

# Lamoni Community Schools Alumni Association

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## *Memories*

### **1958/68 Honor Classes Alumni Banquet Celebrating LHS Classes 1936-2018 “Memories” by Barbara McKiernan**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Lamoni Community Schools Alumni Association (LCSAA) Reunion is coming up the weekend of May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have not registered prior to this weekend, you can come to the High School Commons from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for registration, social time, and historical display of yearbooks and photos.

The Banquet is scheduled for May 26, in the high school gym. The theme for this year's program is “Memories” It will begin at 6:30 with a welcome. Dinner will be served by Thelma Saxton's Cater 2U catering company with buffet-style offerings of ham or turkey, cheesy party potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and butter, choice of salads, and a variety of desserts and drink offerings. A short program will follow. We hope diners will come away, having had time to share in the memories every class experience as students at Lamoni Community Schools. Please register for the banquet by returning the Banquet Registration in this newsletter. There will be a limited number of tickets for the banquet (\$20/ticket) during registration hours.

Also, don't forget Sunday morning, May 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a breakfast served from 7:30-9:30 in the HS Commons (\$5.00) for those wishing to attend.

The LCSAA appreciates your support of the Lamoni Community Schools students, both past and present. We hope to see you at the Reunion!

## 2018 All School Reunion and Alumni Weekend Schedule of Events

### Saturday, May 26, 2018

**10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Registration, social time, and historical display of yearbooks and photos, HS Commons  
**6:30 p.m.** Alumni Dinner, HS Gym (\$20.00)

### Sunday, May 27, 2018

**7:30-9:30 a.m.** Breakfast, HS Commons (\$5.00)  
**10:00 a.m.** Alumni Assoc. Board Mtg.

## Reunion Corner

**60-year** – May 26, Meet at high school during the day; 6:30 – Banquet. Contact Elizabeth Spaulding Langdon for details. Klondikelil58@gmail.com

**50-year** – May 25, 5:00 – Dinner at Pizza Shack and movie; May 26, meet at high school Saturday afternoon; 6:30 – Banquet; May 27 – Breakfast at school. Contact Linda Swanson Weber for details. ltweber@mchsi.com

**45-year** – Homecoming weekend, Sept 28 & 29. Other classes of the 70's are invited to join. Marilyn Robinson Carroll, mnmcl28@comcast.net

**40-year** – August 11 & 12. Contact Cal Closson. cclosson@gmail.com

**30-year** – July 3 & 4. Classes of '86, '87, '89, & '90 are invited to join. Leslie McGuire, lmcguire42@hotmail.com

### Alumni Association Scholarships

The Alumni Association presents scholarships of \$250 to graduating seniors based on academic achievement. In 2017 the scholarships were awarded to the following seniors: Omar Alcorta, Austin Davis, Daryn Nowlin, Jennifer Eason, Will Greenwood, Chase Potter, Hannah Gruich & Cameron Thorpe.

## 2016-2017 LCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

<b>President</b>	Ray Beaty '72
<b>Vice-President</b>	Richard Emslie '73
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bob Templeton '94
<b>Secretary</b>	Jeanette Hartwig Calipetro '82
<b>Historian</b>	Bob Bixby '57 & Janice Fisher '63
<b>Banquet</b>	Barbara Hawley McKiernan '93
<b>Hall of Fame &amp; Distinguished Service Award</b>	Bob Bixby '57
<b>Newsletter</b>	Shannon Harris '02 Janice Fisher '63 Bob Bixby '57
<b>Nominations</b>	Diana Trammell Stevenson '67
<b>Scholarships</b>	Dennis McElroy '77
<b>Board Members</b>	Betsy Shelton '92 Heather Neal '96 Larry Waugh '71 Beth Stevenson Heltenberg '90
<b>Coordinator</b>	Shirley Mickelson Kessel '67

## Memorials

A memorial Fund was established for Bill White. Class of 1941, who passed away on September 21, 2017. This fund is providing \$1,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors in the Class of 2018. Bill's son, Doug, Class of 1965, will present these scholarships at the Senior Awards ceremony. Doug's memories of his father include several lessons and memories. Bill was active in the community and wanted the best for Lamoni. He was a caring person and helped many people in his own way when they needed help. He had a great respect for others. He had a magnificent work ethic. He taught his son Doug to always do his best in whatever he did. He loved sports, especially golf and football. Bill was one of the founders of the Lamoni Golf Club. Bill often spoke of Lamoni as being one of the best places to grow up. Lamoni always held a special place in his heart.

