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Letter from the Editor

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Lenox School,

After what seemed like a long, cold, and wet spring, summer finally arrived and is now alternately cooking and chilling us – at least for us in the northeast. We remain optimistic that the summer will be pleasant and comfortable with no significant bad weather.

That said, we note with sadness and concern the extreme flooding in Texas. As of this writing, the media says that over 130 people, largely children and young adults at various camps, have perished from. News sources cite typical flooding during heavy rains at a few feet, or so. This time, some areas flooded over 20 feet in depth and swept away camps and villages. In addition to the 130-plus deaths, over 90 are still missing. We pray for those communities and hope that none of our loved ones or friends are among them.

While the chatter is about lacking or insufficient warning, the basic issue is that our society is not respecting the effects of climate change. Warmer atmospheric temperatures, even by as little as a half-degree, means the air can hold much more water. That water comes out when the temperature drops even slightly. Moreover, the extra energy in the atmosphere means more turbulence – stronger and meaner storms and higher winds.

The devastating wildfires today in the southwest are yet another example of the drying effects and strong winds caused by higher atmospheric temperatures.

With this August issue, we prepare for our fall reunion. This will be the next-to-last gathering of LSAA members at our former campus. As usual, this issue includes the schedule, agenda, and the all-important response form that you

should complete and send to Bob Sansone with a check. We urge you to consider adding a little extra to cover LSAA administrative costs and a bit more to help our scholarship initiatives, now managed by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (BTCF).

Speaking of BTCF, we just received their quarterly report. In the report, they listed over 25 new funds – one of which is our Curry Fund. Congratulations and thanks to Jeff Smith '70 and John Risley '67 for structuring and pushing this initiative through, ably supported by David Nathans '68 and Dave Curry '61. This is wonderful example of our motto, "...to serve..."

Please put our fall reunion on your calendar and make plans to attend. Steve Ball at Shakespeare is opening Lawrence Hall for those who wish comfortable, safe, and close-by accommodations at budget prices (but you get what you pay for!). See his description with details in this issue.

We wish you a safe, healthy, and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you at our October 18-19 reunion in Lenox. Remember to send in the response form, and please consider adding a little extra to support our scholarships.

Don Foster '63



The President's Message

"Go on till you come to the end; then stop."

— Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland /
Through the Looking-Glass

Well, we're not quite at the end, but we're getting closer! So, we're not going to stop this year, as this reunion marks the 99th year since the founding of Lenox School.

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"Reunited and it feels so good"

— Peaches & Herb



It's Lenox School reunion time, and the Lenox School Band of Brothers (defying yet again what it means when they claim a school is closed) will be celebrating the 99th year of the founding of Lenox school.

And while this is an all-class reunion, it will also be the incredible legacy reunions for the great Lenox School classes of 1950 (75th); 1955 (70th); 1960 (65th); 1965 (60th); and 1970 (55th). I suspect that we'll have a record turnout. We eagerly look forward to seeing all of you!

"The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others."

— Mahatma Gandhi

The enduring lesson for us from Lenox School was that of service. Heck, that was the motto! Thus, perhaps of greatest importance as we mark the 99th year of the founding of Lenox School, is to honor it by supporting the overall Centennial Fund goal drive and the recently added Curry Fund as part of this effort. The overall goal of the fund is to ensure there remains an ability to carry on the Lenox motto of service to others beyond our time.

As of this writing, 48 donors have made gifts or pledges totaling \$442,563 to our two Centennial Funds (Legacy and Curry Funds). **You can see more details in the Centennial Funds Update article in this issue.**

Last year, I wrote about the inspiration for supporting this fund that will allow the Lenox School "sed ministrare" efforts to live on in perpetuity through continued donations and scholarships. David Wood in his comments viewed Lenox School as more of a cause than a school. He was right, and the fund ensures this "cause" lives on

We will do this through our affiliation with the Berkshire Taconic Community Fund, which will manage our fund based on the specific guidelines we have provided to them,

ensuring that the Lenox School scholarships and donations will ultimately carry on.

BTCF will also ensure that the website we established containing the history of the school, the campus, the digitized yearbooks, the memorabilia images, etc. will live on past our time so others might learn the lessons from the flinty determination of Lenox and its selfless and dedicated masters, faculty and families.

These Lenox School examples are ones that current academia can richly benefit from IMO. Your donations will ensure that the legacy, lessons and story of Lenox School (and this "cause" that Mr. Wood mentioned) will prevail. Thus, as we draw closer to the final LSAA sanctioned reunion, I ask that if you are in a position to donate, please do so to help us achieve this goal.

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

— Attributed to Abraham Lincoln

There's nothing better to display the life in our years as to kick off the Lenox reunion with the annual golf tournament and dinner on Friday, October 17!

On Saturday (October 18), we'll start with the annual business meeting, followed by a spectacular luncheon. Did I mention that there will be cake?



Following the luncheon, we'll see if the good folks from S&Co will escort those interested on a campus tour.

This will be followed by the hymn sing at Trinity Church (where undoubtedly someone will request "Onward Christian Soldiers" so the foot stomping can commence).



The highlight for Saturday will be the social gathering and dinner event, where we'll have a reading of the Lenox School Prayer and remember the missing:



We'll also be conducting the Lenox School memorabilia auction during the dinner as we move inexorably to set free the final mementos from our noble school.

Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind.

— Lionel Hampton

Gratitude seems an insufficient word when I recount the friendship, support and warmth that Shakespeare and Company have afforded us each year. Without their support and willingness to open their campus to us, our enduring success as an organization for all of these years would be significantly challenged.

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

— unattributed

It has now been 54 years since Lenox School supposedly closed. And yet, here we are, heading back to Lenox School! See you in October!

**17-18 October 2025 — Save the Date.
Or, we'll resurrect the disciplinary committee.**

Bob Sansone '68



Lenox, Massachusetts 01240

Treasurer's Report

As of July 1, our administrative fund consists of the following:

Checking	\$11,350.92
Savings	252.25
Total	\$11,603.17

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

Thanks to some recent donations, the administrative fund is once again reasonably healthy. With additional funds coming in over Reunion weekend, we should have enough to get us into 2026... our last year as an association.

