# THE LEHMAN JOURNAL

**ALUMNI EDITION** 

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
WITH THE FOLLOWING DATE!

JANUARY 18, 2013 POLAR PARTY Windsor Hall 6:00 pm

AUGUST 16-17, 2013 CLASS OF 1963 REUNION Fairways at Arrowhead

AUGUST 23-25, 2013 CLASS OF 1953 REUNION LaPizzaria

#### **2013 OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee has completed its count of the ballots and has announced that the following officers have been elected:

- Larry Taylor '51, President
- Chuck Corregan '75, Vice President
- Barbara (Montgomery) Udeck '56, Corresponding Secretary
- Polly (McAfee) Duplain '57, Recording Secretary
- Connie (Haynie) DeHaas '57, Treasurer
- Claudia (Burgess) Selby '75 will continue to serve as Past President

Tim Elder '57, Richard Flury '56 and Bill Maronitis '57 were elected as Trustees for terms ending in 2015 and Jean (Faulds) Ilg '50 was elected for an unexpired term ending 2014. Returning Trustees whose terms did not expire this year are Herb Barth '53, Nancy (Rooney) Biggerstaff '56, Nancy (Steiner) Busby '50, Diane (Wilson) Frank '56 and Rose (Mailat) Maier '50.

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 9 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 Herb Barth at 330-494-3914 to arrange pickup.

### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER**

The Alumni Association recently was the beneficiary of a very generous offer from the Stark Community Foundation to double new contributions of \$10,000. Realizing that this was an offer we should not miss out on, the Board of Trustees unanimously elected to donate \$10,000 to our endowment, which with its matching \$10,000 grant increased our total Fund from \$25,332 to over \$45,000. We are sure that all Association members will agree that this was a very wise investment to build this endowment for future scholarship donations.

However, this investment, which was made from our current operating funds, must now be made up with additional donations from our members so that we may continue our current scholarship program. We have therefore initiated a special fundraiser to replace this money and are asking all of our members to contribute on a special one-time basis to assist us in replacing the \$10,000 so that we may continue awarding 50 scholarships this year. We would appreciate it if all of you who have not already contributed to this special fundraiser would consider donating an additional amount this year to allow us to make up this money. Please note on your check or the form the additional contribution which you are making so that we may properly record this contribution. Remember all contributions to the Association are tax-deductible as we are a 501(c)3 organization.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE CANTON LEHMAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FUND IN THE STARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RECENTLY TOOK A GIANT LEAP FORWARD.

Now for the details. As you may or may not know, we invested our reserve funds of \$25,000 in the Stark Community Foundation with a goal of establishing a fund that will preserve the heritage of the Canton Lehman High School far into the future by providing Scholarships in the future when the Association no longer exists.



Larry Taylor '51

This is an easy vehicle for Alumni to do some estate planning by providing some funds from their estate. This past year we received a "windfall" from the Stark Community Foundation that greatly enhanced that fund. For the 50th Anniversary of the Stark Community Foundation, they have made available \$500,000 and will give \$10,000 to each fund if that fund invested another \$10,000. Your Board felt it would be very prudent to take \$10,000 from our scholarship funds to get another \$10,000. In less than one year our funds have grown from \$25,000 to over \$45,000. Now we must replenish our Scholarship funds if we are to maintain our usual 50 Scholarships. We are currently holding a special fundraising campaign for that purpose.

