



The Officers and Directors of Alumni Association extend best wishes for the holiday season and best wishes for a healthy and happy new year!

The Alumni Association's annual membership renewal season is underway. It's easy to [renew](#) online [via our PayPal portal](#). Just click on the "donate" button and follow the instructions to pay with your credit card or PayPal account. If you encounter any problems, please try a different browser. You can also use the enclosed membership form to renew and return it to Sara. You can call her with your credit card info at 718-499-8254 after 5 pm, EST.

The source of the Alumni Association funds includes your \$55 annual membership fee (which is a separate membership fee from the VSA), and largely from generous alumni who donate at the Supporter and above membership level, to scholarship funds, and to honorary and memorial donations. There is a special \$35 a year membership available for those under 35.

Alumni Association membership benefits include: opportunities to participate in the Alumni Association's national and international Study Tour Programs that include exclusive access to historic sites, private homes, and private collections; invitations to special events nationwide; an invitation to attend the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting & Dinner often held in a private home in connection with a VSA Study Tour; and publications keeping members informed of activities - only current Alumni Members may submit essays for possible publication and join the Alumni Association Study Tour.

When renewing your membership before 12/31, please make 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.** So far, we have received about \$96,000 in donations to the Buttrick Challenge all of which will be matched dollar-for-dollar to establish an endowment fund to primarily provide student scholarships.

As you consider your yearend giving options, please note that the CARES Act, which went into effect this spring, established a new above-the-line deduction for charitable giving in 2020 only. Donors who take the standard deduction and do not itemize may take a one-time adjustment to income of up to \$300 per taxpayer or \$600 for a married couple for cash gifts to public charities. Normally, you'd have to itemize deductions to write off charitable giving when you file your taxes. There are also new special rules which allow those who do itemize deductions to take a much greater deduction for their contributions. Donations to private foundations and Donor Advised Funds do not qualify under these new rules. *This is not intended as tax or legal advice. Donors are encouraged to consult with their own professional advisors on how the CARES Act may apply to them.*

As a chapter of the VSA, the Alumni Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Contributions are deductible as provided by law. You can find more information about the Alumni Association by visiting our web site at [vsaalumni.org](http://vsaalumni.org) separate from the VSA web site ([victoriansociety.org](http://victoriansociety.org))

Members are strongly encouraged to submit articles for publication in this **eNewsletter**. Articles sharing your adventures and travels in Victoriana since your summer school experiences and career advancements would be most welcomed. Please send to David Lamdin at [dalamdin@aol.com](mailto:dalamdin@aol.com)

Your faithful support of the Alumni Association and its primary mission to raise funds for student scholarships is greatly appreciated. Your membership in the Alumni Association and especially the special donations to our various scholarship funds enabled the Alumni Association to provide about \$72,500 in scholarships for the summer schools in 2017, 2018, and 2019. The 31 Summer Schools students who received this scholarship assistance might not have otherwise been able to attend. In 2020, the Alumni Board also authorized a donation of \$16,000 to help the Summer Schools cover some of their fixed costs during this pandemic year.

The special contributions of over 85 individuals, couples, and organizations to our Buttrick Challenge is a wonderful tribute to your faithful and generous support of our organization. The Endowment Fund which will be established as a result of your donations and the matching grant from Jim Buttrick will provide a foundation for the Alumni Association to continue its support of student scholarships for many years to come.



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**Pledge to the JIM BUTTRICK CHALLENGE GRANT:** Robert Esposito

*Contributor list April 1, 2019 through December 10, 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.*

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

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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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Haddonfield, NJ 08033**

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