

# THE LEHMAN JOURNAL

ALUMNI EDITION

OCTOBER 2011

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

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THE FOLLOWING DATES!

**OCTOBER 18, 2011**  
**REVERSE RAFFLE/DINNER**  
AA Executive Catering  
6:00 pm

**NOVEMBER 17, 2011**  
**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BANQUET**  
LaPizzaria  
Social Hour - 6:00 pm  
Dinner - 7:00 pm

**NOVEMBER 25-26, 2011**  
**CLASSES OF 1975, 1976**  
**AND WOULD BE CLASS OF 1977**  
**REUNION**

Friday - Desert Inn  
Saturday - Skyland Pines

**DECEMBER 14, 2011**  
**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**AND HOLIDAY PARTY**  
Amateur Sports Hall of Fame  
7:00 pm

**JANUARY 20, 2012**  
**POLAR PARTY**  
Windsor Hall

## 2011 SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

This year's scholarship dinner was another success. We were fortunate to have 29 scholarship recipients present at the dinner on July 13, 2011, and many of the other recipients were represented by family members. Photos of the recipients who attended are inside this issue.

It was a wonderful evening with a delicious dinner prepared by Gabe's Meat and Deli. My thanks to the officers and trustees and the Scholarship Committee for their help with the preparation and set-up for the evening, and continued thanks to all who donated to the scholarship fund and made it possible for us to award 50 scholarships this year. We encourage you to continue with your donations so that we can again give 50 scholarships next year.

— **Claudia Selby**, Past President,  
CLHSAA, and  
Chairperson, Scholarship Committee

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BANQUET

The 2011 Class of Lehman High School Distinguished Alumni will be honored at the Eleventh Annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet to be held November 17, 2011, at La Pizzaria at the corner of Dressler and Hills & Dales Road in Canton. Social time will start at 6:00 pm, with the dinner to follow at 7:00 pm. Presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards will follow dinner.

This year's honorees are:

Arts and Entertainment ..... David Horton '69  
Athletics ..... Robert Fleischer '59  
Business ..... Dan Finn '74  
Civic/Community ..... Tom Pieper '60  
Coach/Administrator/Teacher ..... Kent Smith '59  
Medical ..... Elaine Esber Elias '57  
Education ..... James Casper '49  
Service to Alma Mater ..... Corinne Esber Mahshie '54

Tickets for this event are \$20 and may be obtained from Alumni Association President Larry Taylor at 330-494-9519, Distinguished Alumni Committee Chairman Kitty McClelland at 330-453-3577 or any Board Member.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

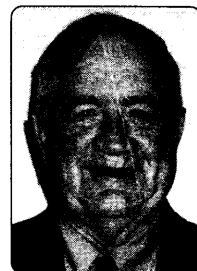
Greetings Fellow Alumni -

Another busy summer for the Canton Lehman High School Alumni Association. The Scholarship Dinner was held July 20, 2011, at the Canton American Legion Post #44. Attendance was outstanding as we completely filled the room with diners. As a result of your generous Scholarship donations, your Canton Lehman High School Alumni Association Board awarded 50 Scholarships.

The Canton Lehman High School Alumni Association has now awarded 470 Scholarships with a value of \$243,000 over the last 16 years. This event makes all of the year's hard work meaningful. All of the individuals who started and kept this organization going through the lean years should be immensely proud. Thank you. And again thanks to all of last year's donors. Special thanks to Milan McMannis, Norman Jackson, Lois Yetter Garmey, Nancy Morse Sonner and Evelyn Barth Kolbl for their generous donations, as well as all of the Alumni who have made donations of any amount. Already this year we have received enough donations to be able to award 50 Scholarships next year. Great work gang.

The next event that kept us busy was the Football Hall of Fame Kickoff Parade on July 31, 2011. This year we made the 13th annual march down Market Ave. We had our usual small group to march. It is disappointing that more Alumni don't participate. Without the outstanding support of Sally Conley-Oyster and her husband Tom, our group would look very dismal. Sally's playing on the calliope "made the day."

On to the picnic. Those of you who did not attend missed a very memorable event. The count this year was 170 who attended. What a great gathering of Lehman Alumni. It was held at the Lake Cable Pavilion on August 18, 2011. Unfortunately, Bill Maronitis, who owns Beyesly's Restaurant in North Canton, had open heart surgery the week before the picnic. He and Joe Helaney have chaired the event for a number of years. Bill is recovering nicely.