Bill McClelland, Class of 1957, has made an eloquent video explaining the background of this event. It is on YouTube under Canton Lehman High School, and it is

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## **SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS**

Many of the scholarship and memorial donations reported this issue were in response to the Alumni Association's request for additional donations to replace the money transferred to the Stark Community Foundation. In order not to misreport either the additional donations or those made to our normal scholarship fund, these are both reported below. The additional donations at this time total almost \$6,000 for which we are most grateful.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

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

Samuel N. Abood, M.D. '42 Thomas P. Anderson '44 Dr. Rev. William P. Barker '44 Clyde R. Clark, Jr. '60 Robert F. Cornish '43 Mary Jo Cusack '53 Shirley Anne (Smith) Frutig '45 Nancy A. Hess '46 Valerie Dawn Hill - attended Caroline (Schoman) Klingensmith '57 Louise A. (Vogt) Meeks '46 Theodore C. Moeglin '56 Linda (Kraft) Norcia '55 JoAnn (Blaser) Saunier '51 Joan (Walter) Schimpf '43 Mariam (Freyburger) Slusser '40 Fay (Mandalakis) Sturm '56 Thomas H. Wiggins '49 Robert P. Yurasko '48

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

#### **SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS** continued

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## MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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In Memory of Tim Theiss, Class of 1956 by Glenn Bailey 1956

In Memory of Susan Schulz Bailey, Class of 1956 by Glenn Bailey 1956

In Memory of James McAfee, Class of 1955 by Dick Burrell 1956

In Memory of James McAfee, Class of 1955 by Joe & Genetta Campitelli

*In Memory of James McAfee, Class of 1955* by Chuck & Polly McAfee Duplain 1957

In Memory of Fay Mandalakis Strum, Class of 1956 by Polly McAfee Duplain 1957

In Memory of Cynthia Bartchy Hecht, Class of 1959 by Robert Hecht 1959

In Memory of James McAfee, Class of 1955 by Dave & Cathy Horansky

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In Memory of Tom Bahl, Class of 1961 by John Onesto 1963

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*In Memory of James McAfee, Class of 1955* by Gus & Judy Reale 1956

*In Memory of James McAfee, Class of 1955* by Jan Benedict Schultz 1958

*In Memory of James McAfee, Class of 1955* by Denny & Sally Smith 1956

In Memory of William Claffin, Class of 1947 by Susan Claffin Strew 1953

*In Memory of James McAfee, Class of 1955* by Eleanor Toussant

*In Memory of James McAfee, Class of 1955* by George & Marge Wagner

In Memory of Louise Vogt Meeks, Class of 1946 by BJ Bartlow Wilkins 1946

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

#### **2013 POLAR PARTY**

The 2013 Polar Party will be held at the Windsor Hall on Friday, January 18, 2013, 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 2012 we awarded 49 scholarships at \$500 per scholarship for a total of \$24,500. 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 Herb Barth at 330-494-3914 and he will make arrangements to pick up the items. We are a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI DINNER

Over 90 recipients, fellow alumni, family members and guests attended the twelfth annual Distinguished Alumni Dinner at La Pizzaria in Canton on November 16, 2012. Honored at this year's Banquet were the following outstanding alumni.

Arts and Entertainment – Deborah Fezelle '70
Athletics – Lenny May '65
Business – Alex Garcia '65
Civic/Community – Helen Elite Kostel '52
Medical – Howard Weaver, M.D. '57
Military – Don Miller '38
Service to Alma Mater – Mark Shaheen '76

Biographical Information on the above recipients is published, beginning on page 5.

The Association also presents The President's Award to Association Officer(s) or Board Member(s) chosen by Association President Larry Taylor for outstanding efforts and accomplishments on behalf of the Association. This year's recipients as announced at the dinner are Polly (McAfee) Duplain and Connie (Haynie) DeHaas, both of the class of 1957, in recognition of their commitments to the Alumni Association for having served as Recording Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, for over ten years, and continuing in those offices today.

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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on the Canton Lehman High School Facebook site. Bill did a tremendous job so go and see the video even if you have already donated to this special fund raiser

Now a report on the health of the Association. First and foremost, attendance at each of the events last year 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.

Our membership – although 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 from those graduation years.

Donations this year were greater than it has ever been. 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 49 \$500 scholarships. Because of the generous contributions by so many alumni, we should, hopefully, be able to maintain that number of awards next year. A special thanks to Norman Jackson 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 1 May 2013.

