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JANUARY 25, 2008

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POLAR PARTY TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2008

It's that time of year again when those alumni who do not head to warmer climates come out for the Polar Party. Last year's Polar Party had an overwhelming turnout, and we hope to top that this year.

Tickets are available from Larry Taylor at 330-494-9519 or any of the officers or trustees at a cost of \$15.00 each for a dinner to be catered by Mr. Mike. That means that, as usual, the food will be plentiful and good.

Items should be plentiful at the Silent Auction - but we never know in advance what will be on the tables. Guests must come and find out for themselves. If you would like to donate items, call Larry Taylor at the number listed above or Rose Maier at 330-833-8483.

Remember - no matter what the weather, the Polar Party will go forth because we're Polar Bears. So gather some friends and plan to have an enjoyable evening with us on Friday, January 25, 2008, at Windsor Hall.

2008 OFFICERS

At the December General Meeting, the ballots for the election of officers were counted, and it was announced that the following officers had been elected: Larry Taylor '71, President; Claudia (Burgess) Selby '75, Vice President; Barbara (Montgomery) Udeck '56, Corresponding Secretary; Polly (McAfee) Duplain '57, Recording Secretary; and Connie (Haynie) DeHaas '57, Treasurer.

Gus Reale '56, Nancy (Steiner) Busby '50 and Rose (Mailat) Maier '50 were elected as Trustees for terms ending in 2010.

Beverly (Sue) Stevenson '50 will continue as Financial Secretary and Joanne (Reynolds) Moody '53 as Past President. Returning Trustees whose terms did not expire this year are Estelle (Wilkof) Blau '50, Jack Dillon '53, Tim Elder '57, Kitty (Shourds) McClelland '71, Mary (Roberson) Pribich '69 and Bill Rearick '55.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR THE CANTON LEHMAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. PARTICIPATION IN ALL EVENTS WAS MAGNIFICENT.

Now for the details. First and foremost, donations this year were greater than our fund raising events. CONGRATULATIONS, ALUMNI. As you know, the main purpose of our organization is to provide help to our college students. This year we were able to award 50 \$500 scholarships instead of the usual 25. Because of the generous contributions by so many alumni, we should be able to maintain that number of awards next year.

To answer some questions about the scholarships, we have maintained the \$500 award because we are able to help more students and because several problems arise in the tax arena when you exceed that amount. Our scholarship request forms are now available so get your students started early on applying for scholarships. Requests for scholarship applications should be mailed to: Canton Lehman High School Alumni Association, PO Box 315, Louisville, OH 44641. It does take time to complete the process, as some documentation is required of the school. So start early. Completed forms should be mailed to the above PO Box address.

Now for the events of this quarter. The Annual Reverse Raffle was held at AA Executive Catering. The food was excellent, especially the roast beef. The attendance exceeded our expectations. All tickets were sold weeks before the start of the event. We even had to turn down some latecomers, so next year get your tickets early. We had an outstanding participation from the audience, and I think everyone had a great time.

The next event was the Distinguished Alumni Banquet which was held at La Pizzaria near Belden Village. The banquet room at La Pizzaria is outstanding. We had a Power Point Slide show of the different individuals who were receiving Distinguished Alumni Awards, and La Pizzaria has built in capability with projectors in the ceiling and two pull down screens. In addition, the food was good, and the service was outstanding. Thanks again to the Board Members and most particularly, Kitty McClelland, for handling the events. I would also like to thank Janet Jerles Folsom '53 who received the Award in Arts/Entertainment in 2003 not only for coming from Colorado to attend but also for taking the photographs at the Banquet.

Now I think all of our alumni are distinguished, but we did have a great group of deserving individuals who received awards this year. You can read their accomplish-



Larry Taylor '51

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

Class of 1942	Janeen (Cseak) Hughes '55
Bill Agnone '46	Jean (Faulds) Ilg '50
Dave & Lynn (Warnock) Anderson '51/'54	Jessica (Sidener) Ivan '60
Robert Anderson '48	Norman Jackson '46
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Paul Braun '47	Charles Mains '48
Nancy (Steiner) Busby '50	Donna (Hazlett) McKee '44
Paul Byers '42	Milan McMannis '56
Janet (Immel) Clark '48	Larry & Rita (Lichblau) Miller '50/'51
Judith (Lappin) Coleman '44	Enola (Jones) Mulheim '43
Gary Deonise '57	Janet (Marks) Myers '66
Linda (Mullin) Dessauer '59	Doug Myser '73
Samuel Dowell '50	Alice Myser
Dick & Emily (Miller) Dreher '42/'42	Virginia Neutzling
Elizabeth (Wilson) Durbin '59	Cyril Paumier '51
Margaret (Theobald) Folger '48	Robert Peters '56
Jenne (Serra) Freitag '64	June (Maple) Rohrer '48
Eleanor (Benskin) Frost '46	Jack Schwerzler '50
Robert Gonser '42	Janice (Whitye) Sterling '50
Dr. Robert Greene '55	Hal Streit '39
Mary (Owen) Guy '42	Alan Swanson '51
Wes & Carmela (Addressi) Hargraves '52/'55	Eugene Wallace '53
Paul Hartung '45	Louis Weckstine '54
Nancy (Schaver) Hilkert '56	Brinley Williams '55
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OBITUARIES

