

Wildcat Tales



The Official Newsletter of the **LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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It has been two years now since a few LVHS alumni met to discuss the possibility of forming an alumni association for Las Vegas High School. In those two years, we have accomplished a lot of really good things! Since our last newsletter (July, 2009), we officially became a tax-exempt organization, we held our first annual membership meeting and elected board members and officers for the coming year, we participated in the LVHS Homecoming event, and we have made great progress in interacting with the staff and students of LVHS! On top of all of that, one of the best rewards has been the wonderful, lasting friendships that have evolved!!

We are currently working on plans for some fun(d) raising events, preparing to have our Wildcat float in the 2010 Helldorado Parade and LVHS Homecoming parade, developing a mentoring program, working on a grant program for LVHS students and teachers, planning for the next Wildcat Reunion – and even more! We will be awarding four scholarships to LVHS graduates at the end of this school year.

We are very proud of our accomplishments to date! We feel that the LVHSAA has become a very worthwhile organization, and we hope that all of you feel the same. We were able to accomplish these things thanks to the wonderful support of our alumni members. We have received some fantastic donations from alumni, and now that we are tax-exempt, we hope to receive even more!

To all of you that have joined the LVHSAA, made donations to the scholarship fund and participated in our activities - we couldn't have done it without you! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

WHAT LVHS MEANS TO ME

*By David Williams, Jr. (class of 1972)
LVHSAA Webmaster and Board Member*

My education was as good as any other in Las Vegas, but mine was in a striking venue. A place where many leaders of our city, state and country were educated. Where our city fathers attended and learned. Where numerous youngsters from decades past planned the great things they would eventually achieve. Where love was found and stayed the course of history in many instances. I walked literally in historic heritage. However, I didn't realize at the time that I was walking the halls of history. I have since changed my attitude dramatically. Allow me to relate my story:

In 2002, myself and some former classmates took over the planning and hosting of the reunions for our class. In doing so, I began to realize how important those days were to me. I missed the folks that I had attended with and the buildings where we first became friends. A few years later, in 2008, a group of alumni began forming an association. I was the youngest member of those in attendance at the first meetings. I was impressed by the display of respect and honor to our Alma Mater. I have to admit, back when it was necessary to be there, it didn't mean much. I began to realize that Las Vegas High means a lot more to me now than it did when I attended.

Our school is one of the few places which has held its place in the hearts and mind of our city - a city known for its eagerness to bury the past. Reverence to its meaning and place in our history is



without reserve. In 1991, thanks to the efforts of Senator Richard Bryan ('55), (shown with Coach Warren Okelberry at the 1991 ceremony), LVHS received a

national historic register designation, which ensures that our children and their children also see what was once before. I cannot begin to imagine the ghosts in those halls and what they could tell us about the city we love. Our school, from earlier than 1930, has been a beacon of education – and even today as the latest incarnation – the Las Vegas Academy. I am proud that the name of our school lives on at the new campus far to the east of the original. The students and faculty have shown that they respect the history of our school. They have a room dedicated to the memory of LVHS, and have trophy cases lining the walls of their cafeteria with trophies dating back to the inception of sports at LVHS. Both are evidence of the school's willingness to embrace this vital history. The students even entertain the idea of Senior Squares – an idea so unique to our school that it has been written about in national publications.

We should all be proud of this heritage and of this historic building that helped shape our lives. We can share this history with those attending the new campus. It is a tribute to us and to our school. Some of the things we have brought about in this short two years are phenomenal. We have accomplished our goal instituting a scholarship program, we built the amazing Wildcat float, we gained our non-profit designation and will continue to grow and prosper. Our

continuing goal is to make as many as we can aware that our school is an historic entity that lives on in the hearts and minds of alumni, and to show that we embrace our history and pass its stories on to the next generations.

It is hoped that my enthusiasm is contagious and that the association continues to grow and prosper well beyond my days.

ALL-CLASS WILDCAT REUNIIONS

By *Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton* (class of 1955) – LVHSAA Board Member

You Look Terrific this, along with "how long has it been..." were common greetings as the 500 plus LVHS alumni, spouses and friends gathered for the 2009 All-Class Wildcat Reunion in the fall of 2009. Old friends and new friends came together to share fond memories of their times at LVHS – either the original school or the new school.

Honoring Joseph Thiriot, beloved drama teacher, who passed away in March, 2009 at the age of 102, made it a special night for not only his family but his many students. A special display of playbills and memorabilia brought the past to life again. And so did the LVHS marching band as they paraded into the reunion event room in full uniform, with their instruments proudly playing the LVHS Fight Song.

