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2012 OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee has completed its count of the ballots and announced that the following officers have been elected: Larry Taylor '51, President; Mary Alice (Smith) Jones '51, Vice President: Barbara (Montgomery) Udeck '56, Corresponding Secretary: Polly (McAfee) Duplain '57. Recording Secretary; and Connie (Havnie) DeHaas '57. Treasurer. Claudia (Burgess) Selby '75 will continue to serve as Past President.

Nancy (Rooney) Biggerstaff '56. Chuck Corregan '75 and Diane (Wilson) Frank '56 were elected as Trustees for terms ending in 2014. Returning Trustees whose terms did not expire this year are Herb Barth '53, Nancy (Steiner) Busby '50, Tim Elder '57, Richard Flury '56, Rose (Mailat) Maier '50 and Bill McClelland '59.

Jack Dillon '53 will continue as Publisher of the Alumni Journal, Kitty (Shourds) McClelland '71 as Membership Chairman and Beverly (Sue) Stevenson '50 as Financial Secretary. The returning and newly elected Officers and Trustees will be installed at the January 11 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

POLAR PARTY DONATIONS

As a reminder, the Polar Party is again drawing near, and we remain in need of quality donations for the silent auction. Take a good look around perhaps gifts that did not meet your needs or simply something that you purchased and didn't use and consider donating these to the Association to be auctioned for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund. Call Larry Taylor at 330-494-9519 or Rose Maier at 330-833-8483 to arrange pickup.

2012 POLAR PARTY

The 2012 Polar Party will be held at the Windsor Hall on Friday, January 20, 2012, and will start at 6:00 pm with a Social Hour. The Silent Auction bidding will also start at 6:00 pm. Last year's attendance was tremendous, and we plan on having the same or more attending this year. Remember, the Silent Auction provides income for our Scholarship Fund, and, as you know, in 2011 we awarded 50 scholarships at \$500 per scholarship for a total of \$25,000. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, and reservations may be made by calling Association President Larry Taylor at 330-494-9519 or any Association officer or trustee.

To continue this same effort, we need more valuable items to place in our Silent Auction. Please go through your closets and find those gifts that you bought years ago but never gave them for some reason. We could use them. Or you could get gift certificates from your favorite restaurant. Use your imagination and come up with some outstanding items.

Just call Rose Maier at 330-833-8483 and she will make arrangements to pick up the items. We are a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

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, attendance at each of the events last year greatly exceeded those of the past few years. It is very satisfying to your Board to see the crowds and to hear the lively conversations. It makes our work gratifying. If you haven't been to one of our events, make the effort and it will be rewarding.

Larry Taylor '51

Our membership, although it is not growing, new membership has kept it at almost a constant level which is outstanding considering

our age. We do have an untapped area that could greatly increase our membership. The membership in the years of 1960-1970 could be much greater than it is currently. Please make an effort to get new members especially in those years.

Now for the details. Donations this year were greater than our fund raising events. CONGRATULATIONS, ALUMNI. As you know, one of the goals of the Alumni Association is to provide help to our college students. This year we were able to award 50 \$500 scholarships. Because of the generous contributions by so many alumni, we should be able to maintain that number of awards next year. A special thanks to Norman Jackson, B. J. Wilkins and Milan McMannis whose donations greatly enhanced our scholarship fund.

Our scholarship request forms are now available so get your students started early to apply for scholarships. Request for a scholarship should be mailed to Canton Lehman High School Alumni Association, PO Box 351, Louisville, OH 44641, however, the best way is to go to our website at cantonlehman.org where you can obtain the Scholarship forms. They can be filled out and then printed and sent to the above address. It does take time to complete the process, as some documentation is required from the school. So start early. Completed forms should be mailed to the above PO BOX address and must be postmarked by May 1, 2012.

Now for the events of this quarter. The Annual Reverse Raffle was held at AA Executive Catering. This year Norma and I were unable to attend, but all reports were that it went very smoothly. All tickets were sold weeks before the start of the event. We even had to turn down some late comers, so next year get your tickets early. We had an outstanding participation from the audience, and I think everyone had a great time.



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SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

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As a reminder, please use the form printed on page 9 when sending a donation as it greatly assists us in providing proper recognition of it.