*Larry Taylor '51*

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## SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Thomas Bernabei 1964	Lewis Minclin 1960
Thomas Birkland	Bill Minor 1960
Elsie Engel Campbell 1952	Doris Swigert Schmucker 1941
Joyce Poling Carper 1940	John Stutz 1960
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Nancy Anderson Cross 1946	Dr. John Taggart 1958
Richard Hilkert 1947	Sam Wilkof 1972
Ann Taggart King 1953	Barry Williamson 1970
Marilyn Clarke King 1941	Classes of 1970, 1971, 1972
Cynthia Barress Klever 1960	

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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*In Memory of Dr. Richard Weaver, Class of 1953*  
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*In Memory of Cynthia Bartchy Hecht, Class of 1959*  
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*In Memory of Janet Vandervort Cable, Class of 1941*  
by Carol Cook Wartstler 1941

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## OBITUARIES

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

**Ron Kisner '51**  
**Michael F. LaVoy '70**  
**Paul J. Aureden '44**  
**Robert D. McKinney '46**  
**Marilyn A. Graves '45**  
**Alexander B. C. Brendel '58**  
**Clifford L. Richardson '72**  
**Ralph Kauffman '71**  
**Edith (Rudersmith) Rebellino '44**  
**Richard A. Weaver, DVM '53**  
**Gail Ann Boccuti '69**  
**Judith Lappin Coleman '44**  
**Jack Leggett '48**  
**Richard E. Hang '42**  
**Helen J. (Hookey) Oyler '68**  
**Marilyn (Walter) Hostetler '43**  
**Janet (Vandervort) Cable '41**  
**Al Schaaf '48**  
**Marilyn (Young) Maxwell McCarthy '46**  
**Richard C. Weigle '39** passed away November 4, 2008  
 (this had not previously been reported in the *Journal*)  
 The Class of 1941 reports the recent deaths of the following members of their class:  
**Ralph Cashman – Richard Graham**  
**James Kennedy – Jean McClelland Harris**  
 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**

— from page 1

Joe did a YEOMAN'S job of setting up the picnic and with the able assistance of Chris Maronitis, Bill Bacopoulos and Becky Helaney, the picnic "went off like clockwork." Joe also obtained a professional cook, Dave Abou-Vakim, who did the cooking of hamburgers and hot dogs with the help of Bill Bacopoulos. Dave did the cooking free of charge to the Alumni Association. Dave has a catering business called Appletree Catering at 330-454-9920 and if anyone needs a caterer, please see his ad in this edition of the *Journal*. I must note that the Alumni Board this year elected to provide all of the main meal and the rental of the inside facility was provided compliments of a Lehman Alumni. This was in appreciation for the tremendous support of our Scholarship Fund by the Alumni.

That was followed by the Stark County Fair, which is one of our biggest affairs. It is one that requires a lot of support by our members as we have two Alumni in our booth at all times for the entire week. Nickie Wingert, as usual, did a tremendous job of ensuring that the booth was adequately manned. When personal hardship problems arose, she or Claudia Selby jumped in to provide coverage. The weather was excellent this year. This booth provides visibility for the Association and an opportunity to get new members. I want to thank each and every one of the volunteers who manned the booth.

Just like last year, we conducted a raffle in support of the 4-H Clubs of Stark County and our scholarship fund. Now to the financial report. This year's raffle was a tremendous success and bested last year's great effort. Again we raised funds for another six scholarships. Thanks, alumni, for supporting the raffle.

Next up on the schedule is the Reverse Raffle Dinner on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at the AA Executive Event Center on West Tuscarawas Ave. This is our largest fund raiser for the Scholarship Fund. If you don't have your ticket by now, you better get with one of the Board Members as soon as possible because we sell only 200 tickets and they are going fast. The ticket cost is \$35 and you can win as much as \$2500. The cost of the Dinner that night is \$20 each. You do not need to attend, but it is a lot of fun to participate in the event. All profits go to the Scholarship Fund so please support this effort. Give me a call at 330-494-9519, and I will get a ticket to you if there are any left (**update – they have all been sold!**).

Next will be the Distinguished Alumni Dinner to be held at LaPizzaria at 3656 Dressler Rd. on November 17, 2011. We have a great list of nominations for this year, and the list of the 2011 award winners is in this *Journal*. Tickets for this event are \$20 and can be obtained from any Board Member.

We will again hold our annual holiday General Meeting and Party on December 14, 2011, at the Stark County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame on North Market Avenue in Canton starting at 7:00 pm. Treats and refreshments will be provided by the officers and trustees, and we will have entertainment. Come join us and welcome in the holiday season.

Our Polar Party will be held January 20, 2012. Let's make this the best ever. Start collecting items that can be auctioned. I will be glad to make arrangements to pick up any items.