Bill Morris ('45) would have been proud to see the growth and spirit of this reunion. Started in his backyard in 1978, he might never have foreseen the pride and continuity of support for LVHS and the lifelong friendships that were created there. The 2009 crowd, and it was a crowd, ranged from a class of 1928 grad, Violet Oppedyke Tracht, to grads from the class of 2008 – a span of 80 years! It just gets bigger and better each year.

Under the visionary leadership of Patty Haack ('56) and with the help and support from her Wildcat Reunion Committee, enhancements were made to meet attendees' recommendations. Feedback from prior reunion attendees for seating by class, more time to reconnect with schoolmates and time to talk, lists of attendees (both alphabetical and by class) and better organized buffet lines, were incorporated into the evening's program. Doors opened at 5

p.m. with food service at 6:30 followed by a shorter program and more opportunity for visiting and dancing.

Sam's Town has been the site of the reunions since 2002. Bill Boyd ('49), a great supporter of LVHS, and his staff worked with the committee to keep the buffet, bar and room prices reasonable. We have really grown in our attendance since our reunions at the Landmark Hotel, the Las Vegas Country Club, and the Stardust Hotel. Two of the three locations no longer exist, but LVHS alumni and friends still come together to remember the "old" Las Vegas and fun times together.

Serving on the 2009 reunion committee were Rollie Gibbs ('54), Jim ('54) and Alice Van Der Meer (honorary alum), Carey Burke ('55), Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton ('55), Nancy Murray Harkess ('60) and Dave Williams ('72). If you are interested in joining the committee this year, please contact Patty at (702) 876-6660.

For more details about the 2009 reunion (including pictures) and other relevant LVHS information, visit our website: www.LVHSAA.com.

Information about the September 11, 2010 All-Class Wildcat Reunion at Sam's Town will be mailed to you in early July.
Hope you'll join in on the fun!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The LVHSAA currently has 270 members in good standing (grads from 1928 through 2009), including 213 paid annual members, 40 lifetime members, two 2008 graduates that joined, eleven 2009 graduates, and 4 honorary lifetime members. There is a list of all current members at the end of this newsletter.

If you received this newsletter and haven't yet joined the LVHSAA, *please consider doing so now!* A membership application is available on our website, or give us a call at 702/876-6660 and we'll send you one.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In compliance with the LVHSAA Bylaws, annual memberships expire at the **end of September each year**. So if you joined prior to June, 2009, please don't forget to send in your renewal dues – **especially if you are one of our founding members!** Dues are \$25 a year for individuals (or \$40 for alumni couples) or \$300 for lifetime (or \$500 for alumni couples). Your dues go toward a very worthy cause - annual scholarships for deserving LVHS students!

You can send your renewal now (payable to LVHSAA and mailed to Patty Haack, 1854 Taylorville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89135-1051). A renewal form is not required.

LVHSAA WEBSITE

Check out our website: www.lvhsaa.com. You'll find lots of useful and interesting information, including memories of LVHS years from alumni, minutes of board meetings, information on upcoming meetings, bios on over 50 notable LVHS alumni, history of LVHS, photos of LVHS memorabilia, historic photos of LVHS, information on the Wildcat Reunion, information on upcoming class reunions, photos of past reunions, an "In Memoriam" page listing deceased classmates by class, miscellaneous information on LVHSAA activities and links to websites of various LVHS classes. **List of all alumni, by year of graduation, will be added in the near future.**

Our Webmaster, Dave Williams ('72), does a fantastic job of updating the website on an almost daily basis! If you would like to submit stories, bios, photos, or any other information for the website, please contact Webmaster Dave Williams: dave@lvhsaa.com or call Patty at 702/876-6660.

Check out our Facebook group too! Go to www.facebook.com and sign up or sign in. Then type "Las Vegas High School" in the upper right corner search box and hit enter. You'll find the "Las Vegas High School Alumni Association" one or two links down. Join us there and contribute to the forums, walls, and discussions which are ongoing. It is there for all of us!

LEGAL UPDATE

Thanks to Senator Richard Bryan and the law firm Lionel, Sawyer & Collins, the LVHSAA is now officially a **tax-exempt** organization. Don't forget that all membership dues and donations, going forward and since inception of the LVHSAA, are now tax deductible!

