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HERE'S WHAT'S ON TAP ...

JANUARY 9, 2002

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 7:00 PM,
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JANUARY 18, 2002

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SOCIAL 6:00 PM
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ALUMNI OF THE YEAR ARE HONORED

Elsewhere in this copy of the *Journal*, Kitty McClelland, 2001 President of the Lehman High School Alumni Association, relates the success of the first Distinguished Alumni of the Year Banquet in November and the honors bestowed on five very special graduates who were honored as Alumni of the Year in five categories. On page 5 are short biographies of each of the honorees.

In providing these to you, we would remind you that it is not too early to send nominations for Distinguished Alumni of the Year in 2002. These may be sent to Lehman High School Alumni Association, Distinguished Alumni Nominations, P. O. Box 7498, Canton, Ohio 44705-7498. The categories are: civic/community, education, athletics, military, arts/entertainment, medical and business. Please include the category for which you are nominating the alumnus/alumna and a short resume as to why he or she is being nominated.

LETTER FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Greetings! I hope and pray that everyone had a blessed Christmas season.

The Lehman Alumni has had a busy year, especially during the fourth quarter of 2001. In October, we held our annual Dinner Reverse Raffle with approximately 80 people attending at the AA Executive Catering Hall. We all enjoyed the evening by enjoying the food, fellowship, and especially the winnings! Congratulations to all the winners! All the proceeds from this event go toward the scholarship fund.

In November, we held our first annual Distinguished Alumni of the Year Banquet to honor five special Lehmanites: Stanley Ewing, Ellen Sinclair Junger, Dr. Bernie McConnell, Mary Kay Wenger and the late Thurman Munson. They were very delighted and honored for this recognition. Everyone that came enjoyed the evening with excellent food, service, program and fellowship with former classmates. It was an evening that will not be soon forgotten!

We are still selling Entertainment Books for 2002 for \$28. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Barbara Udeck at 330-492-7000 or any of the board members.

Please, remember to attend the annual Polar Party on Friday, January 18, 2002, at the Windsor Hall. If you have any items that you would like to donate for the Silent Auction, please contact Joanne

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Pictured at the banquet for the Distinguished Alumni are (from left) Gregg Schorsten who accepted for the late Thurman Munson, Stan Ewing, Ellen (Sinclair) Junger, Mary Kay (Johns) Wenger and Bernie McConnell.

Photo by Joanne Moody

A WORD OR TWO FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

It was not without a lot of thought about returning to the office of President of the Lehman Alumni Association that once again I accepted the challenge for the year 2002. It was the fall of 1997 that I wrote a farewell column after serving two years as President.

We have well over 1,000 members but many are out of the area. It always amazes me when we find an alumni who lives in town and still does not know Lehman has a very active alumni association. That is one of the reasons we like to go to class reunions to catch up with alumni who live both in and out of the area and hope they will join the Association.

There are many good memories of days at Lehman and it always makes me sad when I hear someone comment they were terrible days. Keep in mind every cloud has a silver lining, but sometimes we have to look for it a little longer and harder.

The Alumni Association is a team effort to keep the name of Lehman alive for years to come. The chance the building may be demolished is enough to keep us pushing forward and perhaps find a way to keep the school on the hill for years to come, perhaps not as a school but as a community building. The building has been well maintained and hopefully another purpose may be found. At the January 9 meeting we will hear some possibilities for the school. At the January 18 Polar Party, we will raise funds for scholarships with our silent auction.

If you live locally please try to come out to events or meetings to support the group. Notices of all meetings and events are sent to all of the local newspapers and radio stations. We have a good time so whether you are from one of the early Lehman classes or the last class, we all have a common bond and it's best to check it out for yourself. I will do the best I can and I am not too proud to ask for help in some way from each member to help us succeed in this, our forthcoming tenth year.

Joanne (Reynolds) Moody '53



Joanne (Reynolds) Moody '53

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It would have been nice if more members had returned ballots expressing a vote of confidence in the Alumni Association, so keep this in mind for future elections even if the number of names on the ballot is limited. Wouldn't it be great if we had enough people willing to step forward that we had two or three alumni competing for every office opening?

WE REGRET TO INFORM

We all dislike receiving a letter starting with these words, but the Alumni Association Board has made a choice and now must follow through. If you do not maintain your membership dues current, you will only receive the first newsletter each year.

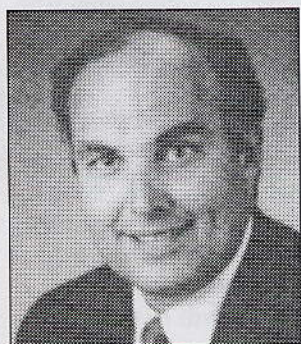
When we had fewer members and mailing costs were less, we continued to mail copies of all newsletters to everyone on the Alumni Association mailing list. Sometimes we even sent each member in the household a copy for the simple reason they were each paying dues, therefore we felt each was entitled to a copy.