If you'd like to make a (tax-deductible) contribution to the administrative fund, please send me a check, payable to LSAA, at the address below.

Best wishes to all. Hope to see you at our upcoming reunion in October.

Edward A. Miller, Jr. '66, LSAA Treasurer
32 Mansfield Lane, Berlin, VT 05641
July 1, 2025



Letters to the Editor

Niall Finnegan writes...

It's all about closing doors.

I remember my father telling his story about the last day of the US Cavalry. All the men in the regiment rode their mounts into a big field and formed into a square. The order was given "Regiment dismount" There was no sound except the soft rattle of bits and bridles as the horses stood waiting. Then the order was given, "Regiment Walk Away" Dad said there wasn't a dry eye in the house and that was the end of the Army's mounted cavalry.

When I finished my year as an AAAS congressional fellow, I remember all the fun and excitement working with Senator Ted Kennedy and the legislation I helped write about tuberculosis and the close relationships that I'd formed over

the year with my fellow fellows. On the last day after all the photo ops and luncheons ended, we all looked at each other and realized that it was over, and we were all returning to our regular lives. It was a terrible feeling and a very hard door to close, but it did.

The upcoming last reunion is like our youth ending. I have to laugh while I'm typing this, there is an AD on the side bar advertising men's padded underwear for those with minor leaks. Yeah, buddy we all get there. I like to think some doors close but others open. Several members of the class of '65 still zoom every month and just talk. I am blessed to be one of those men, so life goes on.

Thanks again for all your hard work.

- Niall Finnegan '65

Other News

Editor's note: This article may be interesting to some P&S readers; it concerns the passing of Bob Monks, the son of one of Lenox School's founders. Lenox is mentioned briefly.

Robert Monks, fierce champion of shareholders against what he saw as boardroom failings



Bob Monks: in later years he considered himself a 'RINO', Republican in name only - Gordon Chibroski/Portland Press Herald via Getty Images

Bob Monks, who has died aged 91, was an American pioneer of investor activism and better corporate governance. "The son of a Bostonian preacher, Mr Monks has something of the pulpit about him," began one profile.

After an early career in businesses in which his wealthy family had interests, Monks emerged as a doughty champion of shareholders against what he saw as increasingly self-serving and complacent boardroom behavior, particularly during Wall Street's 1980s boom.

In 1985 he founded Institutional Shareholder Services, which advises funds that own shares in multiple companies how best to exercise their voting power. He also helped create Lens, an activist investment fund, and GMI Ratings, a scrutineer of corporate behavior which claimed to have downgraded BP before the Deepwater Horizon disaster, the insurance giant AIG before the 2008 financial crisis and News Corp before the phone-hacking scandal.

His most celebrated campaign, in 1991, was an attempt to become a director of the underperforming retail and financial conglomerate Sears Roebuck, for which he ran a full-page ad in the Wall Street Journal depicting the existing Sears board as "non-performing assets." Though his candidacy was rejected, many of his proposals for rationalization were adopted, and he was able to declare: "Sears has been changed."

In London, Monks was deputy chairman of Hermes Asset Management, which managed the pension funds of the Post Office and British Telecom and whose chief executive, Alastair Ross Goobey, was a kindred spirit in corporate-governance advocacy. UK companies, Monks observed, generally have the advantage of "stronger, more independent boards."

Robert Augustus Gardner Monks was born on December 4, 1933 to Rev George Gardner Monks and his wife Katharine, née Knowles. Gardner Monks, a "Boston Brahmin" from the city's 19th-century elite, was the founding headmaster of Lenox School, an Episcopal boarding school in Massachusetts, and later a canon of Washington cathedral.

Bob Monks was educated at St Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, and went on to study at Boston University, Harvard and Trinity College, Cambridge; tall and athletic, he rowed at No 6 in Cambridge's victorious 1955 Boat Race crew.

After graduating from Harvard Law School he was the youngest partner of a grand Boston law firm before becoming vice-president of Gardner Associates, the family's investment office, and president of CH Sprague, an energy business in their portfolio. He was also a director of Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.

Monks held public appointments as a trustee of the Federal Employees' Retirement System and administrator of the Office of Pension and Welfare Benefit Programs in the US Labor Department.

He was also energy commissioner for the state of Maine, where he made his home on the ocean shore and was active in Republican politics, three times campaigning for a Senate seat. In 1972 and 1996 he was eliminated in the primaries; in 1976 he won the nomination but was defeated by the Democrat, Edmund Muskie.

In later years he considered himself a RINO ("Republican in name only"); he led Maine Republicans for Obama and took a notably dim view of Senator Mitt Romney, who made a private-equity fortune before becoming Republican presidential candidate in 2012.



Monks in 2009 during a panel discussion on Governance and Ethics at the University of Maine School of Law - Gordon Chibroski/Portland Press Herald via Getty Images

A 1999 biography of Monks by Hilary Rosenberg was called *A Traitor to his Class*. Monks himself wrote or co-wrote numerous books on his pet themes, from *Power and Accountability* (1991) to *Corpocracy* (2007), the latter title being his own neologism for a rising class of over-rewarded executives who he felt had abandoned responsible capitalism.

Bob Monks married, in 1954, Millicent (Milly) Carnegie Sprague, whose great-grandfather was a brother and business partner of the steel magnate Andrew Carnegie, and who died in 2023. He is survived by their son and daughter.

Bob Monks, born December 4 1933, died April 29 2025.

— *The Telegraph*, May 5, 2025.



Accommodations at S&Co.

This is just a reminder that Shakespeare & Company has on-site accommodations available for the budget-conscious and/or immersive-seeking reunion goers! I have attached some photos of the rooms and the Great Room to this email. Folks interested in staying here should email steve@shakespeare.org to pre-arrange for their stay and confirm their arrival time, more details below...