ANNUAL MEETING OF LVHSAA MEMBERS

Our second Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria at the new LVHS. Details about this meeting will be sent to all LVHSAA members prior to the meeting. This meeting is required by our Bylaws and will include the annual election of board members. We are required to have a quorum of LVHSAA members at this meeting, so **please put this date on your calendar now and plan to attend**. Your support will be greatly appreciated!!

SENIOR SQUARES

Now that the new landscaping is completed and springtime is here, work can finally begin on repairing the Senior Squares in front of the main entrance of the 7th Street campus. Hopefully they will be completed before individual class reunions this year so you can all have your photos taken on the steps in front of the school. As we mentioned before, the extreme weather conditions in Las Vegas are very hard on the painted squares, so it looks like this will be an on-going project if we want to keep the squares in front of the school.

Squares may be "adopted" by you or your class for only \$230. The classes of 1944, 1947, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1965, 1970 and 1972 have adopted their squares. If you or your class would like to "adopt" your class square, please send a check for \$230, payable to **LVHS Senior Squares Project**, to Patty Haack, 1854 Taylorville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89135-1051. Or if you'd just like to contribute toward the on-going maintenance, donations in any amount will be happily accepted!

WILDCAT MEMORABILIA

Have you visited the new campus (6500 E. Sahara) yet? You really should see the "Centennial Room" (with a full wall mural of the 7th Street main building, plus photos, letter jackets, sweaters, Rhythmette uniforms, school pins, the Senior Squares Memorial Plaque created and donated by the Class of 1953, and various other memorabilia, plus the trophy cases in the cafeteria which contain LVHS trophies back to the 1920s.

Dave Williams was recently given a wooden model of the 7th Street campus, made by LVHS students in 1980, which we hope to display once it is "spruced up". You won't believe the details!

The school welcomes your visit anytime. Just check in at the school office and let them know that you'd like to see the trophy cases in the cafeteria and the Centennial Room.

If any of you have memorabilia that you would like to donate, please contact Patty at lvowl@aol.com or 702/876-6660.

HISTORIC PHOTOS & DOCUMENTS

Many thanks to those of you who sent us photos and historic documents. Most of them are now displayed on the LVHSAA website (www.lvhsaa.com).

Here are a couple photos (thanks to Allen Sandquist) that may bring back memories! Maybe you have some old documents or photos of historic LVHS that you would like to share. We will be

happy to copy them and return them to you if you wish. Please contact Patty at lvowl@aol.com or 702/876-6660.



LVHS YEARBOOKS

If you, or anyone you know, have any LVHS yearbooks that you would like to donate to the LVHSAA, please let us know. If there are duplicates, they will be made available to anyone making a donation to the LVHSAA Scholarship Fund.

LVHSAA MENTORING PROGRAM

*By Bruce Langson (class of 1965)
Vice President of LVHSAA*

We, as alumni, are U.S. Senators, governors, chief executive officers, lawyers, accountants, entertainment personalities, assistants, laborers, and even the unemployed. We are in every position, in every field in this state. We have expert experiences in governing, personal relationships, business relationships, mining, agricultural and every entrepreneurial endeavor imaginable.

Students and aspiring LVHS alumni can receive meaningful advice and guidance from the vast experiences we possess.

The LVHSAA has established the Las Vegas High School Alumni Mentoring Program for the students and member alumni of Las Vegas High School Alumni Association. The Mentoring program matches volunteer member alumni to LVHS students and current members of the LVHSAA for advice or comment on a face to face basis.

A number of alumni have expressed an interest in making themselves available to advise and mentor students of LVHS in addition to assisting other alumni.

Our mentor database will never be public. The process will involve a request, from a student or a current LVHSAA member, to the administrator of the Mentoring program, wherein the administrator matches the request to the volunteer Mentor best suited to the request. It will be up to the volunteer Mentor to accept or reject the request. If the Mentor accepts the request, he/she will contact the requester. If the Mentor does not wish to accept the request he/she notifies the administrator, and the next best suited Mentor is selected, etc.

Our database will be set up with categories and short descriptions of expertise each Mentor feels qualified to provide 'experienced' comments about.

If you are successful or unsuccessful in any field or relationship, you will be qualified to mentor another person on what you have learned, even if it is what not to do!

The Application forms for both Mentors and requesters (students and member alumni) are on the LVHSAA web site. As a potential Mentor, your form will not be integrated into the database until you are satisfied with your classification and description of your expertise. **YOUR NAME WILL NEVER BE ATTACHED TO YOUR EXPERTISE ON THE WEBSITE. THE LIST OF MENTORS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO THE MENTOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR AND HIS/HER ASSISTANT.**

If you would like to be a mentor and are unable to use the forms on the LVHSAA website, please contact Patty Haack at 702/876-6660 for a printed version of the form.

