

# THE LEHMAN JOURNAL

ALUMNI EDITION

JANUARY 2003

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

### MARK THOSE NEW CALENDARS WITH THE FOLLOWING DATES!

**JANUARY 14, 2003**

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Amateur Sports Hall of Fame

6:30 PM - Video of new Lehman  
school dedication

7:00 PM - Meeting and installation  
of officers

**JANUARY 24, 2003**

#### POLAR PARTY

Windsor Hall

6:00 PM - Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner

Auction to follow

**MARCH 12, 2003**

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Lehman Middle School Library

7:00 PM

**APRIL/MAY 2003**

#### PASTA DINNER

Date and location to be announced

**APRIL/MAY 2003**

#### MONTE CARLO NIGHT

American Legion Post 44

Date to be announced

**JUNE 20-22, 2003**

#### CLASS OF 1953 REUNION

North Canton Elks Club

**AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2003**

STARK COUNTY FAIR

## SALUTE TO YOUTH

The eighth grade team of chess players from Lehman Middle School won its second state championship on November 23.

The Stark County Chess Foundation was founded in 1992 with a goal to promote chess in schools as an educational tool. The foundation makes a special effort to encourage lower income students to participate as they often have their expenses covered. The state tournaments in Columbus have students K-12 competing at each grade level.

## POLAR PARTY

It's that time again for a chance to beat the January blahs by coming out for the Polar Party on Friday, January 24, 2003, at Windsor Hall. The first time we had the party everything in the area had shut down for cold and snow, but not for the Lehman Polar Bears. We braved the elements and had a great time.

The Polar Party is an evening to get together with friends for a good meal catered by Mr. Mike and nice music that does not drown out conversation and makes for dancing after dinner. Then the Silent Auction of items donated by members of the alumni association brings in funds for scholarships. We have even had some groups who do not dance bring along a deck of cards.

Tickets are only \$15 and can be obtained by contacting any board member or ticket chairman Marilyn Landry at 330-499-4543.

We can never say what will be up for auction ahead of time because we never know which items dignitaries and friends will donate nor what may be donated by alumni or Association board members.

Guests will just have to come out to see if they can pick up a bargain.

You'll all come ... we'll have cake ...

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS READY

That time of the year is here to give thought to further education for Lehman graduates, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The description of descendant was not too well defined in the past, so became a definite part of the requirements now.

Remember two years ago five scholarships were not given simply because those requesting an application did not fully complete the requirements. May 1 is the final deadline and all parts must be completed including paid up dues of the sponsor.

In the past the committee has always tried to bring missing portions to the attention of the applicant, but it is really the responsibility of the person seeking the scholarship.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

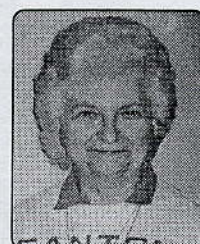
A new year is upon us and there is so much happening in our Alumni Association it is hard to find a place to start. I suppose election of officers for 2003 is a good place. The majority of the board members have agreed to remain another year, and John Trissel '50 has accepted a Trustee position as has newcomer Marilyn (Remmele) Landry '65. Swearing in of the 2003 Association officers will take place January 14, 2003, with Judge Sarah Lioi as the installing officer.

I would like to thank outgoing Trustee Shirley Smith for all her efforts on behalf of the Association during the past several years and wish her all the best.

A few members have asked why we always have to raise funds when we get together. Well, the main object is to have a good time at the events. If the food is good and the attendees are having fun, then why not raise funds. We seldom charge any amount over the cost of a dinner, and no one twists anyone's arm to take part in a 50/50 raffle or whatever is taking place. The picnic is free, and we're trying to come up with a free event this summer to celebrate the fact that the alumni association is approaching 10 years of existence. What or where has not been decided, but if you pay your dues you will receive all of the *Journals* in 2003 and know all about it.

