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Letter from the Editor

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Lenox School,

Tempus fugit. And the older we get, the faster that tempus fugit. It seems like yesterday we were anticipating the onset of spring, yet here we are – summer has started (and a hot one!) and the days are regrettably becoming shorter again. July 4th has come and gone, and that usually means the summer is half over.

So much to do, so little tempus.

At this writing, Hurricane Beryl has made landfall from the Gulf to Texas and is expected to drop much rain on the Houston area and then, downgraded from hurricane status, skip across the U.S. as a storm continuing to drop rain. As I've said before, we should remember that hurricanes and tornadoes are essentially heat engines, and they're powered by the excess thermal energy that we now experience from climate change. It will become worse.

In this issue, we explore the status and growth of our admirable Legacy Fund and increased definition to include the new Curry Fund. This new fund intends to focus on promising students who come from prohibitively disadvantaged life circumstances.

Please also enjoy another review of Nol Putnam's life and career and a personal review of Nol's memorial celebration from David Nathans, who attended the event in Virginia.

We are planning the 2024 annual business meeting and reunion at our old campus, as usual, October 18-20. At this time, the plans are to hold our last in-person reunion in 2026, which will be the 100th anniversary of the founding of Lenox School. For that reason, please consider registering and attending a reunion while there's still a chance.

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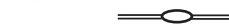
The registration response form is included in this issue along with Ed Miller's research of local motels offering Lenox alumni special rates.

For those interested in golf, Allen Sloane sent a link to an article that reviews "our own" Wyndhurst Golf & Club, formerly Cranwell. See Allen's note in the "letters" section of this issue.

Remember – only a few more years...

Stay well. I wish all a relaxing, rewarding, healthy, and safe summer.

Don Foster '63



The President's Message

"Together again, like we never skipped a beat."

~Unknown

It's Lenox School Reunion time, and the Lenox School Band of Brothers (defying yet again what it means to close a school) will be descending in the Berkshires along with Masters, friends, and family!

While this is an all-class, all-master, all-family and all friends invitation announcement, we note that the classes of 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, and 1969 have their legacy reunion years upcoming. We eagerly look forward to seeing all of you!

We remain extremely grateful in that we will be hosted by our warm friends at Shakespeare & Company, without whose support these reunions would never be as meaning-

ful. Please see the reunion response form in this edition of the P&S for more info.

“The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service.”

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”

~Mohammed Ali

In consonance with the two quotes above, we had our own front-row seat to the essence of service in the emblematic words from The Rev. Curry and Mr. Wood:

- ***There is nothing in this fund drive or anything out beyond it in our projected needs of the future which asks that you and other give us something so we can have it easier... no we are only asking enough help so that we can do more effectively for more boys what we are now doing...***

~Extract from The Rev. Curry’s fund-raising appeal to parents titled “The Case for Lenox School”

- ***“...by admitting “all sorts of conditions of men” an interesting and often exiting community was created, and even today when alumni get together, there is a feeling that Lenox School was as much a cause as a school. Its motto still seems the noblest of them all: “Non ministrari sed ministrare” or “Not to be served, but to serve” ... “But in a very real sense for me, Lenox School never died...”***

~Extract of David Wood’s letter the Berkshire Eagle

Youth typically has one common trait – being self-absorbed. Yet with age, time and maturity, most all have the clear-eyed capacity to belatedly look back and recognize the gifts bestowed upon them, which were often insufficiently recognized and acknowledged at the time of receipt.

It was this way for most of us fortunate to have experienced Lenox School as we reflect back on what it provided to us. With age comes wisdom, and many now recognize the incredible benefit we derived through the durable lessons and examples imparted by that incredible little school and the Masters that devoted themselves to our education. Similarly, we can’t deny the fortunate lessons

imparted in the classroom, in chapel and on the fields by these same men through their selflessness and leading by example.

There exists an almost surreal force (I am drawn back again to the words that Mr. Southworth left us regarding this force, or as he called it a mystique) that eludes explanation in his reminiscences of Lenox School “What Dreams May Come”:

“... I am willing to offer them as a reflection of that Lenox mystique, which eludes specific words but has existed as an experienced entity, and which touched everyone in one way or another.”

I think of this mystique that Mr. Southworth expressed as a recognition of a sort of debt owed, conjoined with belated gratitude, compelling our continuing effort to gather for reunions long after Lenox closed. My sense is we express reverence for that gift received (which some call the Lenox experience) via the reunions, staying connected and by keeping faith with the school’s motto of service. And speaking of service...

Centennial Legacy Fund (The Legacy Fund) The Curry Fund

The Lenox School Alumni Association (LSAA) and its members remain to this day committed to the values instilled in them through the examples and education they received. Lenox School brought boys together from many backgrounds, geographies, and ethnicities to live together, learn together, and understand and respect each other, all in the service to others.

Long before other schools, Lenox School established an outreach effort to provide the Lenox School experience for broadening the educational opportunities for students whose access to independent secondary schools had historically been limited, by directly engaging with organizations such as the United Scholarship Service and A Better Chance, aka ABC.

And herein lies the incredible opportunity for alums and other donors to maintain this motto of service and outreach in perpetuity by way a of sub-fund approved by the LSAA board of Directors within The Legacy Fund: **The Curry Fund.**

The Curry Fund provides a donation avenue consistent with the outreach visions that The Rev. Curry and Mr.

