



WILLIAM & SARAH LAWRENCE SOCIETY

Legacy News

The William & Sarah Lawrence Society recognizes the many alumnae/i and friends who have informed the College that they have included Sarah Lawrence in their estate planning. It is named for William Van Duzer Lawrence and his wife, Sarah Bates Lawrence, in whose memory he created the College.

Activating the Generosity Gene



Joan Marks '51

Joan Marks '51 is on a dual mission. A passionate supporter of the College, Joan is urging her classmates to increase annual giving, to the extent individual finances allow. She is also urging older alumnae/i to name Sarah Lawrence in their wills.

“We’re all at that age now,” Joan reflects, citing her generation’s heightened resolve to create a meaningful legacy. “If we’re lucky enough to have resources and we don’t think about it now, when will we?”

Joan’s legacy at Sarah Lawrence will be a continuation of her extraordinary life’s work. From 1972 to 1998, she built and led the College’s graduate program in genetics counseling, the first in the United States. Named in her honor in 2006, the Joan H. Marks Graduate Program in Human Genetics has trained half of the nation’s genetic counselors and has served as the model for more than 40 programs in this country and abroad. It remains the largest, most influential master’s program in a field that is growing exponentially in significance and size.

When Joan retired, the program’s students and graduates paid tribute to her visionary leadership by establishing the Joan H. Marks Scholarship

Fund. A vital source of financial aid for master’s candidates in human genetics, the scholarship has received generous funding from Joan and her husband, Dr. Paul Marks, as well as their children, colleagues and friends.

Joan and her husband have designated both her named scholarship fund and the Sarah Lawrence general endowment as beneficiaries of their estate.

Dr. Paul Marks’ high regard for the Sarah Lawrence genetics program has a professional basis as well as a personal one. The former president and CEO of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Dr. Marks is a renowned oncologist credited for major advances in cell biology and cancer genetics, and is a recognized leader in improving patient care.

As might be expected, Joan and Paul Marks travel in fascinating circles, far and wide. But above all, Joan says, it is the Sarah Lawrence community that provides them with the greatest joy and deepest sense of connection.

Joan’s college roommates Barbara Walters and the late Anita Manshel remained her closest lifelong friends. She will never forget the undergraduate experience of studying with intellectual stars like Joseph Campbell and Marguerite Yourcenar. To this day, lectures and other activities at the College are top priorities on the Marks calendar.

Joan knows that she is not alone in her love for her Sarah Lawrence. So she continues to reach out to classmates and other alumnae/i, promoting support of The Fund for Sarah Lawrence and The William & Sarah Lawrence Society. Her hope is that the College’s gift income and financial standing will finally reflect the immense value of this institution to its students, its graduates and the world at large.

At Home in Academia, from Birth to Bequest



Clarice Dibble Walker '57

Born to a family of prominent educators, Clarice Dibble Walker '57 spent her childhood on a historic college campus.

When she arrived at Sarah Lawrence from Tuskegee, Alabama, she was already steeped in the values, goals and philosophies of higher education.

“From my early years, I’ve known about colleges and the needs of colleges,” she says.

This awareness has motivated her to support Sarah Lawrence through the decades, serve on its board of trustees, and co-chair her 2007 50th reunion committee. She has also named the College in her will.

Clarice’s father and grandfather had both been leaders at Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University. Her father was the longtime medical director of the school’s teaching hospital. Her grandfather, the first African-American to graduate from MIT, was recruited by Booker T. Washington to develop Tuskegee’s campus while creating academic programs in construction methodology and architectural design.

Clarice learned about Sarah Lawrence from her mother, who knew its second president, Constance Warren. Glowing reports also came from a cousin, Barbara Taylor Bowman '50, and from a close Tuskegee friend, Martie Branche '53.

As an undergraduate, Clarice loved the donning system and the freedom to pursue independent study and analysis. Under the tutelage of Madeleine

Grant, she explored infant mortality as a barometer of a nation’s physical and social health. Encouraged by political scientist Robert Engler, she examined the infamous Emmett Till murder case through an interdisciplinary lens.