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 was great. All tickets were sold before the start of the event. We even had to turn down some latecomers so next year get your ticket early. We had an outstanding participation from the audience, and I think everyone had a great time.

The next event was the Distinguished Alumni Dinner 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 La Pizzaria had a built-in capability with projectors in the ceiling and two pull down screens. The food was good and the service was outstanding. Thanks again to the Board Members and most particularly Kitty McClelland for handling the events. 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 the achievements of our graduates are surprising.

We held our Christmas Party this year on December 12, 2012. We had some outstanding Christmas "Goodies" provided by the Board and had a professional singer who provided Christmas songs. Attendance was outstanding as we filled the room. 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.

NOW AN IMPORTANT NOTICE. Bill Maronitis has graciously volunteered the use of the Beysely's Restaurant for our meetings. Since there are no steps, it provides a way for us old people to get into the meeting without having to climb steps. So mark it on your calendar – 7 pm the second Wednesday of each month at Beysley's Restaurant in North Canton. ALL ARE INVITED.

The next event will be the Polar Party to be held 18 January 2013 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. 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 Herb Barth at 330-494-3914 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 maybe some of those Christmas presents that you will not use. Mark your calendars and attend the Polar Party.

Remember, we have an internet site at cantonlehman.org. 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. Please provide us with your e-mail address so that we can have a better means of communication in the future. We have placed an entry on the new membership form for that information.

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.

Thanks for a great year, and we are looking forward to an equally successful year in 2013. Happy New Year from all the officers and trustees,

Larry Taylor '51

## NEW MEMBERS

Melanie Diekmann Robertson '62 Shelley Steiner Hughes '75 January 2013 Page 5

# BIOGRAPHIES 2012 LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



Pictured from left are 2012 Distinguished Alumni Recipients Mark Shaheen, Howard Weaver, Deborah Fezelle, Alex Garcia, Lenny May, Polly McAfee Duplain and Connie Haynie DeHaas. Photo by Milt Hondrakis '60

#### DEBORAH FEZELLE '70 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Deborah Fezelle graduated from Lehman in 1970. After graduating from Lehman, Deborah spent a year at Bowling Green State University before being accepted into the Drama Division of the Juilliard School in NYC.

She spent 25 years in NY working as a professional actress on Broadway & Off-Broadway. She's done film, TV & commercials. In recent years Deborah turned to writing & directing plays. Returning to Stark County 10 years ago to care for her ailing mother, she formed her own company, Top of the Town Productions. She's staged plays at the Palace Theatre, the Kathleen Howland Theatre, the Canton Club, Theater 8:15 in Green & Fieldcrest in North Canton. She recently served as Acting Coach on the feature film UNDERDOGS that was filmed here in Stark County. She will be filming her original web series THE EVIL THAT MEN DO in the area in the coming months.

#### LENNY MAY '65 ATHLETICS

Lenny May graduated from Canton Lehman in 1965. After high school, he graduated from Ohio University. In 1969. Lenny started his coaching career at Athens High School as an assistant coach and an English teacher. In 1970. Lenny went to Chagrin Falls High School to teach English and to become the Head Baseball Coach at the age of 23 and coached baseball for 18 years. Lenny became the varsity football assistant for 20 years. He taught English for 32 years serving as department chair for 20 years. In addition, he was the athletic director for 20 years.

Because of his coaching experience and his many years of Athletic Director, the Chagrin High School Baseball field was named the Lenny May field.

In 2003, Lenny May was inducted into the Chagrin Falls High School Hall of Fame as Teacher/Coach/Athletic Director, and in 2009, he was also inducted into the Northeast Ohio Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

When Lenny retired from teaching in 2004, the position of

Community Relations was created where he has held a part time position in 2009 and 2010. He has served as a volunteer football coach over the past four years including the past two years when Chagrin Falls went to the State Championship playing in Fawcett Stadium in 2009.