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Wood expressed, and which we all experienced while students.

The Curry Fund creates the ability for donors to direct their donations to designated entities like **A Better Chance (ABC)**. **The Curry Fund** will be managed by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (BTCF) side-by-side with The Legacy Fund for no additional fee; and any distributions from **The Curry Fund** will not diminish the amounts available annually for any other agreed-upon purpose of The Legacy Fund.

"A ship is always safe at shore. But that is not what it is built for."

~Albert Einstein

So, where are we now in terms of the amounts raised toward the overall combined Centennial Legacy Fund goal of \$600K by the 2026 reunion (the 100th anniversary of the schools founding)? Well, in terms of fund raising, our LSAA ship has sailed and we're thankfully a long way from the shore! We are truly blessed by the generosity of alums and others alike as we have a total combined amount (cash and pledges for the Centennial Legacy Fund and the new Curry Fund) is a bit over \$426,000 as of July.

"Remember how far you've come, not just how far you have to go. You are not where you want to be, but neither are you where you used to be."

~Rick Warren

In a marathon, it's the last 1/3 that can be the most challenging to achieve the finish line. Similarly, the last ~30% of our goal might also be challenging. However, I ask that for those contemplating a donation, to look at the mission of the fund we have established and recognize that it propels the lessons, legacy and story of Lenox in perpetuity. Look at the purpose of the new Curry Fund and see if perhaps this donation avenue provides further giving motivation.

The Centennial Legacy Fund (along with the newly created Curry Fund) not only continues the scholarships, grants and donations; but it sustains a website that contains the history of the school, the digitized papers, yearbooks, and memorabilia imagery.

I respectfully ask that each of you reading this to do what you can to help achieve the goal and have the Lenox School story endure.

"The road of life takes us in different directions, but we always find a way back to one another."

It has now been 53 years since Lenox School closed. And yet, here we are, heading back to Lenox School again! So, what else for this reunion? Well, let's see ...there's great food & drink, golf, remembrance service, memorabilia auction, hall of fame inductions, hymn sing, camaraderie and fellowship, meeting and making new friends...

October 18-20, 2024 - Save the Date.

Don't miss this next one; or we'll not only put you on work squad for the rest, we'll have you run (well, maybe walk) the circle as well!

Bob Sansone '68



Treasurer's Report

As of July 2, 2024, our LSAA administrative fund looks like this:

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| Savings | \$8,252.36 |
| Checking | \$2,689.28 |
| Total | \$10,941.64 |

Funds are deposited at the Community Bank in Barre, Vermont. Bob Sansone and I are authorized signatories.

We are typically at a low-point money-wise shortly before Reunion, with our coffers usually replenished with donations and other fund-raising efforts made at Reunion. In addition, we often receive gifts at the end of the tax year. As such, I think our overall cash position is fine for the near term.

Anyone wishing to make a (tax-deductible) contribution to the LSAA administrative fund can do so by sending me a check, payable to LSAA, at:

32 Mansfield Lane
Berlin VT 05641

Thanks to everyone for your past contributions.

Please direct any questions or comments to me at (802)505-4060 or e-mail to edwardmiller1947@gmail.com.

Our federal tax ID# is 04-3081525. You may need this for gifts made directly from mutual funds, banks, or credit union accounts

I look forward to seeing everyone back in Lenox in October. We always have a great time at Reunion!

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

Letters to the Editor

Karen Sawyer writes...

My name is Karen Sawyer, and I am the daughter of Dick and Mary Lou Sawyer. My father taught French, coached football and basketball, etc., at Lenox School from 1953 - 1962. (At ages 94 and 95, they are both doing well, living in Newbury, NH.) Being born at the tail end of 1955, I spent the first 6+ years of my life at Lenox.

I forward you the obituary of my friend, Jones Shannon. He was known as Chip at Lenox (Class of 1961). Jones and I got to know one another at a Thursday zoom morning prayer service with our episcopal church in Maple Glen, PA. One morning, as everyone was chatting at the end of the service, Jones and I stumbled upon the fact that we had overlapped at Lenox. And then the stories began to flow - how my "uncle Ed" was his Mr. Gleason; how Mr. Curry always taught out of the Old Testament, his pranks at Lenox that almost got him tossed out of school, and more.

His sudden death devastated all who knew and loved him. He was a gentle soul with a great sense of humor. All of that shines through in his obituary (*reprinted in the obituaries section*). I thought I would send it and my reflections as well. He will be greatly missed!

Thank you for publishing, the Pen and Scroll. Even though I was very young while at Lenox, I do have great memories of the school. And I always love to hear stories from my father.

All the best,
Karen Sawyer

Pete Bowman writes...

Very nice memoriam about Dr. Richard Lawrence "Pete" Stokes. Our class of 1960 probably wasn't one of Headmaster Curry's favorites, but Pete was truly a standout

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amongst us. He was well-liked, respected, and a good friend. I'm not surprised about his achievements after Lenox. Best wishes to the family he left behind.

