Luncheon, Big Band Kick Off Weekend

The 15th annual Albany Society-sponsored event honoring the Golden Reunion Class, this year 1963, takes on a completely new look and new role during Alumni Reunion Weekend this year.

The four-day weekend for L&C alumni and their families begins Thursday, June 20, and runs through Sunday, June 23.

Instead of a breakfast, an Albany Society luncheon in Pamplin Sports Center this year on Friday will give special recognition to both the Class of 1963 and the 60-year Class of 1953.

A big band concert in the sports center immediately following the luncheon helps make it a kickoff event for the whole weekend. The concert is free and open to the entire Reunion Weekend community.

The live music, in a style senior alumni will fondly remember, will be provided by the Providence Hospital Stage Band directed by Larry Morrell.

A GOLDEN REUNION for members of the Class of 1962 during Reunion Weekend last June. They renewed friendships at a social, were honored at a breakfast, had a grand time at a Friday dinner and joined hundreds of other alumni at the Saturday Salmon Bake.

The Albany Society Luncheon & Big Band Bash

Friday, June 21, 11 a.m.
Luncheon in Pamplin Sports Center with special speakers, presentation of medallions to members of the Class of 1963 and special recognition of the Class of 1953. The luncheon is open to all senior alumni and their friends. Registration is required.

Big Band Concert & Dance
Immediately following the luncheon, the Sports Center doors will open and the whole Reunion Weekend community is invited to come in and join in the fun. The Providence Hospital Stage Band will provide the music. The concert is free.

What is ‘The Albany Society’?

The Albany Society is NOT made up of graduates primarily of Albany College, Lewis & Clark’s predecessor.

It is not a secret society. It is not a designated college donor giving level.

Then what is it?
The Albany Society is in fact an honorary organization of all of Lewis & Clark College’s senior alumni—those whose classes have been graduated 50 or more years.

The purpose of the society is to encourage senior alumni to enrich their lives by reuniting with classmates and with the college through overseas and off-campus groups.

Another big weekend event that has drawn 500 reunion attendees in the past is the annual Northwest Salmon Bake and BBQ on Saturday afternoon. This year it is coupled with a brand new event, the Pio Carnival, a great time for kids and adults alike.

A registration form for the weekend, including the Reunion Luncheon, is included in this newsletter.

For more information, email reunions@lclark.edu or telephone 503-768-7950.

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“The Gatehouse” is a new twice-a-year publication with a name that pre-dates the college’s move to the Lloyd Frank estate grounds in 1942.

The Albany Society, which edits and produces the newsletter, selected the name for its deep familiarity for every alumnus who ever walked the campus.

“We wanted to have a masthead name that would immediately register with every senior alum,” declared Chuck Charnquist ’58, the newsletter’s editor.

Purpose of The Gatehouse is to complement the college’s award-winning Lewis & Clark Chronicle with a twice-a-year newsletter that carries information of particular interest to senior alumni.

The Albany Society’s communications committee, made up of Charnquist, Bill Mangels ’55, Curt Copenhagen ’55, Don Floren ’53 and Dolores Willey Chenoweth ’62, are responsible for the newsletter content.

At the same time, they maintain a close working relationship with the college’s Office of Alumni and Parent Programs and the Office of Public Affairs and Communications.

A Gatehouse Primer

The Gatehouse is one of the original structures of the magnificent Lloyd Frank estate built in the 1920s and now on the National Register of Historic Places.

It has served a variety of needs since Lewis & Clark moved to Palatine Hill in 1942, including a home for President and Mrs. Morgan Odell, a men’s dormitory, the admissions office, and currently the offices of Alumni and Parent Programs.

In 2008, an Albany Society effort, led by its chairman Bob Godel ’51 and Jim King ’50, spurred renovation of the Gatehouse so that it could be better used for offices and receptions.

As part of that initiative the building was officially renamed the Morgan S. Odell Alumni Gatehouse.

Reinhard Pauly Scholarships

Reinhard Pauly, professor emeritus of music, and his wife, Connie, have endowed two funds to benefit L&C’s music program.

The first fund will provide tuition and music lesson scholarships to students who play string instruments.

