vadis* Feedback Survey or by direct correspondence with the LSAA President. We appreciate the time and thoughtful input of those members. We still seek your input and it's not too late to complete the Feedback Survey. A Word.doc version of the Survey has been posted on the LSAA Website to help you in recording your answers directly on the Survey, something that was not possible with the electronic Pen & Scroll version. We will shortly be sending out this Word.doc version to all members who receive the Pen & Scroll electronically. We've also included a new Abbreviated Feedback Form in the August 2009 Pen & Scroll, to make member feedback as simple as possible. It will also be posted on the Website and sent out electronically in a Word.doc version. We hope that with the means we are providing, feedback from a majority of the membership is possible.

### **6. What You Can Do to Assist the *Quo Vadis* Project.**

1.) We ask that you provide your input on the *Quo Vadis* Project, pro or con, either by completing the Feedback Survey, the Abbreviated Feedback Form or corresponding with the LSAA President directly (Bob Sansone, <[rjsenergy@gmail.com](mailto:rjsenergy@gmail.com)>, or mailing it to Bob's attention at 69 Mount Sumner Drive, Bolton, CT 06043, You can also call Bob at (860) 916-1467.)

2.) Stay informed about the *Quo Vadis* Project by periodically reviewing *Quo Vadis*-related documents posted on the LSAA Website and on what Proposals are being considered by reviewing the “*Quo Vadis* Project Current Initiatives and Proposals.” Each new document will have an “effective date” attached so you can tell when an updated version has been posted.

3.) Tell us about any Lenox School Memorabilia that you are willing to donate to the Memorabilia Collection, that’s not part of the current Collection, by reviewing the “Current List of Lenox School Memorabilia” on the Website.

4.) Let us know of any special technical skills that you have and would be willing to lend to the effort, by reviewing the “Unique Required Skills to Support the *Quo Vadis* Project” on the LSAA Website. In the year ahead, we will especially need Members with experience in Grant-writing and Fundraising to begin the search for additional funds to support new projects.