Regretfully we can no longer do this. Our general operating fund is basically supported by membership dues. The majority of other monies we receive from projects and donations goes directly into the Scholarship Fund. The Board is really quite frugal with the alumni funds and it is not fair to the members who continue to pay dues every year to receive the same benefits, most importantly the *Journal*, as those who do not or who skip years.

Please help and take a look at your membership card to see when your membership expires and bring dues up to date. Otherwise this will be the last newsletter until next January when we will again try to convince everyone who went to Lehman to join or bring dues up to date. As a reminder, scholarship applicant sponsors must have their dues up to date before the applicant is considered.

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William Hansen '50

Persis "Pat" T French '43

Betty Elizabeth J. (Moore) Helm – attended

Richard E. Austin – attended '75-76

Mary Ruth Miller '45

Susan (Hinkle) Raber '46

Josephine Esber Kassouf '41

Janet McDaniel Hornbgeck '41

Paul Buchler '41

Robert Barnes '41

Betty Schulman Dershwit '41

George R. Shive, Jr. '40

George H. Thomas '38

The Association tries to send or take a single red carnation flower 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.

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Sara (Sally) Eddins

Doug Myser '73

Roger Rauschenbach '51

Jim Griffins

Bill Waechter '45

We particularly would like to thank Robert Braatz '57 for generously donating his share of the winnings from the Dinner/Reverse Raffle to the Scholarship Fund and Milan McMannis '56 for his very generous donations.

REMINDER

Snowbirds – please give us a winter address. We are still paying out too many return mail fees because the *Journal* is not forwarded.

MEMORIALS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Please keep the Lehman Alumni Scholarship Fund in mind when considering a memorial or contribution to a worthy cause. Flowers are lovely, but an education lasts forever and will be a lasting remembrance.

We also gratefully accept donations for the same worthy purpose.

LOOKING BACK ...

January 24, 1959 – Lehman beats McKinley in biggest upset of basketball season blared the headlines. Jim Dorland was the coach and the Polar Bears upset the Bulldogs 56-53 in the Canton Memorial Fieldhouse. The team effort was fueled by 6'3" Dick Bowman and 5'11" Dale Hughes. Lehman started out 10-0 and led the entire game, defeating the state ranked eighth place Bulldogs.

The POLAR BEAR will never be the same as the one at 15th and Oxford where teenagers used to hang out but the building that used to house Rehors Drug Store at 14th and Oxford has become a Polar Bear Pop and Candy Shoppe with all the trimmings of candy and soda. Mike Tozzi was looking through a 1948 Lehman yearbook and decided to open a similar place. When visiting the neighborhood, look for the awning and the Polar Bear sign on the front of the building.

MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

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Moody at 330-875-8477. All the proceeds will go toward the Scholarship Fund.

As my term as President comes to a close, I would like to thank my Officers and Board Members for a wonderful experience – one that I will never forget! Also, I would like to thank you, the alumni, for the support you gave to us during the year for all the events. I wish the best of luck to the new officers for 2002.

Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Kitty McClelland '71, President 2001

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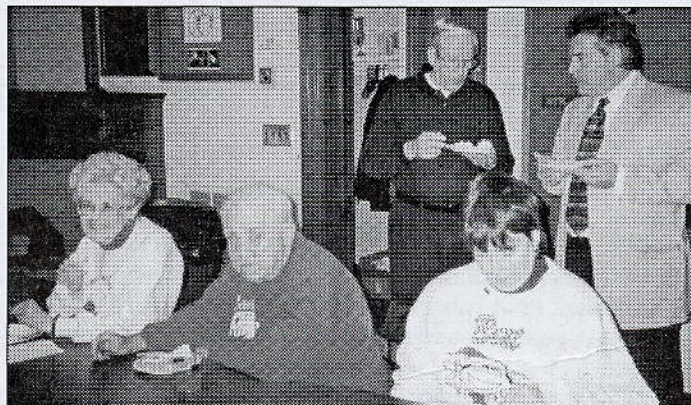
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Harry Steineck of the Class of 1948 reports that he has received almost 20 letters of interest in the Alumni Cruise planned for 2003. He is now investigating possible cruises, and we will report the status in the April 2002 *Journal*. If you are interested and would like early information, please write Harry at 836 47th Street NW, Canton, OH 44709.