Shakespeare & Company has 6 main-floor dormitory rooms in Lawrence Hall available — 2 have one queen bed only, 4 have two full-size beds in each (rooms can be rented for one person, regardless of # of beds in the room). These rooms are accessible without any steps, and the restrooms have accessible fixtures if needed. The 6 rooms on this floor share two accessible restrooms down the hall, each restroom has two toilet stalls, two shower stalls, and two sinks. These 6 rooms also share the Great Room, which provides access to a full-size fridge, a coffee maker, a microwave, and basic kitchen equipment.

Shakespeare & Company also has 12 second-floor dormitory rooms in Lawrence Hall available — 4 have one queen bed only, 8 have two full-size beds in each (rooms can be rented for one person, regardless of # of beds in the room). These rooms all require climbing a flight of stairs, so these facilities are not ADA accessible. The 12 rooms on this floor share two restrooms down the hall, each restroom has two toilet stalls, two shower stalls, and two sinks. These 12 rooms also have access to the Great Room on the main floor, which provides access to a full-size fridge, a coffee maker, a microwave, and basic kitchen equipment. Should demand be high enough, there are also 2 lower-floor/garden-level dormitory rooms in Lawrence Hall available — 1 has one queen bed only, 1 has two full-size beds (rooms can be rented for one person, regardless of # of beds in the room). These rooms all require climbing a flight of stairs, so these facilities are not ADA accessible. The 2 rooms on this floor share two restrooms down the hall, each restroom has two toilet stalls, two shower stalls, and two sinks. These 2 rooms also have access to the Great Room on the main floor, which provides access to a full-size fridge, a coffee maker, a microwave, and basic kitchen equipment.

There is porch seating out front as well as a picnic table. Wi-fi is available (but no TV or Cable). Daily housekeeping is provided in the common areas (bathrooms and Great Room), but not the bedrooms. Fridge and coffee maker available in the Great Room, but no supplies/continental breakfast/other services are provided.

The cost for staying here during the reunion weekend is \$60/night for single occupancy, \$80/night for double occupancy, all inclusive (no taxes since we are not an inn), payable by check to Shakespeare & Company upon arrival. Credit Card payments accepted with a 5% surcharge for processing.

Folks interested in staying here should email steve@shakespeare.org to pre-arrange for their stay and confirm their arrival time.

– Steve Ball
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LSAA -- A Word About Golf

We play a Captain's Choice, scramble format. This means each team player hits a shot from the same spot, all the way from tee to green. So, if you're not a great player, it doesn't matter! Plus, it's all handicapped, which is a way of evening up the teams and the scores.

Meet at Cranwell/Wyndhurst Golf Course. Check-in at 12:00 Noon to form teams. Tee times begin at 12:42PM.

Price: \$50, includes cart.

Questions: Ed Miller '66 at (802) 505-4060
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

New Doors Opening For The Curry Fund

Attentive alums will recall that the LSAA Campaign Committee (Curry '61, Nathans '68, Risley '67, and Smith '70) has revived Lenox's close relationship with A Better Chance (ABC). For the past 60 years, ABC has been placing promising students from disadvantaged circumstances in leading secondary schools around the country.

The latest chapter in this revival story was a one-day trip by Smith and Risley to the Northfield Mount Hermon School (NMH) – at the invitation of NMH – together with Jon Kornfeld, ABC's Development Director, to explore a collaboration that would serve all parties well into the future.

A brief backstory. Lenox and NMH were two of the original 23 "partner schools" when ABC was established in 1963. When Lenox closed, Nol Putnam '51 went to NMH, taking with him several students in the Native American student program that he had curated at Lenox. Also going to NMH was "The Gronk," Wayne Holsman. So, the meeting began by recognizing and reaffirming these old ties.

In addition to NMH program directors, two distinguished Northfield alums from the Class of 1956 were invited. They shared moving recollections of the transformative effects that their access to Northfield had on their lives, leaving behind inner city Washington and New York and, in one alum's career arc, being the first Black woman hired as a trader by Goldman Sachs and eventually becoming the Chair of NMH's Board of Directors.

As an outcome of the meeting for NMH – the Lenox story, and its continuation through the Curry Fund, which will support ABC and similar institutions, was a roadmap for how to inspire their alumni community while providing a reliable source of qualified students who might not otherwise think to apply to NMH, or even know it existed.

For ABC – the Lenox story, the Curry Fund and their own recent work with The Westminster School in Atlanta, could create a template for how a school that was willing to become the center of a regional hub of institutions with similarly inclusive goals for their campuses could provide expanded student access for their scholars and also inspire the generosity of their own 20,000 student alumni base.

For Lenox and the Curry Fund – the participation of ABC, and the prospect of the leadership of NMH, amplifies the spirit of the best of Lenox in many ways and creates a truly living legacy – a chance to continue leading the way, as Rev Curry had done first by establishing this relationship in 1963.

We will continue to update alums as specific progress is made with NMH and ABC.

– Jeff Smith '70



Reflections...

Mort LaPointe Bowdoin Event, April 2025

Mortimer F. LaPointe would have been pleased indeed this past spring when more than two hundred people gathered for lunch at Barry Mills Hall on Bowdoin College's campus. They came together to honor his, and his wife Sally's, outstanding legacy. Saturday, April 19, 2025, was a beautiful seasonal day, and the celebration luncheon was the main event of the Annual Men's Lacrosse Alumni Weekend. Festivities had started the night before at a local brew pub, and earlier on Saturday morning there was an alumni lacrosse game.

The noon luncheon was billed as the time for "family, friends, alumni and members of the Bowdoin community... to honor Coach Emeritus Mortimer F. LaPointe." It was "an opportunity to come together informally to remember Mort and Sally, share stories, and celebrate their incredible contributions to Bowdoin and beyond during their lifetime."

At one of the more than twenty tables were gathered a group of Lenox School men who, as boys, had the benefit of Mort LaPointe's teaching and coaching, in the classroom and on the playing fields. As one of those who made the trip, it was wonderful to see so many of us there to visit with LaPointe's three sons, Tad (Mortimer Jr.), Josh and Garth. We witnessed an amazing outpouring of love and respect for a man who made a difference in many of our lives in the 1960s. It was clear that both Mort and Sally continued to make an enormous difference in the lives of

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hundreds or even thousands of college students at Bowdoin over the next two decades and more.

