

# THE LEHMAN JOURNAL

ALUMNI EDITION

APRIL 2004

## HERE'S WHAT'S ON TAP ...

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
WITH THE FOLLOWING DATES!**

**JUNE 18, 2004**  
CLASS OF 1969 REUNION  
Rolando's Upstairs Ballroom

**JULY 14, 2004**  
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET  
American Legion Post 44 Hall

**AUGUST 14, 2004**  
CLASS OF 1944 REUNION  
Brookside Country Club

**SEPTEMBER 10 - 12, 2004**  
CLASS OF 1954 REUNION

**OCTOBER 1 - 2, 2004**  
CLASS OF 1949 REUNION

## DUES ARE DUE

When you relate to a friend about something you read in this issue of *The Lehman Journal*, and they did not receive theirs, ask if they paid their 2004 dues.

If their dues are not paid, they will not receive the remainder of the year's issues as we only send the January issue to all alumni in our database.

If anyone has moved, please notify us because the Post Office will not forward bulk mail.

## SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

This banquet is open to all who would like to attend and show support for the students who are about to head off to college, most for the first time.

July 14 is the date, the American Legion is the place, and Mr. Mike's Catering will be cooking the food ... guaranteed to be good.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Now is the time to send those requests for applications for scholarships to be awarded in July 2004. They must be completed and returned by May 1, 2004, to be considered. The sponsor must have been a paid up member for two years for the student to be considered, and the student must be a lineal descendant.

Mail requests directly to the following address:  
LEHMAN H.S. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
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Requests or completed applications sent to the Association's general P.O. Box can experience a delay.

To date 66 application requests have been received, but only a few completed applications have been returned. We recall that one year we planned to award 20 scholarships, but only 15 candidates returned completed applications. Five more students would have most likely been awarded scholarships if they had just taken the time to complete the application.

Don't jeopardize an opportunity by not requesting an application for your descendant and having them complete the application.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time you read this letter, I will be into my fourth month as your president. So far this has been a very enjoyable term. In January we had a very successful Polar Party and Silent Auction. There is an article in this issue of the *Journal* about the excitement of the evening. I particularly want to take this opportunity to thank Eleanor "Nickie" Wingert for the kind donation of the disc jockey that she had won at the fair for the evening.

I want to remind everyone that the deadline for submission of scholarship applications is May 1, 2004. Please make sure that your descendant completes them fully and has this to us well in advance of the deadline so that there will be time for us to notify them should anything be missing or incomplete.

One item I forgot to mention in the January *Journal* is that we are always looking for business people to place ads in the *Journal*. The cost for a business card size ad is only \$15 per issue, and you can place it in as many issues as you wish each year. The ad will reach approximately 1300 people per issue, and more if the issue is one that we hand out at the Stark County Fair. Please call Joanne Moody at 330-875-8477, Jack Dillon at 330-499-7951, or me at 330-455-6655 if you or anyone you know is interested in placing an ad. One does not have to be an alumnus/alumna to place an ad, but we should note that we made a decision many years ago not to accept political ads due to the nature of our organization.

Speaking of the *Journal*, if any alumni have news to provide us - articles in the local newspaper or simply items in which they feel their fellow alumni would be interested - please mail these to the Journal Editor at P.O. Box 8175, Canton, Ohio 44711, fax them to the editor at 330-875-8477 or the publisher at 330-966-8326, or e-mail items to [LehmanJournal@aol.com](mailto:LehmanJournal@aol.com). YES, we are now up-to-date and have an e-mail address!



*Claudia Burgess  
Selby '75*

Claudia Burgess Selby '75



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 Bill and Joan Yingling '52

## CLASS OF 1952 CHALLENGE

Those class of '52 alumni who put out that challenge to the rest of their classmates have garnered quite a few new members to the Alumni Association. And they have pulled the money from their own pockets to meet the challenge.

Thanks, guys – that means **John Torok, Bob Arnold, Bob Fitz, Dick Koons and Dick Yant.**

Nest issue we will try to see where their class stands after more 2004 dues have been recorded.

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## OBITUARIES

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**Neena Ink Brewin '41**  
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**Donna L. Aldridge '48**  
**Dale Moreland '47**  
**Wilma (Goff) Dennis '47**  
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**David Allen Trimbach '64**  
**John W. Mills '71**  
**Beverly Jolovitz Beck '43**  
**Charles F. M. Schumacher '41**  
**Elizabeth (Lang) Moulton '43**  
**Mary Geib '42**

The Association tries to send or take a single red rose tied with red and gray ribbons to the funeral home of Lehman alumni who die locally if we know about the passing. Often the school is not mentioned and we miss the opportunity to remember they were our classmates. Please notify an Alumni Board member when possible. For out of town alumni, we send a card to a family member when possible.

## THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

Sean McBride wrote us to say the scholarship "came in very handy for buying my books. Thanks again."

Ted Williams sent a letter thanking us for the past scholarships he received. He stated because of the two scholarships he received he was able to take 24 credit hours and finish two quarters early at Ohio State University. He wanted to tell how, when given a little help, it makes funding for college go easier. His current plans are to make a few new sports broadcasting tapes and hopefully gain employment at a television station in sports broadcasting.

## LOOKING FOR A LOST LEHMAN ANNUAL

**Vivian Rice** is looking for a 1952 or 1953 Lehman annual as she has lost hers and is looking for a replacement. If anyone has one they no longer wish to keep, please drop us a note and we will forward this to Vivian.



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## MEETING WITH THE PRINCIPAL

The March 17 general membership meeting held at Lehman did not draw the crowd we had hoped, but listening to Zettie Sims, Principal of Lehman Middle School, is always fun and informative.

He showed us a video they had made of the many things the students have been doing. One scene was impressive where the students wore red, white or blue shirts to school in remembrance of the September 11 attack. Each grade wore the different colors and then spelled out USA on the football field. Those youngsters are making their own memories of Lehman in the building we remember as the high school. He also stated the Lehman students were the only ones in the Canton Middle Schools who showed progress in the Proficiency Tests.

He advised how he told the students that on the last day of school they would all have to carry their desk and belongings to the new school. But they would not be able to make it in one day so would have to camp overnight in the city park and then continue the next day. He said the next day the telephone was ringing off the hook after the students went home and told their parents. Zettie Sims has done great things for the students at Lehman and that just shows how serious they take him. Eighth grade students numbering about 87 will take the trip to Washington, D.C., this year while another group will go to New York. These trips are based more on attendance than on grades. It has been proven if they attend school they will improve their grades and usually attitude. Even if they have grades but skipped going to classes, they cannot go on the trips. The students raise funds for these trips throughout the year and are not funded by tax dollars. Recently two students were treated to a trip to Columbus as guests of Senator Kirk Schuring to see what happens at the State House. When Mr. Sims was asked how the students are chosen, his reply was ... they are just a couple of students who come to school every day and behave and do what is expected of them. Misbehaving students too often get all of the attention while the student who behaves gets passed over. This is one way of rewarding them, and six students have gone to Columbus to date this school year.

He related how Summit School students will be attending Lehman next year while their school is demolished and rebuilt. When that school is finished Souers Middle School will move into Lehman while their school is being remodeled. After that what may happen to Lehman is still on hold. There are ideas out there but nothing firm at this time. He also commented how he wished he could take the auditorium with them. It is still a great place and, would you believe, the new school will not have an auditorium. The cafeteria will suffice.

Members of the Chess Club were disappointed this year when they finished third in the State but they finished 11th in the Nation, so look out next year.

There is the possibility on May 17 at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Sims will have a walk through of the new school for anyone who would like to see what the inside of the building looks like. It seems the students have a "late start" day that day. Note - back in our day, when we had a "late start," we were considered tardy!

## LETTERS AND REQUESTS

A letter received from Robert (Bud) Gray '42, who now resides in Illinois, recalled a recent visit to the area. His brother Paul '40 and his wife took him on a tour of Canton that included the Lehman High School we all remember. His words were "what a classic, impressive experience" while touring and viewing the school and football field. He was a fullback on the 1941 undefeated and untied football team. They played on the Lehman football field and defeated Painesville 55-12 and then carried coach Jim Robinson on their shoulders from the field and tossed him into the showers.

He recalled how on December 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor, while sitting in Mr. Jerles' Civics Class, Mr. Delp, the then Principal, came on the loud speaker system and said we were going to listen to President Roosevelt's "live" speech (via the radio) declaring war on Japan. He had placed the microphone up close to the radio and the speech was carried to all the classrooms. At that moment all of their lives changed. The next year Robert was in the Army and two years later fighting a deadly war in Italy.

The last place on the tour was passing by a huge building under construction and the sign stating it would be Lehman Middle School. He then asked for an update on the new and old school. Please see the article on this page about our meeting with Principal Zettie Sims for this update.