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Bill Maurice (attended)
Elmer J. Brown '42
Beth (Paca) Hilkert '43
Thurza Mae (Arbaugh) Weise '44
Mary L. (Allen) Fulmer '44
Bob Milbrodt '45
Gerald J. Becker '48
John L. Rohrbaugh '48
Edward A. Stevenson '48
Marilyn E. (Steiner) Grabowsky '49
Marie Sinagro '49
Dorothy (Theiss) Bundy '50
Frances (Werren) Peterson '53

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 LETTERS

Thank you letters have been received from and on behalf of the following Scholarship recipients: Paul J. Lamiell III, Rachelle Rafailledes, Ashten Haswell, William R. Moushey III, Jessica Springer, Chantel Moody and Kari Ringer.

Thanks you notes were also received from the following:

Mary Jane Brown for the rose sent to the funeral home in memory of Elmer J. Brown of the Class of 1942.

The family of Joan (Flagg) Sonnhalter '51 for the rose sent to the funeral home in her remembrance.

George Esber '57 expressing his gratitude and thanks for winning the 2007 Pig Raffle.

Jack Gissiner '52 thanking the Association for honoring him and the other members of the Class of 1952 Athletic Teams as recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2007 in the Athletics category.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ... —from page 1

ments in this *Journal*. All of this years' class of Distinguished Alumni were present, with two coming from out of town. Barbara Hilbish came from Ann Arbor, MI, and Dr. Wendell "Bud" Williams from Atlanta, GA.

As an added note, Bud Williams is the son of Wendell Williams, the long time mathematics teacher at Lehman. I would like to publicly thank Bud for conducting the audit of our books for the last several years.

We held our Christmas Party this year on December 12, 2007. We had some outstanding Christmas "Goodies" provided by the Board and had a professional singer from New Philadelphia, Jerome James, who entertained us with Frank Sinatra and holiday songs and then led us in Christmas songs. A great time was had by all. I mention this because we would like more of you to attend our board meetings. Next year, plan to attend our Christmas Party.

The next event will be the Polar Party to be held January 25, 2008, at Windsor Hall. Last year's event was moved to the larger hall due to increased attendance. Hopefully this year we will fill both sides of the hall. Check with your Lehman Alumni friends who have attended this function, and you will find that this is one of our premier events. It is a way of getting out in the winter and having some great conversations with old school buddies.

We are in need of items to be auctioned during the Silent Auction. If you have items that you would like to donate, please call Rose Maier at 330-833-8483 or let me know at 330-494-9519 and we will arrange pickup. Look in your closets for items that you bought for presents but over the years have not used them. Or perhaps for Christmas presents that you will not use. As with last year, we will have a number of baskets that will be raffled through ticket drawings. Mark your calendar and attend the Polar Party.

Now a word about our Board. It has been an extreme pleasure working with the current Board Members. Each in their own way has pitched in and shouldered the workload. Our meetings are held each month on the second Wednesday at the Stark County Amateur Hall of Fame on Market Ave. North. Please feel free to attend. Believe it or not, they are enjoyable events. I look forward to the meetings with a group of individuals who are there to help our organization succeed.

This last year has been a gratifying experience — starting with the Polar Party, the Spaghetti dinner, the Ice Cream Social at Taggarts, the Scholarship Awards Banquet, the Picnic, the Stark County Fair and its raffle, the Reverse Raffle dinner, and the Distinguished Alumni Dinner. Lots of work but your Board had lots of fun meeting and talking to classmates both old and new. To me it was a great experience.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the alumni and friends who contributed to the Scholarship Fund during the year and in particular the Class of 1942, Milan McMannis, Norman Jackson, Evangaline Rapp, Evelyn Barth Kolbl, Nancy Morse Sonner and Dave and Lynn (Warnock) Anderson for their significant contributions to the Fund. Over 235 individual contributions were received totaling over \$15,000. Thank you all!

As always we are looking for suggestions that will improve our events. Please call me or send me a letter with any suggestions that you may have. My phone number is 330-494-9519, and my address is 1115 Knoll St. SE, North Canton, OH 44709. Thanks for a great year.

—Larry Taylor '51

LETTERS

Letters have been received from the following:

Mrs. Reuben Z. (Paula) Wise, Jr. '42 with compliments on the recent progresses made by the Alumni Association.