Let's help all of the Las Vegas High School graduates succeed in their lives, and keep the LVHSAA and its Scholarship and Grant Programs strong, in perpetuity.

CLASS REUNIONS

So far, we've heard from the following classes that are planning reunions this year. More detailed information is posted on the LVHSAA website.

Class of 1950 (60th Reunion): Will have their reunion on September 10 and will have a special table at the Wildcat Reunion on September 11. Contact Barbara Sexsmith Taylor at 801/375-4864 for details.

Class of 1960 (50th Reunion): Will have their reunion on September 10 and will have a special table at the Wildcat Reunion on September 11. They will also be participating in the LVHS Golden Graduation on June 11. Send an e-mail to LVHS60@aol.com for further details.

Class of 1965 (45th Reunion): A firm date has not yet been set. Contact Jill Barnard at JABarnard@cox.net for more information.

Class of 1970 (40th Reunion): Will have their reunion in October. Contact Laura Beverlin Chadburn at 702/454-9136 or lchadburn@newmarketadvisors.com for details.

We have not heard from classes of 1945, 1955, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 or 2005. If you know who the contacts are for any of those classes, it would really be appreciated if you would let Patty know at lvowl@aol.com or 702/876-6660.

ALUMNI "TALES"



Many thanks to those of you that sent us interesting alumni "tales" since the last newsletter. They are posted on our website. For those of you that don't have access to the web, here's a couple Frazier that you'll enjoy from Gail Address ('44) about Maude.

When Maude Frazier was Principal, the Auto Shop under Orié Bowman kept her car in shape. One day the boys lifted that small car onto the porch, above the steps of the front of the school! Miss Frazier took it all in stride, only requesting that they reverse their trip by replacing the car back down on the street! She had a wonderful sense of humor but was also a stickler for the rules.

A young student named Pete Leavitt arrived at LVHS astride his motorcycle and a passing policeman came so close to him that the cycle slid into the curb. The policeman then started to give the boy a ticket. Suddenly, from out of nowhere, appeared Miss Frazier, jingling her keys and saying "I saw what happened here and I believe the boy should immediately go to class!" Ticket book was pocketed, policeman left and a very happy student never forgot his appreciation. He's in his seventies now but still tells the story.

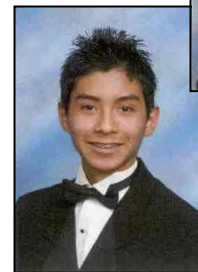
Thanks for the stories Gail!

LVHSAA WILDCAT FLOAT TO BE IN MAY 15, 2010 HELLDORADO PARADE

The LVHSAA Wildcat Float, designed by Bruce Langson ('65) and built by Bruce and Rollie Gibbs ('54) with the help of numerous alumni volunteers, will be in the Helldorado Parade again this year. If you'd like to ride on or walk beside the float, let Patty know at 702/876-6660 so we can fill you in on details. Last year we had almost 50 alumni riding or walking beside the float (from classes of 1954 through 2009) and we all had a really great time!!

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

We awarded our first two annual scholarships last year to 2009 graduates



Jazmin Perez and Rigoberto Rangel. At the end of the current school year we will be awarding

four scholarships. If you'd like to donate to our Scholarship Fund, please send your check, payable to LVHSAA, to Patty Haack, 1854 Taylorville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89135.

FUND RAISING

Committee Chairperson Nancy Murray Harkess has named it the "Fun(d) Raising Committee". She would appreciate hearing from you if you have any ideas on how the LVHSAA can raise more funds for future scholarships. The committee is currently working on several fun ideas for this year, so if you'd like to participate, let Nancy know at 702/382-5330 or harkess@unlv.nevada.edu.

REMEMBER THE LVHSAA IN YOUR TRUSTS AND WILLS

Please don't forget the LVHSAA in your trusts and wills. Future scholarships can even be given in your name and memory!

**MEET VIOLET OPPEDYK TRACHT,
OUR OLDEST LIVING ALUMNUS**



VIOLET OPPEDYK



Let's all congratulate our **OLDEST LIVING LVHS ALUMNUS**, who will be **100 years old** on May 12, 2010. Violet graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1928

(82 years ago!) – before gambling was legal in Las Vegas and before Hoover (Boulder) Dam was built!