### LEHMAN REVERSE RAFFLE SCHOLARSHIP DINNER TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER 2004

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## SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

Remember when we had those great alumni all city nights at the Fieldhouse a few years back. Well, apparently, funds were held hoping they could be rejuvenated, but it did not happen. The man who had been the treasurer wanted to close out the account. We, along with the three other schools, each received a check in the amount of \$1,044.98, which we put in the scholarship fund.

Also recently the class of 1943 had their 60th reunion and when it was over they had some monies left. They sent us a check for the Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$1,000.25. A special "thanks" to those who donated to that reunion.

Those two checks alone equal four scholarships, helping to assure funds for future students. Our plan is to award 25 scholarships again this year, and right now it looks probable, but every dollar donated helps. The form on page 7 of this issue makes it easy to donate to the Scholarship Fund.

## TELL THEM THANKS

When we ask for donations for the Polar Party we rarely get turned down. We would therefore appreciate it if when you see any of the following political or business friends of Lehman, tell them "thanks" for supporting the Lehman Alumni. They are Judges Jim James and Julie Edwards (daughter of Lehman graduate Marty Brannan), Mike Howard, Representatives John Hagan, Scott Oelslager and Mary Cirelli, Commissioners Richard Regula, Jane Vignos and Gayle Jackson, United States Senator George Voinovich and County Auditor Brant Luther. Also thanks to Tom Hannon for his book, *Healing Hands Massage* for their donation, and Herman Rubin for his donation of piano tuning.

For their ads in the *Journal*, thanks to John Anderson and Canton Flower Shops; Welch-Sekeres-Lewis, Spiker-Foster Shriver and Lamiell Funeral Homes; Builder Steve Endres, Gabe's Meat and Deli; Realtors Kent Smith, Barb and Jim Guest, Bruce Schorsten and Mark Siegenthaler; Ewing Chevrolet, Taggart's Ice Cream, Hills & Dales Auto Care, Transylvania Limousine Service, AA Executive Catering Inc., Desert Inn, Trissel Roll Off Service, Gregg Schorsten Insurance, Herman Rubin and Dick and Jeanne's Flowers and Gifts. Keep in mind most of these advertisers are either Lehman graduates or related and they help keep the cost of the *Journal* to a minimum.

Know someone who might want to place an ad? Call Claudia Selby or the editor or publisher. And remember to say "thanks" to those who help and that could include the Lehman Alumni officers who freely give of their time.

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## CLASS REUNIONS

The **Class of 1941** will have their 63rd reunion luncheon on Tuesday, September 7 (the day after Labor Day). Contact **Jay Wagner, Carol Cook Warstler, Martha Toot Wasson** or **Dr. Ralph Lind**.

The **Class of 1944** will hold their 60th reunion August 14, 2004, at Brookside Country Club. Missing classmates are William Allen, Dorothy Anker, Doris Palmer Baker, Mary Tudor Bird, Joanne Shaffer Brown, John Burkhard, Jerry Dutton, Andy Eberstadt, Bob Ecker, Donna Mowry Heckens, Paul Hoover, Pauline Chisholm Kolstad, Edna Mae Lewis, Marvin Lichenstein, Dorothy Peterson Manning, Vera Hafer Murbach, Roger Naftzger, Dean Nealy, Carolyn Newman, Maxine Briggs Palmer, Joan Picket, Bette Sailer Pilcher and Denver Russell. Contact **John Jenkins** at 330-492-0247 or **Nickie Wingert** at 330-488-2192 if you know the present address of any of the above classmates.

The Reunion committee is headed by **Jack Fisher** and **Dick Levin**, Co-Chairmen, with committee members **John Baker, Jim Barnett, John Jenkins, Elaine Savage, Thurza Weise** and **Nickie Wingert**.

The **Class of 1949** will hold their 55th reunion the weekend of October 1-2, 2004. Further details will be provided at a later date. **Elaine Willen Singer** is the contact person and may be reached at 330-499-1712.

The **Class of 1954** will hold their 50th Reunion the weekend of September 10-12, 2004. A welcoming get together will be held Friday night at the Lake Cable Clubhouse, with the Saturday night dinner to be held at Brookside Country Club. The class will then return to the Lake Cable Clubhouse for the Sunday Brunch.

Missing classmates are Robert Brown, Nancy Conald Carnes, Bob Detwiler, Delores Harmon Bernard, Fred Huffman, Sandra Lister Moody, Susan Horgan Blair, Don Kramer, Beth Wheatcraft Von Coxia, Linda Seccombe Murray, Jack Mortenson, Charles Siegmund, Diane Watts Unger, Mary Woodburn, Guy Crawford, Roberta Heckaman Kesner, Colleen Kerry Melkerman, Lois Morgan Wilson, Tony Pucci, Kurt Stitler, Allen Williams, Sandra Jacobsen Schwartz, Shirley Nadeau, Allen White and Nancy Winthrub Gerstman.