Rocco Macri '49 with congratulations to the Class of 1952 Athletic Teams as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award in the Athletics category and sending a donation to the Scholarship Fund in their honor.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of Edward A. Stevenson '48 by Dave '51 & Lynn Warnock '54 Anderson

In Memory of Susan Schulz Bailey '56 by Glenn Bailey '56

In Memory of Earl Brown '42 by Mary Jane Brown

In Memory of Rosemary Heggy Schaaf '53 by Bill '49 & Ginny Wagner '46 Heggy

In Memory of Mary Kay Wenger '38 by Evangaline Rapp

In Memory of Dr. Sidney S. Runyon by Phillis Hill Runyon '56

In Memory of Earl Brown '42 by Paul '39 & Doris Swigert '41 Schmucker

In Memory of Edward A. Stevenson '48 by Dick '50 & Patty Yant '54 Seiple

In Memory of Pearline Sue by Janice Whyte Sterling '50

In Memory of Edward A. Stevenson '48 by Leslye Winslow

In Memory of Edward Stevenson '48 and Frances Werren Peterson '53 by Jack Dillon '53

In Memory of Edward A. Stevenson '48 by Virginia Curtis Badger '50

DONATION IN HONOR OF THE CLASS OF 1952 ATHLETIC TEAMS

Rocco Macri '49

NEW MEMBERS

Janet Klingstedt Cassler '45

Sue Geiger Danford '57

Judith French Rice '61

Jack Patterson '60

Barbara Patterson Stock '60

Judith Shaw Carpenter '56

Janet Anderson Todd '57

Nancy McKoewn Vodila '70

Cindy Mandrell '70

Martha Anderson Schmid '54

Dotty Deames Harzell '66

MEMBERSHIP

We are still working on labels that will show your current membership expiration date. Check your label to see if you have a date such as 12/31/2008. If it is not correct, let us know so we can up-date our records. If you do not have a date on your label, it means we do not have a record of paying dues since the first of 2007. Again please let us know so we can up-date the records. Remember, for your \$10 annual dues you will receive four copies of *The Lehman Journal* and after paying dues for two years, you or your descendants will be qualified to apply for a scholarship.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

The 1958 Basketball Team was featured prominently in a Monday After article in the *Repository* on an All City Night held January 10, 1958. Mentioned in the article were Lehman coach **Jim Dorland** and players **Bob Fleischer**, **Dick Bowman** and **Dave Swope**. Lehman was favored but went down in defeat to the Timken Trojans 57-52.

Bill Kloss '42 was featured in a Lifestyle article in the *Repository* detailing his win at the National Marbles Championship in Wildwood, New Jersey, in July 1937.

Audrey Lavin, wife of **Carl Lavin '42**, recently published her fifth book, *Eloquent Corpse*, a sequel to her first murder mystery *Eloquent Blood*.

Joanne (Reynolds) Moody '53 and her husband, Edward, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Thomas Bernabei '64 has been appointed Canton City Service Director by incoming Mayor William J. Healy II.

Kari Ringer, who was the recipient of Alumni Association Scholarship Awards in 2005 and 2007, was featured as Dolly in the Otterbein College production of *Hello, Dolly!* in May 2007. She is the granddaughter of **Nancy Scoggan Ringer** of the class of 1951.

Bill Wentz '56 is a nominee for the seventh class of inductees to be inducted into the Stark County High School Football Hall of Fame in 2008.

HELP NEEDED

We still are in need of an Assistant Editor to assist the Publisher in publishing the *Alumni Journal*. It would be preferred if this person had writing and editing experience and knowledge of Microsoft Word, but we will train.

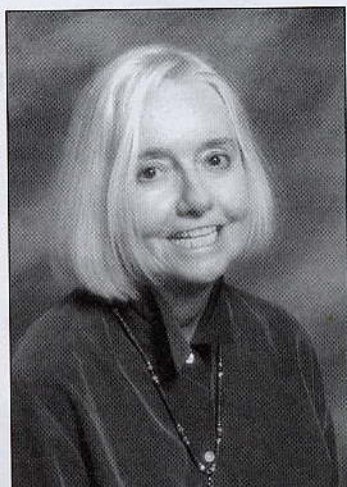
We also need an experienced Webmaster to manage our Web site.

If you would like to assist your Alumni Association in either of these very important areas, please call Larry Taylor at 330-494-9519.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following winners at the Reverse Raffle Dinner in October:

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Carolyn McCauley	\$50
Don Sweitzer	\$75
Bud Buker	\$100
Jim Mannos	\$125
Joanne Moody	\$150
Joe Gilhousen	\$175
John Hagan	\$500
Ned Bauhof	\$500
John's Bar and Grill	\$500
Ernie Schott	\$500
Judge David Stucki	\$500

REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1942 – The Lehman High School Class of 1942 held their 65th "and last" formal Reunion on Saturday, September 29, 2007, at the Calypso Room of The Meyers Lake Ballroom in Canton. Eighty three Polar Bears and guests were in attendance. Forty-two 1942 classmates were joined by wives, husbands and friends including guests from the Classes of 1941 and 1943. Dinner was preceded by a Social Hour with big band background music from the Thirties and Forties.