For her community-service project, Clarice worked with adolescent girls at a Westchester hospital. “That sparked my interest in social work,” she says of an experience that led to graduate studies at Columbia University, clinical work at the University of Chicago’s Department of Psychiatry, a professorship at Howard University, and her appointment as social service commissioner for Washington, D.C. She also served on the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care.

Today, Clarice is a trustee of the SEED School, the country’s first urban public boarding school. She and her husband take great joy in their four children and seven grandchildren, and she cherishes her enduring friendship with her three Sarah Lawrence roommates. When the roommates celebrate their 55th reunion, Clarice’s daughter Ann Walker Marchant '82 will be celebrating her 30th.

With children, grandchildren, and a history of service and support to various institutions, Clarice demonstrates her commitment to community. For her and all who care about their family and community, she says, planning a legacy gift of any amount is “meaningful and important to do.”

For the Sarah Lawrence community, learning of Clarice’s planned gift and honoring her support have also been very meaningful and important to do.

SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE:

Our Mission. Our Vision. Our Value.

Our Mission: to prepare students to think and act independently so that they will tackle the problems of, and thrive in, a complex and rapidly evolving world.

Our Vision: to build on our strengths to renew Sarah Lawrence College's leadership as a unique and influential model for 21st century education

Our Value: Sarah Lawrence's approach inculcates the entrepreneurial habits of exploration, risk-taking and invention that graduates will need to find solutions for which no models currently exist. A Sarah Lawrence education imparts the skills—as well as the courage—to think both creatively and analytically; work both independently and collaboratively, and act with both confidence and sensitivity in a complex and ever-evolving world.

For a more complete expression of Sarah Lawrence's philosophy, please go to <http://www.slc.edu/about/mission.html>

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- Sarah Lawrence is already in my estate plan. Please list me as a member of the William & Sarah Lawrence Society.
- Please contact me about Sarah Lawrence charitable gift annuities.
- Please contact me about including Sarah Lawrence College in my will.

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Celebrating Generous Intentions



Helen Wyatt Cobb '40

Helen Wyatt Cobb '40 turned a knack for a memorable phrase into a public service when she became a columnist for the CAMPUS college newsletter her freshman year. Writing on fashion and social relations, she must have attracted an enthusiastic following

with columns like “Men May Come and Men May Go But Spinach Goes on Forever” and “After the Prom Was Over, Or, A Roommate in Wolf’s Clothing.” She started a political organization for “Republicans and conservatives” to balance radicalism on campus.

On graduating, she became a Red Cross volunteer in Indianapolis, Europe and Morocco and when World War II ended, wrote about her experiences for the Sarah Lawrence quarterly magazine, contrasting moments of beauty and luxury with everyday privations. Upon her return to the U.S., she explained the expatriate’s way of idealizing home, which, when confronted with reality, she found often turned into disappointment.

Helen met “the light of my life,” Bruce Cobb, in Italy and “wore down his resistance with coffee and doughnuts.” Although she was born in Detroit and

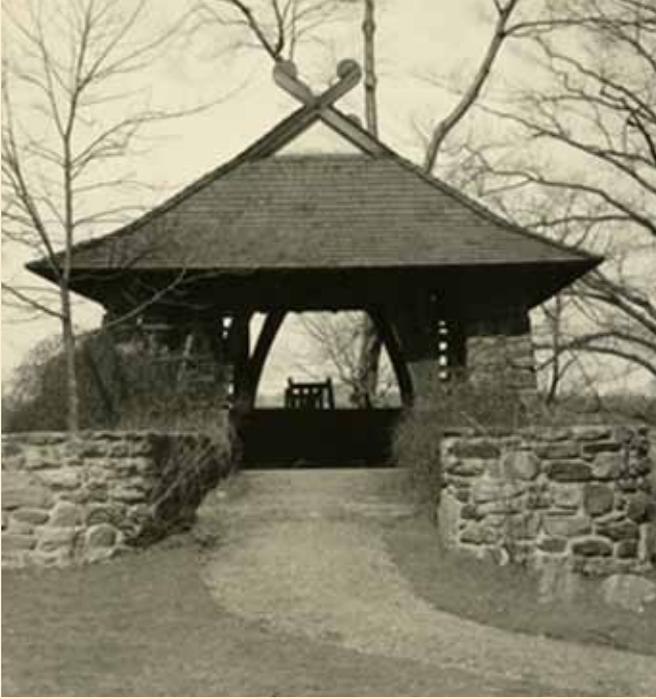
spent time during and after the war in exotic locales around the world, she and Bruce finally settled in Nyack, N.Y., then moved to St. Thomas, V.I., where they founded and ran the Clothing and Gift Shop for many years.