Don't forget this *Journal* is as good as the members make it. Please send any news item, newspaper articles of news concerning alumni to me or to our post office box, Canton Lehman Alumni Association, PO Box 8175, Canton, Ohio 44711 or by e-mailing to [LehmanJournal@aol.com](mailto:LehmanJournal@aol.com). Let's keep The *Lehman*

*Journal* the number one alumni paper in the county.

I would like to give a round of applause to Bud Williams, Class of 1950, for doing an audit of the books for the last four years. Being an engineer, Bud does a very thorough job of the audit process. Thanks, Bud.

I would also like to thank Skip Shriver of Spiker-Foster Shriver Funeral Home, who for the last 15 years has allowed us to store our merchandise and other necessary equipment in the basement of one of his buildings. Since it is now vacant we have had to find a new home. The Church of the Savior United Methodist Church has been kind enough to provide a storage room in their building.

**LAST BUT MOST IMPORTANT.** We are in need of some new and fresh help and ideas. We are going to have an election of trustees and officers next month. If you have an interest in the Alumni Association, please volunteer. We would particularly like to get someone who graduated in the '60s and the '70s, although any help would be appreciated. If interested, give Polly Duplain, Chairperson of the Election Committee, a call at 330-875-1713. The election ballot will be sent to members in November.


We are always looking for suggestions that will improve our functions. Please call me or send me a letter. My phone number is 330-494-9519, and my address is 9405 Huntshire Ave NW, North Canton, OH 44720.

I also would like to thank all who have written or called. It is great to hear from you after all these years.

Your board is looking forward to completing a very memorable year.

—Larry Taylor '51

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## THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you notes were received from 2011 Scholarship recipients Amy Conradi, Darcie Ilg, Jessie Ilg, Taylor Klingaman, Kelly Lamielle, Janelle Linder, Bradley Myser, Alanna Rapp, Margaret Shimko, Patrick Simon, Haley Smith, Jessica Taylor and Joseph Westlake.

The Rebellino family sent a thank you note to the Association for the beautiful red rose sent in remembrance of **Edith (Rudersmith) Rebellino** of the class of 1944.

The Alumni Association received a thank you note from the family of **Elizabeth "Bettie" (Kempf) Martindale** of the class of 1938 for the flower sent in her memory.

## CORRESPONDENCE

We received the following letter from Pat Simon, daughter of **Juanita Anderson Simon** of the class of 1941:

"I want to thank you for the outstanding work you do in promoting education with your scholarship program. My mother, Juanita, spoke so highly of her years at Lehman and her lasting friendships.

"You have helped many families with your scholarships and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your support and generosity.

"Note – You supported our daughter Lindsay and our son Ryan with two \$500 scholarships each."

**John (Jack) O'Donnell '46** and **Marjorie Wheeler O'Donnell '47** thanked us for the news received in the *Journal* and sent us a photo of the two of them with six of their seven grandchildren. They live in Ponte Vedra, Florida.

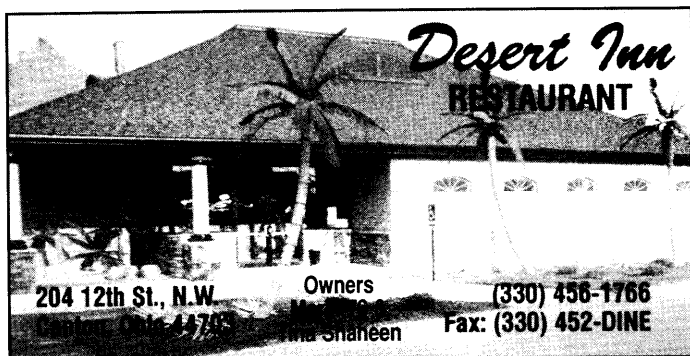
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Michael Savage '57

Allan Sterling '48

Steven Toth HON

Steve Watson '73

Denise Dunlap Wadlicka '75

Samuel Wilkof '72

Barry Williamson '70

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

Stark County Commissioner **Thomas Bernabei '64** wrote an op-ed in the *Canton Repository* in support of the 0.5 percent sales tax increase which is on the November ballot in Stark County.

**Richard D. Hart '72** is a candidate for Mayor of Canton in the November election.

**George Stoffer '56** has joined the newly established office of Farmers National Bank in North Canton as mortgage originator team leader.

**James Johns, M.D. '74** is the Canton McKinley high school team physician.

**Joe Gilhousen '66** resigned as head baseball coach at Massillon Washington High School following over 40 years coaching at Oakwood and GlenOak high schools as well as at Massillon.