On the lighter side I have vivid memory of Pete and I sneaking into the library at Chase Hall (?) where there was the only TV on campus to catch a World Series game. We arrived at supper late in front of all masters and students. This was a major violation at the time but I don't actually remember the outcome. Pete may also be remembered as a hockey defenseman, which was unusual because he was a thin 6'3" and he didn't like basketball. I can still picture him shoveling off the pond.

Tough hearing about his passing, but it brings back nice memories.

Pete Bowman '60

Allen Sloane writes...

And in barely related Lenox news.... **Links Magazine** has an interesting article about our golf course...

#2 on their list is "our" own Wyndhurst Golf & Club in Lenox, formerly known as the Cranwell Golf Club

<https://linksmagazine.com/6-historical-public-golf-courses-across-new-england>

Allen Sloane '67

Other News

Lenox School Reunion Accommodations

Here's the scoop on recommended accommodations for the reunion. In general, booking through a site like **booking.com** (best choice) offers decent prices...as good as we usually receive through time-consuming negotiations with the hotel operators themselves.

Here are price listings for the nights of Friday, October 18, 2024 and Saturday, October 19, 2024. These prices/terms fluctuate somewhat, so checking terms and reserving early is advisable. Many provide free breakfasts. Please note all **prices listed here are for two nights**, tax included.

1. Eastgate Inn/B&B, Lenox: \$457, (413) 637-1963, rating 9.2
2. Howard Johnson's, (Wyndham), Lenox: \$332, (413) 442-4000, rating 7.6
3. The Ponds at Foxhollow, Lenox: \$332, (413) 637-1469, rating 8.6
4. Berkshire Mountain Lodge, Pittsfield: \$463, (413) 997-3537, rating 8.8
5. Central Downtown Inn, Pittsfield: \$313, (413) 629-2100, rating 8.8
6. Quality Inn, Lee: \$472, (413) 243-0143, rating 8.2

~Ed Miller '66



A Few Notes About Golf

1. Friday, October 18th at Wyndhurst Resort, formerly Cranwell.
2. On your reunion response form, please indicate the number playing -- we need this to secure tee times. Please arrive at Sloane's Tavern by 11:30 to have lunch and form teams. First tee time is 1pm.
3. Cost this year is \$50, which includes a cart. Pay at the course.
4. This is the annual Charlie McGee Memorial, which we have played in his memory since 2012.
5. This is a great course and great price. All are welcome, including the ladies.
6. We play a "best ball" scramble, so don't worry if you're not a great player! You'll be playing the best shot hit by your group every time.
7. Questions -- call me at (802) 505-4060

~Ed Miller 66



A tribute to Oliver "Nol" de Montalant Putnam

Katharine L. Putnam Bennett is Nol Putnam's niece. This piece was written by Katharine with contributions from family members.



Photo by Dennis Brack – Nol Putnam at his house in Huntly in 2017, pointing to a mobile by Alexander Calder, whom he knew growing up.

Oliver "Nol" de Montalant Putnam died June 11, 2023 in Charlottesville, having been a long time resident of Huntly in Rappahannock County. He was well known to the public as an awe-inspiring artist blacksmith and highly respected, even revered, in the blacksmithing community as a master craftsman. He was also a teacher at heart, a voracious student of life and the truest of friends.

Nol was born May 12, 1934 on Beacon Hill in Boston, to Augustus Lowell Putnam, Sr., and Anne Lockwood Lackey. From the age of four, he grew up on a subsistence farm with his mother and stepfather in Washington Depot, CT. He attended the local grammar school, the Lenox School for Boys, Lenox, MA through 1951, and completed a PG year at Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Mass., graduating in 1952. He graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, CT in 1959. During three of those undergraduate years, he served in the U.S. Army as a drill instructor in Georgia, Missouri and Germany. He completed graduate work at the Harvard School of Arts & Sciences, Cambridge, Mass., and then at the University of Massachusetts School of Education, Amherst, MA where he earned a Master's degree and almost completed all the necessary work to earn a doctorate.

Nol was always a teacher. In his words: "Been a teacher of one sort or another all my life." He taught the history behind current events to recruits in the Army (along with

operations and repair). Post Trinity College, he taught for 12 years at the Lenox School for Boys where he had been a student, 1959 - 1971. It closed in 1971. The 1971 senior yearbook was dedicated to Nol: "To Nol – to one who knows the meaning of sensitivity, diversity, relevancy, and emotion. It only makes sense to express the attitude and atmosphere in our school through this man, but to express love with words is something we don't claim to know how to do. So, Nol, simply thank you."

While at Lenox, he taught ancient American, Russian, and modern European history, the latter being his favorite. He became the head of the History Department at which point he developed ever more varied and complex courses. He also co-directed the Dramatics Club where he focused on creating and building innovative stage sets with the students. While in the Army, Nol had learned to work with those who were from a radically different background; he was a fierce proponent of inclusion for all. As such, he was passionate about the Native American Studies Program. In his words, he believed in "making the subject matter fit the needs of the kids so they could grow." It became a nationally recognized program, even receiving a grant from the Mellon Foundation. He stayed in touch with a group of these students through regular email dialogues until his death.