Violet was born in 1910 in Searchlight, NV. Her parents moved there from Kansas in 1907 so her father could mine for gold and silver. When her mother died in 1915, Violet and her two sisters were cared for by Harry Reid's grandmother for a couple of days. They lived in Iowa for 3 years before her father moved them to Las Vegas in 1918. After working for the Union Pacific for a while, her father started the Oppedyk Dairy, one of the first in Las Vegas. It was located on 40 acres on the west side of town. He started with 12 cows and grew his own alfalfa. While in high school Violet and her sister delivered milk – she drove, and her sister put the milk on porches!

Violet's favorite memories of early Las Vegas include when she and her girlfriends would pile into a car and drive by Block 16 (the early Las Vegas red-light district). They'd take turns driving, and the others would hide in the back seat and sneak peeks because they weren't supposed to be down there. She

remembers watching Hoover (Boulder) Dam being built and going up on top of the hill by Railroad Pass to see the mushroom clouds from the atom bomb tests. She also remembers watching Our Gang movies at the Majestic movie house on Fremont Street, where the Golden Nugget now stands. She remembers the first Helldorado in 1935 and wearing western skirts that the wind would blow over your head if you weren't careful!

She graduated from Las Vegas Grammar School in May, 1924. At LVHS, she was Vice President of her Junior class and President of her Senior Class. After graduation, she was hired in Sandy Valley to teach its seven children. She says "they learned from each other, and it was all I could do to keep up with them". She married Dewitt Tracht (LVHS Class of 1921) in 1930 and they moved into a home at 305 N. 7th Street that was built by the LVHS shop class with materials from the Ed Von Tobel Lumber Company. It took one year to build the house, and Violet and Dewitt paid off Von Tobels at \$35 a month. They lived in the house until 1941, then moved to Boulder City. She and Dewitt celebrated their first wedding anniversary at the Meadows Casino long before Buggy came to town, and she remembers years later paying \$5 for a dinner show at the original El Rancho.

They owned the Central Market in Boulder City for over 35 years. Violet was President of the PTA in Boulder City and remembers attending the first meeting on a vacant lot where the Boulder City High School was built the following year. She did a lot of volunteer work, including taking kids from Boulder City in a Red Cross station wagon to Lake Mead for swimming lessons and driving Army wives to Las Vegas to have their babies while their husbands were off at war.

Violet says she and her husband lived a simple life and that she has been very lucky to have had such a wonderful, good life!

LVHS HOMECOMING

How great it was to be able to participate in the LVHS Homecoming Parade and halftime activities last October! The Wildcat Float was a big hit with the students, and alumni who participated had a really memorable time! We plan to participate again next October.



LVHS Alumni (above) and current LVHS students (below) at Homecoming



ANNUAL WILDCAT REUNION

We had record attendance last year! Plans are now underway for the annual Wildcat Reunion which will be held at Sam's Town on September 11th. Invitations will be sent out in early July.

This year's committee members include Krissy Ayon ('79), Rollee Gibbs ('54), Patty Haack ('56), Carmella Harris Chris ('56), Carole Inghram Montalto ('56), Kae Jones Bogdanovich ('56), Nancy Murray Harkess ('60), Jack Milligan ('51), Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton ('55), Sandra Pettit Backus ('65), Michele Rebar ('64), and Dave Williams ('72). If you'd like to participate in the planning, or have any suggestions, please contact any of the committee members.

We are currently looking for donations to be used for the raffle (proceeds go to the LVHSAA Scholarship Fund), so if any of you have anything to offer, or can obtain donated gift cards from your favorite store or restaurant, let us know!

We hope to see all of you there, and hope that this years' event will be even bigger and better!

SHARE THE WILDCAT TALES

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your LVHS friends who may not have received a copy. You can forward it via e-mail, print it or make copies, or get a copy on our website, www.lvhsaa.com.

Help us get the word out and get more members!

E-MAIL AND ADDRESS UPDATES

Please don't forget to let us know if you get an e-mail address or if you change your mailing or e-mail address. Contact Patty at lvowl@aol.com or 702/876-6660.

ALUMNI WILDCAT DANCE BAND

How would you like to get together to play some jazz and dance music with fellow LVHS alumni?

We are hoping to form an "Alumni Wildcat Dance Band". We know there are many of you that play band instruments and enjoy getting together to "jam"! The band might even entertain at some Wildcat functions!

