2015 ALUMNAE REUNION

Pictured above, the Class of 1965 celebrated their 50th reunion.

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CLASS OF 2005 DEDICATES BENCH AT REUNION 2015

Come see the Class of 2005 bench at the stables the next time you visit campus!

TRADITIONS

Linden Hall’s long-standing traditions have recently been featured in a monthly column titled “Echoes from the Past” in the Lititz Record Express. November featured our Gretna Day tradition and December featured our beautiful Vespers tradition.

Continue to watch the Lititz Record Express for upcoming Linden Hall features on the Echo and the Mary Dixon Memorial Chapel.

GRETNA DAY
October 31, 2015

VESPERS
December 4 and 5, 2015

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ALUMNAE ROCK GARDEN FLOURISHES

The singular place on campus that holds special memories for many generations of Linden Hall alumnae is the Rock Garden. Joyously created by Dr. Stengel in the 1930s and devotedly cared for by the alumnae, this sanctuary continues to be a place where one can sit in solitude to reflect on the day or join classmates for a leisurely diversion.

The Rock Garden is lovingly tended to by Nancy Fleming Brandi ’74, who gives hours of her time and effort to keep this sanctuary looking as treasured as it is to Linden Hall. Recently our cherished lantern was broken, and Nancy took it upon herself to retrieve the broken statue and have it repaired to good-as-new condition. Many thanks Nancy for all you do to keep The Rock Garden a cherished place on campus.

Many years ago, the Class of ’56JC decided that they wanted to give a lasting gift to the Rock Garden in gratitude for the many hours spent reflecting in tranquil bliss. They decided that a dedication bench would be most appropriate, and for decades, that bench stood as a monument to their love of Linden Hall and this special space. This year the class of ’56JC, along with the Alumnae Association, decided to replace the bench that had become weather-worn.

We invite all alumnae to visit the Rock Garden the next time you visit Linden Hall. This remains your special place on campus!

EMBROIDERERS’ GUILD OF AMERICA VIEWS NEEDLEWORK

On May 14th, the Covered Bridge Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America came to view our Needlework Collection. Special thanks to our archivist Joey Yocum for setting up the display and talking with the EGA group about our needlework!
Linden Hall is proud to announce Seraphina Thorpe as the recipient of the 2015–16 Patricia Sullivan Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts. Seraphina is in the 10th grade and has been part of the performing arts community at Linden Hall since the day she set foot on campus in the 7th grade. She is a born performer and her presence lights up the stage with talent and presence far beyond her years. Ms. Thorpe is a star of the stage, sings in Musea, plays the piano in Sinfonia, is her Class President, and a Student Ambassador. Seraphina plays both soccer and varsity basketball and has been selected to attend HOBY, the Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Camp.

This prestigious award exemplifies the special woman for which it is named. Patricia Sullivan not only brought our stage to life for decades, she also mentored, cared for, and loved our girls. Congratulations Seraphina, and many thanks Pat, for all you have done and all you continue to do for Linden Hall.

Pat graced our Chapel service in September as Seraphina Thorpe ’18 was awarded her scholarship.

ASUKA TSUZUKI ’96 VISITS LINDEN HALL

Asuka Tsuzuki ’96, pictured above with Mark Powers, Director of Admission and Head of School Mike Waylett, made a special visit to Linden Hall on Tuesday, November 10th. Asuka is currently living in Fukuoka, Japan, serving as Principal’s Representative for the Linden Hall Elementary School.

While on campus, Asuka enjoyed visiting with faculty, seeing campus renovations, and learning about the new and exciting programs at Linden Hall.

Asuka stays connected with Linden Hall classmates through the Linden Hall Alumnae Facebook page.

2015 GRADUATES RETURN TO CAMPUS

Hugs were exchanged, as Linden Hall juniors and seniors were reunited with members of the Class of 2015. The panelists spoke to their former schoolmates about dorm life, preparing for college, the transition from high school to college, and the application process in a Q&A session organized and moderated by the College Counseling Office. Afterwards, the 2015 graduates were joined by other recent alums, faculty and staff members for a special luncheon reception in the dining hall.

To stay connected with other young alumnae, join the Linden Hall Young Alumnae Facebook group or email Young Alumnae President Christy Davis at cdavis@lindenhall.org.
Many years ago, Julia (Julie) Moore Kohler ’47JC came across an old manuscript at an antique show and knew she had to have it. Julie recognized the manuscript as Moravian music that bore the names of George and Peter Grosh, members of a prominent Moravian family of the 1700/1800’s. The hymns composed by George and Peter Grosh were original manuscripts. On the cover was a fraktur (a stylized and/or highly decorative watercolor or ink painting or drawing that often resembles birds, tulips, hearts, unicorns, or other mythical creatures), which was dear to Julie’s heart. Julie made frakturs and taught classes for 20 years at Mennonite High School (evening classes), the North Museum, the Heritage Center, and Landis Valley.

