

2017 WILDCAT REUNION



members of the Las Vegas Academy Student Council in attendance.

The 2017 Wildcat Reunion was a big success! We had 467 attendees, including alumni and guests, from all corners of the U.S., plus one attendee from Mexico and one who came all the way from China. We had attendees from classes of 1937 through 2017 - an 80 year span!!

“Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat” awards were presented to our oldest attendee, **Lina Pinjuv Sharp** (class of 1937), and to our second oldest attendee, **Nancy Marriott Austin**, class of 1939. Our youngest attendees 2017 scholarship winners **Gwyneth Fernandez**, **Ana Galilea-Flores** and **Alexandra Salvatierra**. We were also pleased to have **Alejandro Aguayo-Flores**, a 2016 scholarship winner, in attendance. We were also pleased to have **Jolene Mitchell**, **Susan Thornton** and four



Classes of 1951 through 1955 were honored. There were 104 attendees from those classes, including alumni and guests. We were pleased to have the classes of 1952, 1957, 1967, 1962, 1977 and 1997 celebrating their significant reunions with us, with a combined total of 115 attendees.

Congratulations to the class of 1956! They won the Membership Challenge, finally overtaking the class of 1965 (they won in 2015 and 2016) with the most LVHSAA members (six more than class of 1965)! They were presented with the “revolving” trophy, champagne, candy and Elvee, II.

David Williams (1972), was named the “Alumni of the Year”. Dave has been the LVHSAA Webmaster and photographer since 2008. He has also served on the Wildcat Reunion Committee for the last ten years. He does a tremendous job of keeping our website up-to-date on a daily basis. Congratulations Dave!



Rollie Gibbs (1954) was presented with the “Outstanding Wildcat Award” by **Senator Richard Bryan** (1955) in recognition of his hard work and endless dedication to the alumni association. Rollie has served as President of the LVHSAA since 2008 and Co-Chair of the Wildcat Reunion Committee since 2006. He is a true example of “Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat”!

All attendees received a free door prize ticket. Door prize winners included **Gary Marriott** (1967), **Don Rasmussen** (1953), **Cecil Fredi** (1957), **Mildred Callaway Limley** (1960), **Theresa Fullerton LaPorte** (1978), **Ann Crane Santini** (1958), **Carol Phillips Hail** (1956), **Robert Stoldal** (1961), **Bill Ward** (1953), **Camille Roberts Ortiz** (1953) and **Dave**

Shackleton (husband of **Brenda Shackleton**, 1972). Prizes ranged in value from \$25 to \$100 and included restaurant gift cards, gift baskets with LVHSAA memorabilia, and LVHS commemorative pewter plates.

Members of the LVHS Student Council helped us sell raffle tickets, with proceeds going to our scholarship fund. All prizes were donated by local merchants and/or alumni. **Karen Arnold Bozarth** (1997) won the grand prize, valued at \$500, donated by Terry Fator, including two tickets to his show at the Mirage plus a plush Winston turtle and a special “meet and greet” with Terry after the show. Other winners included **Patty Haack** (1956), **Ubie Pinjuv Diltz** (1946), **Jolene Mitchell** (Las Vegas Academy), **Geri Jansen Kvarda** (1959), **Susan Thornton** (Las Vegas Academy), **Victoria Pinjuv** (1972), **Diane Petoske Wickberg** (1973), **Joanne Sandquist Dixon** (1955), and **Bill Chadburn** (1970). Prizes included Tiffany and Mauri Jim sunglasses, a rechargeable/programmable electric toothbrush, 4 wine gift baskets, a 2 night stay at the Longstreet Inn and Casino in Amargosa Valley, a \$150 dinner at the Texas de Brazil Steakhouse and three Alumni Wildcat throw blankets. Thanks to all of you that participated in our raffle, which made \$1860 for our scholarship fund. Many thanks also to those of you that sent donations to our scholarship fund and mail fund along with your reunion reservations!

Many thanks to LVHS Principal **Debbie Brockett** and her staff and students for their participation in the reunion. The cheerleaders checked in our attendees, Student Council members sold raffle tickets, JAG students help with memorabilia sales, the ROTC Color Guard presented the colors, the cheerleaders did a few cheers to set the mood for the evening, and we were entertained by the LVHS marching band and Spectrum singing and dancing group. Thanks also to our great, hard-working committee (**Rollie Gibbs** (1954) and **Patty Haack** (1956), Co-Chairpersons, **Crystal Beville Latham** (1981), **Laura Beverlin Chadburn** (1970), **Carnella Harris Chris** (1956), **Kae Jones Bogdanovich** (1956), **Allen Kaercher** (1968), **Maria Konold** (1981), **Bruce Langson** (1964), **Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton** (1955), **Joe Thomson** (Honorary Member and Historian), **Laura Ungaro** (1963) and **Dave Williams** (1972) and to non-alumni volunteers **Shirley Derke** and **Rosemary Burke Pollard**.

Thanks also to all of you that attended for helping make it such an enjoyable evening!

Next year we will be honoring the members of classes of 1956 through 1959, so make your plans now to attend. It will be on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Details will be sent to you the first week of July, 2018 (so be sure we have your current mailing address). SEE YOU IN 2018!!

If you would like to join our committee, please let us know. Contact **Patty** at (702) 876-6660 or via email to lvowl@aol.com.