Lenny is married to Lana and has two daughters, three sons and three grandchildren. They currently reside in Twinsburg, Ohio.

#### ALEX J. GARCIA '65 BUSINESS

Alex Garcia graduated from Lehman High School in 1965. After high school he graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Business Administration with an Industrial Management major.

Alex was President/CEO Management for over 39 years in manufacturing engineering, business development and multiplant operations management advancing to President.

In 1969 – 1972, Alex began his career at NCR Corporation in Dayton, Ohio, as an Assembly Methods Analyst. He was responsible for analyzing, improving and implementing improved manufacturing processes.

In 1972 to 1979, Alex worked at ESB (Exide) Corporation in Cleveland as a Staff Industrial Engineer supplying support to 16 plants strategically located throughout the United States. Alex moved from Cleveland to Dallas, Texas, as a Regional Industrial Engineer servicing several southern plants. He was promoted and transferred to the Atlanta, Georgia, plant as General Foreman responsible for all aspects of day-to-day plant activities.

In 1979 to 1987, he worked at Parker Hannifin Corporation as Plant Manager of the Non-Standard Tube Fittings Plant. Alex was promoted in 1981 to the position of Manufacturing Manager of the Eaton and Lewisville Ohio Plants where he was responsible for the management of 800+ employees and full P&L responsibility.

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## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI/Garcia** – from page 5

In 1987 to 1996, Alex worked for Masco Tech Corporation as the Plant Manager of the Royal Oak Plant, one of the top metal working operations in the world. He was promoted in 1993 to Group Director of Operations responsible for the management of four manufacturing plants with \$350 million in sales.

In 1996 to 1997, Alex was employed at Sinter Metals Incorporated as the Vice President of Operations of a new company that was consolidating the powder metal industry. In one year through mergers and acquisitions the company grew to 24 locations worldwide and he took responsibility for the 12 US and Canadian plants. The Company was taken public and then unexpectedly sold to a large international company.

In 1997 to 2006, Alex was hired as the President/COO of Colfor Manufacturing, a bankrupt company with locations in Malvern and Minerva, Ohio. In 1999 they acquired Valley Forge in Salem, Ohio. After turning the merged company to profitability, it was sold to American Axle Corporation. In December of 1999 Alex became President/CEO of FF Acquisition Corporation d/b/a Flexible Flyer located in West Point, Mississippi, another bankrupt Cerberus portfolio company.

In 2006 to present, Alex has consulted with Turn-Key Forging and Design (Division of Klein Tools) and Vadxx Energy. Since his "semi-retirement" in 2008, he has worked tirelessly for the advancement of business students at Ohio University. He donates many hours as part of the Business Schools advisory council, and more recently as a newly named Trustee for the University's Foundation. He recently returned from a trip to Italy where he helped mentor Ohio University business students who were involved in a hands-on project.

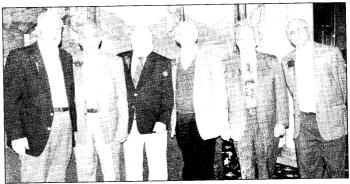
Alex Garcia has been married to Nancy for 43½ years. They have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

#### HELEN ELITE KOSTEL '52 CIVIC/COMMUNITY

Helen Elite Kostel, class of 1952 at Lehman High School, was the first woman president of the Student Council and the first and only woman director of the Canton Museum of Art. She graduated from Wells College and received her master's degree from John Hopkins University in art history.

After marrying George Kostel, an attorney from Clifton Forge, Virginia, Helen moved to this small town in Western Virginia. For 47 years, the Kostels have made a difference in Clifton Forge which was a victim of the decline of the railroads. In the past five years, Helen has been involved in the development and founding of an art school in the community which opened in January 2011 and of which she served as Dean. The school is designed to provide art education for children and adults and to develop job skills in the arts.