After one year of teaching at the Northfield Mount Hermon School, Mount Hermon, MA, Nol listened to his heart and made a sea change. In his words, he "needed a marriage between head, heart, and hands." He cashed in his savings, bought a small farm, and, with his first wife, Marinette "Rusty" Wise, and his daughter Anne, he shied to being, in his words, "a studio artist as a blacksmith and sculptor in iron, steel, copper, and brass." However, after the gift of a set of second hand iron-working tools and an anvil from Rusty, and after his first experience feeling hot iron move beneath his hammer, he was smitten with artistic blacksmithing.

Thus, White Oak Forge was founded.

(Pilfered shamelessly from the Rappahannock News and pressreader.com.)

Nol Putnam's Celebration of Life

Nol Putnam's Celebration of Life service was a wonderfully joyous event. Held in Huntly, VA, Nol's hometown of the past three decades or so, the Celebration was attended by 175 family and friends who gathered to share stories about a master teacher, a master craftsman, and a dear friend.

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I was joined by Phil Westcott '68, a former Lenox classmate and roommate who lives near Washington D.C., in making the beautiful drive to Wakefield Country Day School this past June 8th. At the event we greeted Nol's colleague from Lenox days, Robert Rieffel. I especially enjoyed the hug and a conversation with Anne, Nol's daughter. She remembered so fondly how much fun it was to have dozens of teenage boys reading stories to her as a young girl.



Katharine Bennett and Cate Leger

Nol's niece, Katharine Bennett, conceived and organized this heartfelt tribute. Nol's generous contribution to hundreds of Lenox boys had a significant place in the service. Bruce Clarkin and David Curry, both members of the class of 1965, combined to write a glowing appraisal of Nol's impact while at Lenox and his life-long friendship to so many until his death in June 2023. As Bruce and David were not able to make the trip, it was my distinct honor to present their remarks. Thank you Bruce and David. I

trust I gave a respectable delivery, and you can watch this section (and the entire service) online at: tinyurl.com/nolputnam.

The most memorable part of the Celebration service was the end. Katharine and her cousin, another Nol niece, Cate Leger, delivered dueling quotes and aphorisms from Nol's writings. I conclude by sharing a selection of Nol's words that will resonate with Lenox boys. In each one, you can hear his humor, his wisdom, and, most of all, his love. Nol Putnam's words:

"To move forward is to have faith in yourself, to have conquered your fears once and thus knowing that it may be done again. The act of creation is an act of faith and trust in oneself ... I just need to jump, to trust what I cannot yet see beyond the veil. To find my way yet again inside the labyrinth inside of me."

"Had to go to the dump today, arrived at height of storm and got drenched - washed all my sins away."

"Fascinating watching Jack as he gets older. Deafness seems to have made him stay closer to me. In the house he has his favorite spots, preferably in the basement on the cool tiles. If outside, he finds the coolest spot from which



to watch me - keep an eye on me? When I go to the new place he makes the rounds of the edges of the property, at least one swim in the creek, but never more than five minutes of not visually sighting me. Interesting to watch as we really age together."

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"Reconnecting from those (Lenox) days 60 years later is both a miracle and a testament to love. Cynics might say simply lasting this long. I call it a privilege and an honor. Here we are ... God Bless us everyone."



"As I write today, it is 46 years since I traded chalk in the classroom for iron in the Forge. 46 years since I tried to lead, to shape, to show a way toward life for students. Perhaps the best lesson of all was to strike out into life for myself. 46 years since I walked that Berkshire Hill with a view beyond my vision. I took up my father's stone hammer and taught myself to be a smith, and then an artist, to give in iron, voice to my life."

~ David Nathans



Editor's note: Nol's niece prepared a wonderful video of Nol's Celebration of Life ceremony, which can be viewed at: tinyurl.com/nolputnam. The video includes a wide array of pictures that depict all phases of Nol's life; it includes the man himself, his beloved dog Jack, friends, children students, tools, and his many works of art.

We extracted a few of the many pictures. On the following few pages we present a photographic sampling of Nol.



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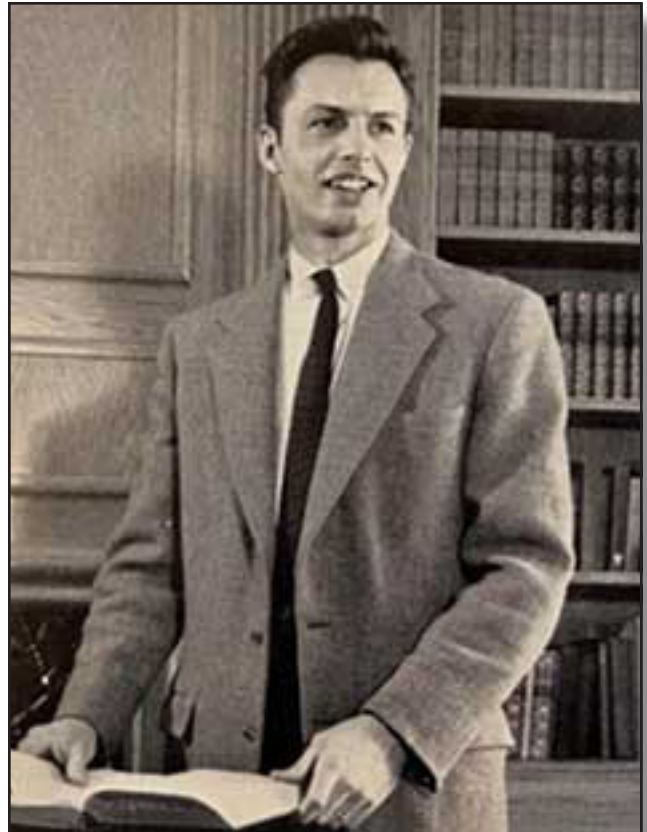
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Reflections on Rome and the American Episcopal Church

Earlier this year, I spent eight-weeks as a Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome, Italy. My proposal was to continue research from graduate school days 50 years ago about a mid-19th century American poet-painter named Thomas Buchanan Read.