REMEMBER ONLY PAID UP MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE THE REMAINDER OF THE *JOURNALS* IN 2003. We're giving everyone on our master list an opportunity

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Joanne (Reynolds)  
Moody '53



## DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Robert Peters '56	Wes Hargraves '52
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Nancy Steiner Hall '50	Judy Elder
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Peg Draiss Paumier '66	Becky Shirack Fant '71
Barbara Cseak Wilson '53	Thomas Hague '39
Barbara Montgomery Udeck '56	John Pieper '58
Adrian Werst '48	Jane Maple Rohrer '48
Barbara Rudy Kral '70	Paul Braun '47
Dave Johnson	Carolyn Fry Neading '43, in
John Trissel '50	honor of the retirement of her
Joyce Carper '40	son, Robert Neading '64
Janet Immel Clark '48	

## MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

*In Memory of Donald and Vi Reynolds by Mary Ann Tumbleson*

*In Memory of Walt Conley by Katie Conley-Snuggs*

## WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Pat Mullins '59	Barbara Cseak Wilson '53
Iris Mullins Haley '55	Joe Geoghan '42
Barbara Rudy Kral '70	William Patchin '49
Bob Vensel '61	John Pieper '58
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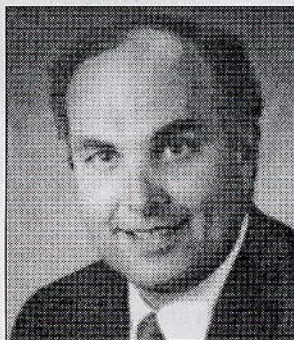
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## OBITUARIES

*The Alumni Association regrets to advise the deaths of the following alumni and staff:*

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Angela M. (Jackson) Ruggles '51  
Marilyn R. (Schweitzer) Green '47  
Jerry E. Nicholson '38  
Jane (Guy) Robart - attended  
Thomas N. Cox '45  
Joan (Kramer) Hamaker '50  
Betty Jane Kirkbride - Secretary  
Donald V. Lawrence '44  
David J. Ricker '65  
Joyce (Smiley) Gracey '41  
William C. Kloss '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.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Current membership stands at 1,243 of the 7,045 students who graduated from Canton Lehman High School from 1938 to 1976.

## THANK YOU NOTES FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Sometimes we get crowded for space and items of interest get shortened. That is what happened last issue with thank you notes from students who received scholarship grants.

Some of the following comments were included in the notes. These are the reason the board members feel \$500 may not be as large as we could give, but we try to stretch our funds as far as possible and give as many students grants that will at least purchase books, freeing up their other monies for tuition or other necessities.

"Your scholarship is greatly appreciated as I am paying for my schooling myself." ... "the \$500 I received is greatly appreciated and will be a great help toward my educational process." ... "thanks so much for the scholarship, it will definitely be a help and I am very grateful. My tuition is so high so every little bit means a lot. Thanks." ... "Thank you for the check, it felt very good to put it into my college savings fund. I am getting very excited as the move in date gets closer. Thank you very much and I will keep you informed as my year goes on." ... "It was a real blessing from God to have received such a gift. The scholarship will help me out tremendously toward my tuition." ... "I want to once again thank you for contributing to my success and future." ... "I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the generosity that you have shown to me. The scholarship means a great deal to me and I will put it to good use" ... "The money will tremendously help out with the upcoming school year. Thank you again." ... "Your support means so much to me. I plan to use the money for books and possibly tuition. Thank you once again." ... "Thank you for the generous scholarship. It was very helpful in

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

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Requests for applications should be mailed as early as possible to: Lehman High School Alumni Association Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 7498, Canton, Ohio 44705-7498.

Be sure to enclose a self addressed, stamped business size envelope for return of the application.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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at the beginning of each new year to remain on the mailing list simply by paying their dues for that year. We also ask that you please do not forget to send us a change of address if you move since we no longer can afford to pay to have *Journals* returned if they cannot be forwarded. We do not send out bills; look at your membership card where the expiration date is noted. Nuf said!

We're trying something new with this issue so you do not have to cut up your *Journal*. The extra page has forms for dues, scholarship donation and nominations for Distinguished Alumni. Just cut out the portion that applies to your desire and forward to the post office box and it will be routed to the correct person.

There are alumni who have sent a few extra dollars along with their renewal of dues for 2003, and we have received almost enough for a \$500 scholarship. That is amazing, and I do believe a first. Thanks to all of you. It looks like we should be assured of giving out at least 15 scholarships in July, but hopefully we will be able to match the 25 of last year or perhaps give even more.

Parting thought, and I do not know who wrote it ... "to be bitter is to waste precious moments of a life that is too short already" - and believe me, I know as we of the Class of 1953 work on our 50th reunion this summer. Wasn't it only yesterday we were walking those halls of Lehman?