Pictured at the Distinguished Alumni Dinner are, from left, past Distinguished Alumni Larry Taylor, Joe Helaney, Tony May, Gregg Schorsten, Bill Rearick and Gus Reale.

Photo by Milt Hondrakis '60

Previously she was a founder of the Allegheny Highlands Arts and Crafts Center in downtown Clifton Forge. It is a museum which serves the community with changing art exhibits, including many works by area artists and craftsmen which are for sale and a gift shop.

#### DR. HOWARD WEAVER '57 MEDICAL

After graduating from Lehman High School in 1957, he attended Heidelberg University. Tiffin. Ohio, graduating in 1961 with a BS degree and a major in Chemistry. During his college career, he sang in the Concert Choir and was the publicity manager. He was Chairman of the board for the student activity center, was president of Junior Class and President of my local fraternity. He was especially proud of starting the varsity tennis team which continues today, and in his senior year was chosen for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

After graduation from Heidelberg, he attended the University of Cincinnati and received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1965. Following Internship at the University of Vermont, it was off to the Navy for two and a half years. While serving as a Flight Surgeon, he started his family which grew to four wonderful children, now all married and gainfully employed (is he lucky). During his service time he also obtained his pilot's licenses and continues to fly for business and pleasure.

After his military service, he completed a Fellowship in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology at Case Western Reserve University Hospitals.

He then returned to Vermont and has practiced at Rutland Regional Medical Center for the past forty years. He also has been an aviation medical examiner for the Federal Aviation Administration most of this time.

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#### **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI/Weaver** – from page 6

His colleagues elected him for four terms to represent the state gastroenterologists at the American College of Gastroenterology. Last year he was honored as the Physician of the year by the Vermont State Medical Society.

#### DONALD M. MILLER '38 MILITARY

Donald M. Miller was born in Millersburg, Ohio. He attended Purdue University and then the United States Naval Academy from which he graduated in 1943. After completion of training at the Submarine School in New London, Connecticut, he reported to the submarine DARTER, which was operating out of Brisbane, Australia. The DARTER fired the first shots of the Battle of Leyte Gulf sinking the ATAGO, the Flagship of Admiral Kurita's Japanese Imperial Fleet, and was later grounded while attacking the damaged Cruiser TAKAO. After the DARTER crew was rescued by the submarine DACE, he made another patrol on ANGLER, participating in another exciting rescue of the damaged submarine BERGALL and her crew.

He rejoined the DARTER survivors in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, to commission the MENHADEN, and was enroute to the Pacific when JAPAN surrendered. Subsequently he served on SEACAT and GRAMPUS and went back aboard to command the modernized MENHADEN. After Nuclear Power Training, he commissioned and commanded the Polaris Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines ABRAHAM LINCOLN (GOLD CREW) and BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (BLUE CREW) and made six Strategic Deterrent Patrols.

Ashore he instructed at United States Naval Academy and the United States Navy Post Graduate School, attended Naval War College and National War College where he wrote a Prize-Winning Thesis "Economic Prospects of the United Arab Republic resulting from the Aswan Dam" which, unfortunately, NASSER never read. He earned a Masters Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University, was Naval Aide to Commander In Chief Caribbean Command in Panama, and served on the Staffs of the Joint Chiefs of Staffs and Chief of Naval Operations. He commanded the Fleet

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Pictured at the Distinguished Alumni Dinner are, from left, past recipients Bill Maronitis, Beverly Sue Stevenson, Tom Pieper, Kitty Shourds McClelland and Kent Smith.

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Training Center in Mayport, Florida, and retired in 1973. He worked with United Services Planning Association/Independent Research Agency in the field of Family Financial Programming until 1985.

He and his wife, Marquita, live in Atlantic Beach, Florida.

#### MARK SHAHEEN '76 SERVICE TO ALMA MATER

Mark is a lifetime resident of Canton, and the son of John, Sr., and Sally Shaheen. He has a brother, John, Jr., and two sisters, Regina and Mary. He attended Woodland and Mason elementary schools before attending Lehman, from which he graduated in the last graduating class, 1976.

