Alumni Weekend Plans Underway

Plans are taking shape for Alumni Weekend 2022 and here’s hoping that no pandemic interferes!

After canceling the event in both 2020 and 2021 due to coronavirus, this year’s will be especially busy making up for missed class reunions.

The weekend will begin on Thursday, June 23 and run through Sunday, June 26.

On Thursday, classes from 1970, 1971 and 1972 will each gather for dinners to mark the 50th year since graduation from L&C. In further celebration of that milestone, members of the three classes will be honored on Friday at the Albany Society’s Golden Medallion Luncheon. Receptions for members of 29 other classes will be held at separate times on Friday and Saturday.

More information on Alumni Weekend and the schedule will be available at https://college.lclark.edu/offices/alumni/reunions.

Alumni Chapters Formed in 16 Regions

Newly formed regional chapters were established in 2021 and several in-person and virtual meetings in the past months have brought together L&C alumni throughout the country.

Activities hosted by the 16 regional chapters offer an avenue for alums to reconnect with former classmates in local areas.

Chapters cover the following geographic locations: Mid Atlantic, Minnesota and the Midwest Plains States, Mountain States, New England, Northeast, Northern California, Portland and Southwest Washington, Southeast, Southern California, Texas and Oklahoma, Alaska, Central Great Lakes, Colorado, Greater Oregon and Hawaii.

To date, more than half of the chapters have hosted 14 events ranging from happy hours and outdoor activities to informational meetings on L&C’s “Exploring for the Global Good” fundraising campaign. A meeting on the campaign is scheduled by chapter leadership in Palm Desert on February 22.

More information about the chapters and events is available at go.lclark.edu/alumni-chapters.

A Tribute to Gatehouse Creator

A tireless supporter of Lewis & Clark, Charles “Chuck” Charnquist ’58 died on October 29 and this issue of the The Gatehouse is dedicated to him. Chuck was among several senior alums who formed the Albany Society in 2005. He was president of the group in 2011 and, in 2013, he gave inspiration and life to The Gatehouse, an effort by the Albany Society to communicate with senior alums who had been graduated for 50 years or more.

After graduation, Charnquist worked for the Wall Street Journal as a local stringer, and then at the Oregon Journal newspaper, followed by a stint in sports information for Portland State. In 1968, he was back on the L&C campus as director of public information for the college until 1987.

During this time, the Portland Trail Blazers basketball team was founded and Charnquist was recruited as part of a stats crew and ran the first rookie camp. His part-time gig with the Blazers included compiling statistics on game nights, interviewing players and coaches during the draft and writing press releases.

After leaving L&C, he was director of information services and sports information director at Linfield College from 1987 to 1989 before taking on more responsibilities with the Blazers.

In his full-time role with the Blazers, he was statistician, historian, archivist and produced the team’s annual media guide. Even after retiring in 2013 after 43 years with the Blazers, he continued helping on special projects.

In 2015, he was honored at the Annual Alumni Awards Banquet with the Donald G. Balmer Citation for outstanding volunteer service to the college.

A journalism graduate, he was editor of the Pioneer Log and was known by others in the field as a “consummate PR” person. Thanks, Chuck, for your inspiration.
Remembering
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Classmates who have passed away within the past year:
- Killoran, Michael "Mike" ’58
- Gladson, Bob ’58
- Jan. 24, 2021, 87 years
- Peterson, Mary Joanne ’57
- Sept. 8, 2020, 88 years
- Strandberg, Robert ’56
- Nov. 7, 2020, 92 years
- Carney, George ’56
- April 18, 2021, 87 years
- Bogard-McCoy, Ann ’55
- Mitchell, Bettie ’54
- June 21, 2021, 91 years
- Tangren, Jean ’62
- Sauder, Eleanor Burcar ’61
- Jan. 23, 2021, 84 years
- Murphy, Patricia Haines ’59
- May 13, 2021, 83 years
- Ryan, Milton B. ’60
- Oct. 28, 2021, 85 years
- Shafer, Frank ’60
- May 11, 2021, 82 years
- Steed, Robert A. ’60
- Jan. 23, 2021, 84 years
- Sauder, Eleanor Burcar ’61
- Mar. 20, 2019, 79 years
- Tangren, Jean ’62
- Mar. 26, 2021, 80 years.
- King, Arlie Hull ’65
- June 21, 2021, 91 years
- Titworth, Carol Miller ’65
- 2021, 79 years
- Batishko, Charles ’67
- 1978 years
- Lacy, Phillip ’67
- Nov. 2, 2021, 76 years
- Button Gerald E. ’69
- Oct. 4, 2021, 73 years
- McKee, Colleen Green ’69
- Dec. 15, 2019, 73 years
- Leap, Donald ’70
- Sept. 16, 2021, 72 years

Senior Alumni Notes

Ruth Gregerson Tyler ’55 still lives in her own home in Salem. She sends “thanks to the Gatehouse alumni committee for its work” as well as greetings to all her former classmates.

Carol Frank Manfredi ’57 was an Air Force wife for 10 years and during that time had two children. The family settled in Portland where she ran a business, taught swimming and painting and enjoyed a large family and many friends.

Terry Barker ’62, after being hunkered down the past year due to the pandemic, has a RV and is now planning to start seeing the country again. He and his wife live in Oregon but would welcome any suggestion on where to travel.

Byron Beach ’62 will be marking 60 years since graduation and hopes that all remaining members of the ’62 class feel as fulfilled and pretty much satisfied with their run as he does. He was married for 58 years to Lee Altig Beach ’63, who passed away last January and had a son who graduated from L&C in the ’90s.