Kenny Markley, long-time K-12 PE teacher in Lamoni died on July 3, 2015 doing what he loved; mowing a yard and leaving the world a better place than he found it. A scholarship fund was established in his memory for Lamoni graduating seniors. The first Annual Kenny Markley Golf Tournament to raise money for this fund was held on July 3 at the Lamoni Municipal Golf Course raising over \$2500. The Third Annual Kenny Markley Golf Tournament will be held July 1, 2018. For more information contact Nate Pierschbacher at [641-344-3298](tel:641-344-3298) or Keegan Smith at [515-305-0631](tel:515-305-0631).

## LCS Alumni Association Board of Directors

2018 Official Absentee Ballot

You may vote for up to five (5) candidates by placing an "X" in the appropriate boxes.

The directors are elected for a term of three (3) years. Return the ballot to:

LSC Alumni Association, Lamoni Community Schools

202 North Walnut, Lamoni, Iowa 50140

You must be a current member of the association to vote. Mark your ballot in the following manner:

Voter 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature

Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Voter 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature

Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

**Raymond Beaty 1972**

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Ray is the second of three generations of LHS graduates. He has served on the Alumni Board for the past 7 years and as Board President for the past 2 years. Ray has an AS degree in Information Technology, is a certified A-EMT and is currently attending Mercy College of Health Sciences studying for his Paramedic Certification. Ray is proud to be an alumnus of Lamoni Public Schools and would like to continue serving as an Alumni Board member so he can keep working to improve our school. Ray lives in Nevada, IA.

**Betsy Shelton 1992**

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Betsy graduated from Graceland College and spent a few years working on political campaigns. Since then she has spent her career working for non-profit and government organizations.

Betsy has recently returned to Iowa to be closer to her family.

**Richard Emslie 1973**

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Richard graduated from Lamoni in 1973 and from Graceland in 1977 with a BA degree. Richard has worked in information technology as a programmer, project manager and as a systems administrator at Sprint for 34 years and recently at UMB Bank for 3 years. Richard has 4 grown children, Ryan, David, Melissa and Amanda. Richard currently resides in Overland Park, KS with his wife Donna.

**Beth Stevenson  
Heltenberg 1990**

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Beth graduated from Graceland in 1994. She is married to Larry Heltenberg, who serves on the LHS School Board. Beth and Larry have two children, Caleb, a 2014 LHS graduate and Sariah a senior at Lamoni. Beth works for HyVee Pharmacy and loves to serve the public.

**Janice Fisher 1963 Vicki**

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Janice is a 1963 graduate of LHS and a resident of Lamoni. She has worked in Des Moines and at Graceland University. She is currently active in the community and in her church.

**Vicki Lewis  
Winchester 1975**

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Vicki graduated from LHS in 1975 and received her bachelor's degree from Graceland in Business Education in 1979. She moved to northeast Kansas where she taught for 33 years in three different schools. After retiring for one year, Vicki was hired by Lamoni Community Schools to teach business/computer subjects for grades 7-12. She is currently living in Lamoni and enjoys being back in Lamoni and working with the Lamoni Demon students. She loves traveling to Omaha and Henderson, NV to see her two sons and their families.