Contact **Bruce Dunlap** at 330-494-2567 or **Nan Shengle Rearick** at 330-833-5628 for additional information or if you know the present address of any of the missing classmates.

The **Class of 1969** will hold their 35th reunion June 18, 2004, from 6 pm to midnight at Rolando's upstairs ballroom, 2433 Whipple Ave. NW in Canton. An invitation to join the reunion is extended to anyone in the classes of 1969 through 1971. Cost is \$20 per person, and checks should be made payable to **Mike May** and sent to him at PO Box 8525, Canton, OH 44711-8252.

**REUNIONS** – Please send us a note as soon as a date has been set for a class reunion. We will publish the details of the reunion and the names of missing classmates if space permits. We also would like to set up a small table one night of the reunion with memorabilia and membership information. We have many out-of-area alumni who are not aware of the Alumni Association and its good efforts, and this is an opportunity for them to learn of our existence and activities.



## NAMES IN THE NEWS

**GREGG SCHORSTEN '65** together with several others is looking forward to the First Tee program for youth in the Canton area to open in June.

When the Class of 1948 held their reunion, *The Repository* snapped the pictures of **ANN** and **JIM SIMATACALOS**, along with **DONNA** and **RALPH GRAENING** and **SHIRLEY CANTERBURY CARY**.

**SCHAFFNER'S**, known for ice cream and trains throughout the years, will be remembered by many Lehmanites, but it is "the end of the line" since Dale Schaffner died in January. The closing date has been set for May 1 so that those who want to stop by one more time can do so.

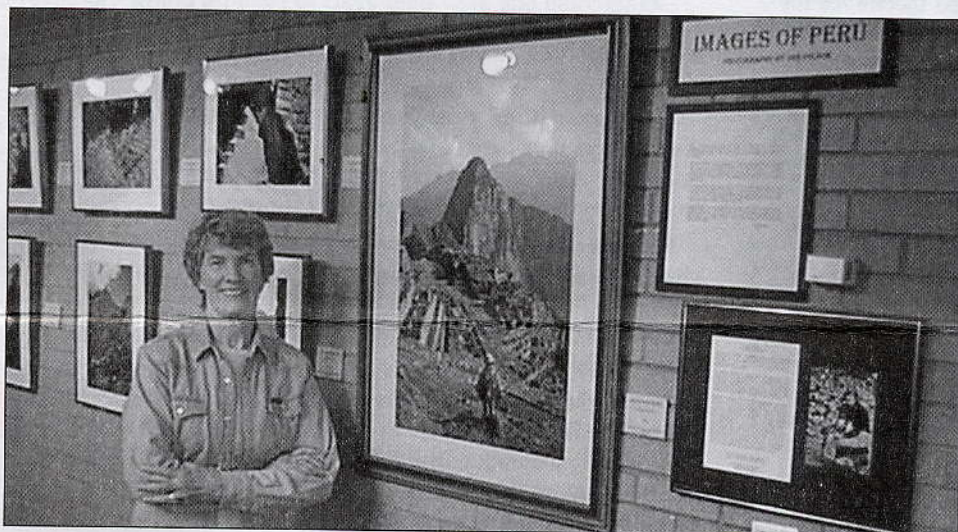
**JIM SCHWERZLER '51** was caught by a *Repository* photographer while cooking at the Massillon Knights of Columbus Hall, helping prepare lunch for approximately 200 people who stop by each Wednesday.

**EUGENE DE CHELLIS '76** coaches the 7th grade girls basketball team at Our Lady of Peace. The team became the 7th Grade CYC Parochial League National Division Champions and Tournament Champions with a 14-2 record.

**LYNN DRAGOMIR** will chair the Hall of Fame Festival Food Committee.

**JOHN SHAHEEN '71**, owner of Rumours, was recently featured in *The Repository* for all of the many new features in his restaurant, including design changes, a band on weekends, the outdoor patio and an 80% smoke free area. The menu has many of their well-known foods, and John may be seen cooking in the new kitchen through a display window.

**MATT DRAISS**, who was one of last year's scholarship recipients, was featured in *The Repository* addressing a congressional panel in Washington about the need for financial aid for college bound students, not only from private and state sources, but also from the federal government.