Recently, Julie decided to ask the Moravian Church archives if they would be interested in adding the documents to their collection. They were, of course, thrilled and grateful to Julie for her generosity and thankfully accepted her kind offer.

Dr. Jeffrey Gemmell of the Lititz Moravian Church states, “I had the pleasure of meeting Julie Kohler in February 2013 when she expressed an interest in donating a lovely music manuscript that she had purchased at an antique sale in Ephrata many years ago. As an expert in fraktur, she had been initially impressed with the document because of its craftsmanship and artistry; however, from her time at Linden Hall, she also recognized the name Grosh and the nature of the musical material as distinctly Moravian. After researching the document, I discovered that the line traces to Doctors William and Paul Grosh, current members of the congregation. Julie’s donation of this manuscript to the archives represents a return ‘home’ of this rare church family artifact.”

On May 3, 2015, the Moravian Choir and flute players performed the music from the treasured manuscript and honored Julie for her generous gift. This manuscript was meant to be found by Julie and she so graciously ensured that it has found its forever home in the Moravian Archives.
2011 ALUMNA IN DENMARK

Upon graduating from Haverford College in May 2015, Kristen Andersen ‘11 moved to Copenhagen, Denmark. Kristen is the Program Assistant for the Science and Health Department at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad. Her former teachers at Linden Hall were delighted to visit with her on campus in January! Congratulations to Kristen Andersen!

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Perry Harschutz ’05 and Marty O’Rourke were married on September 5, 2015 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, at Alpha Omega Farm, the polo farm where Perry grew up.

Perry works at Operation Smile, a non-profit organization that sends medical professionals to developing countries to fix children’s cleft lips and palates. She is continuing her education at Liberty University Online in Psychology with future plans of Physicians Assistant school. Perry’s husband Marty is a Youth Pastor at Galilee Church in Virginia Beach. Congratulations to Perry and Marty O’Rourke on their marriage!

GET WELL WISHES

✧ Our thoughts and prayers are with Virginia “Ginnie” Judd Stapelfeld ‘63 for renewed good health and full recovery.
✧ Liz Lodge Bookheimer ’63 continues to improve and our heartfelt wishes go out to her.
✧ Wishing Carly Sturmer Detborn ’63 complete recovery from back surgeries.
✧ With wishes of peace and improvement for Carol “Lisa” Clay Yocom ’63.
✧ Prayers and good wishes to Emma Zimmerman ’56JC for a speedy recovery from open heart surgery.
✧ Encouraging thoughts and good wishes to Phyllis Snyder Ingram ’63 as she continues to recover from surgery and rehabilitation.
✧ Our good wishes to Nancy Schlosser Garabed ’63 as she recovers from double knee replacement.

SUSQUEHANNA STYLE FEATURES LINDEN HALL

Linden Hall’s campus and Linden Hall alumnae have recently been featured in the 2015 August, October, and November issues of Susquehanna Style magazine!

Linden Hall’s campus created the backdrop for the ‘August Style in Session’ feature.
Carolyn Myers Staszak ’00 was featured in the October ‘Elegance and Industry’ article.

Heather Wilson ’85, Lynn Wohlsen Myers ’73, and Barbara Mistick ’73 were featured in the November ‘Women and Business’ Edition.

2011 ALUMNAE MEET AROUND THE GLOBE

Julie Hora Williams ’92, Courtney Frankhouser Myers ’93, and Melanie Donohue ’93 atop the One World Trade Center in NYC.
Mie Takami Inamouri ’93, Courtney Frankhouser Myers ’93, and son Tristan at Asakusa Kannon Temple in Tokyo, Japan, a place where Mie and Courtney have visited together three times.
Billy Myers, Courtney Frankhouser Myers ’93, Aki Takeuchi Watanabe ’94, Miwa Takeuchi Obada ’99, Hiroshi Obada — Tristan Myers (5 years), Yuta Watanabe (7 years), Kentaro Obada (3 years), Nanoha Obada (5 years)

2011 ALUMNAE MEET AROUND THE GLOBE

On October 3, 2015, Kate Shelley and Jonathan Yeager were married at the Lititz Moravian Church, with the reception following in the Linden Hall Dining Room.

Kate is the daughter of Ruth Ellen Morman Shelley ’73 and Mike Shelley. She is also the granddaughter of Marie Morman and the late Rev. John Morman, Headmaster 1969–1976.

