



The Alumni Association's annual membership renewal season is underway. Many thanks to all those who have already renewed! Your faithful, consistent, and significant support is sincerely appreciated. Your membership and donations will enable the Alumni Association to continue its support of VSA Summer Schools students with scholarship money. With the schools starting up again in 2022, the Alumni Association hopes to provide significant scholarship support to students in 2022.

It's easy to renew online via our Pay Pal portal. Further information concerning membership renewals is available at: vsaalumni.org. 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.

Cognizant of the difficulties encountered in our country stemming from the pandemic, the Alumni Board has authorized **a special one-time reduced membership rate of \$25** for 2022 to encourage all to renew their memberships. Please take advantage of this special rate or renew at the current rate beginning at \$55 for an individual.

Dr. Gray Brechin (Newport 1987) will present:



“Necessitous Men Are Not Free Men”: The Influence of Ruskin and Settlement Houses on the New Deal” by Gray Brechin. *Pres. Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal programs were not just an unprecedented effort to extricate the U.S. from the Great Depression but a concerted effort to use government to create healthier individuals and society in the process. Many of the leading New Dealers including Frances Perkins, Harry Hopkins, and Eleanor Roosevelt had worked in settlement houses earlier in the 20th century which were themselves inspired by the moral suasion of John Ruskin. Settlement houses were closely connected to the Arts & Crafts Movement as seen in the Mary Ward House in London's Bloomsbury neighborhood.*

[01/20/22 “Necessitous Men Are Not Free Men’ with Gray Brechin - YouTube](#)

VSA Alumni Association Report of 2021 Activities

The Alumni Assoc held a successful Annual Meeting via Zoom on May 5, 2021. At that meeting, a new Board of Directors was elected for the period 2022 through 2024. The new Board includes David Lamdin (President) Robert Chapman (Vice President) Sara Durkacs (Membership Secretary) Jeanne Solensky (Corresponding Sec) James Russiello (Treasurer) Richard Brandi (Director) Travis Brock Kennedy (Director) John Martine (Director) Elizabeth Ann Milnarik (Director) William Cullum (Director)

As of 12/31/2021 there were 148 Household members.

The Study Tour to Portugal was again postponed until 2022.

The Buttrick Challenge was very successfully completed. With the donations of over \$100,000 and the \$100,000 match, together with the transfer of funds from the general revenue account and accumulated interest, a total of \$217,008.50 was raised for the Scholarship Endowment Fund. Every dollar donated for the establishment of an Endowment Fund was doubled. The special contributions of some 97 individuals, couples, and organizations to the Buttrick Challenge was a wonderful tribute to the faithful and generous support of our organization.

The Alumni Board selected a brokerage to manage the account in accord with the Investment Policy Statement approved by the Alumni Board.

There were no Summer School Recruitment Events in 2021 and there were no Alumni funds spent on scholarships in 2021.

The Alumni Association published 10 eNewsletters in 2021.

Many members of the Alumni Association participated in, supported, and thoroughly enjoyed the excellent video lectures presented by the VSA in 2021.

The Alumni Association very much appreciates the efforts of its officers and directors with thanks to the outgoing Board and a big welcome to the new Board. Their efforts enable the Alumni Association to be an entirely volunteer organization. A very special thanks to Sara Durkacs, Membership Secretary. Without her faithful commitment and tireless efforts, the Alumni Association could not function.