Bruce died in St. Thomas. Joy Taylor, Helen’s friend and business partner in the Clothing and Gift Shop for the last ten years in St. Thomas, tells us she and Helen found property in Tenants Harbor, Me., a beautiful seaside community, and decided it would be a great place to retire. It is there that Helen spent her last years.

Sarah Lawrence College was thrilled to learn that Helen established an exceptionally generous trust that will permit Joy to use the house as long as she wishes and that ultimately will become an unrestricted gift to Sarah Lawrence. How we wish we could have thanked Helen in person for her generous plans! She has set a high standard for the William & Sarah Lawrence Society.

Please call Sarah Lawrence’s Office of Gift Planning (914-395-2543 or e-mail Annetta Love, Director of Gift Planning, at giftplanning@sarahlawrence.edu) to advise us that you have included Sarah Lawrence in your estate plan. ‘Thank you!’

History of the Teahaus



A small stone building on the North Lawn, the Teahaus is run by students for the benefit of the Students for Students Scholarship Fund. It raises money by serving light refreshments in a space perfect for reading and quiet conversation. At night the Teahaus hosts study-group meetings, poetry readings and open-mike performances.

The Teahaus has had several names, and more than nine lives:

Summer House: An open-air gazebo was built on the estate of William and Sarah Lawrence, placed on a hilltop to catch unimpeded breezes.

Senior House: The College's first senior class donated \$1,370 to transform the gazebo into Senior House. It was used exclusively by seniors as a smoking room, until a campus rules change permitted smoking in residence halls.

Alumnae Office: On September 30, 1935, the campus newspaper announced, "The old senior house, situated opposite Titsworth Hall, was taken over by the Alumnae this fall for an Alumnae office and meeting place." Details

appeared in the October 1935 of the alumnae magazine: "Mary Jane Russell, Alumnae executive secretary, has completely redecorated the house, using a blue and rust color scheme. Overlooking the entire campus the new office, with its welcoming fire, makes a most fitting and attractive place for returning Alumnae to meet and for the business of the Association to be carried forward."

War Board Office: During World War II, the building served the national effort as the office of the War Activities Board.

Community House: At the war's end, the space became Community House. An outgrowth of the Student War Board, Community House encouraged and facilitated student volunteer work on campus and off.

Charles Trinkaus's Office: In 1953, Renaissance scholar Charles Trinkaus began using the space as his office. When renowned architect Philip Johnson was hired in the late 1950s to design the New Dorms, the office was used as construction headquarters. Johnson's vision of the campus included an open quad without Community House, but when he threatened demolition, students waged a successful protest. Professor Trinkaus returned to his office after dormitory construction ended, and remained there until he left the College in 1970.

Newspaper Headquarters: Between the mid 1970s and early 1980s, the building housed the student newspaper.

Communita House: By the mid-1980s, Community House was unused and falling into disrepair. Its new life began after Rebecca Reynolds '87 came up with the idea of turning it into a student watering hole. Community House became Communita, and finally today's Teahaus.

WELCOME NEW WSLs MEMBERS

New Members of The William & Sarah Lawrence Society, FY 2012

The William & Sarah Lawrence Society honors the many alumnae/i and friends of the College who have made the decision to support it by including Sarah Lawrence in their estate planning. Members have the enduring gratitude of the Sarah Lawrence community for their commitment to the College's future.