NEW MEMBERS

Larry Catalano '61

Joe Wagner '74

Don Vignos '73

OBITUARIES

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

Patricia (Yaus) Baughman '56 Mildred (Flad) Bendroth '42 Harold E. Cline '48 Dorothy (Saal) George '49 Brooks C. Gilmore '45 Dr. Robert C. Gonser '42 **Bonnie Jerles '47** Evelvn (Barth) Kobl '43 Charles A. Lappin '71 Richard M. Levin '44 Diane (Kring) Logan '54 Don E. McCoy '66 Doyle G. Miller, Sr. '44 Kenneth E. Owen - attended Joseph R. Piero '56 Frances (Brough) Ringle '38 Alton L. Rinier '41 James H. Thompson '40 Dorothy (Casper) Vetrone Weaver '52 Elmer P. White '49 Mary Ellen (Ley) Wood '50 Ruth (Jepson) Wright '63

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.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The next event was the Distinguished Alumni Banquet which was held at the La Pizzaria near Belden Village. The banquet room at the La Pizzaria is outstanding. We had a Power Point Slide show of the different individuals who received Distinguished Alumni Awards, and the La Pizzaria has a built-in capability with projectors in the ceiling and two pull down screens. Of particular interest was that one of the Distinguished Alumni, Dan Finn, could not attend as he had a conflict. Instead he sent a video expressing his appreciation in receiving the award. The food was good and the service was outstanding. Thanks again to the Board Members and, most particularly, Kitty McClelland for coordinating the event. Now I think all of our alumni are distinguished, but we do have a great group of deserving individuals who received awards. You can read their accomplishments in this Journal. Make a note on your calendar to attend next year's dinner for the Distinguished Alumni. Everyone is invited and, even though you may not personally know the individual who has won the award, you will get to know them via the Power Point presentation. It is a great evening, and it is surprising the achievements of our graduates.

We held our Christmas Party this year on December 13. 2011. We had some outstanding Christmas "Goodies" provided by the Board, and Kitty 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 20. 2012, at the Windsor Hall. Check with your Lehman Alumni 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. See the article in this *Journal* for complete description of this event and to find out how you can participate. We are in need of items to be auctioned at the Silent Auction. If any of 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. Or maybe some of those Christmas presents that you will not use. Mark your calendars and attend the Polar Party.

Now a word about our Board. It has been an extreme pleasure working with the current Board Members. All in their own way have pitched in and shouldered the workload. But I must address our extended Board as we have a number of people who are not current Board members but who actually do a yeoman's job and meet with us at most of our meetings. Nickie Wingert, Jack Dillon and Joanne Moody are a few who, although not current Board members, do take on the responsi-



bility in different areas and perform outstandingly. Our meetings are being held each month on the second Wednesday at the Stark County Amateur Hall of Fame on Market Ave. Please feel free to attend. Believe it or not, they are an enjoyable event. I look forward to the meetings with a group of individuals who are there to help our organization succeed.

As noted elsewhere, we have an internet site at <u>canton</u> <u>lehman.org</u>. Bill McClelland has spent many hours in making this site a dynamic product. It is continually being updated with information about Canton Lehman and its alumni. Please take a look at it, and if you have any corrections or deletions, please send them to the webmaster or to our PO Box, Canton Lehman Alumni Association, PO Box 8175, Canton, OH 44711. Also we are looking for any suggestions to improve the site.

This last year has been a gratifying experience, starting with the Polar Party, the Pasta 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 ending with the Distinguished Alumni Dinner. Lots of work, but your Board had lots of fun meeting and talking to classmates both old and new. And most of all, raising funds for the Scholarships that we award. To me it was a great experience.

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 9405 Huntshire Ave NW, North Canton, OH 44720.

-Larry Taylor '51



NAMES IN THE NEWS

Donald Sweitzer '51 and his wife **Shirley** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 7, 2011.

Dennis Smith '56 and his wife **Sally** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 20, 2011.

David Dorland '57 and his wife **Pauline** celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 7, 2011.

Bruce Schorsten '66 received the Realtor Emeritus Award from the National Association of Realtors in recognition of his 40 years of membership in the National Association of Realtors. He has served the real estate industry as a director of the Stark County Board of Realtors and its president in 2005, and currently serves as chairperson for the Political Affairs Committee.

Joe Helaney '57 is a member of FeLeap's Fifty after completing 50 miles hiking on Stark Park's trails.

William Allan '43 was the subject of a feature article in the *Repository* detailing his service in the Army in France, Central Europe and Germany during World War II. He is a past recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006 for his military accomplishments.

Shelley (Steiner) Hughes '75 is a candidate for the Alaska State House in 2012.

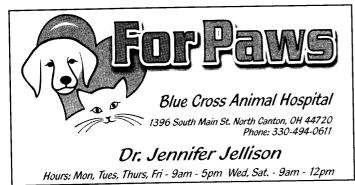
Joe Vitale '67 was the subject of an interview in the *Repository* about his reaction to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's most recent inductees.