Bob Cantin ’62 spends his retirement days editing a monthly fishing newsletter for 322 email subscribers and writes periodically for L&C Gatehouse newsletter. He still plays the accordion and can be found making music at www.bobcantinmusic.com.

Nancy Chinn ’62 says that the field of art and spirituality was her muse, both as artist and teacher, for most of her career and she now creates ceramic sculptures. She lives in a senior community in a forested area near the ocean in Northern California.

Richard Ditewig ’62 began working with the U.S. Department of Education’s Post-Secondary Student Loan program in San Francisco in 1978 and retired in 2007. He has also been a substitute organist in various Bay Area churches over the years.

Bjorn Ivarsson ’62 recalls his first year at Lewis & Clark as a life-changing experience. He became a U.S. citizen in 1967, married in 1970, retired in 1997 and has two children and three grandchildren. “Life has been fantastic! Thank you, L&C!”

Pat McLachlan Paterson ’62 works at the elementary level and spent most of August substituting teacher. During the last school year, she worked most days wearing a mask and keeping kids apart as well as some online teaching. She’s glad it’s returned to a more ‘normal’ school year.

Dennis Chenoweth ’66 retired a few years ago after spending almost 50 years working as an academic pathologist and executive in the medical diagnostics industry. In retirement, he uses his woodworking skills to craft jewelry boxes with marquetry inlays, which he sells online.

Roger Clark ’66 has been “aging in place and doing lots of gardening” since retiring. In May 2021, he sang with an interfaith choir to help send off the Lummi House of Tears totem pole, carved from a 400-foot red cedar. It was delivered to Washington, D.C.

Judy Cervetto Hedberg ’66 has been teaching courses at Portland, Clackamas and Chemeketa Community Colleges since she received her MA in music theory/history from the University of Portland in 1969. Her online music courses include Rock Music History and Appreciation (second edition) and Music Appreciation: Experience the Magic. Besides teaching, Judy and her husband have traveled extensively to all 7 continents and 71 countries.

Jack Lewis ’66 retired from the University of Southern California in 2011 and now enjoys watching his nine grandkids grow up. After receiving a PhD with his dissertation on local Japanese politics, he spent most of his career in Japan and Asia focused on international executive education.

Nancy McClintock ’66 taught elementary school in California for five years. From 1972 to 1976, she served in the Peace Corps in Colombia and Ghana. She was program manager in international development—finance and health for 40 years. She is a “retired” husband and lives on Chesapeake Bay with her husband.

Carla Shafer ’66 coordinated the fourth international World Peace Poets poetry postcard exchange during the pandemic. Shecoedited Our Deepest Calling, poems and prose by writing lab members associated with Everett Community College staff. She was the sole editor/publisher of Solstice: Light and Dark of the Salish Sea, a collection of poems by 28 regional poets. Her email is chuckanutsandstone@gmail.com.

Rick Wolcott ’66 returned home to Calgary, Alberta, after graduation. He worked with the Calgary Central YMCA and moved to positions with the YMCA/YWCA in New Westminster, British Columbia. He joined the Alberta Forest Service as southern regional coordinator of forestry youth programs in Calgary and during fire season was a public information officer. Wolcott retired in 2000. Since 1980, he has taught West Coast Indigenous art all across Canada and at the John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina.

David Shilling ’67 and Marvina Andrus Shilling ’67 visited Terry Shinn ’67 in Paris in September where he has lived for 40 years. Shinn is a historian and sociologist of science, Director of Research at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique. David Shilling retired in 2005 from the Office of the Secretary of Defense as Director of Nuclear Safety, Security and NATO Nuclear Policy. Marvina Schilling retired from her intercultural management and training consulting business. They live in Laguna Beach, California.

William Winner ’70, MAT ’73 obtained another master’s degree and a PhD in biology after graduation. Following a stint at Oregon State University, Winner was at the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., for four years and then held posts at North Carolina State University and Duke Kunshan University (DKU). His career focused on building new research centers and academic programs in environmental sciences. His work at DKU in China aimed at helping the two superpowers align with interests from all nations.

Note: Submissions have been edited for space restrictions.
But the Marine Corps also wanted...
Campus Rose Garden Not “So Rosy” Today

Remember the beautiful rose garden that anchored the east edge of the Lewis & Clark campus? If so, don’t plan to revisit it should you be on campus as it no longer exists.

It’s true that no one promised a rose garden to last forever but this one had a good run until nature intervened.

The original Lloyd Frank estate, now home to the college, was built in 1924 with beautiful gardens framing the view of Mt Hood. The estate was vacant for several years until acquired by the college in 1942.

In 1943, the Lewis & Clark Rose Garden Club restored the original rose plantings as a memorial to students and alums serving in World War II. Victor Creed, a trustee, inspired and coordinated the effort and was named life curator. More than 1,700 rose bushes were planted and flourished on the campus.

The garden rivaled the Portland International Rose Test Garden for many years. In 1979, the central axis of the college from the Gatehouse to the Manor House to the rose gardens was entered into the National Register of Historic Places.

Its beautiful surroundings became a site for ceremonies and recognition. Plaques still there, for example, memorialize the reign of college May Fete Queens.

But by 2007, the area had become a wasteland due to deer which feasted on the rose bushes. Max Williams, lead groundskeeper at the college, has watched the garden’s demise for nearly 15 years.

The college tried a variety of things to deter the deer including a deer repellent, sonic noise and motion detectors that sprayed water but nothing stopped them, remembers Williams.

About that time, the Albany Society was interested in helping restore and maintain the garden but the college had no viable avenues. A couple years later, the idea to place an iron fence and gate around part of the property came with a high price tag and was not undertaken.

Whether roses will ever bloom there again is an unanswerable question.

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