After returning from their honeymoon in Antigua, Kate resumed her duties as Communications Coordinator and Assistant Archivist for Linden Hall. Congratulations to the Morman-Shelley-Yeager family!
Dear Alumnae,

Last spring, April and I attended Linden Hall’s 2015 Alumnae Reunion. During our visit, I shared that one of my priorities, as Head of School, is to strengthen Linden Hall’s ties with its alumnae. Great schools have engaged and connected alumnae—individuals who credit their alma mater with positioning them for future success and happiness. You are valued members of our school community and your experiences, wisdom, and opinions matter.

Candidly, my first six months at Linden Hall have been fraught with many challenges, but it’s been a wonderful and fulfilling experience, and I am convinced that our school’s future holds tremendous promise. I have enjoyed meeting with many of you in your hometowns and on campus. From these meetings, a common theme has emerged: you love Linden Hall and credit much of your personal and professional success to the love, support, and instruction you experienced at Linden Hall. There is an air of excitement, hope, and stability at Linden Hall that has not been present in recent years. Our girls are performing exceptionally in the classroom, as well as on the stage, field, and court; they are making us proud. Together, we are moving Linden Hall to new heights!

Dear Alumnae,

As Linden Hall’s Director of Advancement, I look forward to getting to know you, both personally and as a group. We will be working together to ensure the vitality of this outstanding school for many years to come. Your time spent at Linden Hall will be with you forever. It provided you with knowledge, strength of character, leadership skills, and much joy!

I encourage you to visit your school at any time throughout the year. Your campus visits strengthen our faculty, staff, and students. If distance precludes a visit, please stay in touch through email, phone or letters. We love to hear what you’re doing and want to grow our circle of involved alumnae. Please send photos of you and your family because you are, and always will be, an important part of the Linden Hall family. I invite you to contact me by email at mclugston@lindenhall.org or by phone (717) 626-8512 x 109.

Dear Sisters,

When I was accepted to Linden Hall in 1989, it was a financial stretch for me to attend the school. Even as a student in that era, the cost exceeded what was possible for my parents. But my parents had a dream for me to receive the best possible education. So my extended family pulled together as did the Alumnae of Linden Hall to make my parents’ dream come true.

I have never forgotten how the women who graduated before me helped me experience what they too had experienced. Not only did I participate in the traditions of Gretna Day, Blue and White Days, May Day, and Chapel, but also received top quality, caring education that prepared me for college and life. Since graduating, I have wanted to make that available to other girls. I ask that you give Linden Hall and future girls the same consideration. Often we do not know who receives financial aid, but try to imagine if you, your roommate or friend was not able to attend Linden Hall because the funds were not available to cover the costs. How would your life be different today because you received another type of education or didn’t have the opportunity to form the relationships and memories that you did?

Linden Hall is ever changing but the essence remains the same. It’s a home for many and a place where relationships are formed and maintained for years. Girls are educated in preparation to become wonderful women with varying talents. Please remember that as you consider a gift to your Alma Mater. Linden Hall has impacted us all!
RUTH PETERSEN WALKER ’38JC
Ruth “Petie” Walker just celebrated her 96th birthday. Happy Birthday Ruth and thank you for keeping your class updated!

JOEY HAUBNER YOCUM ’59
Joey Yocum’s four grandchildren, pictured Left to Right: Samantha Yocum, Michael Slayton, Melanie Slayton, Amanda Yocum.

BETH PARR WHITE ’67
Harrison and Sullivan Phelps, grandchildren of Beth Parr White ’67. Granddaughter Sullivan was named after Miss Pat Sullivan.

LINDA WENTZ NASH ’68
Congratulations to Linda on her novel ‘Dear Dead Dad’ now available on Amazon Kindle Books!
Check out this amazing novel, written by Linden Hall’s own Linda Wentz Nash. Linda is also the mother of Susannah Lee Nash ’00.

BARBARA KNAUS MISTICK ’73
Barbara Mistick’s new book Stretch: How to Future-Proof Yourself for Tomorrow’s Workplace is now available for pre-order on Amazon. Congratulations to Barbara on her upcoming release!

LYNN WOHLSEN MYERS ’73 & CAROLYN MYERS STASZAK ’00
Logan (8) and Lilly (5), children of Carolyn Myers Staszak ’00 and Ryan Staszak and grandchildren of Lynn Wohlsen Myers ’73.

NANCY FLEMING BRANDI ’74
Nancy Fleming Brandi ’74 with grandson Timothy Maxwell Driscoll.

ASHLEY WENTZEL PEENE ’04
Congratulations to Ashley Wentzel Peene ’04 and her husband on their recent purchase of a new home in Lancaster, PA!

KATIE ERRIGO ’07
Katie has turned her love of animals into a successful business as co-founder of The Complete Canine Center, LLC in Landisville, PA. This full service, 5,500 sq. ft. facility offers dog daycare, boarding, training, and grooming. Congratulations to Katie on her achievements!

To share class notes, please contact Mary Kramer at mkramer@lindenhall.org or Christy Davis at cdavis@lindenhall.org