Looking to Find a Classmate? 
Here’s How

Want to reconnect with a Lewis & Clark classmate you haven’t talked to or seen for 50 years?

It may not be as hard as you think.

The college has a webpage on the Internet specifically set up for its alumni. One of the features of that site is an alumni directory that may yield the information you are seeking.

“It’s a great tool,” said Angela Torretta, associate director of Alumni and Parent Programs.

“We often get alumni calling our office in hopes of making contact with past college friends,” Torretta added. “Due to privacy restrictions, we can’t give out that information. The online directory, however, puts it at your fingertips.”

You get to the website by typing in mylc.lclark.edu. First-time users will need to register. It may take a day or two for your information to be verified by the college.

Once you have access, you will be able to find the directory on the right-hand side of the screen under “myLC.”

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Senior Social Hour Launches Holiday Manor House Event

Here’s an opportunity to kick off the holiday season with old friends and at the same time revisit the Manor House in all of its seasonal finery.

This year’s Albany Society winter event for senior alumni is a social hour starting at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, December 7, in the Manor House.

The free event precedes the 6:30 p.m. holiday reception, a traditional gathering of the extended college community in the Manor House hosted by President Barry Glassner and his wife, Betsy Amster.

An 8 p.m. choral performance in Agnes Flanagan Chapel, featuring seasonal music by Cappella Nova and directed by Kathy FitzGibbon, concludes Saturday’s events.

Don Floren ’55, chair of the Albany Society’s board of directors, says the social hour that replaces the society’s holiday luncheon gives senior alumni a special opportunity to join the rest of the community in celebrating the season.
Stafford Centennial Continues

The yearlong centennial celebration of William Stafford, beloved Lewis & Clark professor and one of Oregon’s greatest poets, continues.

A number of events, exhibits, and readings are on the schedule in the coming months, including a February 7-8 symposium, You Must Revise Your Life, at locations on campus and throughout the city.

The symposium, sponsored by the Northwest Writing Institute and led by Bill’s son, Kim, will look at his influence on the arts as a whole, his work as a photographer, and the impact he had on music, art and the written word.

For an up-to-date listing of scheduled events, go to lclark.edu/william_stafford.

Stafford, who taught at L&C for more than four decades, was Oregon’s poet laureate, poet-in-residence at the Library of Congress, and a National Book Award winner. He passed away in August of 1993, at the age of 79.

Medallions Honor Graduates

Throughout the centuries special achievements have been recognized by awarding medallions. The 2013 Golden Reunion luncheon was no exception.

Twenty members of the Class of 1963 in attendance at the luncheon were presented medallions by Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Tuajuanda Jordan on behalf of Lewis & Clark. The presentation commemorated their commencement 50 years earlier.

The bronze medallion they received was cast in 1999 and bears the official Lewis & Clark College seal. It is used by the college in a variety of official presentations in addition to the 50-year class recognition.

The seal on the medallion depicts in abstract the natural Pacific Northwest landscape. It bears the year 1867, the year the college was founded, and the words explorare (to explore), discere (to learn), and sociare (to work together). The words “The Albany Society” are stamped on the back of the medallion.

Class of 1949 members who attended their 50th reunion luncheon in 1999 were the first to receive the medallions. The presentation ceremony became a centerpiece of subsequent Golden Class Reunions and serves as a symbolic welcome of the entire 50-year class into the Albany Society.

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You can make a query by entering the name of the person you’re looking for. If a match is found in the directory, you then will be able to access additional information by clicking on the matched name.

The site also provides other alumni information, including news about Albany Society and other upcoming events. You can register for events online through the site.

For those who don’t use computers, the alumni office can be of help in making contacts, according to Torretta.

“We will contact the person you are looking for and either forward the query or get permission to pass on the phone number and address,” Torretta said.

The telephone number for this service is 503-768-7950.

If you haven’t yet accessed mylc.lclark.edu, take a minute to go in and check your own profile under the “myLC” heading, and, if necessary, update it or add information.

Black & Orange Parties Breaking Out Worldwide

On November 6, Black and Orange Parties will be breaking out simultaneously all over the world.

The locally hosted parties that attract alums young and old as well as parents and friends of Lewis & Clark take place in a wide variety of venues.

The intent of the parties is to bring alumni together, welcome alumni from the class of 2013, and make new connections for the college.

Last year more than 1,000 college alumni and friends attended Black and Orange Parties in 40 cities in this country from New York to Hawaii and Alaska to Texas. Black and Orange celebrations also had an international flavor with nine parties going on in six different countries.

If you want to learn about a party near you, visit go.lclark.edu/black/and/orange.