Susan Chiddix '70
Myra R. Drucker '68

David S. Kessler '75
Linda Rhodes '70

Mervin Silverberg FR
Kenneth P. Spritz, '74 MFA

A Deferred Donation Brings Instant Gratification



Louise Petz '67

Louise Petz is a sophisticated investor. A CPA who has worked in finance since 1975, she currently serves as senior vice president and treasurer of Ogden CAP Properties in New York.

Needless to say, the choices she makes in personal investments and philanthropic gifts consistently reflect her professional expertise.

In 1998, Louise made a sizeable donation to Sarah Lawrence by establishing a Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity (DCGA) from the College. Delighted with the immediate charitable deduction and guaranteed high payment rate, she established a second DCGA just two years later for an even higher payment rate than the first. Both deferred gift annuities were established with stocks, and she is clear in explaining why.

“You get the fair market value of that stock as a charitable tax deduction,” she says, “as opposed to having to sell the stock, pay capital gains tax, and then donate cash.”

Whether a DCGA is established with stock or with cash, its payment rate is based on a formula that factors in the donor’s age and the amount of time between the gift date and the date when payments to the donor begin. Like all DCGA contracts, Louise’s included her instructions as to when she would begin to receive annuity income.

“I started receiving payments about three years ago,” she reports. “I’m getting a nice check every quarter.”

The satisfaction she feels is more than equaled by the gratitude felt at Sarah Lawrence.

In decades to come, Louise’s DCGAs will be a significant part of her enduring legacy at her alma mater. Along with her intended bequest, the remaining annuity value will play an important role in ensuring the College’s long-term financial stability and educational excellence. Meanwhile, she continues to make substantial annual gifts to the Fund for Sarah Lawrence.

Louise is a past member of the Alumnae/i Board and a current member of the 2012 Reunion Committee. Joking about this commitment of time and effort, she says she agreed to be on the Reunion Committee “in a weak moment.” She also talks about how much fun she’s had working on behalf of her alma mater. And her multifaceted generosity, as both a donor and a volunteer, demonstrate her deep appreciation for the lasting benefits of her college experience.

“My Sarah Lawrence education has served me very well,” she says. “I learned that just because I’d never done something didn’t mean I lacked the skills to learn how to do it. And the conference experience really helped me when I went to graduate school—in being able to say to a teacher, ‘I have a question. Give me some of your time.’”

Honoring Beloved Faculty

Many Sarah Lawrence alumni are deeply grateful for the work of a particular faculty member. Are you among those who hope to honor a beloved teacher through a memorial fund for faculty support? Consider launching such a named fund now so that your faculty member, who may be still teaching at Sarah Lawrence or may have recently retired, can know of your appreciation and generosity. Call Judith Katz at (914) 395-2526 for ideas and suggestions. Thank you!



Questions?

Contact Us!

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CD's Coming Due? Looking for Better Rates?

Think about a Sarah Lawrence Charitable Gift Annuity. Gift annuities are simple contracts with the College that provide attractive lifetime payments and a charitable income tax deduction, based on the value of your gift. And the balance in the gift annuity after the demise of the last income beneficiary will help Sarah Lawrence maintain the highest standards of excellence for future generations.

Payment Rate Single Income Beneficiary Effective January 1, 2012	
Age	Rate
60	4.4%
65	4.7%
70	5.1%
75	5.8%
80	6.8%
85	7.8%
90+	9.0%



CELEBRATIONS! Hope to see you here!

Reunion 2012

May 31 – June 3, 2012

Undergraduate alumnae/i in classes ending in 2s and 7s: Your Sarah Lawrence Reunion is coming up.

Please check the Sarah Lawrence Alumnae/i Community website: www.slc.edu/reunion for up to date information or contact us at reunion@sarahlawrence.edu or (914) 395-2531 for more information.

Center for Continuing Education
50th Anniversary Celebration

May 31 – June 3, 2012

Please join us in celebrating this milestone with special events during reunion weekend on the Sarah Lawrence campus.

Interested in getting involved?

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