**Karl Shank '41** and his wife Helen celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on September 1, 2011.

**Jack Greenwald '45** swept the sprints at the 43rd annual USATF National Masters Track and Field Championships in Berea, Ohio, in July, winning the 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes in the men's 80-84 age group.

**Marcia (Wess) Zawacky '60** and her husband Martin were pictured in the *Repository* in an article on Neighborhood Associations in Canton; the Zawackys are members of the Harrison Hills Neighborhood Association.

**Steve Yerkey '71** was inducted into the Stark County Fumbleball Hall of Fame. He was an umpire from 1972-99 and was president of the umpire association for two years and vice president for six years.

Erin Mulligan, daughter of **Mike '74** and **Michelle (Helaney) Mulligan '76** and granddaughter of **Joe Helaney '57** has just been selected to show her paintings at a gallery in Hudson, New York.

**Judy (Small) Gibbs '55** served as the emcee and **John Werren '55** the auctioneer for the live auction at the Fashion Fortissimo, Tour de France, presented by the Symphony League of Canton to raise funds for the educational programs of the Canton Symphony Orchestra.



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## PRE-LEHMAN HISTORY

Edited by Tim W. Elder, Association Trustee

The following is primarily an extract from a forthcoming history, and is principally about the events before Lehman became a high school in 1938. If you can provide any information, especially circa 1910 and after 1961, please contact me at [twel@alumni.cwru.edu](mailto:twel@alumni.cwru.edu), by mail at 9390 Columbus Rd NE, Louisville, OH 44641, or by phone at 330-875-2323 but be prepared to leave a message. Also note that the Alumni Association has a website at [www.cantonlehman.org](http://www.cantonlehman.org).

In the latter part of the nineteenth century the site where our school would be was a field with trees on the hill, and was considered to be out in the country. In 1902 the ground was purchased by the Dunkards (aka German Baptists and Brethren) and a building was erected which was used as a college (correspondence school?) to train workers for their denomination.

In 1910, Young's Bible Class, named for Emanuel S. Young, occupied this hill which was bounded by Oxford and Arnold Avenues, and 14th and 15th Streets N.W. in Canton, Ohio; but, because of population increases and an overcrowded situation at Central High School, it became necessary to have a city school in this area. The Dunkards had decided to sell their college property; the land was purchased at a bargain price by the Board of Education for \$28,000. After remodeling, the yellow brick building received the name North High School, and was opened for school purposes in September, 1910. The building sat on the northeast corner of the block; the hill was famous for sled riding. "Old North" was a three year high school with all students spending their senior year downtown at "Old" Central High School. Beginning in 1919 all sophomores and juniors were sent to the newly opened McKinley High School and North High became a junior high. Lehman High School would be built on the site where "Old" North High School was located.

In addition to Principal I.W. Delp, teachers in 1919 at "Old" North included J.J. Hutchens, James A. Berry and William N. Carson. All of them were at Lehman in 1938 for the first high school graduating class. In practically all places, I. W. Delp is named with only his initials. From other sources, the initials stand for Irwin Warren.

In 1920 it was decided to erect a high school building because Central and North Highs were not large enough to take care of the large number of children. In order that school might continue, it was necessary to complete the building in two sections, as McKinley High School had been. The cornerstone for Lehman High School was laid in 1920. The cornerstone contained a parchment, sealed in a container, containing the names of all the North High pupils at that time, plus other data. The west wing was completed in 1921. When it was opened November 11, 1921, all students at North High moved into the completed wing, and the North High building was torn down to make room for the east wing of the new building, which was completed in 1923. The "old north hill" was replaced by the stadium. The completed building and stadium were dedicated November 21, 1923.

John H. Lehman Junior High School was named after John H. Lehman in honor of his untiring and unselfish efforts for the public school system. Mr. Lehman came to Canton from Lancaster, PA, in 1859. He was Canton's first superintendent of schools. He was also the author of the 3-volume *A Standard History of Stark County, Ohio* which is used extensively as a reference in writing many articles.

Lehman operated as a Junior High School from 1923-1932,

having classes from the 7th grade to the 9th grade. In 1932 the 10th grade was added. In 1936 the 11th grade was added; in 1937 the 12th grade was added, making Lehman the second full high school in Canton, Ohio. It was now a Class A high school fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and also by the Ohio State Department of Education. In fall of 1937 there were classes from the 8th grade to 12th grade. The first graduating class from Lehman High School was on June 5, 1938, and consisted of 187 students. Its first open house was history-making, because approximately 1600 attended. Because of the large enrollment, 1040 pupils, it was impossible to have the entire student body in the auditorium at the same time, so assemblies were held in two sections.