**JANET (JERLES) FOLSOM '53** was the subject of an article and photo in the *Denver Post* detailing her Photographic Exhibition, "Images of Peru," which took place from February 4 through April 2, 2004, at the Boettcher Concert Hall at the Denver Center for Performing Arts. Janet was awarded the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award in the category of Arts/Entertainment.

The photograph at the left, picturing Janet standing at the entrance to the exhibit, accompanied the newspaper article.

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## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI DINNER

Nominations are being accepted for consideration for the Distinguished Alumni Awards to be presented in November.

A form appeared in the January *Journal*, but a letter of recommendation on a regular sheet of paper will be accepted. Deadline is September 1, 2004, for nominations for the 2004 class.

## POLAR PARTY RESULTS

The January Polar Party was one fun evening, and the 100+ alumni and friends who showed up had a good time. The food was good, and the music kept toes tapping. But ... the best part was the fund raising portion for scholarships.

Over 100 items were on tables for the silent auction, and the 50/50 and afghan donated by **Rose Maier** added incentives for raising bids or buying tickets along with selling the last Entertainment Book we had, which we sold for more than the original cost in September.

The Polar Party is always a fun evening for those who do not become snowbirds, so keep it in mind for next January. Plan to bring a few friends for an enjoyable evening. We even made *The Repository* and raised funds for another three scholarships.

## LOOKING FOR A LOST ALUMNI

We received a telephone call and a letter looking for the whereabouts of James Winzeler, who graduated around 1943-1944. If any of our readers know the status of Jim, would they please drop us a note. We will forward the information to a former friend who now resides out of the country.



*Stark County Common Pleas Judge Sara Lioi swears in Nickie Wingert '44 as Corresponding Secretary during the installation of 2004 Alumni Association officers at the January 14, 2004, General Meeting.*

Photo by Jack Dillon

## PARADES

It is again that time of the year when we like to take part in the local parades to help keep the name of Lehman High School alive.

The Memorial Day Parade will be May 31 this year, and we are looking for volunteers to walk or ride in the parade. We should have at least 10 alumni to take part in the parade.

If you are willing to walk or carry the banner, call Alumni Association President Claudia Selby at 330-455-6655 and volunteer. Also let her know if you have a convertible or open truck you might be able to volunteer if needed.

Perhaps some of those younger people who received scholarships over the last several years who are in town would be willing to walk with us older alumni. If you have been a sponsor in the past, why not ask that recipient if they would be available?

Next would be the Hall of Fame Kick Off Parade that will take place Sunday, August 1. That parade route starts at the Nationwide Insurance Building on Market Avenue North and travels south to the McKinley Grand Hotel, an easy walk or ride. Call Claudia to volunteer.



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Two Lehman Middle School students, Jean Johnson (left) and Anita Massey (right), are pictured with State Senator Kirk Schuring. The students were in Columbus to see how legislation works.

Photo by Joanne Moody



A group of Lehman Alumni met in Sarasota, Florida at Bob and Bev Ridgway's home for golf and Super Bowl Party.

Those attending included Dave Poorman, Carl Cseak, Jane (Sue) Seto, Fred Meeks, Bob and Bev (Granchi) Ridgway, Bruce Dunlap, Sandy (Van Dyke) Jensen, Patty (Yant) Seiple, Dan Canterbury, Katie Snuggs, Mary Ann (Olsen) Johnson, Joe Snuggs, Dick Seiple and Jack Nichols.

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## FREE CONCERT

One more chance to see Lehman as we remember it is when the Middle School Band will put on a free concert at Lehman. Mr. Scott Mason, the band director, called to invite us, and, from some of the questions he asked, it should be an interesting evening. He asked if we had any kind of a slide program which we do not, so perhaps they are going to go back to early happenings at Lehman High School. Check the school for time.

## REVERSE RAFFLE

Two reverse raffle dinner tickets have already been sold. If you want to be guaranteed a ticket, send a check for \$35 for each ticket (\$50 if you are going to join us for dinner), and you will be assured a ticket for the drawing. Keep in mind only 200 tickets are sold, and the "pot" is bountiful. The Scholarship Fund benefits from all proceeds.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Harry '54 and Carol (Plummer) Hansen '52 celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 27, 2004.

Fred Harold and Joan (Lahr) Harold '46 celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on February 26, 2004. Fred is a retired teacher, coach and athletic director from the Canton City Schools.

Chuck '39 and Mary Ellen (Terrett) Steineck '40 will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary in April 2004.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donations can be made to our Scholarship Fund.

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