If you are interested in joining our band, please let Patty know at 702/876-6660 or e-mail to lvowl@aol.com

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of LVHS alumni that we learned have passed on since the last newsletter:

Robert K. Askworth (2003) – 12/13/09
James Bananto (1962) – 09/04/09
Janet Bond Gilman (1955) – 03/17/10
Rose Bravo Ramos (1950) – 02/28/10
Marjorie Brooks Petty (1940) – 09/15/09
Eddie James Burton (1974) – 10/09
Billie Jean Camp Hardy (1947) – 3/09/10
Jeffrey Clontz (1964) – 11/17/09
Frances Cornell Burke (1947) – 12/13/09
Ronald D'Alessio (1961) – 3/7/10
Linda Downey Rawson (1959) – 02/10/10
Robert Evans (1948) – 01/24/10
Harry Fields (1952) – 11/29/09
Arthur Fletcher (1938) – 01/14/10
Irving Foreman (1948) – 10/05/09
Phyllis Frehner Kline (1940) – 08/30/09
Michael Geary (1981) – 05/24/09
Bobby Hamiter (1955) – 03/10/10
Chuck Handley (1953) – 09/30/09
Lucille Hermanjat Ray (1948) – 02/12/10
John Hubbard (1968) – 02/06/10

Betty Hutchinson Bigham (1944) -7/21/09
Steven Jensen (1969) – 08/22/09
Kent King (1948) - 07/26/09
Louis Madden (1962) – 02/16/10
Jeff McColl, Jr. (1949) – 02/15/10
Margaret McEvoy Walker (1941) – 01/15/10
Ann Michelas Campbell (1943) – 3/07/10
Andrew Ozuna (1953) – 12/11/09
James Porter (1942) – 02/08
Shaun Rodgers (1989) – 10/6/09
Rodney Ronnow (1963) - 07/22/09
Fay Ryan Bishop (1950) – 01/27/10
Jeffrey Strough (1993) – 11/09
Pat Tilley Stackhouse (1952) – 09/24/09
Irene Tomsik Morgan Chamberlin (1938) – 02/21/10
Terry Valder (1962) – 01/04/09
Ed Von Tobel (1931) – 12/29/09
Jerry Wagner (1952) – died 08/17/09

Jeanee Ward (Kahre) Swartz (1947) – 03/17/10
Donald Warren (1960) – 03/20/10
David Westlund (1961) – 01/31/10
Daniel S. Witmer (1970) – 04/11/08
Abbie Woolsey (1956) – 11/08/09
Donald Wren (1949) – 12/07/09
John Shup Wright, Jr. (1965) – 09/01/09
Clarice Wright Barnum (1952) – 10/04/09

May they rest in peace! A complete list of all deceased alumni, by class, is on the "In Memoriam" page of the LVHSAA website. Thanks to those of you that sent us updates since the last newsletter. If you know of anyone else that should be included on the lists, please let us know.



**Once a WILDCAT,
always a WILDCAT!!**

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Class Reunions Patty Haack (1956)

Fun(d) Raising Nancy Murray

Harkess (1960)

Grants Bruce Langson (1965)

Membership Open

Mentoring Bruce Langson (1965)

Scholarship Carole Inghram

Montalto (1956)

Senior Squares Sarah Butler Walker

(1970)

Wildcat Reunion Rollie Gibbs (1954)

Patty Haack (1956)

Historian Gary Dillingham
(1957)

Legal Counsel Richard Bryan (1955)

FOUNDING LIFETIME MEMBERS

Richard Bryan (1955)

Maynard Chambers (1960)

Eleanor Connell Ahern (1957)

Kenneth Flippin (1960)

Rollie Gibbs (1954)

Anne Goldberg Hodgdon (1964)

Patty Haack (1956)

Michael Hollingshead (1957)

Georgia Houghton Ward (1947)

Yorel Hutchinson Barlow (1954)

Allan Kelly (1949)

Jack Milligan (1951)

Charlotte Muggleston Kelly (1954)

Nancy Murray Harkess (1960)

Miriam O'Donnell Pemberton (1955)

John Petricciani (1954)

George Pinjuv (1943)

Jim Rogers (1956)

J. Todd Stewart (1972)

Alice Van Der Meer

Jim Van Der Meer (1954)

Gary Vause (1956)

LIFETIME MEMBERS

George Ball (1953)

Nancy K. Banner (1974)

Rex Bell, Jr. (1953)

William Berk (1941)

Bill Bowser (1953)

William S. Boyd (1949)