VSA ALUMNI ASSOC Main & Pitts Acts Inc/Exp 12/31/2021			
	Main Acct	Pittsburgh	TOTAL
Main Account	48,394.00		
Endowment Fund	103,795.00		
Balance 1/1/2021	152,189.00	46,580	198,769.00
2021 INCOME			
Membership Dues	14,595.96		14,595.96
Donations to our AA Scholarship Funds	7,102.66		7,102.66
Events (Lisbon Tour Deposits)		3,750	3,750.00
Investment	282.46		282.46
Buttrick Challenge	4,415.00		4,415.00
Buttrick Match	100,000.00		100,000.00
2021 TOTAL INCOME	126,396.08	3,750	130,146.08
2021 EXPENSES			
Transfer to Brokerage Account	217,008.50		217,008.50
Membership solicitation	131.20		131.20
Events (Lisbon Deposit Refund)		5,000	5,000.00
Member communications	92.80		92.80
Website Maintenance	116.00		116.00
Donations: VSA Annual Chapter Dues	100.00		100.00
Bank Charges	116.81		116.81
2021 TOTAL EXPENSES	217,565.31	5,000	222,565.31
2021 NET INCOME (LOSS)	-91,169.23	-1,250	-92,419.23
ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/2021	61,019.77	\$45,330	106,349.77
(BOTH BANK BALANCES)			
End of 2012			35,273.00
End of 2013		\$20,507	39,250.00
End of 2014		\$38,352	58,952.00
End of year 2015			42,481.00
End of year 2016	18,809.60	\$42,364	61,173.60
End of year 2017	33,090.14	\$17,364	50,454.14
End of year 2018	49,691.97	\$30,340	80,031.97
End of year 2019	108,791.00	\$12,910	121,701.00
End of year 2020	152,189.00	\$46,580	198,769.00
End of year 2021	288,528.17	\$45,330	333,858.17
Main Cash Account (12/31/21) =	61,019.17		
Brokerage Account (12/31/21) =	227,509.00		
Tangible assets laptop and software Purchased 1/25/2018 for \$459 plus tax and shipping charges			
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* There was \$103,795 for the Endowment Fund (EF) at the end of 2020. An additional \$4,415 was received before 12/31/2020, but not deposited until after 1/1/2021. The fund raising campaign for the EF raised \$108,210. The Board authorized a transfer of \$8,210 to the EF. With the \$100,000, the transfer approved by the board, the donations, and the accumulated interest, the EF totalled \$217,008.50. A brokerage account was established on April 6, 2021.



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2022 SUMMER PROGRAMS

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June 3-12

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June 16-21

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or contact the Summer Schools Administrator at
admin@vsasummerschools.org.



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. As you think about your legacy, please remember the summer school experience, the life-long benefits you received from the VSA Summer Schools and remember to support the Alumni Association in its efforts to provide scholarships.

Including the Alumni Association in your estate plans through a simple bequest in your will, or as a beneficiary of a life insurance product or retirement plan is an effortless way to support the Schools. If you are considering a bequest to the Alumni Association, please consult with your attorney about including the following sample language in your will:

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools Chapter of the Victorian Society in America, EIN 23-1710978, 24 Wilkins Ave Fl 1, Haddonfield, NJ 08033, 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 do make a legacy provision for the Alumni Association, please let us know the details so that you can be included in our listing of **Heritage Society** members. 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@gmail.com.

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** made provisions for a bequest to the Alumni Association

The Officers and board members of the Alumni Association are extremely grateful to all alumni who help support our mission. We offer our special thanks to those listed below who made additional contributions—above and beyond their membership dues—to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Paul Duchscherer Memorial Scholarship

Endorsed by Sibyl McCormac Groff and John Martine

Patricia Eldredge
Mary Findlay
Sibyl McCormac Groff
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David Lamdin
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John Martine
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David Lamdin

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Kristine Steensma
Joseph Svehlak
Allan and Angela Vagner
Martha Vicinus
Linda Weld
Samantha Wiley

London Scholarship

Laura Camerlengo
Caroline Giddis
David Lamdin
Richard Guy Wilson

Special thanks also to those members at the Supporter (\$125) level and above.

Benefactor (\$600)

James Buttrick
Robert Chapman and Florence Sinofsky
Merrily Gumpel
David Lamdin
Katherine Seale

Sponsors (\$250-\$350)

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Jennifer Carlquist
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Darrell Lemke and Maryellen Trautman
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Janie Petkus
Gretchen Redden
Katherine Seale
Linda Weld

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Louis Aubert
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List as of June 15, 2021. The list will be updated following the conclusion of our membership renewal season. 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@gmail.com or Membership Secretary Sara Durkacs at membership@vsaalumni.org