'Til Next Time - Joanne (Reynolds) Moody '53



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**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BANQUET**

Five of the eight alumni selected to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2002 were present to accept their award. Billy Deames, Joseph Niamtu and Esther Smith could not be in attendance, but Deames and Niamtu had their sisters in attendance to accept their awards and Miss Smith's was accepted on her behalf by Jack Dillon.

Joe Gilhousen '66 stated he felt honored in light of all the outstanding graduates of Lehman High School and even though he coaches at GlenOak, he is proud to represent Lehman.

Jay Jones '45 reminisced about his days at Lehman as did John Pieper '58. John Werren's '55 first words were "boys and girls of Lehman High School" and sounded just like the M. P. Watts many of us remember. Ward Scott '48 even led the group in closing the evening with the Alma Mater.

A brief biography of each recipient can be found on page 7 of this issue.

Last year's recipients Stan Ewing and Mary Kay Wenger were on hand to share the evening. Past Alumni Association President Kitty McClelland '71 and her assistants Karl Shank and Jack Dillon did a fine job of putting the banquet together.

This has become such an outstanding program that we will undoubtedly be recognizing another group of distinguished alumni again this November, so do not hesitate to submit the names of alumni or a teacher/coach/administrator you feel should be recognized.

A nomination form for Distinguished Alumni to be honored at the third annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet in November 2003 is included in this edition of the *Journal*.



New class of Distinguished Alumni includes (seated, from left) Jay Jones and Ward Scott and (standing) Tom Pieper, John Werren and Joe Gilhousen.

Photo by Joanne Moody

**BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY**

Sharp-eyed *Journal* readers may again note that some of the alumni recognized in this edition do not have their class years noted. Our treasurer, Barbara (Montgomery) Udeck '56, who normally provides this information, underwent major surgery for the second time at the Cleveland Clinic in mid December.

She is recovering satisfactorily and is expected to be back home by the time this *Journal* is published. We are sure she would like to hear from you at 4105 47th Street NW, Canton, Ohio 44718.



## REUNIONS

Please send us a notice as soon as a class has set the date for its reunion. We will also list missing classmates if space permits.

The **Class of 1953** will hold its 50th Reunion the weekend of June 20-22, 2003, with the Saturday night dinner to be held at the North Canton Elks Lodge and a Friday night get-together in the Pavilion at the Elks Lodge.

Classmates for whom we do not have current addresses are Carol Betz, Merrilyn Frost (Mrs. James Hogan), Joan Kestel, Chris Orrill (Mrs. James Ryan), James Sanders, Joan Snyder (Mrs. Thomas Bourquin), Sharon Tolles (Mrs. Robert Olson) and Jeanne Vidal (Mrs. Walt Hillyer). If you know the present address of any of these classmates or have any ideas as to how they might be located, the Reunion Committee would greatly appreciate your help.

For further details on the reunion or to provide assistance in location of the missing classmates, contact **Jim Guest** at 2955 Chaucer Drive NE, North Canton, Ohio 44721 or call him at 330-492-1440.

**For alumni coming to a reunion**, look for the table with Lehman merchandise including coffee or beer mugs, school replicas, jewelry and hats to mention a few items that are available and the sale of which helps support the Association. Additionally, reunion chairmen are requested to contact the Alumni Association to borrow a polar bear, banner or to purchase some items for prizes or favors.

## SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU NOTES — from page 2

buying my books. I am working very hard in all my classes. Thank you again." ... "My Mom and Dad both have good memories of Lehman High School. I also have good memories when I attended Lehman Middle School. My dream is to become a teacher and a coach someday. I have worked hard my whole life and I will continue to do so. Education has and will always be important to me. Thank you again for the scholarship." ... "I realize that earning my diploma was made possible in part by the Lehman High School Alumni Association. Thank you."

These are the rewards of the alumni who work so diligently to make things happen and to those who donate without being asked. Keeping the name of Lehman High School alive is the name of the game, and so far we're scoring well.

**THANK YOU NOTES** come in different forms also. The 7-A T.R.I.B.E. is a group of teachers at the Lehman Middle School who help students in many ways. Last year the Alumni Association gave \$225 and this year \$300 was donated. These dollars help with activities, field trips and other events not allotted in the school budget such as a breakfast for students together with their parents at the end of the year. A desire to attend school goes a long way in helping students get out of bed in the morning to get an education. The staff at Lehman Middle School works very hard to make it happen.