Judy (Christian) Russell '57, president of the Canton Garden Club, led the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Club at the Canton Women's Club in December. She and other members were pictured at the celebration.

Howard Weaver M.D. '57 received the Vermont Medical Society Physician of the Year Award. The Award is granted annually to a physician licensed in the state of Vermont who has demonstrated outstanding performance in the quality of care given to his/her patients, skillful and compassionate patient care and dedication to the welfare of his patients in accordance with accepted principles of good medical practice. Dr. Weaver, who practices in Rutland, Vermont, formally received the Award at the Vermont Medical Society's 198th Annual Meeting in October.

ADS NEEDED

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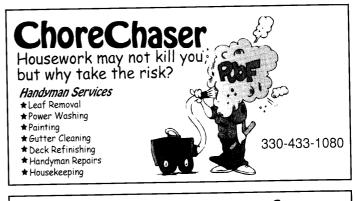
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2012 NOW AVAILABLE

The application forms for the 2012 Alumni Scholarship Awards are now available both online and by written request. These scholarships awards are for \$500 each and are paid directly to those recipients who will be pursuing advanced education beyond high school in 2012. Eligibility is restricted to Lehman graduates or direct descendants of anyone who attended Canton Lehman High School between the years of 1938 and 1976.

Applications are now available online. in both Excel and PDF formats, on the alumni website (<u>www.cantonlehman.org</u>). The Excel format will allow you to complete the application online and save to your computer. The PDF format requires you to print a copy and complete by hand. Forms may also be requested by mail. Send requests to *Lehman Alumni Scholarship Committee*, *P.O. Box 351*, *Louisville*, *OH* 44641.

The Canton Lehman High School Alumni Association scholarship program was initiated in 1994. Since those first six recipients, the Association has awarded \$234,000 to 466 young descendants of Lehman attendees. This success is the result of the continuing hard work and effort by members of the Association and very generous contributions by many of our former classmates who both appreciated their time at Lehman and believe in helping our children and grandchildren continue pursuing their education beyond high school.

All applications must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2012. Those postmarked after that date will not be considered. Remember, normally only 50 scholarships are awarded annually, and the order in which they are received does factor into the final selection process. All applicants are eligible for up to a total of two awards, however a new application must be submitted in order to be considered for the second award.



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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BANQUET

Almost 100 recipients, fellow alumni, family members and guests attended the eleventh annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet at La Pizzaria in Canton on November 17, 2011. Honored at this year's Banquet were the following outstanding alumni:

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Arts and Entertainment	
Athletics	
Business	· · · · · · Dan Finn '74
Civic/Community	····· Thomas Pieper '60
Coach/Administrator/Teacher	
Education	James Casper '49
Medical	····· Elaine Esber Elias '57
Service to Alma Mater	Corinne Esber Mahshie '56

Biographical Information on the above recipients is published on pages 6-9.

The Association also presents The President's Award to an Association Officer or 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 Beverly (Sue) Stevenson of the class of 1950 in recognition of her commitment to the Alumni Association by having served as Financial Secretary for over eleven years.

> Pictured from left to right are 2012 Distinguished Alumni recipients Thomas Pieper, Beverly Sue Stevenson, Dr. Robert Fleischer, Kent Smith, Corrine Esber Mahshie and David Horton.



Pictured at the Distinguished Alumni Banquet are past Distinguished Alumni Richard Milligan, Kitty Shourds McClelland, Gus Reale, Dick Burrell and Joe Helaney.



Pictured at the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Banquet are past recipients John Pieper, Barbara Udeck, Gregg Schorsten, Joanne Reynolds Moody, Bill Maronitis, Janet Jerles Folsom and Larry Taylor. Photos by Janet Jerles Folsom







BIOGRAPHIES OF 2011 LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

DAVE HORTON '68 – ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dave Horton was born in Canton, attended Summit Grade School and graduated from Lehman High School in 1968.

He was a City of Canton Councilman from 1977-1979, but he was probably better known as a bartender at The Pub Club and Double Tyme.

Dave moved to California in 1984 and spent almost 11 years as an Insurance Investigator/Adjuster. After his career in the insurance field, he bought a printing business in Pasadena where he lives with his wife Gina. He is a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy.

In 2009, Dave travelled through Ohio during the height of the fall foliage season. This sojourn became the genesis for his book, *Small Towns, Country Roads & Autumn Leaves*, published in November 2010. The book was the subject of a lengthy article in the Canton *Repository* on November 17, 2011, in which his selection as a Distinguished Alumni was prominently mentioned.