Charitable Annuity Can Boost Cash Flow

You can increase your cash flow and reduce your taxes at the same time with a charitable gift annuity. Through a simple contract, you donate assets to Lewis & Clark. We reinvest your contribution and provide you with fixed annual payments for life. At the end of the contract, your contribution will benefit the L&C program of your choice.

For a couple between the ages of 75 and 80, the rate is 5.3 percent. As an example, a $10,000 contribution would allow the couple to receive a $3,670 charitable tax deduction, a $530 annuity for life, and the satisfaction of leaving a legacy for Lewis & Clark students. If you are interested in exploring a charitable gift annuity, please call Sharon Bosserman-Benson at 800-753-9292.
The College: “A Lasting Experience”

A 1956 alumna writes about the impact of her experience at Lewis & Clark.

“I’ve always been proud about being a music major and a member of the Class of 1956. I just checked my calculator and that tells me it’s been 57 years.

“My memories are rich in gratitude for having teachers and mentors such as L. Stanley Glarum, Reinhard Pauly, Robert Stoltz and Boris Sirpo, just to mention a few.

“They gave me reason for my life’s path. Little did I know at graduation how much they had influenced me.

“Not long after graduating I joined the Oregon Symphony as a violinist. I taught strings in the David Douglas and Beaverton school districts, and then became an associate professor of music at Portland State, teaching string methods.

“It was there that I found my true interest: composing.

“I’ve written and arranged numerous pieces for our string quartet “Tapestry.” We play a concert each year at The Old Church in downtown Portland. It is the most satisfying way of making music, especially when you are sharing it with your dear friends.

“Somewhere along the way, perhaps because of my Shakespeare professor at L&C, Ralph Allen, I was bitten by the writing bug.

“I just finished my first book, Salt and Pepper, the story of a 12-year-old girl and her horses. The small-town setting somewhat resembles my hometown of Hood River, Oregon. Now I am working on a sequel.

“The best part of Lewis & Clark is that it was where I met my husband, Hal Swafford ’55, who has a bachelor’s and master’s degree from the college. We were married a couple of years after meeting when we were in the L&C orchestra.

“He played trombone and I played violin; music was fun for us. We have two sons, both musicians, and four grandchildren. It has been a wonderful life together.

“For me, the college was and is a special and lasting experience. Thank you Lewis & Clark.”

--- Peggy Jakku Swafford ’56

Remembering

Classmates who have passed away in recent months, based on information gathered by Lewis & Clark College.

Virginia Smith Poling ’34
July 19, 2013

Althea Brown Dorman ’42*
Spring, 2013

Constance Hendrickson Robinson ’45
Spring, 2013

Bryce Hanning ’51
Summer, 2013

Shirley Reynolds Klingbeil ’51
March, 2013

Juel B. Krausse ’51
Spring, 2013

James O. Ward ’51
May 16, 2013

James E. Annala ’52
March 7, 2013

Robert G. Hilken ’52
January 14, 2013

Ted N. Moore ’52
April, 2013

Richard C. Balsiger ’53
April 22, 2013

Milton G. Hagen ’53
July 1, 2013

Allan B. Popp ’53
Spring, 2013

Dr. James H. Schell ’54
July 17, 2013

Dr. David Etter ’55
August 18, 2013

Joseph E. Kordic ’57
May 5, 2013

Ronald Dean Gray ’59
Spring, 2013

Donald D. Palmer ’59
April 18, 2013

Norman J. Wetzler ’59
May 23, 2013

Dr. William J. Culp ’63
May 26, 2013

*Heritage Society member who left a bequest to Lewis & Clark.

CLASS OF 1953 members pose during 60th reunion celebration at the Albany Society luncheon during Reunion Weekend in June. From left, they are Don Floren, Jean Goodman Cauthorn, Jim West, Eleanor Hunt-Park, Brian Teller, Pat Blakely Lounge, and Dick Voll.

The Gatehouse is a semiannual newsletter published for senior alumni by the Albany Society in cooperation with Lewis & Clark College’s Office of Alumni and Parent Programs and the Division of Institutional Advancement. Chuck Charmquist ’58, editor. Editorial staff members are Dolores Willey Chenoweth ’62, Curt Copenhagen ’55, Don Floren ’53, Ardis Bowersox Mangels ’58, Bill Mangels ’55, Sharon Bosserman-Benson, and Angela Torretta.
Senior Alumni Notes

Craig Singletary ‘55 hangs up his microphone at the end of this season after 35 years as the stadium voice of the Linfield football team. Among the proud memories is having daughter Diane as his spotter for more than 180 games, including two NAIA national championship contests. Craig, an emeritus professor of communications at Linfield, enjoys travel with his wife, Fae, and making travelogues of these trips throughout the world.