Mahlon Brown (1957)

Mary Carmichael Cashman (1943)

Ken Freeman (1950)

Billie Lee Galloway Schofield (1950)

L. D. George (1948)

Kenneth Gragson (1954)

Norman Johnson (1959)

Rose McAuliffe Johnson (1945)

James McClenahan (1956)

Barbara Meek Bawden (1957)

Marian Wood Freeman (1954)

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

Jim Marsh

Bill Martin

Joe Thomson, Historian

Lynn Zook, Historian

FOUNDING ANNUAL MEMBERS

Glenn Alleman (Teacher)

Lawrence Allin (1950)

Gail Andress (1944)

Charles Aplin (1946)

Don Ashworth (1956)

Barbara Bailey Baker (1968)

Jerry Belt (1952)

Terry Berkemeyer Henry (1977)

Dennis Berry (1976)

Laura Beverlin Chadburn (1970)

Bob Beville (1953)

James Bilbray (1956)

George Bogdanovich (1953)

Myram Borders (1954)

James J. Brown (1959)

Kenneth Brown (1957)

Laura Brown Brown (1963)

Carey Burke (1955)

William Chadburn (1970)

Melvin Close (1952)

Alan B. Davis (1932)

George K. Davis (1952)

Gary Dillingham (1957)

Ted Eckert (1967)

Ivan Eisenberg (1948)

Nancy Empey Helm (1958)

Royce Feour (1957)

Bailey Fightlin Rubenstein (1955)

Rana Gee Goodman (1959)

Patsy George Leavitt (1956)

Jerrie Germain Marson (1954)

Jennilee Gibson Thayer

(1949/Teacher)

Donald Graham (1955)

Pat Hail (1956)

Donna Hanley Andress (1943)

Madelyn Hardy Schneider (1955)

Martin Hardy (1945)

Mary Ann Hart (1967)

LaThair Hawley (1954)

Don Helm (1956)

Merrilee Hill Becker (1954)

John Holland (1953)

Kathleen Horden Close (1959)

Carole Inghram Montalto (1956)

Brenda Jenkins Sadberry (1972)

Joylin Johnson Vandenberg (1945)

James M. Jones (1950)

Kae Jones Bogdanovich (1956)

William (Allen) Kaercher (1968)

Paul Kellogg (1959)

Richard King (1952)

Clarel Komer Krpan (1960)

Larry Landingham (1954)

Bruce Langson (1965)

Tiki Lebowitz Axelrod (1956)

James Robert B. Lim (2008)

Susan Lowe Shlisky (1965)

Ben Bradley Maze (1975)

Dutchy Middleton Jordan (1956)

Pat Muggleston Thompson (1953)

Charles Musser (1955)

Jean Nash Clemens (1946)

Kay Neyman Cromeenes (1958)

Phyllis Nickel Hoggatt (1943)

Warren Okelberry (Teacher/Coach)

Violet Oppedyk Tracht (1928)

Diane Pahor Belt (1956)

Carol Phillips Hail (1956)

Darlene Pinter (1956)

Nancy Pracejus Craft (1955)

James Priest (1943)

Linda Rankin Givens (1958)

Sandra Records Brown (1953)

Bobbie Reed Poole (1959)

Marilyn Riggs Schouten (1950)

Stephen J. Rimel (1958)

Thomas E. Robuck (1952)

Donna Sackett Scallin (1944)

Adele Salton Baratz (1944)

Donna Sanford Lage (1959)

Marian Schlapp Goldstein (1944)

Albert Schouten (1946)

Richard Scott (1956)

Barbara Sexsmith Taylor (1950)

Larry Sheeler (1959)

Matt Shlisky (1964)

Ron Silverman (1954)

Arlene Stanley Landingham (1956)

Natalie Stevenson Rittenhouse (1944)

Elizabeth "B.J." Stevenson (1941)

Judith Stiborek Gibson (1976)

Paul Stokes (1945)

Elizabeth Stutz Marner-Brooks (1961)

Deette Tilley Szydoski (1961)

John Ullom (1951)

Ronnie Vause (1965)

JoAnn Ward Ryan (1954)

Lois Wentz Durkee (1953)

George Wilkinson (1953)

David Williams (1972)

Gene Winn (1956)

Ron Zimmerman (1965)