The band was organized in 1936 with 32 members under the direction of Margaret Miller. In 1937 they had 60 members and new uniforms.

Tragedy struck the football team at practice on October 6, 1936, when a lightning strike killed co-captain Don Correll and injured 11 others including coach JR Robinson who was hospitalized. The team was in a huddle at the time. The City of Canton now has a park at this site; the identification sign is at 22nd St. and Roberts Ave. N.W. This is between Myrtle Ave. and Fulton Dr.

In 1936, when the 11th grade was added, Lehman played its first Class A football schedule. In 1937 the football team was undefeated; most of the players had been coached by Jim Robinson since the sixth grade.

As a junior high, the school newspaper was called the "Lehman Mirror," then the "Lehman Outpost."

Additional information for the general history is needed on the following topics.

The class ring was designed by a member of the first graduating class, Betty Ray. The ring was an attractive piece of gold jewelry. It had either a black onyx or a brown tiger-eyed stone (alternate stones were added in later years – ruby, pearl, etc.) The stone had the school's emblem, from above the entrance, a gold unicorn, on it. Below the unicorn were the small words in gold, "Canton Lehman." In later years, the unicorn was changed to a polar bear head. I am not a jewelry person; can someone verify that this is a correct description?

In the early part of 1938, the Old King Cole Company gave "Little Polaris" to the school as a mascot; he was a white paper-mache polar bear. More information is needed on Little Polaris.

Inside the main entrance of Lehman there was a beautiful fountain which incorporated the Tree of Knowledge along with many symbols. More information is needed about the meaning of the symbols at the fountain.

The acquisition and disposal of the discus thrower statue that was on the abutment at the west end of the concrete steps is of interest, but hard facts are unknown. There apparently was a similar statue at the east end, but I have found no photos showing it — help!

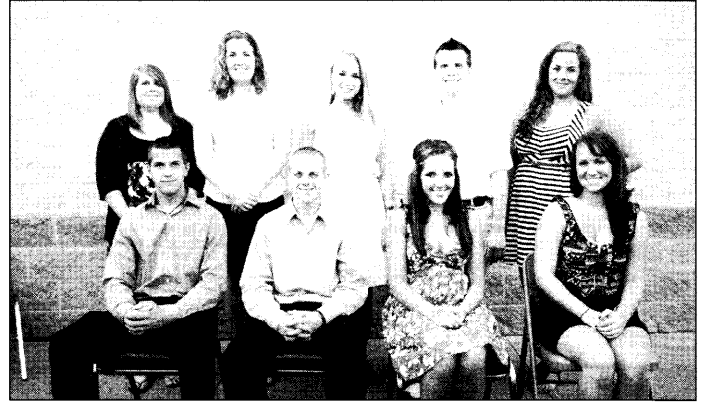
**HELP NEEDED** – We still are in need of an Assistant Editor to assist in publishing the Alumni Journal. It would be preferred if this person had writing and editing experience and knowledge of Microsoft Word, but we will train. If you would like to assist your Alumni Association in this very important manner, please call Larry Taylor at 330-494-9519.

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Photos by Joanne and Ed Moody



*Seated l to r: Sam Antonacci, Greer Bailey, Rebecca Belding, Brittany Beuter. Standing, l to r: Andrew Bolender, Nicholas Drake, Louis Duplain III.*



*Seated l to r: Dean Horton, Mark Horton, Kylie Klass, Taylor Klingaman. Standing, l to r: Leslie Kramer, Kelly Lamielle, Janelle Linder, Colin Lux, Emma McAfee.*

## CANTON LEHMAN NOW ON FACEBOOK

The alumni association now has a Facebook page – a great way to find and contact some of those lost friends.

Over 130 former LHS students are now listed as fans.

If you currently are a Facebook member, type *Canton Lehman* into the search box.

For those of you not currently a Facebook member but would like to visit the site go to our website, [www.cantonlehman.org](http://www.cantonlehman.org).

There you will find a link that will take you directly to the page. Sign up and become a fan.