The second fund will enhance the music department’s string program and orchestra.
BACK ON THE HILL

Photos from the 2012 Reunion Weekend and Homecoming
Bill Mangels ’55 is a business administration graduate and a retired marketing consultant. He is a Master Gardener who volunteers at the Leach Botanical Garden in Portland. Bill and his wife, Ardis Bowersox Mangels ’58, make their home in the northwest part of the city.

Don Floren ’53 and his wife, Diane Vinton Floren ’55, live in Southwest Portland. Don is a sculptor and wood-carver. He retired after teaching high school, worked for 20 years in management at Tektronix, Inc., and then as Oregon director of the National Alliance of Business. Diane is an artist who teaches early American decorative painting.

Jim Stell ’60 is a retired school principal who worked in the North Clackamas School District. Following retirement he became a hotel concierge at the Double Tree Lloyd Center in Portland. Jim and his wife, Nita, live in West Linn and are the proud grandparents of Peyton and Brady.

Dolores Willey Chenoweth ’62 loves to travel, recently visiting India and Nepal. Two memorable trips to New York City include being there during Hurricane Sandy last fall, and during the 9/11 attack eleven years earlier. She lives in Southwest Portland and when not traveling and volunteering, she devotes her time to her four grandchildren.

Barbara Pau Getty ’56, M.A.T. ’78 continues to champion quality cursive handwriting. Barbara and longtime collaborator and co-author Inga Dubay were featured in The Portland Magazine’s February, 2013 issue in an article entitled “Stick to the Script: Two Portlanders on a mission to save handwriting.”

Jim and Eloise Hannah Cole, both ’54, met at their class’s 50th reunion in 2004 and a year later were married. Jim was a commercial insurance broker and president of the Chartered Casualty Underwriters Society of Oregon. Eloise was an elementary school teacher in Beaverton where they now reside.

John Marandas ’62 majored in political science, motivating him to enter law practice 46 years ago. He began his career as an assistant to Oregon Attorneys General Robert Thornton and Lee Johnson. That was followed by private law practice in Portland and service as a pro tempore Circuit Court Judge in Multnomah County for 10 years. His wife, Louise, received her master’s degree in school psychology from Lewis & Clark.

Curt Copenhagen ’55 is a member of the National Board of Alumni. He retired after more than 40 years with International Paper and Longview Fibre. Curt served as director of public affairs and chief lobbyist for Longview Fibre then as corporate public relations manager for International Paper and managed IP’s national building materials advertising program. He was honored for his lobbying efforts and leadership in forest advancement work in both Oregon and Washington. Curt and his wife, Jane Fish Copenhagen ’56 live in Longview.

Diana Fields Nelson ’62, now retired, is a Master Gardener and an Elder at Moreland Presbyterian Church. She holds a master’s degree in psychology from the University of Portland and for many years worked in that field for the Portland Public Schools. Later she was program director for the Volunteer Center (now Hands on Portland). She and husband, Dick ’61, have two sons and four grandchildren and live in Milwaukie. Diana has served on the L&C’s National Board of Alumni.

Chuck Charnquist ’58 is in his 43rd year with the Portland Trail Blazers of the National Basketball Association. He currently serves as the team’s historian and archivist. Chuck and his wife, Carol, reside in Beaverton.

Sharon’s Corner

By Sharon Bosserman-Benson
Director of Planned Giving

Heritage Society members Donna Macklin Lawrence ’52 and Eloise Hannah Cole ’54 with Sharon Bosserman-Benson, Lewis & Clark Director of Planned Giving

“Lewis & Clark causes students to think, to dream, and to act, and donors are delighted to be a part of that process. We invest in students because they are our future and our hope!”

These words of wisdom were expressed by Becky Hunting ’59 at Lewis & Clark’s annual scholarship luncheon where donors get to meet the students they sponsor. To see the gratitude on the faces of our students and to have Becky and other benefactors eloquently explain the simplicity of their philanthropy makes for my favorite event of the year.

Bequest intentions designated for scholarship funds are just one of the many ways alumni and friends are leaving a legacy for Lewis & Clark students. Life income gifts such as charitable gift annuities, and charitable trusts funded by appreciated assets you would otherwise pay hefty capital gains taxes on, are a few of the many vehicles I’m happy to discuss with you.

