

November 2019

Class of '67

Dear Classmates,

I hope this newsletter finds each of you in good health and looking forward to the holiday season with family and friend. On a personal note, I have recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's and I'm currently working out my medication schedule. Say a little prayer for us. Jane and I are exercising more and are doing yoga. In addition with the cooler weather we will be walking on the beach more.

We dodged another hurricane. The eye of Dorian came within 50 miles of Charleston. I felt like the SC governor called for evacuation a day or two early. We stayed and hunkered down. Winds picked up and the rain was steady. No flooding for us but we had a mess to clean up.

I would like to recognize our 2019 scholarship recipient, Helen Strigel. Our scholarship was awarded in memory of classmates Betty Knight Thurston, Brenda Hamlett Smith and Judy Diane Miller. The class of '89 scholarship went to Kiana Hurt. The class of '88 did not make an award. We will be working with the class of '88 to hopefully get them back on track.

The Foundation has now awarded over \$40,000 in scholarships! Think about that for a minute. What an impact! We have contributed for over 20 years! Our endowment account has increased from \$28,000 to \$31,843 as of September 30th. We are building a great base for the future. Chris Bailey, a Wealth Manager at Benchmark Community Bank (and a member of the class of '88) has help set up our endowment fund. The earnings over the principle of \$28,000 will be used to fund our scholarship. In this manner our scholarship will carry on and expand long after we have passed away. The plan is to continue to add to the principle over time which will allow us to increase the amount we award.

Treasurer's report from Gene Hart: We have \$5,179 in our checking and \$31,843 in our endowment fund. We plan to keep around \$5,000 in our checking account to have available to award our scholarship when the market is down. We will also be making further deposits to increase the principle so that we can increase the award amount we provide. The class of '88 has a balance of \$1,466 and the class of '89 has a balance of \$5,057.

Our fall campaign drive is to raise \$1,500 by the end of the year. Thank you for your participation and support. **Send checks to Gene Hart at 2570 Sandy Lane, Victoria, VA 23974.** Make checks payable to **C of L Alumni Scholarship Foundation.** Put for the class '67 scholarship.

Venassia Günter continues to spearhead the class of '89 efforts. We hope to get Chris Bailey to be the contact for the class of '88. We continue to get questions from other classes about joining the Foundation.

Warm wishes for the holiday season ahead and for the coming year. We have much to be thankful for.

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