Judy Smith Huddleston ‘63 is retired and spends a month or more every year in Florida collecting shells. She uses the shells creating mosaic art, trading and giving to the Oregon Shell Club. Her worldwide travels have taken her to Turkey, Israel, Jordan, the Scandinavian countries, Russia, the Philippines, Panama, and Mexico. Judy’s first husband, Bud Smith ‘63, is still missing in action after his Air Force plane went down in Vietnam in 1968.

Lee Altig Beach ‘63 and husband Byron Beach ‘62 followed job paths to New Jersey and Chicago before settling back in Oregon to run a lodging facility in Camp Sherman for 12 years. Lee then went to work full-time as a reporter for the Klamath Falls Herald & News. She tried to retire four years ago but still helps out at the paper. Byron came out of retirement to take a dream job at the age of 60 at the Amtrak depot in Klamath Falls. A train enthusiast, he now has a garden railroad in the couple’s backyard. Both Lee and Byron are grateful to the college for opening so many doors of knowledge to the world.

Howard Eyerly ‘57 is retired and lives in Bend, Oregon, with his wife, Barbara, but continues to keep a hand in space exploration management and technology. For 37 years until his retirement in 1998, Howard was an engineer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, with a variety of project management responsibilities including the 1971 Mariner exploration of Mars, the Galileo and Ulysses spacecrafts, and the 1990 space shuttle. His engineering and managerial responsibilities were wide and varied, including serving jointly on the staffs of the Jet Propulsion Lab and the California Institute of Technology. After Lewis & Clark, Howard was a range engineer in the Navy’s anti-submarine armament technology. He holds a master’s degree in business administration from Pepperdine University.

Karen Galbraith Hicks ‘63 retired in 2003 as public services librarian at Concordia University in Portland, ending a 36-year career in various library positions in elementary school through college. She earned a master’s degree in library science from the University of Denver.

Bob Backstrom ‘59, a retired CPA, lives in Palm Desert, California, with his wife Verla. Bob’s twin brother Dick Backstrom ‘60, who also lived in Palm Desert for many years, passed away earlier this year.

Kay Jansen ‘55 and Jeannine Stanenko ‘55 are off on a late summer cruise of the Black Sea and up the Danube River from Budapest to Bucharest.

Bill Bitar ‘53 is still going strong after 55 years in property management and development as president of Wm. Frank Bitar Associates in Portland. After graduation, he worked briefly in the grocery business before joining his dad and uncle in a property development firm that started in 1922 as Bitar Bros., selling groceries. That business has developed a number of MacDonalds, Plaid Pantries, Arby’s, Chuck E. Cheese’s, business centers, and warehouses in the Portland metro area. In addition, the Bitars’ Empire Construction Company has built roads, sewers, and water utilities in Ketchikan and St. Petersburg, Alaska. He is past president of the Parkrose Business Association, his Rotary Club, and the Providence Child Care Center Advisory Board. Bill and his wife, Margaret, have been married 49 years, reside on Portland’s eastside, and have four daughters and six grandchildren.

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Keep in Touch

Share with your fellow alumni what you’re up to and where you are. It’s a great way to renew friendships. Your submissions may be edited and may be published in The Lewis & Clark Chronicle, The Gatehouse, and on the L&C website.

Send your Class Note to:

U.S. Mail: Office of Alumni and Parent Programs - MSC 77 Lewis & Clark 0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd. Portland, OR 97219-7899

Web: go.clark.edu/college/class_notes

Phone: 503-768-7950

Please remember to include your class year and your address, phone number, and email address.

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Classes were dismissed and more than 200 students and faculty packed the departure gate area at the old Portland Airport on N.E. Marine Drive for a rousing sendoff for the 1950 football team. The undefeated Pioneers were boarding a chartered DC-3 airliner for a flight to Medford to face San Francisco State in the annual Shrine Pear Bowl game Thanksgiving weekend. The California team was 7-1 and the Far Western Conference champions. The Pioneers were 8-0 and had outscored five NWC foes, 173-6. L&C won the Pear Bowl in a rout, 81-7.

Jan McNeil Boutin ’63 will be among authors autographing books at the annual Oregon Historical Society Holiday Cheer celebration Sunday afternoon, December 1.

Jan will be there to sign her latest book, Oregon’s Own Gerry Frank: His Family, Friends and Fond Memories.

The book is the first biography of the gregarious and much-loved fourth generation Oregonian from the Meier & Frank department store family.

Jan, a fine arts and art history major at Lewis & Clark, did all of the research, writing and illustrating of the book that tells Gerry Frank’s story and much, much more.