At Lehman, he was a member of the freshman basketball team and served as a student council representative. He was also a member of the Lehman chapter of the Distributive Education Club of America, a club designed to prepare its members for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

Mark has been associated with the Desert Inn Restaurant, which was started by his father, John Shaheen, Sr., since it opened in 1970 at the current location on 12th Street NW. He and his wife Tina now own the restaurant and rebuilt it in 2006 at the present location at 204 12th Street NW, next to the original location. Both of their sons, Markos and Joe, are associated with the restaurant.

Mark has served as the president of the Tri-County Restaurant Association in 1990, has been a judge for Team Cuisine, a competition for Vocational Restaurant Management students from area schools, and together with Maurice Sullivan and another Lehman graduate, Mike Kazes, owner of AA Executive Catering, founded the annual Celebrity Cuisine Benefit for the benefit of Community Harvest. This Benefit celebrated its 20th anniversary this year.

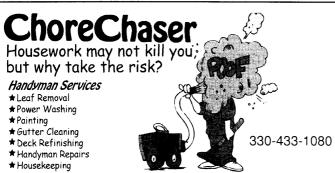
Mark has not forgotten his roots at Lehman. Each year the Desert Inn holds a Canton Lehman High School night for all Lehmanites the Friday after Thanksgiving. He has provided the Alumni Association t-shirts that were duplicates for the "Bleacher Bums" t-shirts that were worn during the run to Lehman's 1971 state basketball championship, which were sold with the proceeds benefitting the Alumni Association scholarship fund. He also provides the Association board and guests snacks after their monthly meeting and has a wall of the restaurant dedicated to Canton Lehman High School memorabilia.

We are pleased and honored to present the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award in the category of Service to Alma Mater to Mark Shaheen.

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## **ADS NEEDED**

Our Journal advertisers are the backbone for our *Journal* each issue and new ones are always welcome. Business card size ads are only \$15.00 per issue and hopefully our readers keep the advertisers in mind when in need of their services.





## THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you notes were received from 2012 Scholarship recipients Natalie Barr, Matt Chapin and Dan Hinshaw.

The following families and family members sent thank you notes thanking the Alumni Association for the flowers and other expressions of sympathy sent in remembrance of Lehman alumni: Chuck Galey, husband of **Margaret Galey '43** 

The family of James C. McAfee '55

**Emily and Dick Dreher** of the Class of 1942 sent the following thank you –

"Thanks for the nice article in the July *Journal* about our Lehman Class of '42 Reunion. We thought you might be interested in the background of the great but unsought publicity we received in the *Repository*.

"We stayed at the delightful B&B Hambleton House on 28th and Market. When our hostess, Kathy, found out we were in Canton for our 70th Lehman Reunion, she said that Canton ought to know about it and planned to email her friend Gary at the paper

"He joined us at Taggarts for the occasion and the rest is history. What a surprise to see our front page picture in the next morning's paper at our breakfast table."

We received a note from Ginny Bolender, widow of **Chuck Bolender** of the Class of 1950, thanking the Association for the check she received from the Reverse Raffle and congratulating us for our many worthwhile projects.

#### NAMES IN THE NEWS

Mary Lou Peters Schram '52 was the subject of a lengthy article in the *Repository* about her most recent book *Molly's Leap*, which also is advertised in this issue of the *Journal*. She noted in the article that she began writing at Lehman in journalism class before attending Bennington College in Vermont where she edited the newspaper. She has lived in California since the 1960s and *Molly's Leap* is her fourth book.

Nancy Weaver Hoover '56 and her husband Larry were noted in the *Akron Beacon Journal* as having attended the Akron Children's Hospital Charity Ball to see the presentation of their granddaughter Bergen Schmetzer. Bergen was awarded an Alumni Association Scholarship in July and will attend High Point University.