Please feel free to contact me with your feedback, questions and concerns by calling 800.753.9292 or emailing sharon@lclark.edu

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Senior Alumni Notes

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Marlene Motejl Haldors ’58 recently moved to Summerplace, a senior community in Northeast Portland. Over the years she has served the college in a variety of capacities along with her late husband Steve ’58. She now volunteers with several charitable organizations.

Rod Downey ’50, a member of the college’s 1949 conference championship basketball team, is retired after 34 years as teacher and administrator for the Portland Public Schools. Rod and his wife, Suzy, have been married for 63 years. Suzy was a Lewis & Clark staff member for 21 years.

Frank and Donna Macklin Lawrence, both ’52, live in Lake Oswego where Donna taught elementary school for 30 years while Frank was in management with Crown-Zellerbach’s Pulp and Paper Division. They are active in their church, Lake Grove Presbyterian, and in babysitting and chauffeuring their grandchildren.

Jack Venables ’56, the voice of the Pioneers at football and basketball games for more than three decades, stepped down in 2010. He was honored with the Alumni’s Pioneer Leadership Award a year later.

John Ferguson ’51 and the former Lauren Louise Boarday will soon celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary. John, a long-time Portland public relations and advertising executive, was an avid skier in his college days and now has a family ski home on Mt. Hood.

Ken Servas ’54 is a retired school principal and assistant superintendent in the Centennial School District in Gresham. Following retirement he worked for 20 years as a consultant in the school improvement program of the NW Regional Education Laboratory. Ken and his wife Kay Sherman Servas ’55 make their home in the Touchmark Senior Community in Vancouver.

Donna Fields Rochon ’60 married John Moore Dec. 26, 2012, in Bellingham. Both are retired Western Washington University faculty members. Donna was formerly married to Donald Rochon ’60 who passed away in 2011.

Carolyn Morrison Cowan ’58 enjoys retirement in Kirkland, Washington, after 20 years as a middle school counselor in the Bellevue School District. She and her husband, Fred, enjoy traveling and look forward to new connections with the college as granddaughter Heidi Franz has been accepted for enrollment in the fall.

Duane Brady ’57 recently was inducted into the Oregon Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame. He spent 35 years in public education, including 27 years with Gresham’s Centennial School District. Duane and his wife, Donna Ellison Brady ’58, live in Gresham.

Duane ‘Dewey’ Swanson ’53, an award-winning Arizona artist, has sold more than 350 of his watercolor paintings in Phoenix, Denver and Portland and other communities. Competing in numerous juried shows, he received a coveted award from the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies. He specializes in western life, including cowboys and Native American subjects, but also enjoys painting landscapes, wildlife and people. He retired as president of U-Haul’s advertising agency after 41 years with the company. After retirement, Dewey and his wife, Bobbie, moved to Happy Jack, Arizona, where he served for 17 years as captain and public information officer for the Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. Now living in Flagstaff, he continues to produce award-winning paintings at 81.
Class Scholarships Benefit from Bequests

Each alumnus is gone but not forgotten. Each one planned ahead and left a
bequest designated for their class scholarship fund at Lewis & Clark.

Neil Farmer ‘51 passed away in August of 2012 and his dream of making a major
gift to Lewis & Clark came true. Lewis & Clark received a check for $14,000 from
his (secondary) insurance policy and it is now helping students receive an
education of a lifetime via the Class of 1951 Scholarship Fund.

Neil, founding member of the Heritage Society (alumni who have named Lewis &
Clark in their estate plans) was responsible for recruiting 15 of his classmates into
the Society, a record still unmet by any other class.

Big Band Sound Returns to Palatine Hill June 21

Imagine reunion classes of 1953
and 1963 being serenaded by classic
big band music that they danced to in
the old gymnasium more than a half
century ago.

Think of music in the style of band
leaders Glenn Miller, the fabulous
Dorsey Brothers and Harry James
and vocalists like Frank Sinatra and
Ella Fitzgerald.

Imagine a 21st century free concert
of the same music plus a dance floor.

No need to just dream about it. It’s
happening as part of the Albany
Society’s Luncheon on Friday, June
21, in Pamplin Sports Center, a kick-
off event for this year’s Reunion
Weekend on campus.