DR. ROBERT FLEISCHER '59 – ATHLETICS

Bob graduated from Lehman High School in 1959. He came to Lehman from Woodland grade school where he led a team of outstanding basketball players who won the City Grade School Championship. They were so good that Coach Jim Robinson decided to coach them himself as a freshman team. Besides playing on the freshman team, Bob was elevated to the varsity that year. During his senior year, Bob broke all of the Lehman and the City scoring records for the most points in one game and for the most points scored in one season. His Lehman High School records stand today.

Also, during his senior year, Bob was named to the All American High School Basketball team. Bob is the only Lehman and Canton basketball player to receive this honor.

Bob is a highly regarded Doctor of Optometry practicing in Warren, Ohio.

DAN FINN '74 – BUSINESS

Dan Finn honed the skills necessary to succeed in business on the basketball court and in the classroom. While Dan was a freshman, he was a member of the 1971 State Championship Basketball Team. Dan is believed to be the only four-year varsity letterman in the school's history. A three-year starter, he contributed to some of Lehman's most successful teams ever, including its highly touted undefeated 1972-73 regular season.

His 1974 senior classmates voted him the school's Outstanding Boy Graduate and its Most Valuable Athlete. Further foreshadowing his future potential, he became a member of the National Honor Society during his junior year.



Following graduation from Ohio State University, he spent five years as a public school teacher and basketball coach, including a few substitute teaching assignments at Lehman Junior High, before transitioning to a career in business. During this period, he was active in several community organizations, most notably the Players Guild of Canton and the Stark County Bicycle Club.

Following a distinguished 25-year career with Nationwide Insurance where he received numerous "Consultant of the Year" awards, Dan founded the Finn Financial Group to better meet the needs of his growing national client base. Finn Financial is a specialty planning firm dedicated to helping protect the long-term financial stability of its clients.

Focused on helping clients save money by implementing tax-advantaged Structured Settlements and Attorney Fees, Structured Sales. Structured Oil & Gas Lease Bonuses, 401(k) Conversions and Retirement Rollovers, the Newport Beach, CA-based company is endorsed by some of America's most distinguished attorneys and Fortune 500 companies.

President and Chairman of the Board of Directors for the National Structured Settlements Trade Association (NSSTA), Dan also serves on the Board of Directors for Innocence Matters, a nonprofit dedicated to helping prevent wrongful convictions through education, prevention and reform.

Dan and his wife Stephanie (Bianchi), a Timken graduate, will soon celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Though the couple now lives in Newport Coast, California, they regularly make visits back to the city they are proud to call home: Canton, Ohio.

THOMAS I PIEPER '60 - CIVIC/COMMUNITY

Tom Pieper was born and raised in Canton, and attended Belle Stone and Summit Schools.

After graduating from Lehman High School, Tom attended Heidelberg College graduating in 1964 with a major in History and French. Tom began teaching in the Plain Local School District in 1964 where he spent the next 32 years, retiring in 1997. He was honored by his fellow teachers in 1972 by being named a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar in recognition of his work in education.

As a History major at Heidelberg, Tom was required to prepare a paper on a topic about which very little had been previously written. Tom selected Fort Laurens – the only Revolutionary War fort built by The Continental Congress in what is today Ohio. His paper won honors as the best Senior History Seminar paper prepared that year.

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While working on his Master's degree at Kent State University, Tom asked and received permission to expand his earlier paper on Fort Laurens into his Master's Thesis, completed in 1967. In 1975, in anticipation of The American Revolution Bicentennial celebration, Kent State University Press asked Tom to re-work his Thesis for publication. With the assistance of his thesis advisor, James B. Gidney, he completed this project, and the book, FORT LAURENS: 1778-1779, THE REVOLUTION IN OHIO, was published in 1976 and is still in print today.

In 1993, Tom assisted in the formation of The Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation – dedicated to studying, preserving, promoting, and rebuilding Fort Laurens. Tom is currently Vice President and Chairman of The Board of Trustees.

To honor Tom's work with Fort Laurens, The Tuscarawas County Historical Society awarded him the Zeisberger-Heckewelder Award for 2011.

In addition to his involvement with Fort Laurens, Tom helped form The Plain Township Historical Society in 2005, and he currently serves as President and Chairman of the Board. The Society assisted Plain Township in celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2009.

His love of history also led Tom to serve as Archivist at his church, Trinity United Church of Christ, and he has served in this post for over 25 years.