Only a few scholarly articles tell the story of Read's expatriate life in Rome. My discovery of ten Italian journals scribed by Caroline Butler Laing, Read's mother-in-law, at the New York Historical Society was a treasure trove. The journals give the daily details of Laing's life while living with Read and her daughter, Hattie, near the Spanish Steps for nearly two years, from fall 1869 to mid-1871.

On Laing's Atlantic crossing, she met and befriended Mrs. Caroline Schermerhorn Astor, the matriarch of a family beginning their European Grand Tour. Indeed, that is the same "Schermerhorn" family name that all Lenox men will remember. Laing also met a young Episcopal minister, Robert Jenkins Nevin, traveling from Philadelphia to his new posting to lead Grace Church, the American Chapel in Rome. In 1869 Grace Church's congregation shared the same building with the English Anglican congregation. Laing's journal entries document that The Reverend Nevin developed a close relationship with the Read women, spending many Sunday evenings at their home for dinner.



D. Nathans in the courtyard of the American Academy in Rome McKim Building

In fact, within a year Nevin had developed a children's Sunday school and asked the Read women to take on the operation. They respectfully declined, but remained close friends and were regular parishioners.

Knowing I would be in Rome for two months, including over Easter, I was eager to find out what had become of Nevin's church. The story is amazing. After Italian unification in September 1870, the

Pope's power and property was limited to what is now Vatican City. Rome was a separate municipality, but the long-reigning Pope Pius IX still had influence. Nevin diplomatically developed his patronage and quickly took advantage of the opportunity for non-Catholics to build houses



St. Paul's Within the Walls Apse with Sir Edward Burne-Jones Mosaics (long view)

of worship within the city walls. The New York Astor and Morgan families, regular seasonal visitors and supportive American Episcopalians, were among Nevin's first and largest donors. The Reverend Nevin purchased land and renamed his church, St. Paul's Within the Walls, and he soon commissioned a leading Italian medieval revival English architect, George Edmund Street, to begin designs in 1872. St. Paul's opened in Spring 1876.



St. Paul's Stained Glass and Murals (back of sanctuary)

seems too large and tall for the building. The story I was told is that an anti-Catholic, or more precisely an anti-Pope Pius IX, female Nevin patron sponsored the extra height so that the Pope would be forced to see it from the Vatican. Second, there is the richly decorated apse. Collaborating closely with the architect, Sir Edward Burne-Jones, the leading English pre-Raphaelite artist, was commissioned to design the mosaics. The central decoration includes Christ in glory with saints, but also included are identifiable contemporary patron parishioners and even some important American historical figures, such as Presidents Lincoln and Grant. The Burne-Jones mosaics are among the greatest Victorian artwork in continental Europe. They are breathtakingly beautiful on a sunny Sunday morning. I enjoyed them every week.

The Reverend Robert Nevin served as Rector of St. Paul's for 37 years until his death in 1906. While living in Italy, he became an avid art collector and connoisseur, and in the late 1890s, Nevin was a frequent visitor at the then newly established American Academy in Rome.

The older and more traveled I am, the smaller and more familiar is this world.

~ David Nathans '68



The Lenox School Centennial Legacy Fund

Our Centennial Legacy Fund campaign honors the School's tradition of service to others and is accepting contributions through Reunions 2026 and the 100th Anniversary of the School's founding.

Specifically, the Legacy Fund Mission Statement reads:

Generating and maintaining in perpetuity financial resources through which students with demonstrated need, who have shown a commitment to service of their schools, communities, family, or country or to the wellbeing of people in other countries, coupled with a record of achievement in academics or athletics, may be recognized. The Lenox Fund allows such students to continue their education or training, irrespective of any financial constraints of their own personal circumstances, in the spirit of service that was the founding principal of the Lenox School.

The Lenox School Legacy Fund intends to follow in the tradition of the LSAA current giving pattern in providing financial support for two-students annually at Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, for Trinity Episcopal Church, and for Shakespeare and Company, both of Lenox. These have been among the LSAA's core beneficiaries for more than 20 years.

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Upon completion in 2026, The Legacy Fund will also support the on-going maintenance of the website containing the history, important documents, and memorabilia of Lenox School.