The Big Band Bash features the
Providence Hospital Stage Band
directed by Lewis & Clark alumnus
Larry Morrell ‘54.

The concert/dance will follow the
luncheon honoring the Golden Re-
union Class of 1963, and the Dia-
mond Reunion of the Class of 1953.
Reservations are necessary for the
luncheon in Pamplin, scheduled to
start at 11a.m.

But when luncheon is over, the
doors will open and the whole
community, young and old alike, is
invited to come and join in the fun,
whether soaking in the big band
sound, or taking a turn on the dance
floor. The concert/dance is free.

The group that will be performing
is made up of doctors, dentists,
teachers and professional musicians.
The band has provided classic big
band sound to thousands of apprecia-
tive listeners for 50 years.

“These band members are united
by their love of this music and have a
professional commitment to quality
performance,” Morrell said.

Morrell, a retired public school
music director and administrator,
said he and the band are looking
forward to playing in Pamplin.

“There’s space for big sound there
and these guys love to blow,” Morrell
observed.

He ought to know. Larry is one of
Portland’s leading trumpet players
and has performed with most of the
area’s best dance bands.

Morrell said that after one of the
Providence group’s recent concerts,
an attendee told him the music made
him feel young again.

“It’s more than a feeling,” Morrell
answered. “You ARE young again.”

Stafford Centennial in 2014

Plans are underway to celebrate
the 2014 centennial of William
Stafford, a longtime Lewis & Clark
professor and former poet laureate
for the State of Oregon.

A symposium is being planned as
the centerpiece of a series of year-
long activities to honor Stafford, a
renowned poet and a distinctive
teacher who was a big part of Lewis
& Clark’s identity for nearly four
decades.

Stafford passed away in August of
1993. He was 79 years old.
The day that changed her life began with Susan Fiscus being fitted for the dress she would wear as queen of Lewis & Clark’s May Fete. Afterward, she got together with a friend, her friend’s brother, and his medical student buddies. When one of those buddies later phoned Susan for a date, she said yes—even though she couldn’t recall what he looked like. Two years later, they married. In May 2011, they celebrated their golden anniversary.

“It’s been great, wonderful,” says Bill Sack today, smiling broadly. “Luckily, she didn’t turn me down when I asked her out.”

Bill graduated from Lewis & Clark in 1956 and Susan in 1959. “Lewis & Clark opened the world to me and expanded my knowledge and interests beyond medicine and science,” says Bill, who earned his M.D. in 1960. Adds Susan, “I was a nerd in high school, and the college helped me blossom socially and in so many other ways.”

A pioneer in the field of child psychiatry, Bill directed OHSU’s Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for 22 years. While raising their daughter, Gretchen, Susan volunteered extensively with the OHSU School of Medicine Alliance and led intergenerational activities at Westminster Presbyterian Church. A piano major at Lewis & Clark, she also played in a piano trio for several years.

Members of the Leadership Society and the Heritage Society, Bill and Susan give to the Annual Fund, their class scholarships, and the Sack Family Scholarship, awarded to a student with interests in international affairs, particularly public health. Their support of Lewis & Clark students, faculty, and programs will continue through a bequest.

It all comes around full-circle in giving according to Susan. “A sense of owing a lot to a school that gave me so much.”

To learn how a bequest or other type of planned gift can support students, please contact us. Options include annuities that can add to your retirement income and help you support Lewis & Clark.

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Eighth Annual ‘Picnic by the Pool’ set for August 2

The eighth annual ‘Picnic by the Pool’ on lower campus, set for Friday, August 2, is another great opportunity for senior alumni to renew old friendships, and at the same time enjoy being back on one of the nation’s most beautiful campuses.

The picnic, sponsored by the Albany Society, was given an international flavor the past three years, celebrating the college’s rich global perspective.

This year it will be an old-fashioned All-American theme with hot dogs, hamburgers, beer, wine, lemonade and all the fixings.

All senior alumni and friends are invited. Current and past faculty and staff are also on the invitation list.

As in the past, the Office of Alumni & Parent Programs will graciously provide rides for those who would find it difficult walking from the parking lot.

Don Floren ’53, chairman of the Albany Society Board of Directors, encourages senior alumni to set aside the date now.

Cost is $20 per person. Registration information is scheduled to go in the mail in late May.