The May 2025 Pen & Scroll carried a short obituary about Mort who had died on November 24, 2024, in Bowdoinham, ME at the age of 92. It gave the dates of Mort's tenure at Lenox from 1958 to 1969, but it did not detail his lacrosse coaching legacy. Mort's Lenox lacrosse teams amassed a record of 83 wins and only 24 losses over 11 seasons. That's a 77.5% winning record. Every Lenox player on every Lenox team should be proud to have been a part of his outstanding Lenox lacrosse legacy.

In Mort's 21 years of coaching lacrosse at Bowdoin, his record was 218 wins and 76 losses, or a 74.1% record. Under Mort's leadership, Bowdoin lacrosse qualified for the ECAC (Eastern College Athletic Conference) Championship Tournament sixteen times and won five Championship titles. Capping off his legendary career, Mort coached Bowdoin to its fifth title in a 15-11 victory over Willimas and in his 1990 season final career game. In addition to coaching, Mort was active in helping to grow the game, serving on numerous committees and associations. In recognition of his volunteerism upon his retirement, Mort received the U. S. Lacrosse Coaches Association Joseph R. Julien Service Award. Mort's lacrosse life embodies the Lenox motto: Not to be served, but to serve.

Mort's Bowdoin record ranks him as the 11th Winningest Coach of All-Time (by %) in the NCAA Division III. It makes you wonder where his Lenox record would rank among New England secondary schools!

It is not surprising that Mort LaPointe was inducted into the Bowdoin College Athletic Hall of Honor in 2006. However, some might be surprised to know that Sally LaPointe was inducted that year as well. She was the first-ever female coach of a newly co-educational Bowdoin. Sally began the field hockey program in 1972, coaching it for twenty years and accumulating 131 wins. In 1974, Sally founded the women's lacrosse program, coaching it for nineteen years and gaining 103 wins, including an undefeated 15-0 record and NIAC (Northeast Independent Athletic Conference) Championship in 1986. She also was the inaugural coach of Bowdoin's women's basketball and squash programs. Sally too honed her coaching skills while at Lenox School: she was the director of girl's athletics at Berkshire Country Day School before moving to Maine.

Bowdoin's new President, Sofa Zaki, formally welcomed alumni to the April luncheon gathering. She noted that the event was the largest single alumni gathering she had witnessed in her two-year tenure, and that from her conver-

sations while people gathered, she realized that Sally and Mort LaPointe made a lifetime impression on many in the room. President Zaki ended her remarks saying that she was disappointed not to have known the LaPointes.

A master of ceremony then called on a series of speakers who told stories of their experience while playing for Mort over twenty-one seasons. Many of these stories made most of us at the Lenox School table feel comfortable that Mort's coaching style had been fully developed while at Lenox, and he had not changed when he went off to college at Bowdoin. One graduate recalled Mort telling him that "my shot couldn't break a pane of glass." Another recalled Mort saying, loudly enough for all to hear: "You're the worst! Just play the game, you baby." We found out that Mort even created a new short-hand word for using Jesus' name in vain: "Crimus." Finally, an alum remembered visiting the campus as a senior in high school and meeting with Mort in his role as an assistant football coach. The prospective student told Mort about his interest in playing football and baseball. Mort's response: "Why would you ever want to play baseball in Maine?" At Bowdoin, the student played football and lacrosse.

Many alumni talked about their continuing connections with Mort and Sally long after they graduated, coming back to campus for games or visiting with them over the last 15 years at their home in Bowdoinham. There was a story about a young man who was getting a bit beat up in the corporate world and not sure if he should tough it out or think about another career. After a long heart-to-heart, Mort sent him a follow-up note and directed him to an opening for a lacrosse coach at a southern New England prep school. He applied and was happy and successful in that position for twenty years.

After thanking the audience for their support, Garth LaPointe, the youngest of the three boys, spoke about the values his parents instilled in them. He talked about the importance of character and the need for commitment. And Garth noted what many in the room had known: "His bark was much louder and worse than his bite." Garth reminded all the Lenox attendees of the 'tough love' standard that most Lenox Masters followed.

After formal remarks, the event was open to any in the audience that wanted to speak. Encouraging Ira Colby, when he was a lacrosse referee, to stand and tell his story about breaking into the Bowdoin locker room, blowing a whistle, and then dramatically throwing a flag on the ground at Coach Mort LaPointe's feet, did not get him off his chair. So, I stood to let the assembled group know

that we were a table from Lenox School and represented students and a colleague (in David Blanchard) that had the benefit of Mort's early coaching. I noted that it was great for us to hear that his coaching style, regaled by so many Bowdoin players, was well formed before moving to Maine. I said how comforting it was to know that Mort continued to show his deep understanding that boys and young men were congenitally hard of hearing, demanding that you get right up in their face and scream directions to them.

When the luncheon ended, we were able to get all at the Lenox table to join with the three LaPointe boys for a photo. Thanks go to one of Mort and Sally's grandsons for taking the picture. On the screen over our heads, you see the LaPointe boys in bathing suits in front of their parents in a photo taken about five years or so after leaving Lenox.

The next event of the day was the Bowdoin vs. Wesleyan men's lacrosse game. While at the game, I bumped into a couple wearing "Crimus" hats. They recognized me from the event. I found out that they had met at Bowdoin, each had played for a LaPointe coach, and then became life-long friends, visiting Mort and Sally often when returning for these events or reunions. I told them that I loved the story about "Crimus" and they gave me a hat right off their head. I wore it while drafting this article. Bowdoin beat Wesleyan 14-10. It was a happy ending to an enjoyable day.

– David Nathans '68





From left: David Nathans, Mort LaPointe Jr. (Tad), Josh LaPointe, Schuyler Goodrich (Lenox Sweater), Thomas Hardy, Ira Colby, Robert Billings, Mark Sinkinson, Roy Ballentine, David Blanchard (Master).
Kneeling: Garth LaPointe, John Risley.