Dick Dreher introduced the '42 classmates and the guests from the Classes of '41 and '43. Jack Lothamer remembered Elmer Brown and gave the Invocation. Chairman Joe Vignos led the Alma Mater and then introduced and thanked the Reunion Committee. He also recognized those alumni who could not attend but made contributions to the reunion.

Following dinner a program featuring Michael Sonata presenting a Tribute to Frank Sinatra brought back many memories to everyone. Alumni made the trek from North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Pennsylvania, Montana, Maine, Michigan and California.

CLASS OF 1953 – The class of 1953 will hold its 55th reunion the weekend of October 3 and 4, 2008, with a Friday night get together and a Saturday night dinner, both to be held at the Fairways of North Canton.

Missing classmates are Carol Betz, Merrilyn Frost (Mrs. James Hogan), Joan Kestel, Chris Orrill (Mrs. James Ryan), Peggy Sessions (Mrs. Alan Crain), Morrie Shifman, Sharon Tolles (Mrs. Robert Olson) and Jeanne Vidal (Mrs. Walt Hill-lyer). If you have any information as to the present addresses of the above or wish more information on the reunion, call Jim Guest at 330-492-1440 or Jack Dillon at 330-499-7951.

CLASS OF 1958 – The class of 1958 will hold its 50th reunion the weekend of August 22 and 23, 2008, with the Saturday night dinner to be held at Brookside Country Club. The venue for the Friday night get-together has not yet been decided. For further information, please contact committee members Sue (Ketler) Wise at 330-494-8253 or Judy (Piero) Keevil at 330-493-0991.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BANQUET

Pictured at the Distinguished Alumni Banquet are the following 2007 Award recipients:

First row (from left to right) – Bob Arnold of the Class of 1952 Athletic Teams, Carl Lavin, Joanne Moody, Barbara Smith Hilbish and Karl Shank.

Second row – Gene Sue (representing Don Sue of the Class of 1952 Athletic Teams), Dick Koons, Jim Westlake, Bob Fitz (all of the Class of 1952 Athletic Teams), Bill Lemmon, John Torok of the Class of 1952 Athletic Teams, Wendell "Bud" Williams Jr. and Dick Burrell.

Photo by Janet Jerles Folsom '53



Over 80 recipients, fellow alumni, family members and guests attended the seventh annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet at La Pizzaria in Canton on November 15. Honored at this year's Banquet were the following Distinguished Alumni.

Military – Karl Shank of the Class of 1941

Service to Alma Mater – Dick Burrell of the Class of 1956

Arts and Entertainment – Barbara Smith Hilbish of the Class of 1946

Athletics – The Class of '52 Athletic Teams

Business – William Lemmon of the Class of 1955

Civic/Community – Carl Lavin of the Class of 1942

Education – Wendell "Bud" Williams, Jr. of the Class of 1950

Biographical Information on the above recipients is published beginning on Page 6.

The Association also awards The President's Award to a Board Member chosen by Association President Larry Taylor for outstanding accomplishment on behalf of the Association. This year's recipient as announced at the dinner is Joanne (Reynolds) Moody of the class of 1953 in recognition of both her service as a two time President of the Alumni Association and her commitment to the Association as a long term member of the Alumni Association Board of Trustees.



Lehman High School Alumni Association President Larry Taylor presents Past President Joanne Moody with the President's Award for outstanding accomplishment on behalf of the Association at the Distinguished Alumni Banquet on November 15th.

Photo by Janet Jerles Folsom '53

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BIOGRAPHIES

2007 LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

KARL SHANK '41 – MILITARY

Karl was born in Frostburg, Maryland, and moved to Canton at an early age. He attended Woodland, Worley and Summit grade schools and then attended Lehman High School for grades eight through twelve, graduating in 1941. He was drafted into the Army in January 1943, and served 35 months in the infantry. While in the service, he was captured by the Germans and spent 127 days as a prisoner of war. During the 127 days, he was in five different prisoner of war camps, the last being in Moosburg, Germany, from which he was liberated on Easter Sunday, April 29, 1945. He was discharged from the service on December 27, 1945, at the age of 21. Following his military service, he was a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, retiring in 1978.

In 1995, Karl and his wife, Helen, together with many other former prisoners of war and their spouses, retraced their steps of 1945 through Germany, arriving in Moosburg for the 50th anniversary celebration on April 29. The people of Moosburg served over 300 people a thank you dinner for what had taken place in 1945.

Karl has also been an extremely active member of the Alumni Association, always willing to pitch in wherever and whenever needed. He built the benches which the Association uses at the Stark County Fair. He always provided his truck for use in parades and at the Fair. He was elected as a Trustee on the Board of Directors in 2000 and served a full three year term as well as serving as acting Treasurer for a period in 2003. In recognition of this, he received the Distinguished Alumni Service to Alma Mater Award in 2004.