Gerald Looby '56 and his wife Marilyn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 10, 2012.

Cathy Nesbitt-Stein, owner of Candy Apples's Dance Center in Canton and the daughter-in-law of **Bill Stein '57** and wife of Bill's son Mike Stein, owner of our advertiser Tommy's Old Fashion Jerky & Smokies, was the subject of an article in the *Repository* about her role in Lifetime's reality series "Dance Moms." As a result of this, many out-of-towners are visiting Canton just to see her studio and hopefully meet her.

Pauline Frey Whitacre '45 was pictured in the September issue of *Golf Digest* trying out new clubs at McGolf Custom Clubs in Waverly, Ohio. Compliments of her new clubs, she bested her age three times in the next few weeks. She is a three time Ohio Women's Amateur Champion and received the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award in Athletics.

**Deborah Fezelle '70** is the co-author of the psychological thriller *The Agency* which was recently presented at the Kathleen Howland Theatre in Canton.

It was noted in Through a Century in the *Repository* that John H. Lehman stepped down as president of the Canton City Schools Board of Education one hundred years ago on January 4, 1913, due to illness.

## **CLASS OF 1962 REUNION**



Pictured on the steps of the Pro Football Hall of Fame at their 50th Reunion in October are members of the Lehman Class of 1962.

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## THE OTHER FOUR LETTER WORD

By Bill McClelland '59

It's interesting how one finds material in which to write an article. In this case, during our family Thanksgiving get together, it was a somewhat innocent statement, by my 22-year-old grandson's girlfriend. How the subject arose, I don't remember. But his girlfriend commented that when she asked my grandson "how do I look?" he responded "Fine." Every male in the room gasped in horror. The women openly wept and consoled each other. The other, forbidden F<sub>\_</sub> word had been spoken.

The interpretation of "Fine" is a gender issue. When one guy says to another "man, that's a 'Fine' looking shirt you're wearing," the recipient accepts the comment as a real compliment and immediately assumes the Peacock strut. However, when the female species asks her male companion "How do I look?" the response of "Fine" is not the answer she is looking for. Usually, this response will elicit a "What do you mean, 'Fine?' Is that all you can say, I look 'Fine?'" From this point forward, there is nothing the man can say that will repair the damage done and recovery is virtually impossible.

What could have been said that would have avoided this uncomfortable situation? The answer is simple, nothing. If the response was "you look great," she will devalue your opinion and then proceed to make several changes. Upon completion she will once again paint you into the corner with the question, "do

you think this looks better?" A reply of "either is Fine" will only intensify the situation. Additionally, you will have increased the amount of effort you have expended in trying to find the right answer, and most likely will have missed a key play in the game you're watching. When all is said and done, the results will be the same. You lose!

Ladies, please do not take this wrong, but the fact is, other than when you are initially trying to attract the attention of a potential life mate, do you dress for the male. Once this has been accomplished, you now dress for competition with other females who will be present at the event you are attending. For us men, unless you are twenty something and still have the figure of a Greek goddess (which we classify as "really Fine"), we don't really notice what you or, for that matter, any of the other women, are wearing. We are not aware of what shade of red your lipstick is. We don't notice if your shoes, purse, earrings, nail polish and hair color are all coordinated. If your nose isn't running, then you look "Fine," and we still love you. I hope you will be "Fine" with that!

As to the long term relationship between these two young adults, who knows? However, one thing is certain. A totally new stage of the relationship has been breached.

### CONGRATULATIONS

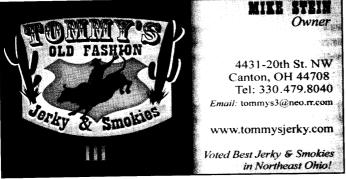
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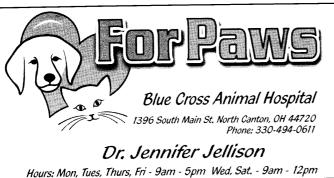
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## 2013 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The application forms for the 2013 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 2013. Eligibility is restricted to Lehman graduates or direct descendants of anyone who attended Canton Lehman High School between the years of 1938 and 1976.