Shirley & Jack Smith, Jay Jones, Claudia (Burgess) Selby and Bruce Schorsten enjoy refreshments after the December Christmas meeting at the Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

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November winner – Monica Poporad (she is a former scholarship awardee)

December winner – Helen Shank

SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE TICKETS

A last opportunity to help the Scholarship Fund by clipping and mailing the 2001 Alumni raffle tickets together with a check and perhaps be a big winner. Starting at the Scholarship Dinner July 17, drawings were held each month for \$100, with the final drawing for \$1000 to be held at the Polar Party January 18, 2002. The proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund. Previous winners have been returned to the drum for the following drawings. Tickets (above) are: 1 Ticket – \$5

3 Tickets – \$10

6 Tickets – \$20.

Send tickets and check to:

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ALUMNI OF THE YEAR BIOGRAPHIES - from page 1**STANLEY EWING '39 - BUSINESS**

Stan was born March 24, 1921, in Wooster, Ohio. He graduated from Lehman High School in 1939. He attended Miami University for two years, then joined the family-owned Chevrolet dealership in 1941. On November 10, 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving 38 months in the Pacific on the attack transport USS Kingsbury. Soon after enlisting, he married Dolores Darr, also a Lehman graduate, who passed away December 6, 1993. They had four children, David, James, John and Barbara, and seven grandchildren.

Upon returning home after the war, Stan started working at the dealership with his father. In 1998, General Motors recognized Stan as having been a dealer for over 50 years. Stan has served the community as President of the Greater Canton Chamber of Commerce. In 1991 he received the Canton Chamber of Commerce's "Award of Appreciation" for outstanding service to the community. He served the Canton Rotary Club as its president in 1971-72 and then as Governor of Rotary District 665 in 1975-76. Recognized by Rotary as a Paul Harris Fellow and 50-year member, Stan participates in numerous programs and activities of the Rotary Club of Canton.

On December 23, 1995, Stan married Grace Tate of Canton. Their combined family of 10 children and 20 grandchildren has enriched their lives. Together they actively participate and continue to volunteer their time and resources for the betterment of our community.

ELLEN SINCLAIR JUNGER '47 - ARTS

Ellen graduated from Lehman High School in 1947. After high school, she attended Vesper George School of Art in Boston. In 1950 she attended the Henry Henshe Cape School of Art in Provincetown, MA, and studied with Hyman Bloom for six years in Boston, Massachusetts.

Ellen has had 11 one person exhibits since she has become a well-known artist. Her exhibits have shown in Provincetown, Manchester, New Hampshire, Canton, Boston, Duxbury and Cambridge, Massachusetts. She has participated in 20 group exhibitions during her career in various states, including New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Illinois.

Ellen Sinclair is an artist highly respected in the Boston area and a former student and friend of Hyman Bloom. Ellen is a dedicated artist and has humility of an unusual depth. She is admired for her character and regardless what situation she is in always maintains a positive attitude. Her art itself has gone through several transformations, themes and styles; she is constantly exploring and learning, and attempting the new.

DR. BERNIE McCONNELL '46 - MEDICAL

Following Dr. McConnell's graduation from Lehman in 1946, he completed his pre-dental studies at Miami University and then continued his education at Ohio State University, where he received his dental degree in 1953. Bernie immediately returned to Canton and specialized in Pediatric Dentistry for the next 40 years. During that time, he served as President of the Council for Retarded Children of Stark County, was Co-Founder and Charter President of the Ohio Society of Pediatric Dentistry, President of the Canton Dental Society, the Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped, and was a Past President of other state and national organizations.

He was a long time member of the Board of Directors and then President of the Alumni Association of the College of Dentistry at The Ohio State University. Dr. McConnell also represented Stark County as a member of the House of Delegates of the Ohio Dental Association and The American Dental Association for many years.

In 1966 Bernie founded the Dental Assistants' Training Program at Timken Vocational High School, which is still in existence today. He has written several scientific papers and lectured extensively.

Dr. McConnell and his wife, Dona, served with Project Hope, the Hospital Ship, when it went to Ecuador and Nicaragua.

THURMAN MUNSON '65 - ATHLETICS

Thurman graduated from Lehman High School in 1965. During high school he received letters in football, basketball and baseball. After high school he attended Kent State University where he received All American honors as a catcher. He signed a contract during his junior year with the New York Yankees where he played in the Class A League and then moved to the majors in 1970. He is most remembered for playing catcher for the New York Yankees until his untimely death on August 2, 1979. During Thurman's career, he was Rookie of the Year for the American League in 1970, and played in All-Star games, three Championship Series and three World Series. His favorite award was the 1976 American League Most Valuable Player award.

He was married to Diana Dominick Munson (his high school sweetheart) and had three children: two girls, Tracy and Kelly, and one son, Michael.

MARY KAY WENGER '39 - CIVIC/COMMUNITY

Mary Kay attended Summit and Worley grade schools and graduated from Lehman High School in 1939. She excelled in girls' sports and was one of Lehman's first cheerleaders and was instrumental in making up the cheer which was used until the school closed. The cheer was "We've Got a School, We've Got a Yell, We've Got a Team that Fights like ... L E H M A N."

