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The friendships we develop during our college years with roommates, teammates and classmates can last a lifetime. In this issue of our monthly e-newsletter, we meet and become friends with four Fort Lewis College (Old Fort) women who, knowing each other since girlhood, decided to attend Fort Lewis College together. This deepened even further a friendship that would last for more than seventy years. Isn't that one of the joys of college life—developing relationships that last a lifetime?

Billie (Kleckner) Richardson, Elaine (Perry) Gedanic, Bernice (Gardner) Bowra and Lorraine Brett are the four stars of our story plus one who didn't attend the Old Fort. Besides sharing clothes, books, makeup and secrets, they also shared the friendship of another young woman who was part of the group even though she didn't go to Fort Lewis. Dorothy (Mahoney) Brack may not have been a student at the Old Fort; however she attended just about every party, event and gathering and joined the visits into town. In fact most of the students on campus assumed she was an Aggie. She was just as spirited and committed to the college as anyone else on campus. What a time they had! Please read their story and also listen to Shan Wells' fascinating interview with Bernice Bowra.

Whether you graduated from college this past spring or 50 years ago, college relationships are some of the deepest ones we develop in our lifetime. In honor of one of their own who recently died, an endowed scholarship that will assist a Fort Lewis College student was created by the Richardsons. The Hesperus Girls Plus One Scholarship will last forever, just like the friendship of five devoted friends.

Warmly,

Margie

-Margaret Deane Gray
Executive Director