

## Barbara Eppler Hora '55

### How did Linden Hall affect your life after graduation?

I was a very self-confident 18 year-old. A few weeks after leaving LH, I went to New York and got a job as a tour guide at Rockefeller Center. I lived in North Jersey at that time, and for the next 17 months, I commuted to my all-time favorite job. It was a thrill, sort of my "gap" year before college.

### What piece of advice would you share with girls at Linden Hall today?

Be involved!

### What did you love most about Linden Hall?

My father said it was the indoor swimming pool, but I also loved living at my school and interacting with my friends and teachers. Music was my main interest, and over the years, I had several jobs to pay for my voice lessons with Miss Hunter, which were \$70 a semester. Most notably, I "threw the mail" twice a day for two years, stood office night-watch, and tended to needs in The Oven, the student canteen of the time.

### Describe your experience at Linden Hall. What is your favorite memory?

Everyone says "Gretna Day," and I agree. Even after 65 years, come fall, I still start wondering when the great date will be, so I can enjoy it vicariously. Also, anything related to singing music: Vesper Choir, Glee Club, the first "Lindenaires" sextet, senior voice recital from the chapel balcony, joint concert-dances with The Hill School Glee Club, and I also co-wrote our Senior Class song! Looking through our yearbook, Linden Leaves, I was touched by how many times music references were in the signatures.

### How many years did you attend Linden Hall?

Four, but not the usual four: 10th, 11th, 12th, and one year in the Jr. College. "My year" has always been 1955.



Barbara Eppler Hora '55 (center) with her daughters (clockwise from top right) Wendi Connelly, Amy McConnell, and Julie Hora Williams '92.

## What clubs or sports were you a member of?

Varsity field hockey, JV basketball, Blue Team events, swimming pool guard, acting, and assisting in many plays with Miss Sullivan (and to be honest..."walking the flagpole" ...not my favorite).

## What Blue and White team were you on?

BLUE TEAM!

## What college did you attend and where?

I attended Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio (near Cleveland), which is where my husband and I met. He was already a four-year Navy man, which turned into a 26 year career when we married in 1958, making me a Navy Wife. This meant I was the sole parent of two daughters when he was away on deployments. I believe those experiences made us strong, caring, and self-reliant. Being in the Navy was an interesting life, taking us from Maine, to Florida, to Southern California, and then retiring near my parents, who had moved to North Carolina.

## What is your occupation?

I am a mother, grandmother, and a soon to be great grandmother! I'm from the era where it was normal to be a stay-at-home mom, and I loved it. When Wendi and Amy were 11 and 12 we had a third daughter, Julie, who grew up almost as an "only child," in a civilian family, and in the country! So, Julie had an entirely different scenario than her sisters! She heard me talk about Linden Hall so often and so favorably that she always knew she wanted to go there too!

## Do you participate in professional organizations?

I was PTO president for two years when Julie was in elementary school and managed the Girl Scout Cookie sales for the county for four years. I have been a Shaklee vitamin distributor for over 40 years.

## Do you participate in community service? If so, what organizations?

I was a Census Enumerator two times in California, I've always promoted recycling activities, and I support many of the service projects via my church.

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### Name three things you couldn't live without.

**FAMILY**, including 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren and at least one cat!

**SINGING** in vocal music groups and a hand-bell choir (which Julie directs).

**VITAMINS**, I'm a staunch believer, and I give them much credit for my healthy 79 years!

FINALLY, I am overwhelmingly proud that Julie (class of 1992) and I (class of 1955) are considered a Linden Hall Legacy. We have had great fun over the years comparing "my years" and "her years," the amazing way Linden Hall has evolved structurally and academically, and the teachers and shared activities beloved by both generations. I cherish you.

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