## MONTE CARLO NIGHT

The first attempt made a profit but not as much as John Trissel had hoped. Another try will probably be held in the spring so keep tuned as we will likely publish another *Journal* before this event.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

**STAN EWING '39** and wife Grace were pictured in the *Repository* while attending a Symphony League fundraiser.

**MARY LOU (POORMAN) SWAN '51** made the *Repository* for simply purchasing apples at a local store.

**LEONARD "JAKE" HAINES '50** and **WILLIAM MOOCK '50** were pictured in a *Repository* "Moment in Time" when they were working on a Jaycee Snowball Dance project in 1952.

**GREGG SCHORSTEN '65** is President of the First Tee program in Canton. The program introduces children to the game of golf.

**STEVE SILVER '73** is a member of the Canton Police Department and got his eyes opened while answering a complaint concerning unhealthy conditions at a house. To his surprise, they found a three foot alligator in a bathtub.

**JACK LOTHAMER, LOWELL SMITH, CARL LAVIN** and **MARILYN PITTS DENNY**, all of the class of 1942, were pictured by a *Repository* photographer at their 60th class reunion in September.

**ROCCO MACRI '49** recently competed in the Texas Senior Games Basketball championships. His team, the Dallas Rams, successfully qualified for the National Senior Olympics which will be held in August 2003 at Virginia Tech University. This will be the third straight Senior Olympics for Macri and his team. Over 1,500 athletes over the age of 50 competed in the state championships.

**EUGENIA (WHITMER) GIBBS '45** was in the *Repository* as the only representative from Lehman at the Class of 1945 All City Reunion (which the majority of our alumni did not even know was going to happen). At least Genie was there.

**DIANNE TALARICO '75** is continually in the news as the Canton Superintendent of Schools tries to make things happen for children in the Canton City Schools. Population in Canton is down and so is the funding for schools. Getting parents involved is one of her priorities as is getting more from each dollar received.

**RON VALENTINE '76** sent a letter from Seattle stating how the Canton *Repository* Web site helped so many who were to open a trade show in Atlanta and were stranded to learn what was happening that September 11. They found the answer on the Canton newspaper Web site. Ron owns a company that provides technical services for trade shows, conferences and corporate events all over the world.

## MOVING OR TRAVELING?

Please advise the Alumni Association if you are planning a move or heading south or elsewhere for a period of time so we may change your address.



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## LEHMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL DEDICATION

Contributed by Lehman High School Alumni Association President Joanne Moody

It was not an easy decision to go to the Lehman High School as we all knew it and hear it called "Lehman Middle School Commemorative Ceremony, celebrating the groundbreaking of the new Lehman Middle School."

I went along with Jay Jones, Polly Duplain, Joan Harold, Gus Reale and Claudia Selby. We were given nice seats and did not have to sit on those cement steps we all remember but they were probably thought of as bleachers to watch games.

I was so afraid someone would ask me my feelings and I would not have enough sense to keep my opinions to myself. Fortunately only one radio personality asked my feelings and it got shortened to "they may call it Lehman but there will never be another Lehman."

School Board President Emil Alecusan gave the comments for the board and I must give him credit for helping to put things into perspective. Lehman was not always Lehman. The following are his words:

"In 1976 Lehman underwent a significant change in its history and in the history of the Canton City School District. With the consolidation of the school district's four high schools to two, due to declining population and student enrollment, Lehman began a new chapter in its story and became a middle school, designed to serve the northwest quadrant of Canton.

"It has done so for more than 25 years. But there is more to the story and it relates directly to why we are here today. Because for more than 50 years before becoming a middle school, Lehman proudly served this city as one of its cornerstone high schools.

"When you add its time as a middle school and high school you realize an important fact; the building that stands before us today is more than 80 years old. The cornerstone for Lehman High School was laid in 1920. It is simply one of the oldest buildings still in use in this district.

"It is never easy to say goodbye to an old friend, but sometimes it is necessary. The history of Lehman teaches us an important lesson in this. For Lehman was once a 'new' building having replaced an older school that had existed on this very site.