*Seated l to r: Andy Motz, Bradley Myser, Kathryn Myser, Alanna Rapp, Amanda K. Rearick, Christina Roe. Standing, l to r: Laura Ebel, Morgan Sherer, Margaret Shimko, Haley Smith, Daniel Strancar, Joseph Westlake, Thomas Winkhart.*

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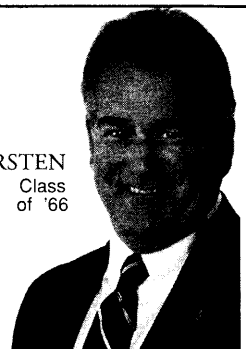
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## RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM SUMMER

by Bill McClelland '59, Trustee

Last year, I committed to try to write an article for the *Journal* on a regular basis. Not that I had anything special to say, but more that I wanted to try and encourage others to do the same. To date, this goal has not proven successful, but, at least based on comments I've received, people are still reading the *Journal*. That means two things. First, there is still interest among our alumni. Secondly, it means we're still here. Long live the *Journal*!!!

Now, as to writing a quarterly article. During the winter months in Ohio, we have extended periods of time where we look for any excuse to stay inside. Therefore, spending time on my little laptop allows the mind to wander and seek interesting themes to pursue. But summertime, that is totally a different matter. That being said, I shall now attempt to prove that it has been a great summer and therefore, I have nothing important to say.

Now, where to start? Both Lehman and Lincoln high schools closed in 1976. Seniors graduating that year would now be in their early fifties. Conversely, those first graduates from the class of 1938 would be in their early nineties. We now know, thanks to the efforts of Larry and Norma Taylor, that at least 10,626 students attended LHS during its time.

Recently, I received a book authored by Dave Horton, class of '68, that is an absolute hoot. Titled *Small Towns, Country Roads & Autumn Leaves (A road trip through Ohio)*, the book offers a very unique and humorous look at our great state plus some really sensational photos. If you currently live in Ohio or remember it well, then this is a book you should read. You can order this full color, deluxe book directly from Dave at [copywright908@aol.com](mailto:copywright908@aol.com).

The annual alumni picnic turned out great with beautiful weather and a record turnout. The annual Polar Party is closer than we like to think, so start making plans to attend or make a donation to the Silent Auction.

The association now has enough money in its treasury to guarantee the 2012 scholarship commitment of \$25,000 can be met. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the continued success of this program.

Okay, I've exceeded the word limit that Jack Dillon, our outstanding editor, requests we keep our articles, so I will hold all those other summer thoughts till later. Just one more thing – thanks to Jack, our 14-page July edition was the largest ever published. Good work, Jack.



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## REUNIONS

**CLASS OF 1941** – The Class of 1941 held its 70th reunion luncheon at Brookside Country Club on June 26. Present were the following class members: Martha Toot Wasson, Donna Walther Heizelman, Katie Boyd Foutch, Evelyn Barnett Herman, Carol Cook Warstler, Jack Bauer, Dick Beiter, Ralph Lind, Warren Boli, Bill King, Karl Shank and Marilyn Clarke King.

**CLASS OF 1952** – The Class of 1952 will celebrate its 60th Class Reunion the weekend of August 17-18, 2012. The committee asks that classmates put these dates on their calendar and plan on attending. An inquiry letter was sent out, but if classmates did not receive this, please advise Bob or Peg (Dray) Andrews of your interest and address at either e-mail [a16137@aol.com](mailto:a16137@aol.com) or by telephone at 419-677-1550. Additional information on the Reunion will be published in the January *Journal*.

**CLASS OF 1957** – The Class of 1957 will hold its 55th Reunion the weekend of September 14-16, 2012, with the Friday get-together at the Lake Cable Clubhouse and the Saturday dinner at Shady Hollow Country Club. Further details will be forthcoming. Joe Helaney is heading the committee and may be reached at 330-833-9253 or by e-mail at [jhelaney@neo.rr.com](mailto:jhelaney@neo.rr.com).

**CLASSES OF 1975, 1976 and 1977** – The classes of 1975, 1976 and would-be 1977 are combining for a reunion Thanksgiving weekend with the Friday get together to be held at the Desert Inn on November 25 and a dinner at Skyland Pines on November 26 starting at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person for the Saturday dinner, and payment should be sent to Lehman Class of 1976, 1967 East Maple Street, Box #180, North Canton, OH 44720.

Committee members are:

Class of 1975: Tom Addressi, Katherine Trikilas Addressi, Shawn Wood and Claudia Burgess Selby.

Class of 1976: Mark Shaheen, Joe Sleighter, Lohn Liberatore, Stephanie DiPetro Condric, Julie Kohl Stancar, Rod Stutler, Carol Carney Henson and Tim Fagan.

Class of 1977: Rick Abdulla.

Contact persons are Mark Shaheen at 330-478-5767 and Stephanie DiPetro Condric at 330-497-0173.