Introducing the Curry Fund

The Legacy Fund Campaign Planning Committee, after more than a year of discussions and due diligence, presented a recommendation to the LSAA Board on July 20, 2024, to establish a special-purpose fund, called the Curry Fund. The rational and board motion approved unanimously was as follows:

Lenox School brought boys together from many backgrounds, geographies, and ethnicities to live together, learn together, and understand and respect each other, all in service to others, long before other schools understood the importance of doing so. In recognition of this path-breaking mission, I move that the LSAA Board of Directors establish a secondary fund, called the Curry Fund, within the Legacy Fund, to which any future donor may specifically dedicate their gift. The Curry Fund will support national organizations, such as A Better Chance (ABC), that broaden educational opportunities for students whose access to independent secondary schools has historically been limited.

Distributions from the Curry Fund will be used primarily to provide scholarship support to students to attend such schools. Contributions to the Curry Fund will be managed by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (BTCF) side-by-side with the Legacy Fund for no additional fee, and distributions from the Curry Fund will not reduce the amounts available annually for any other agreed-upon purpose of the Legacy Fund.

Already at BTCF is \$10,000 in gifts designated to start the Curry Fund. An additional \$20,000 is pledged. The addition of the Curry Fund to our foundational Legacy Fund has tremendous potential to help us reach or surpass our \$600,000 goal by Reunions 2026.

Reporting on the numbers, as June 30, 2024, more than 43 donors have contributed \$364,116 to our Legacy and Curry Funds at the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (BTCF). Adding this to the \$62,500 in outstanding pledges promised over the next three-plus years gives us a total of \$426,616. We have reached 71% of our \$600,000 goal in gifts and pledges with a little over two years left in the campaign. Please know that an additional single planned bequest (made via will) of \$50,000 is not included in these totals. We are incredibly pleased with the generosity of Lenox School alumni, faculty, family, and friends. In conclu-

sion, the BTCF Legacy and Curry Funds had an appreciated total balance of \$404,955 as of the last quarterly statement on March 31, 2024.

For any questions or additional information about the Curry Fund opportunity, please contact either John Risley '67 (413-531-7755 or jrisley2@comcast.net) or Jeff Smith '70 (917-494-5341 or jeffsmith230@aol.com).

The Centennial Legacy Campaign was launched at reunions in October 2021 and is active and ongoing until Reunions 2026. There is still time to plan, to give, and to pledge. Please consider supporting the mission of Lenox School for generations to come by giving to the Centennial Legacy Fund or Curry Fund.

Ways to Give to the Lenox School Legacy and Curry Funds

Our Legacy Campaign fund manager and administrator is the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Sheffield, MA. BTCF's main number is 413-229-0370. Kara Mikulich (kmikulich@berkshiretaconic.org) or Kelly Sweet (ksweet@berkshiretaconic.org) are very responsive to any questions and helpful to assist in any contribution transactions.

Giving By Check: Please make your check out to "Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation" and write "Lenox School Centennial Legacy Fund" or "Lenox School Curry Fund" on the memo line. Mail the check to: Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 North Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257.

Online Gifts: To make an online gift with a credit card, use the following link: https://berkshiretaconic.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1676

Cash/Stock/IRA Gifts/Bequests and Other Planned Gifts: To wire a gift of cash, appreciated securities, or a required minimum distribution from a retirement account, please contact Kelly Sweet, Community Engagement Officer at BTCF. Kelly is also the person to contact for help with bequests or other planned and deferred gifts. Kelly can be reached directly at 413-717-7036 or at ksweet@berkshiretaconic.org.

Again, many thanks in advance to those who have made gifts or pledges and to the many others who are considering doing so.

~ David Nathans '68,
on behalf of the Legacy Campaign Planning Committee



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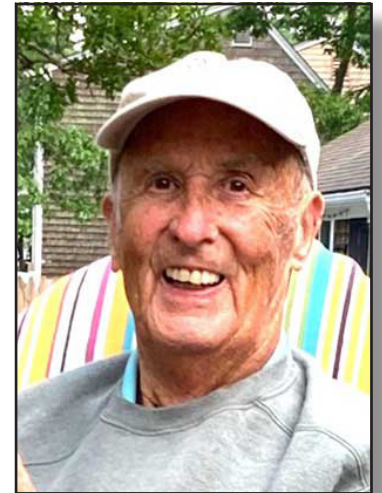
In Memoriam

Bruce Latimer Milne '51

The family of Bruce Latimer Milne is saddened to announce his passing on July 16, 2024 at the age of 91.

Born in Pittsfield, MA, Bruce was the son of the late Raymond C. Milne and Dorothy L. Milne. He was and is survived by his second wife Susan (Bienick) Milne and her son David Belisle and his children, Paul (Keri) Milne, Stephen Mine, Craig (Kelli) Milne, Deirdre (Milne) Citrin, Mark (Cathy) Milne, Bruce (Karin) Milne. Bruce was predeceased by his wife Nancy Milne and brother Raymond C. Milne, and is also survived by his sister Dorothy (Milne) Walchenbach.

Abundantly blessed with twenty one grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren, he was loved by all. We thank you for the legacy you have given us.



Bruce grew up in Pittsfield, and at the age of nine, was enrolled into The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City to study as well as sing in the school choir and Cathedral services. While there, he was awarded "Boy of the Year" for his exemplary grades, attitude, and accomplishments, and his plaque remains on the great wall there today.