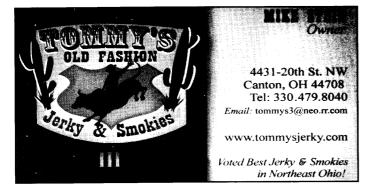
Since college, Tom has also been an avid re-enactor of The American Revolution, traveling to hundreds of places, including Great Britain where he would speak and perform.

Tom and his wife Jane live in North Canton.

KENT SMITH '59 – ADMINISTRATOR/COACH/TEACHER

Kent was born in Canton, Ohio, attended Summit Grade School and graduated from Lehman High School in 1959. He was considered a decent all-around athlete; he earned eight varsity letters at Lehman, became a Captain and MVP in both football and basketball, and earned All-City and All-County recognition in both sports. In 1959, Kent was selected to, and played in, the North-South Ohio All Star Football game.

After graduation from Lehman, he entered Mount Union College where he lettered in football four years while receiving several "Hatchet Man" awards, and Ohio Athletic Conference mention as a linebacker. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. In 1963, he graduated from Mount Union with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and a Teaching Certificate. With his experience as an athlete, and through the mentoring of various educators and coaches, Kent's game plan became "teaching and coaching" for the next 30 years.



Kent's first job in 1963 was at Glenwood High School where he taught Math, became an assistant varsity football coach, and later was named the school's head baseball coach. Four years later, Kent returned to "Good Ole Lehman High," again as a Math teacher along with duties as an assistant coach in varsity football and basketball. The following year, he became head coach of the varsity golf team and the advisor to Lehman's chapter of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization. His playing a small role in Lehman's winning of the 1971 State Championship title in basketball was, for him, the "icing on the cake." Kent moved on to Northwest High School-Canal Fulton in 1971 and became the school's dual head coach in both football and basketball. In 1973, he accepted another dual offer from the United States Department of Defense/Army-European Division to teach math and be the head coach in both football and basketball at one of their overseas high schools in Wurzburg, Germany. His teams in both sports became Division Champs several times with one of his basketball players being selected to play on the McDonald's All-American Basketball Team. During his four years in Germany, Kent earned his Master of Science Degree in Education/Administration from The University of Southern California/European Division. Kent then returned from Europe, accepted a position as head basketball coach at Jackson High School in 1977, and retired from the District in 1993.

In 1978, he also became a licensed realtor in the Stark County area and has over 30 years of experience in the field of real estate. A highlight was when he was honored as a RE/MAX Hall-of-Fame Realtor. He continues today to "teach and coach," but this time it's to buyers, sellers and investors of real estate. Kent's community activities have been many and varied. A couple of his favorites are his involvement as a member of the Pro-Football Hall of Fame Transportation Committee for more than 25 years and his association with the Lehman Over-the-Hill Gang's annual golf outings.

Kent has been married to Paula Rochus (LHS class of '61) for 45 years. They have a son, Kent II, and a daughter, Kristen (Matt) Burkhart and two grandchildren, Elisabeth and Alexander. Kent also has a brother, James E. Smith and a brother-inlaw, John Rochus, III, also former Lehmanites.

JAMES CASPER '49 – EDUCATION

James graduated from Lehman High School in 1949. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Naval Air Reserve, and in 1955, he was honorable discharged. In 1958, he received his Masters of Education from the University of Toledo. Jim worked at Waite High School in Toledo, Ohio, from 1953-1966 as a teacher, counselor, AV director, assistant principal, coach

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and athletic director. In 1968-1991 he was the Principal at Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior High School in Toledo. In 1994-2001, Jim was the Coordinator of Placement for the University of Toledo-College of Education.

He has been a member of many organizations such as North Central Association and Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OSSA). In addition, he served on five state committees and was a member of the Editorial Board for *American Education Today*. He was also on the board of directors for Station WGTE, Channel 30 and the foundations officer of the NW Ohio chapter of Phi Delta Kappa from 1980-1987.

During his career, he has received many special awards: 1986 Ohio Secondary Principal of the Year and one of the 53 national associates and high school principals by National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Council of Chief State School Officers and the Burger King Corporation. In 1987 he received the Outstanding Leadership award in Education from the Toledo chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

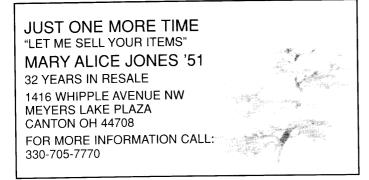
Jim and his wife are members of the Gesu Church.