DICK BURRELL '56 – SERVICE TO ALMA MATER

George Richard "Dick" Burrell is a 1956 graduate of Lehman. While at Lehman, he was a member of the football

team his junior and senior years. He retired from Standard Plumbing and Heating in 1998 after 34 years as the company purchasing agent and is also retired from the United States Marines Corps.

He has been extremely active in the Alumni Association, co-chairing the annual Alumni Association picnics and assisting with the Over the Hill Gang Golf outings and in many other ways. He was also a member of the 50th Class Reunion committee of the class of 1956.

He has been married for 41 years to his wife Mary, and they summer in North Canton and winter in Largo, Florida.

BARBARA SMITH HILBISH '46 ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Few would have realized that the little girl with tap shoes and a big voice would one day grace the stages of many of our respected theaters. Barbara Smith's first appearance at the age of eight was at Timken High School when their School of Dance presented a yearly review. She sang and tap-danced to the song "I've Got Rhythm." That experience led to many performances as a young girl with the Canton Players Guild, one being *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. She was on her way!

It was Ruth Cogan, choir director at Lehman, who recognized the potential of her mezzo soprano voice and cast Barbara in the musical *The Desert Song* by Sigmund Romberg. She then appeared in many other productions at Lehman. Following high school, Barbara attended Westminster Choir School in Princeton, New Jersey, where she received a Bachelor of Music Degree. She later received her Master's degree from this school.

After graduation, Barbara married Thomas Hilbish who was conductor of choirs at Princeton High School. They later

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BIOGRAPHIES OF 2007 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

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moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Tom became Professor of Choral Conducting at the University of Michigan. While in Ann Arbor, Barbara became active in several choral groups, performing solo roles, including many in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. She appeared in the role of the mother 33 times in 14 years in the opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors* by Gian Carlo Menotti.

Barbara also accompanied Tom on trips with his choirs from the University of Michigan. While on one of these trips to China, Barbara was asked to teach a Master's class in Music. Highlights of her career came with solo appearances with the Philadelphia Orchestra, with Eugene Ormandy conducting, and with the Detroit Symphony, with Sixten Ehrling conducting. As a result of these performances, she has been honored with listings in *Who's Who in American Women* and *The World Who's Who of Women*.

Barbara gives credit to Ruth Cogan for her inspiration and encouragement through the years as well as to her warm family environment while growing up.

CLASS OF 1952 ATHLETIC TEAMS – ATHLETICS

In the fall of 1948 a group of boys from Avondale, Belle Stone, Edgfield, Plain Center, Woodland, Worley and Summit grade schools entered their freshman year at Lehman High School. Many of them didn't know or had never heard of one another. Little did this band of boys from all walks of life know that some day they would make athletic history at Lehman High School.

They were not exceptionally tall, strong or fast, but they were smart, and they embraced the team concept of athletics. Over four years, these 15 athletes developed their athletic skills and competed at the highest level.

In 1951, these 15 seniors were the backbone of the Lehman football team. As the season progressed it became apparent that this might be a pretty good team. Little did they know that by season's end they would win seven games and lose one, and for the first time in LHS history, the team won the City Football Championship.

Soon after the football season ended, seven of the senior football players became the nucleus of the basketball team. This record-setting team started off slowly – losing its first two games, however they soon began to jell and went on to win 18 games and lose five. In a game at Memorial Fieldhouse they set scoring records for Lehman and the Fieldhouse with 94 points. Later that year, playing in Akron, they again broke the school record scoring 95 points. The team went on to win the City Championship.

In the spring, five players from this senior group were instrumental in leading the baseball team to wins over McKinley, Timken and Lincoln to capture their third City Championship title during this school year.

It was an honor for this senior group of athletes to represent Lehman High School on the gridiron, basketball court and baseball field and to bring the school three City Championships. The 15 seniors in the class of 1952 were: Bob Arnold, Pete Campbell, Wes Hargraves, Dick Koons, Jack Meola and John Torok (football, basketball and baseball); Bob Fitz, Frank Moore and Dick Yant (football and basketball); Dick Fawcett, Jack Gissner, Jim Merryman, Don Sue, Lou Weinman and Jim Westlake (football).

BILL LEMMON '55 – BUSINESS

William "Bill" Lemmon is a 1955 graduate of Lehman High School and received his Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration degrees from the Ohio State University. He then spent the next 16 years in the Columbus area specializing in real estate appraisals. He returned to the Canton area in 1976 where he did appraisal work along with some land development.

In 1987 he founded and serves as President of Lemmon & Lemmon, Inc., a construction firm active in residential and commercial construction, including single family homes, condominiums, apartments, office building, senior housing, industrial buildings and retail centers.

He is also the President of Brookwood Management Company which manages more than one thousand apartments, retail centers and office buildings in Stark and Summit Counties. He has also been active in the development of numerous residential, commercial and mixed use developments totaling several thousand acres. He has been active in real estate development, construction, property management and real estate appraisal for more than forty years.