"That school was known as North High School. It had been founded in the early 1900's in a building that had previously

*Pictured at right – Pre-groundbreaking ceremony.*

*Below – Alumni representatives at the groundbreaking (from left): Joanne Moody, Jay Jones, Dianne Talarico, Claudia Selby, Polly Duplain, Gus Reale, Rich Milligan.*

Photo from Joanne Moody



been used by a private parochial school. North High School helped ease the overcrowded conditions at Central High School, which was located downtown. But within 15 years, North High School was deemed no longer sufficient for the 'modern' era of education – or at least what was thought of as 'modern' back then.

"The Board of Education at that time made a difficult but progressive decision. North High School would be torn down. In its place would be built a new school, which would become known as Lehman High School.

"We're here to look forward at the possibilities that lie yet ahead for Lehman Middle School.

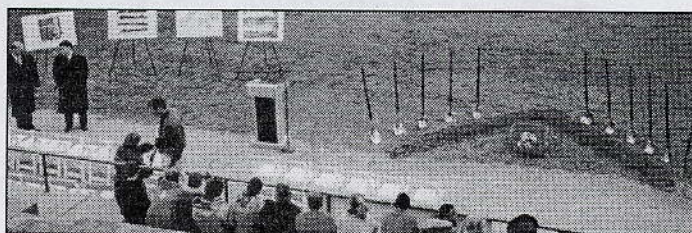
"And yet we're also here to pause and remember THIS Lehman, the one that has served our community so capably for eight decades. She has graduated some of Canton's finest citizens and most accomplished alumni including our superintendent of schools, Ms. Talarico, and my fellow board member, Mr. Richard Milligan. Lehman has proudly represented the northwest side of Canton.

"Her legacy will be carried out at the new Lehman, beginning about two years from now. To the sixth graders and teaching staff, get ready to be a part of one of the most beautifully designed middle schools anywhere.

"It is a new beginning that we look forward to with much anticipation. Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the OLD school and the NEW school, doing so under the banner that we've all come to know and care for – the banner that says LEHMAN."

At that point the Mayor of Canton made a presentation, Dianne Talarico addressed those present and then they all took a shovel and dug up some of the dirt from the football field and pitched it into a container to be taken and mixed with dirt from the new area.

The only respite we still have is Dianne saying as long as she has her way the school will not be demolished. A group is looking for alternative uses for the building and is open to suggestions. If Lincoln can still be used for a private school and the old McKinley can be used for a health care facility, there should be a use for Lehman – let's hope it will happen.



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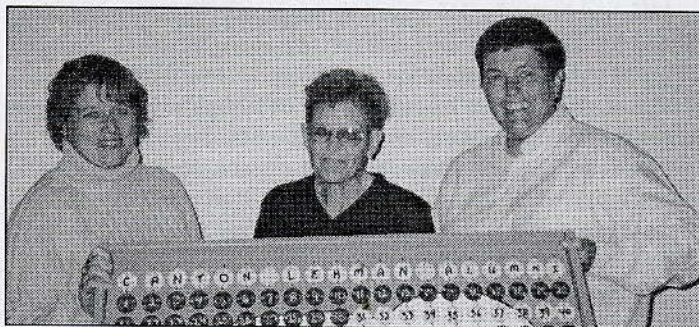
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## REVERSE DINNER RAFFLE

Chairman Barbara Udeck did a great job again getting the event together. After expenses we will probably still have money for 12 scholarships. Her helper Bill Rearick gives her lots of support and Lynn and Dave Anderson arrived in time from California for Dave to lend a hand. The new number board made by the Arlan Shank family worked out great and we thank them. This dinner will probably be scheduled again in October 2003. It is another fun evening where a good number of alumni and friends gather for good food and pleasant conversation and some are fortunate enough to go home with a nice check in their pocket.

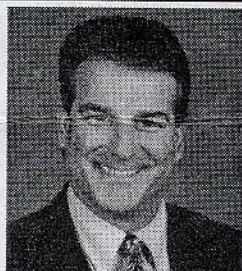


Ann, Lois and Lynn Shank with the new board made for our reverse raffle evening. Photo by Joanne Moody



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He served in South Vietnam in 1967 and Germany from 1972-1975, and also served on key assignments such as Chief of Organization, Headquarters, Military Airlift Command, Military Assistant to Asst. Secretary of the Air Force, HQ, USAF, Pentagon, Instructor at Air War College, Deputy Director of Air Force Manpower & Organization, HQ, USAF, Pentagon, Director of Personnel, Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, Director of Plans and Operations, Headquarters, Air University, and retired in 1994 after 30 years.