ELAINE ESBER ELIAS '57 – MEDICAL

Elaine C. Esber, M.D., a pediatrician with subspecialty training in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, has extensive FDA regulatory experience and experience in international medical affairs and health policy through working in government and a large pharmaceutical company.

Dr. Esber joined Merck & Co., Inc., in April 2001 as Executive Director for International Medical Affairs and Health Policy, assuming a leadership role in advocating for Merck & Co, Inc. medical and health policy vaccine interests with multilateral organizations while providing medical support for in-country activities in early preparation for product launches. At the time of her departure in December 31, 2008, she held the position of Strategic Advisor for Global Organizations, Medical Affairs and Policy, Merck Vaccine and Infectious Diseases (MVID).

In her capacity, she represented MVID with international multilateral organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO), the GAVI Alliance, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and the International Association for Biologics (IABS), as well as numerous other international organizations. She provided guidance and direction in advocating for Merck &Co, Inc. interests on the Ad Hoc Industry Group that discusses GAVI policy and activities, provided support for the GAVI Industrialized Vaccine Company Board member (a three year rotating position recently held by the MVID President), as well as on other international working groups. She chaired the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association's (IFPMA) Biologics and



Vaccines' Committee for 6+ years, and also chaired two subcommittees on Regulatory Affairs and on Biotechnology. In addition, she served as the industry member of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) of the WHO as well as representing the biologics industry on behalf of IFPMA.

She also developed and implemented the Merck Vaccine Network – Africa Program (MVN-A) for the Merck Company Foundation. The project is aimed at developing training centers in Africa in support of immunization efforts of GAVI. In addition, she was frequently called upon to give presentations on vaccines, immunization, regulatory and other related topics. She is currently serving in a consulting capacity.

Prior to joining Merck, she was a Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), held a number of senior positions during her more than 20-year tenure with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including Director of the Investigational New Drugs Branch (1978), Director of the Office of Biologics Research and Review, Center for Drugs and Biologics (1983), and Associate Center Director for Research and Regulatory Coordination, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) (1988).

In 1991, Dr. Esber was appointed Associate Center Director for Medical and International Affairs, CBER - a position she held until joining Merck. In this position, she was responsible for directing a number of key programs and activities in the international and medical areas. She was a pivotal figure in the founding of the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) in 1990, served as the FDA representative to the Steering Committee for 11 years, and served as the founding Co-Chair of the Global Cooperation Group of the ICH. Her additional FDA responsibilities included directing programs for scientific development, training and assistance, and participating in bilateral government relationships. Among her many committee memberships, Dr. Esber served as Chairman of the Center Clinical Research Committee. She is the recipient of numerous awards from FDA, the Commissioned Corps of the USPHS and other non-governmental organizations.

She received her medical degree from Ohio State University School of Medicine, completed her internship and residency at the Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, and her clinical Pediatric Hematology/Oncology fellowship from Children's Hospital at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dr. Esber was awarded a fellowship to conduct tumor immunology research at the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and continued her research activity while on the faculty of the Children's Hospital and the George Washington University Hospital, in Washington, D.C., prior to joining FDA.

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CORINNE ESBER MAHSHIE '56 – SERVICE TO ALMA MATER

Corinne, a 1956 Lehman graduate, was an over achiever during her high school years. During her four years at Lehman, she was a member and secretary of the Marching Band; a majorette: a member, secretary and treasurer of Student Council; a member of the Swing Band; a member, accompanist, girls' librarian and vice president of the A Cappella Choir; a member of the Future Teachers of America; a member of Girls' Leaders: a member of the Literary Lasses; and was chosen as the Outstanding Girl in her graduating class.

Following high school, Corinne attended Baldwin Wallace College, and the University of Akron, and she received her degree in education from Kent State University. She then taught for three years at the Nimisila Elementary School in the Manchester School District before marrying the Reverend Father Louis Mahshie and moving to Washington, D.C., where they lived for 14 years.

They then moved to Akron, Ohio, when the Reverend Mahshie became the minister of the St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church. Corinne is involved in many church activities including serving as Director of the Sunday School and coordinating and organizing the church's picnic and annual raffle. Corinne and her husband have three children and two grandchildren: two sons. Louis who is married, David who is single, and one daughter. Tammy, who is married and has two wonderful sons.

She also finds time to work with her brothers, Dave and Gary, in the family business, Esber Beverage. This company was founded in 1937 by her parents, David and Helen Esber, and now serves a 22-county area. Esber Beverage supports many community activities, including the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Blue Coats as well as the Lehman High School Alumni Association which has been the beneficiary of many donations from Corinne and Esber Beverage.