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Victor Yale Adams (1968)
Susan Alper Vermillion Mugge (1961)
Donna Arnfelt Bernier (1950)
Yvonne Ballinger LaRowe (1950)
Ardie Ban Colburn (1947)
Edward Beecher (1954)
Jack Bennett (1954)
Donald Berry (1979)
Thomas Book (1957)
Ken Bradley (1952)
Roger Bremner (1955)
Roger Bryan (1956)
Loretta Bunker Derrick (1955)
Judy Burke Keck (1955)
Sarah Butler Walker (1970)
Mildred Callaway Limley (1960)
Brent Allen Cecil (1968)
Barbara Chase Rowan (1952)
Joyce Churchfield Borgna (1957)
Bart Cohen (1956)
Elmer Cotton (1953)
Thailia Coutoumanos Wilcox (1961)
Unette Crawford Wall (1953)
Carla C. Crittenden Kerr (1956)
Marcia Davenport Bishop (1956)
Don Dillingham (1953)
Karen Eaquina Sharkey (1966)
Robert D. Faiss (1954)
Don Fennell (1955)
Arthur Foote (1949)
Julie Fountain Chase (1955)
Mayer Freedman (1955)
Sandra Fuchs Colburn (1997)
Mike Gerlicker (1959)
Lynn Goddard Williams-Farrer (1961)
Patsy Graham Covin (1952)
June Gravelle Eddins (1947)
Richard Gubler (1957)
Marian Hall Catron (1953)
Gordon Hardy (1957)
Jeff Harmon (1969)
Kim Harney Moore (1980)
Carmella Harris Chris (1956)
Gretchen Harris Payne (1953)
Katherine Harris Cecil (1970)
Drew Hehr (1979)
William Hendrix (1958)
Connie Higgons Corley (1975)
Norman Hilbrecht (1952)
Marilyn Huntsman Whisler (1955)
James J. Jimmerson (1969)
Nancy Katz (1979)
Bruce Kirkpatrick (1947)
Lillian Kovats Cross (1965)
Karla Kwist (1979)
Roy Land (1954)
Gerald May (1952)
Robert McGarvie (1956)
Hope Metcalf Ramsdale (1959)
Andrew J. Mikulich (1945)
Alice Mikulich (1943)
Peter Mohr (1952)
JoEllen Mott Swarts (1961)

Judy Murphy Das Gupta (1956)
Richard Nuccitelli (1956)
Rae Odell Chavez (1979)
Margaret Ostler Stout-Hall (1956)
John Overlease (1960)
Shirley Ozman Young (1954)
Don Payne (1946)
Sandra Pettit Backus (1965)
F. Mike Pinjuv (1942)
David A. Pollock (1951)
Michele Rebar (1964)
Marilyn Reynolds Dosch (1956)
Jim Riley (1947)
Gary Ritner (1954)
Sig Rogich (1962)
Joe Rowan (1949)
Francine Sarno Pulliam (1956)
Joan Seaman Perry (1959)
Jared Shafer (1961)
Bill Sharkey (1964)
Vivian Shelley Whiteley (1965)
Earl J. Smith (1953)
Beverly Stewart Hope (1946)
Lynn Stewart (1959)
Myrna Stewart Marsh (1952)
Rose Stewart Woodbury (1962)
George Swarts (1961)
Michelle Swenson (2003)
Jeannetta Thiriot Peterson (1957)
Alice Thiriot Waite (1953)
Carolyn Thompson Trelease (1943)
Stanley Trinaystich (1954)
Rayola Turnbow Bagwell (1956)
Susie Van Der Meer Pinjuv (1955)
Fred Jim Van Wert (1963)
Al (Corky) Walker (1949)
John W. Walker (1956)
Ted Weaver (1956)
Yvette Weinstein Hall (1965)
Robert Wengert (1946)
Audrey Whipple Tennant (1948)
Gary Whisler (1955)
Bruce Woodbury (1962)
Kay A. Woodruff Bigglestone (1957)
Georgeann Wright Ray (1978)
Richard Wright (1965)
Justin Yee (2008)
Len Yelinek (1961)
Linda Young Madsen (1959)
Phyllis Zimmerman Hart (1958)

IM MEMORIAM DONATIONS

Georgia Ward, in memory of
Harry Ward (Teacher)
Natalie Stevenson Rittenhouse, in
memory of Gerald Snider (1944)

2009 GRADUATE MEMBERS

Erik Coronado
Ilse Coronado
Jazmin Perez
Rogoberto Rangel
Micheal Roberts
Austin Schneider
Ahmad Shahin
Matini Sinirath
Tyler Turner
Ryan Whitehead
Lisa Yee