He currently lives in Destin, Florida, where he is general manager of Sweet Homebuilders, Inc. He is married to Marilyn K. (Willis) Deames, Lehman Class of 1960, and they have two children, Debra and David.

**Joe Gilhousen – Class of 1966 – Athletics** – Joe is a 1966 graduate of Lehman High School and a 1970 graduate of Kent State University where he earned 3 varsity letters in baseball. Joe earned a Master's Degree in Secondary Education at the University of Akron in 1975. The 2003 season will be his 31st as Head Baseball Coach at GlenOak High School. His overall record is 526 wins and 272 losses. His teams have captured 16 Federal League Championships, 19 Sectional Championships, 9 District Championships, 3 Regional Championships, and 2 State Championships.

He is Past President of the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association as well as the Stark County Coaches Association. Joe has been named SCCA Baseball Coach of the Year seven times, and Federal League Coach of the Year six times. He was also named Ohio's Division 1 Baseball Coach of the Year in 1995. He coached in the O.H.S.B.C.A. All-Ohio Series in 1982 and 1990 and was inducted into the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1993. He has authored articles on baseball coaching which appeared in the High School Baseball Quarterly and the A.B.C.A. Coaching Digest. Joe was a member of the Ohio Olympic Selection Committee in 1984. He has played Class A baseball for 24 seasons and been on 10 championship teams, 17 All-Star teams, and was twice named Manager of the Year. Joe was inducted into the Greater Canton Amateur Sports Baseball Hall of Fame in 1994. In addition to his duties at GlenOak, he is also the Manager of the Stark County Terriers in the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate baseball league. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, Alan and Erica.

**Jay Jones – Class of 1945 – Service to Alma Mater** – Jay Jones was born October 27, 1926, attended Daniel Worley Elementary School and graduated from Lehman High School in 1945. He worked at Republic Steel for 36 years, retiring from Sales and Marketing at the age of 56.

During his years at Lehman, he had the opportunity to help collect scrap metal and paper for the war effort. He helped to raise money for the school to buy an old Packard ambulance. After it was equipped and painted, the ambulance, which was the first, was donated to the Police Department for the City of Canton. During his senior year, he was a football manager.

After high school graduation, he attended almost every sports event and seldom missed any Lehman games. Jay was elected to the Board for the Lehman Adult Booster Club serving as President in 1971-1972. Jay served as backup statistician for John Jepson and assisted in any way he could to help the sports department. When bus chaperones were needed for basketball tournaments, he volunteered to go.

Jay has performed numerous duties during the past nine years for the Lehman Alumni Association, serving as trustee, chairman for several major projects, and is particularly remembered for chairing "The Millennium Raffle," a great success. Jay is married to Eileen and they have two daughters, Karen and Nancy and two grandchildren.

**Dr. Joseph Niamtu III – Class of 1969 – Medical** – Joe attended Daniel Worley grade school and entered Canton Lehman in 1965. He was elected Freshman Class President and was a member of the football team for four years. He served as Vice-President of the student body his junior and senior year. Joe then graduated from Kent State University and performed a year towards his Masters Degree in Neuroanatomy. He graduated from the School of Dental Medicine at Case Western Reserve University in 1978, interned at Carolinas Medical Center and did his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the Medical College of Virginia.

Dr. Niamtu is board certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is a fellow of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery. Joe founded a six doctor, six-location private practice in 1983 in Richmond. He has published articles in dermatological and plastic surgery literature and has lectured to plastic surgeons, facial plastic surgeons, oculoplastic surgeons, dermatologists and oral and maxillofacial surgeons from around the world. He served as editor of a textbook on cosmetic facial surgery and has written chapters in other textbooks.

Dr. Niamtu is the developer of The Niamtu Imaging System, a digital imaging system for cosmetic surgeons that is sold around the world. In May of this year, Dr. Niamtu was elected to the Board of Directors for The Cosmetic Foundation. He also serves on the communications committee and program committee for the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery and is chairman of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Clinical Interest Group on Cosmetic Surgery.

Joe has received multiple awards and recognition for his work with facial reconstruction of third world children.

**John W. Pieper – Class of 1958 – Education** – John graduated from Lehman High School in 1958. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Heidelberg College, a Masters of Education Administration from Kent State University and has performed postgraduate studies at Kent.