It includes pages of stories about and illustrations of the Meier and Frank families and traces the evolution of the department store that bore the name of both of Gerry’s ancestors.

Frank, who served as U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield’s chief-of-staff for more than two decades and is an accomplished writer and author in his own right, gave high praise for the book.

“There are no words to adequately thank Jan for this beautiful creation,” Frank said. “I am in awe of her masterful storytelling and beautiful sketches which capture the pride, passion, dedication, and emotion of a fascinating chapter of Oregon history.”

The stature of the book is underlined by letters of introduction by all five living Oregon governors.

Lewis & Clark alumni will find a special connection in reading about Gerry’s uncle, M. Lloyd Frank, who built the Fir Acres estate 17 years before the magnificent manor house and grounds became the college’s campus.

“Gerry Frank has a proud American heritage,” Jan Boutin said. “His family began as itinerant peddlers and in two generations built the largest department store in the West and achieved the highest office in the state.” His grand uncle, Julius Meier, was Oregon governor.

Jan and her husband, Jim Boutin ’63, first team All-American basketball player for the Pioneers, split time between their homes in Salem and at the beach at Neskowin.

Her first two books were Historic Neskowin Village-by-the-Sea and A Cottage Walk through Historic Neskowin Village.

The Gerry Frank biography is available at the Lewis & Clark Bookstore; Macy’s in downtown Portland, Washington Square, and Salem; Made in Oregon Shops; and the Oregon Historical Society. In addition, it is on sale at the Capital Bookstore, Willamette Heritage Center, and Gerry Frank’s Konditorei, all in Salem.
As soon as she began playing Beethoven's third piano concerto at the dedication of Evans Music Center in April 1957, Mary Jean Thompson '57 stopped focusing on the opening scales. She was already concentrating on what would follow.

"Playing piano," she says, "you always have to anticipate what is coming next. Your mind has to be ahead of what you are actually playing. You cannot stop and listen, even if you are playing well, or you will lose it."

Thompson honed her self-discipline and aesthetic sensibility majoring in music and piano under renowned faculty like Boris Sirpo. "I learned how to stick with something and refine it," she says. "You don't quit until it's right."

Her creative rigor proved invaluable when she founded a firm designing hospital interiors. She upended institutional practices by creating environments that are beautiful and functional—patient-centered spaces where she tunes color, light, and materials to promote healing.

Grateful for all she gained at Lewis & Clark, Thompson has made a bequest supporting music. Her gift will help dedicated students discover and pursue their passions the way she has: con brio, with brilliance and spirit.

Spirited Giving

Adding bequest language to your will or living trust is a quick and simple way to carry your values forward. To learn how our planned giving program can benefit you and Lewis & Clark students, please contact us.

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College Pays Tribute to Former President Howard

Lewis & Clark will recognize the considerable impact John R. Howard had on the college during his two decades as president in an event Friday afternoon, November 1.

Howard, who passed away June 16 at the age of 90, served as Lewis & Clark’s president from 1960 to 1981.

A formal program in Agnes Flanagan Chapel at 4 p.m. will be preceded by an exhibit of the Howard era in the Diane Gregg Pavilion, opening at 3 p.m.

A reception will follow in Stamm Dining Room.

“His legacy of intellectual and physical expansion of the college is quite noteworthy,” said Dell Smith, professor emeritus who taught at the college during Howard’s presidency.

“But his personal warmth and genuine feelings toward everyone connected with the college gives added impetus to this recognition.”

Smith, who is helping put together the recognition, said alumni, former faculty, staff, and friends of the college are invited to attend.

**Dates of Interest To Senior Alumni**

**Tuesday, October 29**
James W. Rogers Concert. Music of the Pacific Northwest, performed by Lewis & Clark’s choirs, wind symphony and gamelan, 8 p.m. Agnes Flanagan Chapel.

**Friday, November 1**
President John R. Howard tribute and remembrance, Diane Gregg Pavilion, Agnes Flanagan Chapel, 3-5 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 6**
Black and Orange Parties around the globe, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, December 7**
Holiday in the Manor House, Senior Alumni Social Hour, 5:30 p.m.; President’s Holiday Reception, 6:30 p.m.; followed by choral performance in Agnes Flanagan Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Friday-Saturday, February 7-8**
William Stafford Centennial Celebration symposium, You Must Revise Your Life, sponsored by the Northwest Writing Institute.

**Saturday, February 22**
Annual Alumni Honors Banquet, Stamm Dining Room. *

**Thursday-Sunday, June 19-22**
Alumni Weekend. *

**Friday, August 2**
Ninth annual Albany Society Barbeque, Smith Hall, Albany Quadrangle. *

* Pre-registration is necessary