As I sit writing this letter, I am watching the snow fall to join the foot of snow that is already on the ground. The snow is fun for recreation, but when it comes to work and travel, it certainly can complicate things. It reminds me of alumni weekend, two years ago, when we had snow flurries at Laurelbrook. Snow is the last thing I would have expected to see at Laurelbrook, on alumni weekend since the year prior was at least 70 degrees and my kids were playing in a pond on that Sabbath afternoon. This year alumni weekend is fast approaching, which will be April 3-5 2020. This is a special year as it is the 70th anniversary of the founding of Laurelbrook. The theme for the weekend is “Lest We Forget”. If you are able to

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Nicole, daughter of Steve and Lori (Clark) Groot ('88), graduated from college SumaCum Laude, and earned a W. A. Howard award which signifies a 4.0 GPA.

...THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH

Steve and Lori (Clark) Groot ('88), celebrated the marriage of their son, Nathan Groot to Rebecca on September 28, 2019.

On May 19, 2019 Dr. David and Dr. Sonia (Brandt) DeRose's ('80) daughter Angela married Thomas Clark.

Russell “Rusty” Anderson, ('85), age 51, passed away on January 28, 2018. Russ is survived by wife Christine; daughter Rachel; mother Nola; brothers Tom & John (Cathy); and nephews Jonathan (Allison) & Josh.

Lori Brandt, wife of Clifton Brandt ('76), was born on October 29, 1964 and passed away on Sunday, October 20, 2019. She received her Bachelor's degree in Business from Hartland College. Lori worked in the Laurelbrook business office, the Laurelbrook Day Care, and Laurelbrook kitchen. She enjoyed the outdoors, reading, studying the Bible, and collecting recipes and cook books.

Don Walterhouse, September 13, 1929 ~ January 4, 2020 (age 90), is survived by his children, Becky Howe ('74) of Custer, S.D., Floyd Walterhouse ('75) of Chattanooga, Audrey Woods ('77) of Portland, OR., Donna Podesta ('80) of Murfreesboro and Rick Beaty of Nashville; along with 8 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

Jana Beth Marlow ('93) and Matthew Greer ('92) were married November 10, 2019.
Upcoming Alumni Events

2020 Homecoming Weekend    April 3-5, 2020
Alumni Camp-out                        Oct 2-4, 2020
2021 Homecoming Weekend    April 2-4, 2021

Hopefully we will see you at Homecoming!
Everyone is welcome.

Program for Alumni Homecoming:
Friday Night Vespers: Laurelbrook Music Dept
Sabbath School: Class of 1995
Church Service: Class of 1980
Sabbath Evening Vespers: Classes of 2002 & 2007
Saturday Night Fun: Program in Auditorium
Sunday Morning: Worship and Breakfast, plus Alumni Meeting.

Please plan on attending our annual Laurelbrook Alumni Association
Business Meeting. Sunday, April 5, 2020 at 9:00am in LBA Cafeteria.

For Lodging accommodations at Laurelbrook please contact Jean Talley
(423) 599-4682 or jean081246@gmail.com.

Here is a list of hotels in Dayton for your convenience.

Holiday Inn Express
2650 Rhea County Highway, Dayton, TN 37321
423-570-0080
Includes Free Wifi & Hot Breakfast. Microwave and mini fridge.

Best Western
7835 Rhea County Highway, Dayton, TN 37321
423-775-6560
Includes continental breakfast & hot waffles.

Sleep Inn & Suites
4450 Rhea County Highway, Dayton, TN 37321
423-664-9391
Includes Free Wifi & Hot Breakfast. Microwave and mini fridge.

Americas Best Value Inn
7875 Rhea County Highway, Dayton, TN 37321
423-775-9190
Includes Free Wifi. Hook-ups available for RV’s. Microwave and mini fridge.
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - CONTINUED

make it to the Friday night meeting you will be honored with a music program by Laurelbrook Academy. No doubt it will bring back some memories for most of you. We also have honor year alumni taking part in all the meetings Sabbath, and don’t forget the traditional singing of “Joy In The Morning” sung by all alumni present. All alumni are welcome to attend the “Ye Olde Time Alumni Breakfast”, and if you have any desire to be bossed around by Dena, or get up at 5:00 AM, you’re welcome to help us with the breakfast preparation. It should be a lot of fun and I hope to see you there.

This year is technically an election year for officers, however, the nominating committee has suggested leaving the current officers in place. As you will see from the attached ballot you will still get to decide whether this happens or not. A vote to retain the current officers is a simple yes or no vote, but remember, per our bylaws, the current officers will still be in place until a replacement candidate can be found, and this could take a couple of years. ;-) The nominating committee, along with the executive alumni officers, have decided to add 4 positions to our executive committee. There is now an executive assistant to every position. It is filled with a person that will likely be the best candidate as the outgoing officer leaves that post. This will allow the alumni association to continue seamlessly from one administration to the next, and not lose traction on what direction the Alumni Association is headed. The new officers will have been engaged for at least 2 years prior to becoming officers and already know the program and how things work. They will also have been working with the past officers and have contacts and friendships forged over that time. This will keep the past officers engaged as an available resource to them moving forward. I know from my own experience of being voted into something, of which I had no clue about, it took a couple of years to get a real understanding of how things worked and what I was responsible for. If we can reduce the learning curve, it will be a positive thing for the association and all involved. The new assistants are: Amarachi Ananaba (2003) as executive assistant to the president, Tom McDonald (1983) as executive assistant to the vice president, Carolyn Ellis (1994) as executive assistant to the treasurer, and Sarah Edney (1996) as executive assistant to the secretary. I believe all of these persons to be good choices for their respective positions and believe they will fill the office roles well, when the time comes. Thank you to all of them for their willingness to serve.

Finally, I would like to give mention to the Pioneer Memorial Endowment Fund. For those of you who have not heard of it, it is simply, an endowment fund managed by the alumni association to provide scholarships for worthy students to be able to attend Laurelbrook. After only 3 years in existence the value of the fund is over $104,500, and for the second year will pay out scholarships on alumni weekend. We do collect for this fund during the church offering on Sabbath, so please donate as much as you can, making the fund grow so it can help many more students in the future. Many of us know someone, or have ourselves been recipients of assistance with Christian education in the past, and this is an opportunity to pay it forward.

I hope you have found this letter informative, and I look forward to seeing all of you Alumni weekend. If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to me by phone or text @ 303-901-4947 as well as email alumni@laurelbrook.org.

Jeremy Shull (Class of 1996)
Laurelbrook Alumni Association President

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Please submit vote prior to Sunday 4/5/20.
Vote may be submitted by one of the following methods:
Email: alumni@laurelbrook.org, (Ballot is not required. Written email selections accepted.)
Mail: Laurelbrook Alumni Association, c/o Jean Talley, 114 Campus Drive, Dayton, TN 37321
Hand to: Laurelbrook Alumni registration staff prior to Sunday, April 4, 2020.
Paper Ballots will be available at the alumni registration table.