Three years later, he returned to Pittsfield and continued his studies at The Lenox School, an Episcopal independent, college-preparatory boarding school for boys in grades nine through twelve in Lenox, Massachusetts. He was a star athlete, playing football, basketball and baseball. Upon graduation, Bruce went on to college at the University of MA Amherst, where he studied Accounting and Marketing, and was a sprinter for the track and field team.

In 1951, Bruce was drafted into the Navy and served on the Navy Destroyer USS Zellers. After fulfilling his duties with the Navy, Bruce returned to UMASS and completed his college degree.

He remained in Pittsfield, married Nancy, and they raised their family of six children. They were active members of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Pittsfield, where Bruce sang with the choir. Bruce was also active in his local chapter of Kiwanis for many years. He was an avid golfer and boater, a strong supporter of his children in their youth leagues and school sports programs and a big Red Sox and Patriots fan!

Bruce concluded a twenty four year career with Blue Cross Blue Shield, contracting in sales and marketing. He enjoyed an early retirement, married Susan, and together they traveled extensively and enjoyed homes on both Cape Cod and in Port Saint Lucie, FL.

A memorial will take place at a later date in Pittsfield, and a burial at the Pittsfield Cemetery where Bruce's parents are laid to rest.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store.



Sidney Douglas Paige '70

Sidney Douglas Paige, 72, of Evanston, IL, known to us all as Doug Paige or as beloved Uncle Doug, passed away on June 19, 2024 of heart failure.

Doug is survived by his siblings Sally Paige Tejan and her husband Walter Tejan, his brother Timothy Paige and his wife Kimberly Paige, his sister Molly Paige Conn and her husband Kyle Conn, and his sister Susan Paige Fader and her husband Mark Fader. He is also survived by four nieces, six nephews, four grand-nieces, and two grand-nephews. Doug was a loving brother and uncle and will be missed by his entire extended family.

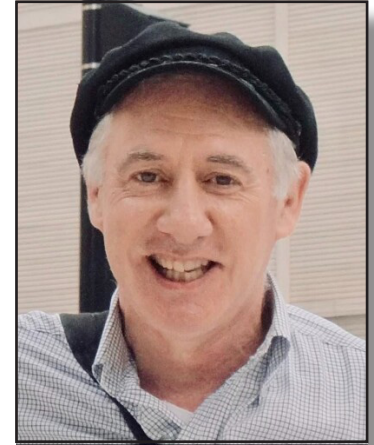
To say that Doug was a music lover is a vast understatement. Music was at Doug's heart. He had extensive musical knowledge and loved music of all kinds. He was a lover of classical music from a very early age. His mother first took him to see the Pittsburgh Symphony at age 5, knowing full well that Doug would sit still in his seat and listen attentively. Over the years Doug attained an encyclopedic knowledge of composers, musicians, compositions and recordings. Doug was sought after by many for his advice on music, especially during the many years he spent working in the classical music section at the flagship Chicago Loop Rose Records store.

Doug was huge fan of Leonard Bernstein, Arturo Toscanini, Serge Koussevitsky, Igor Stravinsky, Ludwig van Beethoven,

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Joseph Haydn, Gustav Mahler, Sir Georg Solti, The Clash, The Rolling Stones, and The Beatles. It's actually hard to imagine a bigger Beatles fan than Doug.

After graduating from the Lenox School in 1970, Doug attended the University of Denver where he received a Bachelors Degree in Mass Communications with a Music minor. He always fondly remembered his time as a disc jockey on the Denver FM radio station KCFR. A longtime resident of Evanston, Doug was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church where he served as an Acolyte. He loved his time with lifelong friends and family in Ashfield, Massachusetts, the Chicago Symphony, the Chicago Cubs, and gazing out at Lake Michigan. He never forgot birthdays, and would always send people music, cards or gifts carefully chosen for them.



Doug was a kind and generous soul who always sought to find the best in people. He will be sorely missed by those who had the pleasure to know him.

Donations in Doug's memory can be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston, IL, St. John's Episcopal Church in Ashfield, Massachusetts, or the Ashfield Community Golf Club in Ashfield, Massachusetts.



Jones Blackwell "Chip" Shannon, Jr. '61

Jones Blackwell Shannon, Jr., a vibrant spirit whose enthusiasm and zest for life left an indelible mark on all who knew him, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 81 on the afternoon of May 2, 2024, at Jefferson Abington Hospital. Jones was a current resident of Green Lane, formerly a resident of Warrington and Ambler, PA. He and his late wife, Eileen P. (Scullin) Shannon, had been married for almost 40 years at the time of her passing in March of 2013. In recent years, he found companionship and love with Karen Cornelius.

Jones was born on July 27, 1942, in Detroit, MI, to the late Jones Blackwell Shannon, Sr. and Virginia (Bloomer) Shannon. He was a graduate of Lenox School in Massachu-

setts, Oberlin College in Ohio where he was a proud and valued member of the soccer and ice hockey teams, and his higher education culminated with a master's degree in history from Brown University in Rhode Island. Jones had a successful career in human resources, working for several prestigious companies before retiring from his final role at Highland Beef Farms in Reston, VA.