Bowdoin LaPointe Audience

Honoring Outstanding Students

Pickett Scholarships Awarded for 2024-25 and 2025-26

For more than twenty years, the Lenox School Alumni Association has recognized Miss Hall's students with Mansfield Pickett Scholarships, named in memory of Mansfield E. (Pete) Pickett, a longtime teacher at the former Lenox School and MHS.

The scholarships are presented annually to students who exhibit outstanding performance in academics and extra-curriculars. This year, LSAA representatives visited campus twice, first in October, to present the 2024-25 scholarships, then again in May, to present the 2025-26 scholarship.

Congratulations to recent graduates Idalis De Jesus '25, of Lawrence, Massachusetts, and Willa Dowling-Paul '25, of Hinsdale, Massachusetts, who received the 2024-25 Pickett Scholarships, and to Noya Samara '26, of Reno, Nevada, who was named a 2025-26 scholarship recipient.

This marks the 22nd year the association has honored MHS students, and all three recipients are exemplary members of the Miss Hall's community.

Idalis was an Admissions Ambassador, Big Sister, and Proctor. She was also an active member of the MHS dance team and served on the 2024 Prom Committee. Additionally, Idalis performed with the MHS Theater Ensemble in the productions of *Men in Boats* and *Mary Poppins*. Through Horizons, the School's service-learning and internship program, she interned last year at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

Willa was Senior Class President, an Admission Ambassador, and a Big Sister, and was co-Head of the Jewish Affinity Group and of Grace Notes, the School's a cappella singing group. Willa was also a captain of the varsity softball team and performed in the MHS Theater Ensemble productions of *Matilda* and *Twelfth Night*. Her Horizons internship last year was with the MHS Media Team, an on-campus Horizons site that supports the MHS Communications team.

Noya, a rising senior, was a tri-Head of the MHS Diversity Coalition during 2024-25, Junior Class International Student Alliance (ISA) Representative, an Admissions Ambassador, and a Big Sister. She also plays varsity basketball, softball, and volleyball and volunteered to help facilitate last year's Money Matters financial literacy workshop presented to eighth-grade girls from Berkshire County. Noya's Horizons internship last year was with Model UN, an on-campus

Horizons site that prepares students to participate in the annual Model UN Conference.

Mr. Pickett, who died in 1996, was beloved by students and faculty alike. The father of Tabitha Pickett Vahle '78, and grandfather of Wendy Panchy '85, he taught Latin and English at Miss Hall's from 1973 to 1992. He also served as MHS Director of Development from 1973 to 1975.

The Lenox School Alumni Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the spirit and camaraderie of Lenox School, which was an independent, all-boy secondary school founded in 1926. The school, which closed in 1971, operated on the grounds of what is today the home of Shakespeare & Company, on Kemble Street in nearby Lenox.

— David Smith

Director of Communications, Miss Hall's School



2024-25 Pickett Scholarship recipients. Left to right: Schuyler "Sky" Goodrich, John Risley, Julia Heaton, Willa Dowling-Paul, Idalis De Jesus, Paul Denzel, Bob Sansone, and Julia Heaton



2025-26 Pickett Scholarship recipient. Left to right: Don Foster, Bob Sansone, Julia Heaton, Noya Samara, Tom Hardy, Schuyler "Sky" Goodrich, Paul Denzel, and Merritt Colaizzi

The Lenox School Centennial Funds Update

Our Centennial Legacy Fund, and the related Curry Fund, honors the School's tradition of service to others. The two funds remain open and are 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 Reverend Robert L. Curry Fund Mission Statement reads:

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. 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. Distributions from the Curry Fund will be used mainly to provide scholarship support to students attending such schools.

As has been true for the past 20 years, the Legacy Fund will continue to support the core beneficiaries by providing financial awards for two students annually at Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, for Trinity Episcopal Church, and for Shakespeare and Company, both of Lenox. The Legacy Fund will also support the on-going maintenance of the website containing the history, important documents, and memorabilia of Lenox School. The Curry Fund intentions are much more focused; this Fund's investment returns will provide access for students primarily through scholarship support to national organizations, such as A Better Chance (ABC).

Reporting on giving, as of July 8, 2025, 48 donors have contributed \$383,286 to our Legacy Fund. The Curry Fund, opened in September 2024, has four donors and \$18,277 in gifts. Adding this to the \$41,000 in outstanding pledges promised over the next two years gives us a combined

gift total of \$442,563. We have reached nearly 74% of our \$600,000 goal in gifts and pledges with just under two years left in the campaign. Please know that two planned bequests (made via will), together in excess of \$50,000, are not included in these totals. We are incredibly pleased with the generosity of Lenox School alumni, faculty, family, and friends.

In conclusion, the Legacy and Curry Funds combined contributions-to-date of \$401,563 have appreciated to \$499,115 (after deductions for management fees) as of July 8, 2025.

For any questions or additional information specifically 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 jeffasmith230@gmail.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, or like some, give to both!

Ways to Give to the Centennial Legacy and Curry Funds

Our fund manager and administrator is the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Sheffield, MA. BTCF's main number is 413-229-0370. Kelly Sweet (Ext 118 or ksweet@berkshiretaconic.org) is very responsive to any questions and helpful to assist in making 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 links:

For Legacy: https://berkshiretaconic.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1676

For Curry: https://berkshiretaconic.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=4301

Cash/Stock/IRA Gifts/Bequests and Other Planned Gifts:

To wire a gift of cash, appreciated securities, or a required minimum distribution (RMD) from a retirement account,

please contact Kelly Sweet 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 in the future.

— David Nathans '68
on behalf of the Centennial Funds Campaign Committee

Just a random picture...



Nick Solley '68 and John Risley '67 at a family reunion taking in the "Mutton Bustin" event at the Snowmass Rodeo in Colorado as part of the July 4th weekend celebration.

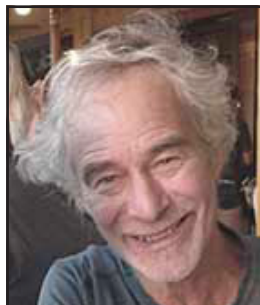
Added note ... Nick and I are cousins of some sort. I have two stepbrothers who are honest to goodness cousins of Nick's. But Nick and I came close to becoming stepbrothers while at Lenox. My dad and his mom dated for a bit. It led to some very fun conversations during Glee Club practices. We were both first tenors. We still laugh about what might have been all these years later.