His memberships include the National Association of Homebuilders, the National Association of Realtors and the Appraisal Institute.

CARL H. LAVIN '42 – CIVIC/COMMUNITY

Carl attended Worley grade school and is a 1942 graduate of Lehman. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business degree from Miami University and served in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1946 including front line infantry service in the Battle of the Bulge crossing the Rhine during January through April 1945. Over 85% of his Company was killed or injured, however Carl was fortunate and was not injured.

Carl completed post graduate work in the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School and in Western European Civilization at Oxford University in England.


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He served in various positions at Sugardale Foods from 1948 until 1979, with his final position being Company President. He then spent the years of 1980 through 1997 as a volunteer with the International Executive Service Corps, advising foreign companies in the food industry. During this period, he spent assignments of up to two months in the following countries: Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Zambia, Turkey and Egypt. His wife, Dr. Audrey Lavin, who is a university professor, joined him in these assignments as a visiting professor teaching English and American Literature.

Since 1997, Carl has served as a volunteer advisor in the SCORE program providing advice and training to small businesses. He is also on the board of the Canton Jewish Community Federation and the Canton Palace Theatre Association and serves as the Vice President of Development for the Wilderness Center. With his wife Audrey, Carl has established the Carl and Audrey Lavin Endowment Fund at the Temple Israel in Canton.

WENDELL "BUD" WILLIAMS, JR. '50 - EDUCATION

The son of a well known teacher at Lehman, Bud is a 1950 graduate. At Lehman, he was a member of the National Honor Society and served as a class officer as well as being President of the Band and active in many other activities.

He then worked at Timken while obtaining his bachelor's degree from Georgia Tech. He joined the Chrysler Company Engineering Division in 1956, following which he began his university teaching career at the Ohio State University, also completing his doctorate during this period.

He taught at Ohio State for seven years, then at Georgia Tech for 25 years. After his retirement from Georgia Tech, he then taught part time at the University of Akron for five years. Specializing in automotive engineering, machine design and vehicular collision research, he has been a consultant to numerous companies and governmental agencies.

He continues to serve on several boards and committees of the Society of Automotive Engineers and previously was a member of the National Board of Directors of SAE and chairman of other boards of this organization.

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**OUT WEST
WITH MUTCHMORE**

By Carl Lavin '42

Bill Mutchmore was the Biology and General Science teacher at Lehman High School in the 1930s and 1940s. He was famous at Lehman for the annual summer Western trips he took with a carload of sophomore boys. My brother Fred was two years older than I when he went with Mutchmore in 1938. He was delighted with the trip, and I was delighted that his going automatically qualified me for the trip when I became a sophomore.

Six of us made the six week Western trip in the summer of 1940: Earl Swallen, Bud Samuels, Jack Shortridge, one whose name I forget, Taylor, a boy from East Sparta, and me. Mr. M. did all the driving ... at exactly 40 mph. The car was a convertible sedan Lincoln, very old and very long. It was about a 1923 vintage with a long hood and a long body and a long trailer to carry our ten sleeping bags and luggage. The seats were leather and seated three boys in back, two in the middle jump seats and one in front. About every two hours we exchanged seats; Mutchmore knew how to eliminate potential preferential seating problems.

For fifteen and sixteen year olds this was a real adventure. We slept outdoors most nights in national parks, though in Los Angeles and San Francisco we did stay in motels. We ate mainly in park lodges and used their bathroom facilities. We went west on the Southern route and returned on the Northern route. The first few days and the last few days were mostly periods of long, long hours of driving.

Our exercise was primarily to hike the trails in national parks and visit notable landmarks, including Bryce, Zion, the north rim of the Grand Canyon, The Grand Tetons, Lake Tahoe, Mt. Rushmore, Lake Mead, Boulder Dam, Mesa Verde and the California redwood forests. We six mid-westerners had the chance to swim in the Pacific and in the Great Salt Lake.

I'm not the only one to admit that I've been talking about it ever since. To our young minds it seemed like we had had a lifetime of adventure and exotic sights and noble friendship packed into an all too brief six weeks.

Dr. Earl Swallen '42 also contributed to the above story.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: BERNICE FLOOD WRIGHT RITCHIE

By Donna Nickel

This month's featured Meet Your Neighbor was recommended by one of our readers who routinely makes the a.m. drive to the North Canton Middle School to drop her son off for classes. A certain crossing guard at the corner of Hillcrest and Maple streets has become an endearing fixture because of her cheerful disposition. She's exceptionally cheerful (for 7 a.m.), smiling and waving to motorists and offering pleasant wake-up words to the middle schoolers she's charged with crossing at the busy intersection. It's obvious that the woman is an expert when it comes to coaxing a smile. In fact, Bernice Flood Wright Ritchie truly is a professional. A graduate of the Ohio School of Clowns, this crossing guard's alter ego is the ever-popular, local clown "Anty Boom Boom."

