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While the end of 2020 can't come too soon for many of us, the end of the year also brings us to consider year-end charity donations. As you are making such decisions, please consider donating to our Buttrick Challenge before 12/31/2020. You can donate by PayPal or use the enclosed Buttrick Challenge form to donate by check.

We are excited to announce that so far, we have received about \$90,000 in donations all of which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Jim Buttrick to establish an endowment fund to provide student scholarships to the summer schools for years to come.

On Oct. 26th, our Membership Secretary, Sara Durkacs, sent information on renewing your Alumni Association membership for 2021. When renewing your membership before 12/31, please consider making an additional donation to the Buttrick Challenge to help us reach our \$100,000 goal. **Donations to the Buttrick Challenge must be received by 12/31/2020 in order to qualify for the matching grant.**

In her email message, Sara noted that, “ ... *the Alumni Association has awarded scholarships to young professionals just starting their careers or more established professionals seeking inspiration and networking opportunities for more than 40 years. It's easy to [renew](#) online [via our PayPal portal](#) (click on the “donate” button and follow the instructions to pay with your credit card or PayPal account) or by completing the form below and sending it back to me. Or call me with your credit card account at 718-499-8254 after 5 pm, EST.”*

In order to reduce mailing expenses and the time and effort required to process postal mail renewals and donations, we strongly encourage use of the PayPal and credit card options. All donations to the Alumni Assoc are tax deductible as provided by law. **If renewing or donating using your Charitable Trust, be sure to indicate that the donation is for the Alumni Association because the check might be sent to the National VSA office.**

Your faithful support of the Alumni Association and its primary mission to raise funds for student scholarships is greatly appreciated. The contributions of over 75 individuals, couples, and organizations to our Buttrick Challenge is a tribute to your faithful and generous support of our organization. **THANK YOU!**

<p>ENNUI 2021 APPEAL LEVELS</p> <p>\$55 INDIVIDUAL</p> <p>\$100 HOUSEHOLD</p> <p>\$125 SUPPORTER*</p> <p>\$300 SPONSOR*</p> <p>\$600 BENEFACTOR*</p> <p>\$30 YOUNG PROFESSIONAL</p> <p><i>*Members at this level and above will be acknowledged in our E-Newsletter</i></p> <p>RENEW ONLINE</p> <p>YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID THROUGH: 12/31/2021</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP LEVEL _____</p> <p>DUES AMOUNT \$ _____</p> <p>+ SCHOLARSHIP FUND AMOUNT \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LONDON</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CHICAGO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PROF. RICHARD GUY WILSON Newport Scholarship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GWEN KOCH Memorial Newport Scholarship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DUCHSCHER Memorial Scholarship endorsed by Sibyl McCormac Groff and John Martine</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL</p> <p>+ BUTTRICK CHALLENGE \$ _____</p> <p>= TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____</p>		
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BUTTRICK CHALLENGE DONORS

\$20,000 and above

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Memorial Tribute for William J Dane, a founder of the Victorian Society in America

\$15,000 to \$19,999

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Pledges to the JIM BUTTRICK CHALLENGE GRANT

Robert Esposito

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DONORS

The Alumni Association would not exist without the support of all our members. **THANK YOU!** Donations above the basic membership level enable us to continue to provide substantial funds for scholarships. We list below and acknowledge those members at the Supporter level and above for their generosity. We also give special thanks to those members and friends who have made donations in support of specific scholarships and to our Jim Buttrick Challenge grant. Your support is much appreciated!

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Robert Chapman
Hank Dunlop
William and Patricia Eldredge
Nancy and Fred Golden
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Duane Myers
Susan Robertson
Jeanne Solensky
Kristine Steensma
Joseph Svehlak
Sergei Troubetzkoy
Martha Vicinus
Jane and David Villa
Samantha Wiley

Contributor list July 1, 2018 through October 31, 2020. Every effort is made to accurately report all donations. However, errors and omissions may occur. If you see an error, please bring it to our attention so that a correction can be made in future listings.

The Alumni Association is extremely grateful to the following **Victorian Society in America (VSA)** donors, Victorian Society Chapters, and others who so generously supported the Summer Schools through their very generous donations to The Victorian Society specifically for the Schools.

Warren Ashworth
William Ayres
Dr. Anne-Taylor Cahill
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VSA contributor lists January 1, 2019 through May 15, 2020. Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of our contributor lists, but errors may occur. If you see an error, please report it to David Lamdin at dalamdin@aol.com

Heritage Society

The Heritage Society of the Alumni Association was established to allow the Alumni Association to recognize those who have made thoughtful provisions in their planned giving documents, wills, trust, and bequests. These provisions will help to ensure that the Alumni Association will continue to have the resources necessary to fulfill its missions in support of the VSA.

We are extremely grateful to the following members and friends who so thoughtfully and generously included the Alumni Association in their wills or trusts. Their gifts will make a lasting difference to deserving scholars for years to come.

John C. Freed, a longtime VSA and Alumni Association supporter made provisions for a \$10,000 bequest to the Alumni Association in memory of his partner, **Paul Duchscherer**.

Paul Duchscherer very thoughtfully made provisions in his trust for a \$10,000 bequest to the Alumni Association as well as designating the Alumni Association as the beneficiary of all future royalties from his many books and other publications.

The Bob and Carole Chapman Fund very generously awarded a grant of \$10,000 to the Alumni Association Chapter in memory of **Carole Chapman**.

Darrell Lemke & Maryellen Trautman

Including the Alumni Association in your estate plans is an effortless way to support the Schools. Please consider this sample language:

I give and devise to the Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools all (or state percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

If you are interested in and require further details about including the Alumni Association in your will or trust, please contact President David Lamdin at (703) 243-2350 or at dalamdin@aol.com.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY SUMMER SCHOOLS
Officers, Directors, and Committees as of January 1, 2020**

The Alumni Association acknowledges the following individuals for their service to our organization:

President and Acting Treasurer **David Lamdin** dalamdin@aol.com

Vice President **Bob Chapman**

Corresponding Secretary **Jeanne Solensky**

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION of the VICTORIAN SOCIETY SUMMER SCHOOLS

\$100,000 BUTTRICK CHALLENGE GRANT

The Alumni Association is very excited to announce the creation of an Endowment Fund to support the VSA Summer Schools. We received a very generous matching grant from Jim Buttrick (Newport 1999, London 2000). Jim will donate a total of up to \$100,000 to match dollar-for-dollar donations large or small to the Endowment Fund. These donations must be “new” money received before December 31, 2020. The Endowment Funds will be separately invested for the long term with a small percentage of the value of the fund used each year as needed for summer schools scholarships and operations.

As a supporter of the VSA, you understand the importance that the Schools have played in the lives of those fortunate enough to attend. Students consistently report on how the schools have enriched their lives with the connections made, the first-rate lecturers, and a broadened appreciation of the built environment. The Endowment Fund will provide an ongoing income stream to make the Summer Schools stronger and be our legacy for future Victorians. Please consider a generous contribution.

For additional information contact: David Lamdin 703-243-2350 dalamdin@aol.com



Prof. Richard Guy Wilson with students at the Newport Summer School

Please complete and return the form below to help meet the Buttrick Challenge

I, _____, am including a check for \$_____ payable to the “**Alumni Association**”. Memo: for the Buttrick Challenge Grant. **AND/OR**

I, _____, pledge \$_____ to the Alumni Association for the Buttrick Challenge Grant to be paid before December 31, 2020.

Send to: **Alumni Association, VSA**
24 Wilkins Ave 1st Floor
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

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