We appreciate all that Corinne has done for Lehman and its alumni and are pleased and honored to present her the Distinguished Alumni Award for Service to Alma Mater for 2011.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donations can be made to our Scholarship Fund. Fill out the form below and mail with your check to the Lehman Alumni Association, PO Box 8175, Canton OH 44709.

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REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1952 – The Class of 1952 will celebrate its 60th Class Reunion the weekend of August 17-18, 2012. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan on attending and let's have a great turnout. More details will be sent out in April regarding the weekend.

Any questions contact Bob or Peg Andrews at 419-677-1550 or e-mail: <u>a16137@aol.com</u>.

CLASS OF 1957 – The Class of 1957 will celebrate its 55th Reunion the weekend of September 14-16, 2012. The committee has been planning the Reunion for over eight months and plans to make this Reunion memorable. Full details will be published in the April *Journal*.

Joe Helaney is heading the committee and may be reached at 330-833-9253 or by e-mail at <u>jhelaney@neo.rr.com</u>.

TO ALUMNI CHAIRPERSONS

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



APPRECIATING OUR ADVERTISERS: ARCADIA GRILLE

Maria Byington may not be the most familiar name, but her endeavors and the name of the ARCADIA GRILLE are undoubtedly familiar to most individuals who have been raised or lived in the Canton area for quite a few years.

The ARCADIA GRILLE first became a restaurant in 1927, and to this day the name of the popular place remains the same, but the ownership has changed.

In 1999 Maria Byington purchased the business and turned it into a place where individuals enjoy stopping for good food or perhaps just a drink and pleasant conversation. No one is ever a "stranger" who goes to the ARCADIA GRILLE. Maria or one of her other six to eight employees will welcome the newcomer very quickly. One requirement for anyone applying for a job with her is they have to be a registered voter or get registered quickly. Being a part of the community is her strong belief and voting is a part of community participation.

Maria was involved with the restaurant business from her childhood as her father owned a restaurant and she learned the trade early in life.

Over 100 fundraisers each year happen through her efforts in the restaurant or are affiliated with her endeavors in some way.

Life has not always been easy for Maria, and she is currently battling cancer for the fourth time, but it does not slow her down. Usually she will be found in the restaurant seven days a week, averaging 80 hours a week. She will be glad to cater any affair with great food.

by Joanne (Reynolds) Moody '53

She believes if something in your life makes a mess of life then take the situation and turn it around to do something good with it. She will usually be one of the first, if not the first, to help with a fundraiser for someone who is battling cancer.

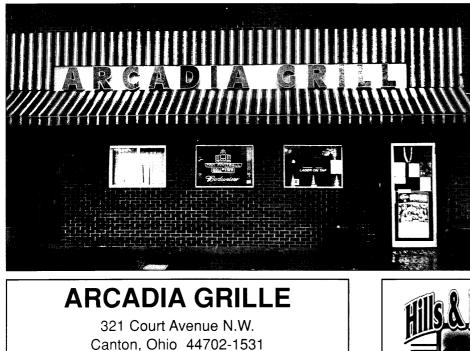
She herself has donated 100 inches of her hair to Locks of Love, and each time it has grown back still dark in color. Twice she has had her head shaved to raise funds as she started her cancer treatment, and the last time she had it shaved for a fundraiser of her own choice, not because of treatment.

She feels called to help when learning or hearing of someone in need of help. She stated it is her pleasure to give back when she can.

Those who know her know of her love of sports, and the restaurant shows it. Her second love is riding her motorcycle. She rides with the Law Dogs that consists of bikers from the police and fire departments. Maria will turn 59 next September but looks much younger.

She does try to take a seven- to ten-day vacation once a year as she loves to see new territory, but she flies - not bikes - to the new territory.

The food served at the ARCADIA GRILLE tastes great, is reasonably priced, and Maria appreciates her customers' patronage. Do us a favor when stopping in at the ARCADIA GRILLE. Mention you're a Lehman Alumni and sincerely appreciate her help each year for our fundraisers.



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Photo by Joanne (Reynolds) Moody



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CONGRATULATIONS

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

Polly Duplain\$ 25
Estelle Blau\$ 50
Alan Harold\$ 75
Ruth Chipko \$100
John Torok\$125
Larry Taylor\$150
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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you notes were received from 2011 Scholarship recipients Kaitlin Yingling, Kathryn Myser, Claire Campbell, Caitlyn Handly, Leslie Kramer and Colleen Korte.

Thank you notes were also received from:

Association Vice President Mary Alice Smith Jones '51 for the rose sent in memory of her husband Donald Jones.