Jones's life was a rich and diverse tapestry of adventure, service, and a profound love and appreciation of music and animals. He was an avid sailor, he enjoyed sailing the waters of much of the East Coast. In his seventies, he embraced the thrill of aviation, becoming a licensed glider pilot and Vice President of the Philadelphia Glider Council in Perkasio, PA. His love for live music was reflected in his dedicated volunteer work and his role as an usher at the Sellersville Theater. He cherished his family and was the biggest fan and most spirited cheerleader of his daughter's and granddaughters' activities, orchestra concerts, and countless swim meets and softball games. Jones emulated



the mantras of living in the moment, living life to the absolute fullest, showing and expressing gratitude for his many blessings each and every day, and being kind and compassionate to others.

Jones's legacy of warmth and support lives on through his daughter, Melissa Pitchford, her husband, Jeff, and their daughters,

Keira Rose and Hailey Shannon of Skippack, PA; a sister, Virginia Roberts, wife of the late Bruce Roberts, of Cambridge, MA; a brother, Bill Shannon and his wife, Carol, of Melbourne, FL; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

His generous spirit and vibrant personality will be sorely missed but warmly remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Tom (Thomas Edward) Schaefer '66

Tom (Thomas Edward) Schaefer, 76, of Rockport, passed away on April 11, in Danvers. He was born on Oct. 16, 1947, in Salem.



Tom was a man of many passions, always driven by pursuits that allowed him to form meaningful relationships with others. Throughout his life, he held various career roles, including civil engineer, carpet installer, yoga teacher and positional therapist.

He was a graduate of Lenox School and Tufts University. Tom found solace and community at the First Congregational Church of Rockport and Old North Church in Marblehead.

In his free time, Tom enjoyed walking, photography, hiking, singing and reading.

He is survived by his sons, Nicholas Schaefer and Robert Schaefer, as well as his sisters, Ellen Velline and Carol Judd. Tom was preceded in death by his mother, Louise Schaefer (Baldwin), and father, Hans Frederick Schaefer Jr.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF), Mass Audubon or Artists for Humanity Boston.

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2024 LSAA Reunion Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, October 18, 2024

- **11:30** – “Charlie McGee Memorial Golf Tournament” -- Meet at Sloane’s Tavern, Wyndhurst Golf & Club (formerly Cranwell Resort, Lenox) to register for golf; **1:00 PM. Tee Off** – All players and classes invited. **\$50 each + tax, pay at the course**; includes cart).
- **5:30 PM** – Buffet Dinner and Lenox School Memorabilia Auction at Bernstein Theatre (the former Lenox School Sports Complex) at Shakespeare & Co. (Lenox, MA). **\$20 each payable in advance.** (Masters, staff, and their families are always our guests).

SATURDAY, October 19, 2024

- **9:30 AM – 11:30 AM:** Annual LSAA Business Meeting: Bernstein Theatre Shakespeare & Co.; Presentation of the Wood Scholarship to S&Co
- **NOON:** Luncheon: Bernstein Theatre, **\$17 each, payable in advance** (Masters, staff, and their families are always our guests).
- **2:45 PM – 4:45 PM:** Campus Tour, courtesy of Shakespeare & Co.
- **5:00 PM – 5:45 PM:** Presentation of the Curry/Whitman Donation - Hymn Sing: Trinity Church.
- **6:00 PM:** Cocktail Reception at Bernstein Theatre, Shakespeare & Co.
- **6:30 PM – ~ 9:00 PM:** Buffet Dinner at Bernstein - **\$40 each (payable in advance).** Events include - Lenox School prayer, Missing Person ceremony, comments by Masters, Memorabilia Auction, Golf Tournament awards presentation, LSAA Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and final comments.

SUNDAY, October 20, 2024 – Services at Trinity Church

- **7:45 AM** service of the Holy Eucharist (traditional language, Rite I)
- **10:30 AM** service of the Holy Eucharist

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Friday, October 18, 2024 - (# attending in the blanks):

_____ LSAA's annual "Charlie McGee Memorial Golf Tournament" (Golf's Fifth Major) at Wyndhurst (formerly Cranwell). **Please arrive at 11:30** for lunch at Sloane's Tavern to register. First Tee time - 1:00 PM. **Cost - \$50 each + tax, pay at the course;** includes cart.)

_____ **Friday Dinner Buffet 5:30 PM** Bernstein Theatre at Shakespeare and Co, Lenox (including dessert, soda, wine, and beer) **(\$20 payable in advance)**

Saturday, October 19, 2024 - (# attending in the blanks):

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Business Meeting, Bernstein Theatre
11:45 – 11:55 – Lenox School Flag Raising Ceremony

_____ **12 Noon; Luncheon: Bernstein Theatre - \$17.00 each includes beverages, payable in advance.**

2:45 – 4:45PM; Tour of Campus, courtesy of S&Co.

5:00 PM; Hymn Sing: Trinity Church. Anita Stuart will be the organist.

_____ **6:00 – 6:30 PM Cocktail Reception** (drinks included in meal cost) **followed by Buffet Dinner all at the Bernstein Theatre (\$40.00 per person, payable in advance) followed by Memorabilia Auction**

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| Subtotal from above (Fri night buffet, Sat Luncheon, Sat Dinner) | A. \$ _____ |
| LSAA Annual Dues (2024 - 2025) | B. \$ 30 |
| Donation (tax deductible) | C. \$ _____ |

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

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

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