— Ris

Lenox, Massachusetts 01240

In Memoriam

Donn Gulick '64



Donn Gulick, a Lenox graduate and Great Barrington resident for over 60 years, passed peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, April 13th. Born in Pittsfield, MA, Donn attended Berkshire County Day and Lenox Schools before graduating Middlebury College and UPENN Vet School. Donn will be remembered by many as a passionate and energetic coach at Ski Butternut, BCD, Berkshire School, Monument Mountain, among others. He will also be remembered for his decades of care for the four-legged members of families across Berkshire County and beyond as the second generation of Gulicks at Bilmar Veterinary Hospital. And he was an athlete and teammate in local soccer leagues, adult ski leagues, and the Josh Billings Runaground, as well as an avid biathlete. He will be forever in the hearts of his family: wife Claire; daughter Danielle, her husband Josh Gamsby and their children, Nathan, Elizabeth, and Emily; daughter Heather and his son-in-law and caregiver, Patrick Currier. He is survived by his younger brothers, Robert and Jeff Gulick.

George Hepburn, Jr. '51

Maj. George Henry Hepburn, Jr. USAF (retired) '91, passed away on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 in Sandpoint, Idaho. Funeral services and military honors will be held 11:00 am on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Sandpoint.

George was born on May 16, 1933 in Providence, Rhode Island to George and Martha Hepburn, Sr. He was raised by his grandparents after his parents divorced. His Aunt Grace, a college student at the time was his example and guide through early school and beyond. He was sponsored to Lenox Prep School in Lenox, MA, where he graduated in 1951.



George entered the United States Air Force in 1955 and served on a flying crew as navigator doing aerial refueling in Vietnam. He retired as a Major in 1975, returned to college and earned his MBA.

He worked as Director of Administration in Saudi Arabia for five years in Dhahran and Tief. He then settled in Dannelon, FL, where he worked for the State of Florida helping Veterans. He then retired again to Sandpoint, ID in 1998.

He enjoyed gardening, astronomy, camping, square dancing, golf and tennis. He was active in the Shriner's and Mason's and belonged to Lakeside Lodge #42 in Sandpoint and Limestone Lodge of Maine.

George married Marilyn McDivitt, they shared many happy times with family and friends as well as regular sessions of bridge at the senior center.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn McDivitt-Hepburn of Sandpoint; five children George Hepburn, III, Judith Heslep, Robert Hepburn, Susan Hepburn, and David Hepburn; 13 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Joyce Lattanzio, three wives Lorraine 2019, Carol 2005, and Susan in 2015, and one son William 2022.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shriner's Children Hospital, 911 W. Fifth Ave, Spokane, WA 99204.

Mary Louise "Lou" Gilman Sawyer



Mary Louise "Lou" Gilman Sawyer, 96, died peacefully at Woodcrest Village Assisted Living in New London, NH, on April 21, 2025.

Lou was born on February 20, 1929 to Mary (Henry) Gilman and Raymond Gilman in Concord, NH. She attended the UNH where she belonged

to Theta Upsilon sorority and played baritone horn in the marching band. After graduating cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bacteriology in 1951, Lou worked for two years in the TB laboratory at Plymouth County Hospital, in Hanson, MA. In 1953, she married Richard "Dick" Sawyer of Concord, NH.

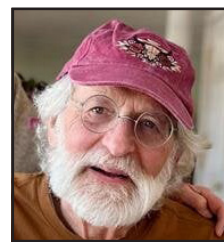
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The couple moved to Lenox, MA, where Dick taught at Lenox School for Boys, an Episcopal boarding school. Lou taught preschool and third/fourth grade at Berkshire Country Day School. They spent nine years in Lenox where daughter Karen Louise and son Richard Jr. were born. Once the children came along, Lou became a dedicated mom.

Paul "Pop" Soroken '61

Paul "Pop" Soroken—beloved husband, father, and friend—passed away on May 19th at the wee age of 80.

Born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts in 1943, his lifelong, boundless curiosity eventually led him to Tokyo, Japan where, at a youth hostel, he met his future wife and love chicken, Chiyo Masaki. The happy pair returned to New England and, with at least a foot of snow falling around them, were married on the college campus in Brattleboro, VT. After receiving MAT-degrees for teaching English as a second language, they returned to Tokyo to work as ESL textbook writers for Time-Life Japan. In their free time they explored the country's different regions, cities and towns accruing experiences and influences that would shape the rest of their lives.



Paul and Chiyo relocated to Lenox, Massachusetts, where Paul opened his first business—a contemporary art gallery focused on the Japanese pottery they both loved. It was here the couple's journey as parents of three children—Maana, Eva and Alexander—began.

A shopkeeper at heart, Paul, with Chiyo always alongside him, continued opening a diverse range of retail stores throughout the Berkshires. Each of their three shops—Yamato House, Present Perfect and 925iSilver—sold products that reflected their experiences as world travelers. Mr. Personality, as Paul was often referred, possessed a rare mix of keen intelligence, enthusiasm for everything and an absolutely unparalleled sense of humor. Pop was widely known for his optimistic, loveable nature and his ability to lift the spirits of seemingly anyone who walked into one of his shops. In later years, you could catch Pop cruising Pittsfield, never without his "hat," always bidding farewell to everyone he met with a cheery, "have a shitty day."

Pop leaves behind a family that vows to carry on his colorful journey full of rich, worldly experiences. As Helen Keller

once said, "What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Paul "Pop" Soroken please visit our Sympathy Store. <https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Roger S. Vandewater '70

Roger Steven Vandewater passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 29 after a valiant six and a half year battle with a rare anaplastic oligodendroglioma brain tumor.

A resident of Duxbury for 37 years, Rog made numerous friends with his disarming, genuine nature and easy mustachioed smile.