Mary Thomas, sister of **Dennis Thomas '70**, for the rose sent in his remembrance.

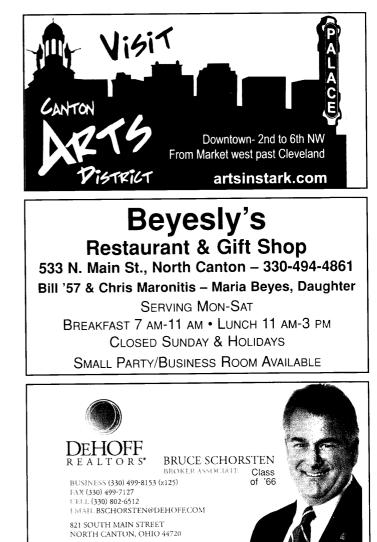
Kristen Gobley of the Hog Jaws 4-H Club for purchasing her hog for the annual Hog Raffle.

The wife and family of **Brooks Gilmore '49** for the rose sent to the funeral home in his memory.

NEW ADVERTISERS

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Jennifer Jellison as a new advertiser. Dr. Jellison is the daughter of Alumni Association member Frank Jellison and the owner of For Paws Blue Cross Animal Hospital.

We also welcome Mike Stein, owner of Tommy's Old Fashion Jerky & Smokies, as an advertiser. Mike is the son of Bill Stein of the Class of 1957



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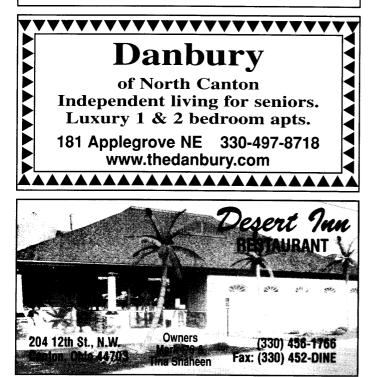
AA Executive Catering owner Mike Kazes '74 (second from right) watches the roast beef being carved at the Reverse Raffle/Dinner in October. Also in the photo are alumni Nickie Wingert '44 on the left and Dennis Smith '56 on the right. Photo by Jack Dillon

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND? LOOK FOR THE FORM ON PAGE 9!

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Page 10 STOP WITH THE "OLD PEOPLE" JOKES

When the internet started to become popular, a new method of joke telling began. Often, these were a little risqué and even stretched the boundaries of decency. Being a somewhat dirty old man, I found them humorous and, once I learned how to "Forward," I would send them on to a few of my male friends.

However, as with all good things, creativity eventually ended. The good, old time, bawdy jokes started to be recycled over and over. Nothing new. Apparently, many became bored with these old jokes and sought other themes to explore, such as politics or those threats of serious consequence if you did not forward the email to at least 10 of your friends within 1 minute. Since I like living on the edge, I never have forwarded one of these. As to political jokes, let's face it. going back to the time of Will Rogers, and even further back, politicians have been the perfect target for humor. Once again, the humor was good and always able to laugh, often quite loudly. Unfortunately, this too vanished and was replaced by vicious attacks on individuals. The degree of viciousness was directly related to whether it was your man or the other person's man. I hate these. But, being the mature individual I am, I just deleted them and went on looking for the newest, somewhat naughty joke.

Now, as I tried to point out in the previous sentence, I am a fairly tolerant man. I am willing to overlook the simplistic



-Bill McClelland 59. Ima

views of those who disagree with me and, often try to an antithem to the truth, as I see it. But recently, my normally the second demeanor has turned sour. A new form of insult and view and ness has reared its ugly head. I'm talking about the mole People" jokes.

First of all, why send them to me? It was only yestercapy that I left high school, wasn't it? Secondly, the continuous attack on the perceived deterioration of my body are offensive. It is hardly changed. Granted, I occasionally grunt or groan where get up out of a chair, but sometimes I go through most of a whole day without anything aching really badly. Also, I that to be very fond of gray hair. I think it gives a very distinguished touch to my ruggedly youthful appearance and accest my laugh wrinkles nicely. Yes, granted I do enjoy getting at early, and I do plan my day around my afternoon nap. However, if memory serves me correctly, I did this in high set -So, please stop with the "Old People" jokes.

Usually, I try to make a point with my articles relating the left Alumni Association. Unfortunately, I don't remember what was going to be this time. I'll give it some thought this afternoon, right after my nap. In the meantime, may you have a happy, prosperous and healthy 2012.

Okay, now I remember. It's time to renew your 2012 membership. See, a little nap does help.

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