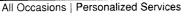
Applications are now available online. in both Excel and PDF formats, on the alumni website (www.cantonlehman.org). The Excel format will allow you to complete the application online and save to your computer. The PDF format requires vou to print a copy and complete by hand. Forms may also be requested by mail. Send requests to Lehman Alumni Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 351, Louisville, OH 44641, and please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope. The form has been reformatted and should be easier to use, but will still have to be printed before mailing so that the other required items may be submitted with it.

As a reminder, the student's sponsor must hold an Association membership for both 2012 and 2013. If the Lehman attending primary sponsor is deceased, a direct descendant must be an Association member for both 2012 and 2013. If they are not, they must join immediately and specify that they want to join for 2012 and renew for 2013.

All applications must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2013, and mailed to Canton Lehman Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 351, Louisville, OH 44641. Those postmarked after that date will not be considered. Remember, normally 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 two awards during their advanced education, however, a new application must be submitted in a subsequent year in order to be considered for the second award.

The Canton Lehman High School Alumni Association scholarship program was initiated in 1994. Since those first six recipients, the Association has awarded \$259,000 to 518 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.

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### REUNIONS

**CLASS OF 1953** – The class of 1953 will hold its 60th Class Reunion the weekend of August 23-25, 2013. The dinner on Saturday night, August 24, will be held at LaPizzaria in Canton; the remainder of the schedule for the weekend is presently being finalized.

Missing classmates are Margaret Allman (Mrs. Ray McKnight), James Barnard, Carol Betz, Wenola Cobb (Mrs. Clarence Schmucker), Judy Eibling (Mrs. Robert Ackerman), Merrilyn Frost (Mrs. James Hogan), Nancy Gehrum, Ralph Holt, Joan Kestel, Elaine Klein (Mrs. Stuart Miller), Chris Orrill (Mrs. James Ryan), Peggy Sessions (Mrs. Alan Crain), Morrie Shifman, James Shive, Sharon Tolles (Mrs. Robert Olson) and Jeanne Vidal (Mrs. Walt Hillyer).

Jim Guest (jeguest@prodigy.net or 330-492-1440) and Jack Dillon (jackdilln@aol.com or 330-499-7951) are heading the reunion committee.

CLASS OF 1963 – The class of 1963 will hold its 50th Class Reunion the weekend of August 16 and 17, 2013, at the Fairways at Arrowhead in North Canton.

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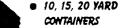
Please send us a note as soon as a date has been set for a class reunion. We will publish the details of the reunion and also the name of missing classmates if space permits.

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.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you move, remember to put the Alumni Association on your list for address change notification. Also if you go to a warmer climate for the winter, please send us your winter address and the months when you will be at this address so we can make sure your Journal follows you.





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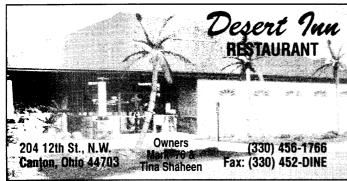
## **CLASS OF 1942 REUNION - CLASS GIVES SCHOLARSHIPS!**

The Class of 1942 has as a group donated at least one full scholarship and one time two full scholarships over the years. This year was its 70th Class Reunion, and many were unable to attend the event, so Paula Wheeler Wise, with the help of Joe Vignos, started a letter campaign to raise money for the scholarship fund. At the Class Reunion at La Pizzaria, they presented Larry Taylor an award of \$1500 for three scholarships, which is the first time a class has funded three scholarships in one year.

Shown in the photo are Paula Wheeler Wise and Joe Vignos presenting the award to Association President Larry Taylor at the Reunion, with the remainder of the class in the background.

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