Following a divorce 15 years ago, Bernice found herself in a financial pickle. At the time, she was employed by the school district as a playground monitor and also as a school bus monitor. She loved both jobs, but needed a little extra money to make ends meet. "I prayed and prayed about what I should do," Bernice said. "Then God made me a clown."

A friend called her and asked her to be a clown at a birthday party. "I borrowed a clown suit from my pastor and went to the party, never having done anything like it before. I laughed and waved and everyone had a ball." After she returned home, she noticed an advertisement in the newspaper about a Clown School at Walsh College. "I went and I was the oldest person in the room." She later signed up for a course in making balloon animals, and also attended classes sponsored by the North Canton Playhouse.

When it came time to pick a clown name, it wasn't a hard choice for Bernice. She had fond memories of entertaining her sisters' children when they were young.

"They couldn't say my name, so they just called me 'Anty Boom Boom.'"

Her first gig as "Anty Boom Boom" was at a Damon's Restaurant in New Philadelphia. Since then, she has appeared at many other locations, including Disney World's Magic Kingdom, the Hall of Fame Ribs Burnoff, North Canton's Main Street Festival, the Canton Civic Center, the Hall of Fame Parade and the Balloon Fest, and Belden Village Mall. She's also provided entertainment for birthdays, office parties, anniversaries, reunions, promotions, parades and grand openings. "I love clowning because it's loving, caring and sharing, and it makes people feel good," she said, adding that

she eventually wants to share her talents by instructing children in the art of clowning.

Born in Detroit, Bernice moved to the Canton area at age 11. The Lehman High School graduate married Bill Wright and moved to North Canton in 1953. The couple had one son, William, before divorcing. When she married Dave Ritchie, she became step-mother to his three daughters, Randy, Tracey and Terri, and his son, Dave. Together, the Ritchies became parents to sons Andrew and Steve. She has 10 grandchildren and one on the way.

In 1965, the Ritchies started a business venture selling worms and bait out of their home. "When Andy was a baby, when he'd go to sleep, I'd go downstairs in the basement and count worms," Bernice remembered. The business soon outgrew their home and they opened Dave's Sports Barn on Main Street between Seventh and Ninth streets in North Canton. "We had the barn, and we lived in the home where Martin's Violin shop is now." She said the store carried fishing equipment, boats, hunting equipment and sports clothes until it closed approximately 15 years ago.

Bernice has held a variety of jobs over the years. For many years she worked at George Ann's Dress Shop on Main Street as a saleswoman and a window designer. She was also employed by the North Canton City Schools as a playground monitor at Orchard Hill for 30 years, retiring in 2001. During that same time period, she was also employed as a school bus monitor, aiding special education students during their transports. Locals might also remember her waiting tables at Cool and Creamy.

Bernice gravitates to children of all ages, saying, "You have to be young at heart to stay young." She continues to work as an usher at Hoover football games.

"I love to dance," she said. "I sometimes get a bit carried away at the football games and get up and dance right there with the cheerleaders."

She recently led a crowd of students in singing the National Anthem at a Hoover basketball game. "I love being around the kids," she said. "Sometimes people get so caught up in life they don't take the time to pay attention to the kids, but they are so special to me."

(Bernice is a member of the Lehman Class of 1952.)

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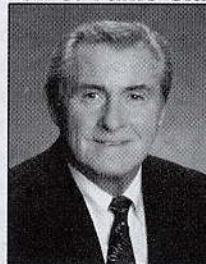
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THE JOURNAL AS A SEARCH ENGINE

By Janet (Baldauf) Palmer '50

I had been looking for an old friend from my class of 1950 who I had lost touch with through the last 15 to 20 years, **Mary Ellen (Holl) Whitehouse**. She had quit school after her junior year and had married her true love, **Tom Whitehouse**, class of 1949. I played a part in their elopement and visited their home many, many times. Five children completed this happy family.

Her whereabouts hadn't been a question in my mind as I was positive they still lived on Arnold Ave. at 13th St. NW, just a few blocks south of Lehman. They had been there for many years.

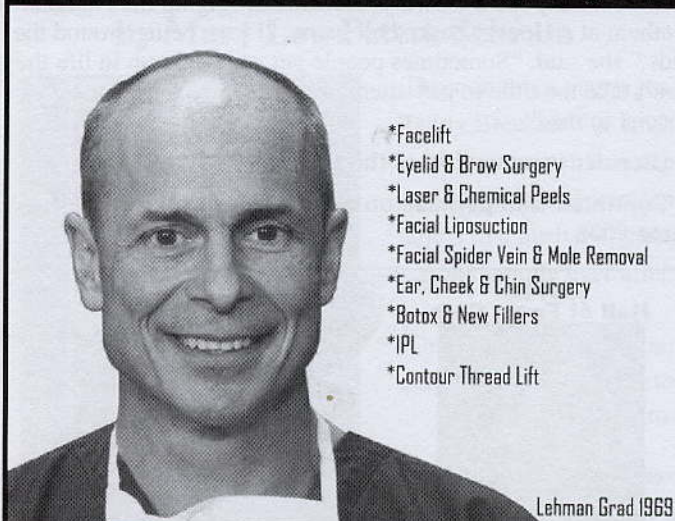
Bud Williams, class of 1950 (and one of our recent *LHS Distinguished Alumni*), had asked me within the last few months about Mary Ellen and reminded me that even though she didn't graduate with us she still was a member of our class and very welcome to join us at our regular luncheons. She wasn't listed in the Canton phone book so I was stymied.