**NOTICE FOR 1950 ALUMNI** – Though you may have *roamed far from home* ... we'd like the pleasure of your company at our monthly class luncheons if you're anywhere near us in your travels. We meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 12 noon at Beyesley's Restaurant in North Canton. We're just like Facebook where sociability and friendliness are enjoyed. Call or email either Estelle Blau, 330-492-0712 ([estellewb@neo.rr.com](mailto:estellewb@neo.rr.com)); or Alene Helling, 330-491-1301 ([agh251@aol.com](mailto:agh251@aol.com)) for information.

**ALUMNI CHAIRPERSONS** – If your class is planning a reunion in 2012, please let us know in order that we can post the information on our website and Facebook. We will also publish this in the January issue of *The Journal* which is the only edition mailed to all LHS classmates for whom we have their address. 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.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

As a reminder, the annual election of officers and trustees will take place in November. We would like to invite all those who would like to make a vital contribution to our Alumni Association through serving on the Board or as an officer to please call Larry Taylor at 330-494-9519 or Polly Duplain at 330-875-1713.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Alumni Association is again selling the popular Entertainment Books with all proceeds benefiting the Scholarship Fund. Books may be ordered for other cities, and we still get credit for the sale. These books are shipped directly to the buyer. This may be of interest to alumni who are "snowbirds" and spend the winter in warmer states, and to parents or children who have family in other states and are searching for an appropriate gift. The books pay for themselves within the first few times they are used and make great gifts for the person who has everything. The price of the Canton edition is \$30.00. Call Larry Taylor at 330-494-9519 or Claudia Selby at 330-265-3987 to order yours.



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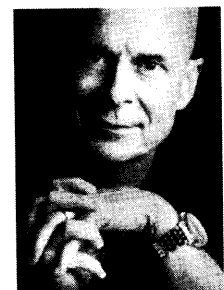
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## HILL GANG GOLF OUTING



*John Torok (l) and Bob Arnold (r), both of the Class of 1952, are pictured with Spring Valley Golf Course owner Don Sweitzer '51 at the Hill Gang Golf Outing on August 19.*

Forty golfers braved the hot and humid weather on August 19 to play an unforgettable game of golf (or forgettable depending on the score) at the annual Hill Gang Golf Outing at Spring Valley Golf Course in East Sparta, which is owned by 1951 graduate Don Sweitzer. Quite a number of these golfers (together with other attendees) remained for dinner which was catered by Mr. Mike's.

Outing Chairman Dick Burrell wants to thank all the golfers and attendees who participated as well as Don, Brian and their staff for their outstanding organization and assistance.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPONSORS AWARD AT LEHMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



*In support of Canton Lehman Middle School, the Canton Lehman High School Alumni Association has instituted an Outstanding Student Award at the Middle School. At the Awards Program, two students, selected by their teachers, were presented a \$25 US Bond and their names placed on a plaque which will be hung prominently at the school. The picture shows the presentation of the plaque to Principal Ed Rehfus by Association President Larry Taylor.*

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## SO YOU THINK YOU'RE GETTING OLD

As we Lehmanites grow older, we are always looking for a way to stay young. I think I have found a formula. Stay busy. Take a look at one of our dynamic "young" persons.

Here is a sample of one week's typical schedule. I will show only the scheduled events, thus when you add the unscheduled events, she is on the go constantly.

**Monday** – Morning at the Library Book Store sorting books. Afternoon at the Palace Theater.

**Tuesday** – Day for personal items like house cleaning, gardening, mowing the grass.

**Wednesday** – Library again. Palace Theater at night.

**Thursday** – Day for personal items. Art Show Meeting at night.

**Friday** – Palace Theater at night

**Saturday** – Library Book Store for its Sales Day. Then church for serving meals to the needy.

**Sunday** – Choir. Runs the Bingo for her Church

This does not count the three days exercising, her monthly meetings with the Audubon Society, the Nurse's Class, the Red Hat Society and, of course, the Canton Lehman Alumni Association among others.

With our organization, she handles our merchandise which means conducting the sale of merchandise, recording the merchandise sold, and procuring replacement items. She attends Class Reunions throughout the year selling merchandise.

Of course, her biggest job for the Association is the Stark County Fair. She schedules the work force, which means assembling two people for each shift. This requires a lot of effort in rounding up a commitment from the Alumni, buying enough tickets for each shift and getting them to the shift people, making substitutions when an emergency arises and filling in when necessary. She also prepares the merchandise for the Fair, sets up the booth and repacks when the Fair is over. Again this year, she did her usual "BANGUP" job.

Oh by the way, she participates in all of our parades.

As a 1944 Lehman Graduate, **Eleanor Lang Wingert** (better known to all of us as **Nickie**) is the oldest Lehmanite working "full time" with our Association.