Born in New York City on Nov. 2, 1952 to Benjamin Hewlett Vandewater and Gloria (Cramer) Vandewater, Rog spent the next 72 years living every adventure he could, treating all he met, people and animals alike, with love and kindness.

Roger attended The Lenox School in Lenox, where he was introduced and competed in ski jumping. His following years at New England College (both Henniker, New Hampshire and Arundel, England) introduced him to the world of travel and a tremendous group of lifelong friends who embraced a mix of unconditional love, kindness, and always humor.

While Roger enjoyed a successful IT career, his real accomplishments were raising his two sons, Sam and Ben with his loving wife and honey, Terry (Young). He shared with them his love of travel, nature, animals, and how to properly change a tire.

Rog also found joy on the slopes of Sugarbush with his family, enjoying (most times) a round of golf with his buddies, and helping friends with house projects (hence the nickname Handy Vandy).

In addition to his wife and sons, Roger is survived by his sister Christine Laux (Michael), his many nieces and nephews, Jessica, Trevor, Brandon, Samantha, Tony, Cooper and Courtney, and their respective families. He is predeceased by his sister, Shelley, his mother and his father. The family extends its thanks to his awesome medical team at Dana-Farber and Brigham & Women's for their dedication to Roger's care. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Roger Vandewater, Ugonma Chukwueke Research, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via dana-farber.org/gift.

A private gathering to celebrate his life will be held over the summer. In Rog's honor to combat gliomas, a fundraising golf outing is being planned for spring 2026.

Tim Spofford

Tim Spofford, age 79, passed away on January 6, in Portland, OR of complications from a stroke and metastatic prostate cancer.

He was born on September 22, 1945 in Boston, Massachusetts to William and Pauline (Fawcett) Spofford. Tim attended elementary school in several places around the U.S. He did his freshman and sophomore years at Lenox, but graduated from Boise High School in 1963 in Idaho. He went into the Coast Guard for 4 years and received his BA from colleges in Oregon and Washington. He attended Law School at Northwestern, graduating in 1974.



Tim worked for Children's Defense Fund, did prison law in Salem, OR, but most of his law career was spent with the Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights. He retired in 2010.

Tim's first marriage was to Maureen O'Neil, and they had one daughter, Sarah. They were divorced in 1975. Tim was then married to Elizabeth Taylor. They had two children, Christopher and Amanda. The marriage ended in 1985. Tim married Prudence Volkerts in 2010. They lived in Portland, OR.

Tim loved skiing, hiking, traveling, music, and volunteering at the VA. He was proud of his 39 years of sobriety and frequently helped those who were struggling with addiction.

Tim is survived by his wife, Prudence, brothers Mark, Steve, Andy, and Dan and his three children, Sarah, Chris, and Amanda. Tim had 7 grandchildren.

Tim will be missed by all his family and many friends.

William "Bill" Bergmann '50

William "Bill" Bergmann, 92, originally from Northampton, MA, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 17th, 2025, while surrounded by his family.

Bill was born on May 26, 1932, in Florence, MA, to William and Helen Bergmann. After graduating from the Lenox School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and spent two years serving his country while stationed in Germany. Upon his return from Europe, he earned a degree from Boston University, where he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.



After college, he moved to New York City where he worked for Pepsi and lived in the Gramercy Park neighborhood. On one momentous New Year's Eve, he met Valerie Walker whom he married in 1964. Bill and Valerie continued to live in New York and later moved to Wilton, CT. In 1968, they moved to Tiburon, CA where they would live for 44 years raising their children. During that time, Bill continued his career in sales which allowed him to travel to every corner of the world. In 2012, they moved to the Claremont community in Portland, OR, before spending their last few months together in Simi Valley, CA.

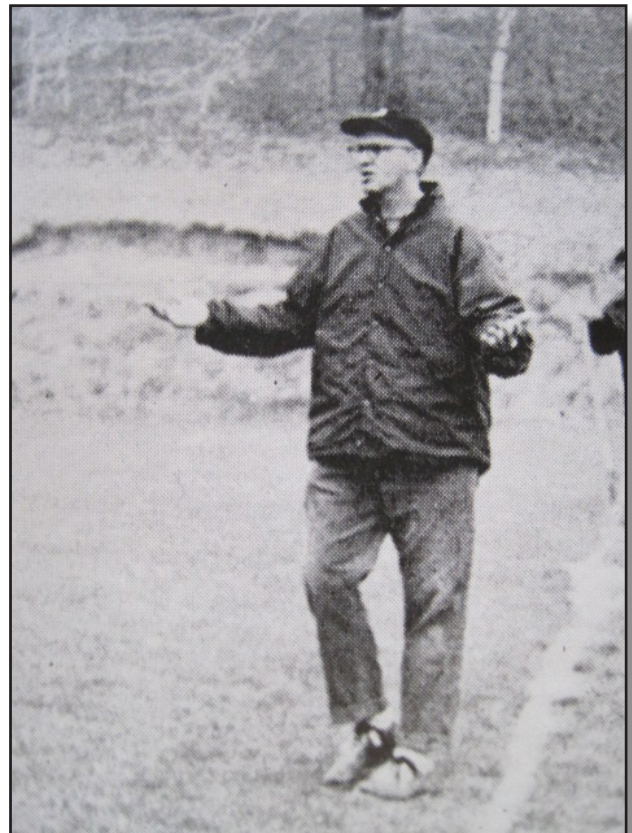
In his free time, Bill was an avid sports fan. Despite living 3000 miles away from Fenway Park, he never missed a Red Sox box score. Bill was also surrounded by a large group of friends and neighbors who he considered his extended family. Nothing made him happier than spending time talking, laughing, and sharing stories with those he met. Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Valerie; his children, Bonnie Bloomquist, Kristen Bergmann, and Eric Bergmann (Natalie Bergmann Petersen); and his nine grandchildren, Scott, Teddy, John, Sarah, Whitney, Olivia, Brooks, Jonah, and Tristan. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Luann Knox. A celebration of life will be scheduled this summer. In lieu of flowers, Bill would have wanted everyone to make time to spend with family and friends, tell a story that involved your interaction with him, and to offer a toast in his honor.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of William, please visit our floral store.