Did I ever perk up when in one of the last issues of the *Journal*, two of the 2007-08 scholarship winners were listed as grandchildren of **Tom Whitehouse**, **Charlotta Shimko** and **Eric Shimko**. Their parents are **Ken and Tammy (Whitehouse) Shimko**.

I then called Tammy, Tom and Mary Ellen's daughter, to find out where they were living, and I was told the sad news that she had died on one of the most infamous days in our history, the terrorist attacks in the U.S. on September 11, 2001. I was totally shocked. After having given me her Dad's phone number, I called Tom and learned more about the death of his beloved wife and my very good friend.

The facts weren't known, though, before I spotted Tom's name in *The Lehman Journal* for which I am grateful. There may be other friends who weren't aware either of Mary Ellen's passing. Thank you, Editor Jack, and all involved in the excellent publication of *The Lehman Journal*.

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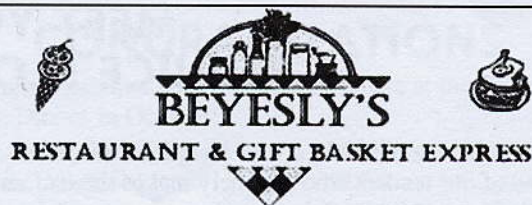


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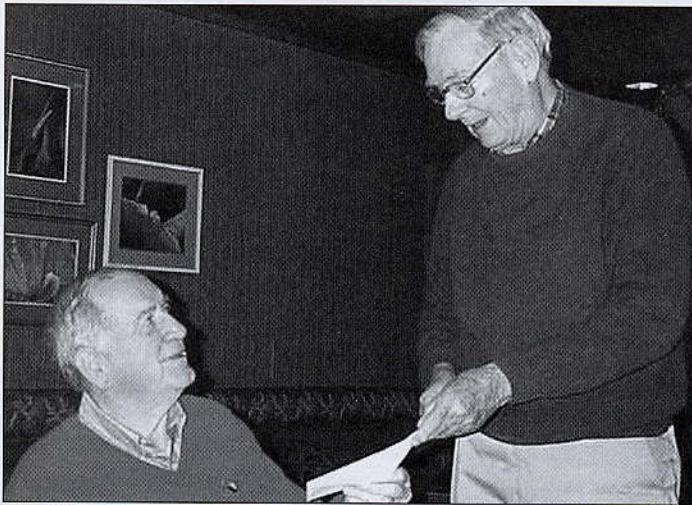


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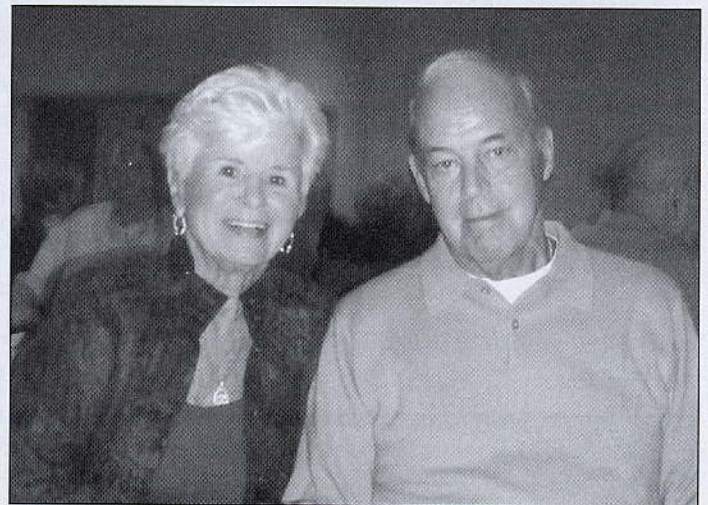
CLASS OF 1942 DONATES \$1000 TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Joe Vgnos of the Class of 1942 (right) presents Association President Larry Taylor with a \$1000 check for the Scholarship Fund on behalf of the Class.

Photo provided by Joe Vgnos

REVERSE RAFFLE IS A POPULAR ALUMNI EVENT



Lynn and Dave Anderson '54/'51 follow the drawing results closely at the Reverse Raffle held for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund in October.

Photo by Larry Taylor

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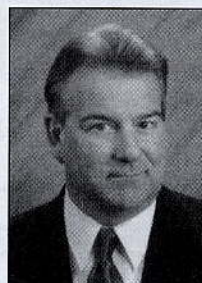
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