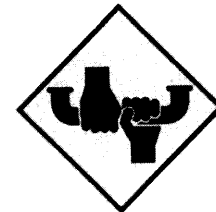
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# PICTURES FROM THE ASSOCIATION SUMMER PICNIC



*An overview of the Association Picnic held August 18 at the Lake Cable Pavilion showing many of the 170 attendees who enjoyed the evening.*

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*Carmela Addressi Hargraves '55, Jean Ann (Ash) Matie '53 and Ursula Addressi Antonacci '53 are pictured at the Picnic.*

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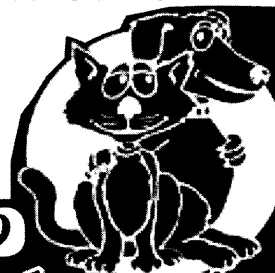


*Judy (Small) Gibbs '55 and Lynn (Warnock) Anderson '54 renew their friendship at the Picnic.*

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## AS WE PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

As we prepare for the Holiday Season, we must recall last November's "A Night to Remember" at the Palace Theater, where former Canton resident Ted Gup told of his Grandfather's gift to Cantonians. Days before the holiday in 1933, Sam Stone, a Jewish businessman in Canton who had known both failure and success, decided to give out \$5 gifts to 150 people who responded to his advertisement in *The Repository* and told him how they had been hit hard by the Depression.

Evidence of gifts was recovered when Stone's grandson, former Canton resident Ted Gup, found the letters in a family suitcase and recalled his grandfather's generosity in a book, *A Secret Gift*.

Interested readers were asked to submit letters describing their hardships to a benefactor calling himself Mr. B. Virdot. The author's grandfather, Sam Stone, was inspired to place this ad and assist his fellow Cantonians as they prepared for the cruelest Christmas most of them would ever witness.

Stone made up the name B. Virdot from letters in the names of his three daughters — Barbara, Virginia and Dorothy (known as Dotsy). Dorothy Stone Newman, Class of 1946, and Virginia Stone Sharpe, Class of 1947, were Canton Lehman High School graduates. Ted is the son of Virginia Stone Sharpe.

Moved by the tales of suffering and expressions of hope contained in the letters, which he discovered in a suitcase 75 years later, Ted Gup initially set out to unveil the lives behind them,



searching for records and relatives all over the country who could help him flesh out the family sagas hinted at in those letters. From these sources, Gup has re-created the impact that Mr. B. Virdot's gift had on each family. Many people yearned for bread, coal or other necessities, but many others received money from B. Virdot for more fanciful items — a toy horse, say, or a set of encyclopedias. As Gup's investigations revealed, all these things had the power to turn people's lives around — even to save them.

*A number of Lehman Graduates attended last year's event and a number have bought the book A Secret Gift by Ted Gup. It is highly recommended by anyone who has read it and is available at the library and on the internet.*

Ted Gup is the author of *A Secret Gift* (Penguin Press, 2010) and two previous books: *Nation of Secrets: The Threat to Democracy and the American Way of Life* (Doubleday, 2007), winner of the Goldsmith Book Prize from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and the bestseller, *The Book of Honor: Covert Lives And Classified Deaths At The CIA* (Doubleday, 2000.) He is a former investigative reporter for *The Washington Post* where he worked under Bob Woodward. He later wrote for *Time* magazine covering Congress, the environment, and served as a Washington investigative correspondent.

Since 2009, he has been professor and chair of the journalism department at Emerson College in Boston. From 1999-2009 he was the Shirley Wormser Professor of Journalism at Case Western Reserve University. Gup has also taught at Georgetown, Johns Hopkins and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing.

Ted Gup was just awarded the 2011 Ohioana Award for non-fiction for his book "A Secret Gift: How One Man's Kindness — and a Trove of Letters — Revealed the Hidden History of the Great Depression." The award will be presented at a reception of the Ohioana Library in Columbus on October 14.



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Association President Larry Taylor and Past President Claudia Selby watch Stark County Jr. Fair Queen Madison Weber pick the winning ticket for the Alumni Association Hog Raffle at the Stark County Fair in September. This year's winner was Robert Peters of the Class of 1956

Photo by Joanne Moody



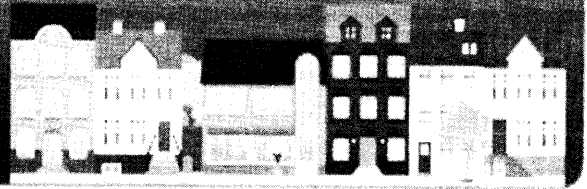
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