During her youth years, she worked at Schaffner's, Stewart's Root Beer Stand and the Hoover Company. She married Dick Miller and had three children: Pam, who lives in Texas, Vanny in Canton and John in Maine. She has nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren with two more on the way.

Mary Kay worked at Aultman Hospital for six years and was secretary at Stark Ceramics in East Canton for six years. In 1964 she married Bill Wenger, who died in 1991. During that time Mary Kay worked for the Canton City Schools until she retired in 1984. During that period, she was secretary to Jim Robinson at Lehman, Chuck Forest at Lincoln and Fred Harold at Timken. She was one of the organizers of the Lehman High School Alumni Association and served as the first president of the Association.

Currently she volunteers at the reception desk of the Canton Christian Home, where she resides. She is a member of Lowell United Church of Christ and also attends Grace United Church of Christ. She volunteers for the Barnabas Group, calling on sick and shut-ins.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Dianne Talarico '75 – The new Superintendent of Canton City Schools continues to receive high praise for her plans for the students in Canton City Schools. As a beginning, students will be expected to earn a minimum grade level of 2.0 and parents are to be a part of the plan to make a difference in their children's education.

Gust Goutras of the Class of '66 will run for a Stark County Probate Judge position in the 2002 election.

Martha (Blackmore) Carey '44 and **Wes Hisey '51** were both recognized at the Fairhope Elementary School 100 year celebration open house. Martha attended the grade school and Wes was the Principal of Fairhope prior to his retirement.

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NOTES FROM ALUMNI

Susan Fockler Yerger '52 sent word her daughter spent a month during the summer in Mongolia with the Volunteers for Peace. The group was assisting with the renovation of an orphanage in the capital city of Ulan Bator. Valerie graduated from McKinley in 1981, and Mom is proud.

Class of 1941 had 32 members attend their 60th class reunion this fall. Others planning to attend cancelled after the September 11 disaster. Richie Graham traveled from Oregon to be the one who traveled the furthest.

Class of 1942 has set the date of September 28, 2002, for their 60th reunion. More details to follow.

Roger L. Crist '54 writes, "It was reported several years ago that I had been killed in an accident. I would like to set the record straight that I am very much alive and well, and have had a very successful career in Florida as a medical doctor. I would love to hear from any classmates at RCRIST1004@aol.com."

We received a letter from Reverend John R. Glenn, husband of **Nancy (Sponseller) Glenn '39**, whose death was reported in the October 2001 *Journal*. Rev. and Mrs. Glenn were the founders, and Rev. Glenn is the President Emeritus, of National Church Residences, a housing and residential ministry for modest-income older Americans.

Reverend Glenn suggests that any classmates wishing to make a donation in memory of his late wife may do so by contributing to the John R. Glenn Foundation, c/o Thomas W. Slemmer, President, National Church Residences, 2335 North Bank Drive, Columbus, OH 43220. Checks should be written to the John R. Glenn Foundation, which uses these gifts only to support the National Church Residences' ministry to modest-income older Americans.



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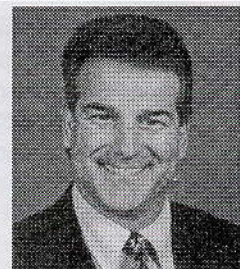
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

It is not too soon to have students who will graduate in the spring or students currently attending college apply for a 2002 scholarship application.

Simply send a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope to the Lehman Alumni Association Scholarship Committee, PO Box 7498, Canton, Ohio 44705-7498, together with a note requesting an application. This will give sponsors and applicants a chance to check over the requirements for applying for the \$500 grants. Last year the Board planned to give additional scholarships but not enough applicants completed all of the requirements.

We remind all alumni who might wish to sponsor an applicant that these are grants and do not have to be repaid.

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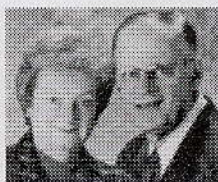
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LETTERS OF THANKS

Letters of thanks have been received from the following recipients of the first Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Dr. Bernie McConnell '46 – The evening of November 13 was a memorable occasion for my wife, Dona, and I when I was honored as an Alumni of the Year by my alma mater. The banquet room was filled to capacity with 80 plus guests, including many friends that we had not seen for a number of years.

The proceedings went like clockwork, and were a tribute to the planning of Kitty McClelland and her Board.

The entire experience was most humbling and appreciated. My thanks to Lehman for being Lehman, and all those who made this honor possible.

Mary Kay (Johns) Wenger '39 – I appreciated being chosen one of the first Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. The enjoyable evening with many friends and family was "icing on the cake."



Class of 1976 reunion committee (from left) Joe Sleighter, Julie (Kohl) Strancar, Stephanie (DiPietro) Condric, John Peebles (who traveled the furthest to attend the reunion) and Bruce Williamson.

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