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



And now... From Randy, a few images of times past...



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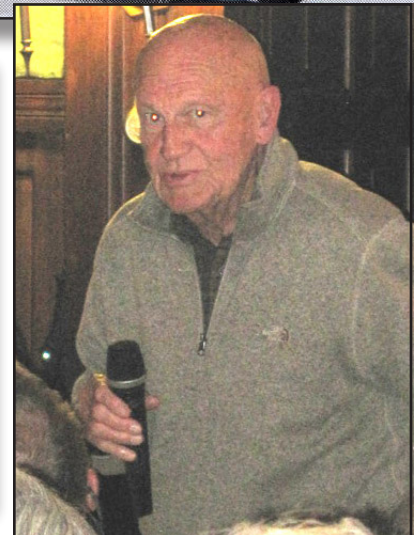
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MASTER: Mansfield E. PickettDATE : December 16, 1967

Peripatetic, procrastinating, persuasive, ponderous, John
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 past pondering is his presence.



LENOX SCHOOL FOR BOYS—LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS	
Report of <u>Miller, Edward</u>	for Term _____ period ending Dec. 18, 1964
Form <u>V</u>	Subject <u>Geometry</u> Grade <u>60</u> Citizenship <u>3</u>
MARKING SYSTEM 80 or above: honor 70-80 satisfactory 60-70 passing below 60: fail CITIZENSHIP based on effort and attitude. Markedly Superior Very Good Satisfactory Negative	Ed finally showed up for extra help with some very intelligent questions and with a real desire to accomplish something. This was a little late to be of much value for the term but I personally feel that he gained a great deal from it. I believe he discovered that what he thought was a real effort was really not much at all. He found that there is a great deal more he can do if and when he wants to and he must keep at something until it is understood completely. James M. Patterson Master
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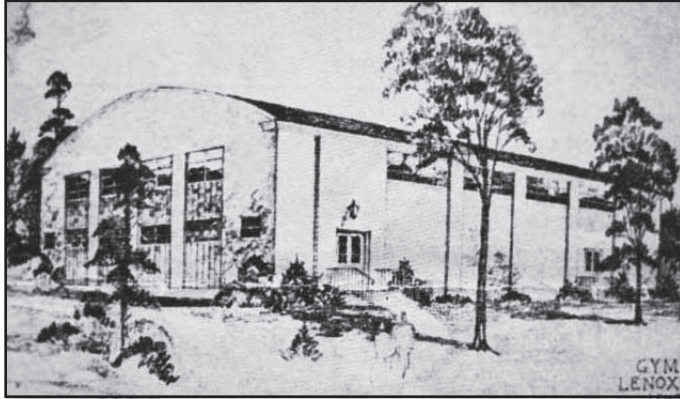
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What once was...



What might have been...

Architectural sketches for possible expansions and modernizations to Lenox School. Clockwise from below:



- Envisioned school chapel, circa Late 1950's
- Bottom, academic complex at rear of St. Martin's, circa early 1970's
- Proposed chapel and dining hall, circa late 1940's
- Architects sketch of new Gym, October 1949



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2025 LSAA Reunion Response Form

Friday, October 17, 2025 - (# attending in the blanks):

_____ LSAA's annual "Charlie McGee Memorial Golf Tournament" (Golf's Fifth Major) at Wyndhurst (formerly Cranwell). Please arrive at **12 noon** for sign-in and formation of teams. First Tee time - 12:42 PM. **Cost - \$50 each + tax, includes cart. Please pay at the course.)**

_____ **Friday Dinner Buffet 5:30 PM** Bernstein Theatre at Shakespeare and Co, Lenox (including, dessert, soda, wine, and beer) **(\$21 payable in advance)**

Saturday, October 18, 2025- (# attending in the blanks):

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Business Meeting, Bernstein Theatre

_____ **12 Noon; Luncheon: Bernstein Theatre - \$18.00 each includes beverages, payable in advance.**

2:45 – 4:45 PM; 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 (\$42.00 per person, payable in advance) followed by Memorabilia Auction**

Subtotal from above (Fri night buffet, Sat Luncheon, Sat Dinner)

A. \$ _____

LSAA Annual Dues (2025 - 2026)

B. \$ **30.00**

Donation (tax deductible)

C. \$ _____

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

\$ _____

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

Address: _____

E-Mail and Phone Number: _____

Please return this reservation form with check before October 1, 2025 to:

Bob Sansone ('68)

156 North Shore Road

Voluntown, CT 06384

or, if you have questions, call Bob at:

(860) 916 -1467 (cell)

E-Mail: RJSENERGY@GMAIL.com

NOTE: You can now register and pay online (using a credit card). Otherwise, you can still do it the "old fashioned way" by filling out this form and sending it and a check to Bob. To register online, click this link or copy and paste it into your browser:

<https://lenoxschool.charityproud.org/EventRegistration/Index/23879>

2025 LSAA Reunion Schedule of Events

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- 5:30 - p.m. Buffet Dinner at Bernstein Theatre (the former Lenox School Sports Complex) at Shakespeare & Co. (Lenox, MA). \$21 each payable in advance. (Masters, staff and their families are always our guests).

SATURDAY, October 18, 2025:

- 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. – Annual LSAA Business Meeting: Bernstein Theatre Shakespeare & Co.; Presentation of the Wood Scholarship to S&Co
- Noon – Luncheon: Bernstein Theatre, \$18 each, payable in advance (Masters, staff and their families are always our guests).
- ~1:30 p.m. - ~3:30 p.m. – Campus Tour, courtesy of Shakespeare & Co.
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. – Presentation of the Curry/Whitman Donation - Hymn Sing: Trinity Church.
- 6:00 p.m. – Cocktail Reception at Bernstein Theatre, Shakespeare & Co.
- 6:30 p.m. – ~ 9:00 p.m. – Buffet Dinner at Bernstein - \$42 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 19, 2025:

- Services at Trinity Church – 7:45am service of the Holy Eucharist (traditional language, Rite I)
- 10:30am service of the Holy Eucharist

Don Foster
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Lakeville, MA 02347