He was employed in the Canton Local School District serving as a teacher at Walker Junior High School from 1962-1964 and in 1965-67 became a teacher at Canton South High School. He then taught at Timken High from 1968-1970, was Assistant Principal at Timken from 1971-1973, and then in 1974-1989 served as principal at Souers Junior High. In 1990-1991, he was the Special Projects Administrator and, before he retired, was the Adult Community Education Director from 1992 through June 2002.

He is affiliated with Trinity United Church of Christ, McKinley Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, Rotary Club of Plain Township, Troop 4 of the Boy Scouts of America, Cultural Center Pegasus Club, Heidelberg College Fellows Club, and the Kent State University President's Club. His professional recognitions are the US Secretary of Education Award of Excellence, Outstanding Adult Literary Program, and the Ohio Department of Education "Best of the Best" Award, Adult Literacy Program.

He is married to Alicia. They have a son and daughter-in-law, John and Andrea Pieper and grandson, Cole Pieper and a daughter and son-in-law, Drs. Cassandra and John Lansky.

**Ward A. Scott – Class of 1948 – Business** – Ward A. Scott is a 1948 Lehman graduate and a graduate of Kent State University in Business Administration in 1953. In 1961, he founded the Scott Costume Company and a small storeroom was rented on 4th Street SW. The company now occupies a 4 story building in downtown Canton with over 50,000 costumes, and transports costumes to clientele in practically every state in the United States. Ward is a member of the Canton Rotary and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

He is a past-President of the National Costumers Association where he was awarded "the Major Harrelson" award for service. He edited a Costumers' GuideBook, which is presented to all members to aid in running their businesses. Scott Costume Company was given the "SCOPE" award for outstanding business achievement in Stark County by the Greater Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Ward Scott has served on boards of the Palace Theater, Downtown Canton Association, Friends of the Library, the Canton Preservation Society, and the Program Committee for the Cultural Center. Ward enjoys singing with the Canton Civic Opera, and has sung with The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, The Canton Symphony, the Canton Player's Guild, and his church choir.

**Esther G. Smith – Teacher/Coach/Administrator** – Esther G. Smith was born July 25, 1904 in Eaton, Ohio, and graduated from Versailles High School. Esther received her A.B. degree from Defiance College majoring in Latin, English and History and also graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a M.A. Degree in English and attended Columbia University in New York.

Esther taught Latin and Journalism 41 years primarily at Canton Lehman High School. In 1954 during a sabbatical as a Ford Fellow, she studied television, theater, radio and newspapers. She made her first trip to Europe in 1954 and later traveled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. At Lehman, she was advisor for the Lehman Journal, planned the National Honor Society ceremonies, and wrote college applications. Miss Smith says that she enjoyed "almost every minute" and especially liked her contacts with young people. She remembers fondly her days at Lehman and continues to enjoy contacts with alumni. She retired July 1, 1969, and this past July, celebrated her 98th birthday.

Although she was unable to attend the banquet, the Alumni Association is honored to award her the Distinguished Alumnus Award in the category of Teacher/Coach/Administrator for her excellence in education and her contributions to many Lehman alumni.

**John R. Werren – Class of 1955 – Civic/Community** – John R. Werren was born on March 26, 1937 in Canton, Ohio and graduated from Lehman High School in 1955. He attended Grove City College where he received his AB in English and Speech Cum Laude in 1958. He then received his LL.B. from Case Western Reserve University in 1961.

Following college, he was associated with the law offices of Pfau & Pfau in Youngstown and then served in the US Air Force as a Captain from 1963-1966. In 1966 he became a partner with Day, Ketterer, Raley, Wright & Rybolt, Ltd., where he presently is a Managing Partner.

John has been involved in many community activities throughout the years including General Chairman of the 1997 Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival, Member and Past President of the Board of Trustees for the Cultural Center for the Arts, Grove City College, Grove City College Alumni Association, Canton YMCA Camp Tippecanoe, Stark County Bar Association, The Rotary Club of Canton, and The Canton Club.

He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National City Bank, Stark Community Foundation Distribution Committee, Board of Trustees for the Greater Canton Chamber of Commerce; Board of Trustees for the Community Services, Inc.; Cultural Center for the Arts, Board of Trustees; Walsh College Advisory Board, Stark County, Ohio State, and American Bar Associations, The Fellows of the American Bar Association and the Stark Development Board. He is married to Joan and they have three children, Richard F. Werren, Kimberly J. Baumann, and J. Curtis Werren.



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