### **[www.lamonischools.org](http://www.lamonischools.org)**

- Please check out the new Lamoni School website with an Alumni link. Kyle Leonard, Class of '06, played a key role in the development and management of the new site
- Lots of interesting historical information is also found on a link to the Lamoni Schools IA Genealogical website at: <http://iagenweb.org/decatu/Schools/FayetteTWP/Lamonisch.htm>
- Like Facebook page "You know you grew up in Lamoni, IA if you remember..." where you can connect with many alumni as well as see many posted pictures from Lamoni's history.

**Current Members – 264**

**New Lifetime Members – Joe Boswell '81**

**Current Lifetime Members - 243**

# LCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANQUET REGISTRATION

## May 26, 2018 6:30 p.m.

The banquet will be held in the Lamoni High School Gymnasium

Persons attending the banquet:

\_\_\_\_ Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_ Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_

Total number (Adults & Children) attending:

\_\_\_\_ Saturday Banquet X \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Sunday Breakfast X \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **YES, I would like to help reunion weekend.**

(We will contact you with specific areas where we can use your help.)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please register for the banquet by returning this Banquet Registration or contacting Shirley Kessel at 641-414-8093 or [lskessel@grm.net](mailto:lskessel@grm.net) by May 18, 2018.**

There will be a limited number of tickets available on the day of the banquet, so if you are not able to register in advance, please contact us prior to the banquet to ensure seating is available. Please let us know in advance if you have special dietary requests.

## LCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) Class of: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last Maiden

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year if attended LCS: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors or one of the following committees:

- ☐ Board of Directors ☐ Hall of Fame ☐ Nominations  
☐ Scholarship ☐ Banquet

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 per LCS Alumni for 2018/2019 Membership  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Gifts to Scholarship Fund (if desired)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Endowment  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 Lifetime Membership (if desired)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining Membership (\$25, \$50, \$100, or \$500)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Send to:  
**LCS Alumni Association  
Lamoni Community Schools  
202 North Walnut  
Lamoni, IA 50140**

Spouses are eligible for Associate membership. Let's increase our membership this year by adding spouses!

## Letter from the Treasurer

I wanted to update everyone on exciting news regarding our scholarship endowment. We have submitted a grant application to the South-Central Iowa Community Foundation for \$7,500 to start an endowment with them. If they fund our grant request they will match all the funds we raise between now and the annual banquet up to \$7,500. That means if we can raise \$7,500 we will end up with a combined endowment of \$15,000! The Alumni Association has decided to contribute *all* money raised this year towards the goal of \$7,500. All money received from the meal, memberships, sustaining memberships, brick purchases, and any other donations this year will go directly towards the goal. If you ever thought about giving some additional money this would be the year to do it because your donation will be doubled by the grant! This will help us get closer to our long-term goal of having a scholarship endowment that is perpetual for graduating students of Lamoni High School. Please help us reach our goal with any donation you can give this year. All donations are tax deductible and receipts are available upon request.

Thanks for your support,  
Bob Templeton, Treasurer

## Alumni Give Back through Scholarships and Donations

An increasing number of scholarships are being added to Senior Awards as Lamoni High School Alumni are giving back to our school and community through scholarship support and donations.

Dr. Thomas Gaarder, Class of '56, has established an annual scholarship of \$1,000 to a graduating senior who demonstrates the work ethic that his own father instilled in him when he attended Lamoni Community Schools.

Two teacher scholarships were initiated by alumni. The Kenny Markley Memorial Scholarship has become a continuing scholarship through the efforts of Keegan Smith, Class of '07', and Nate Pierschbacher, Class of '02. This year two \$500 will be presented to graduating seniors. A \$500 Jo Lester Memorial Scholarship was presented in 2017 with funds donated from alumni and other community members in memory of Miss Lester.

Two scholarships of \$500 each will be presented this year by Doug White, Class of '65 in memory of his father, Bill White, Class of '41.

Dennis McElroy, Class of '77 and Tyler Graham, Class of '91 are part of band that is donating money to the music department to help pay for instruments for beginning band students in memory of Brad Carr, a band member who passed away on January 28, 2018. Brad's wife, Sharon Carr, taught at Lamoni High School and his 3 sons graduated from Lamoni. Donations for identified needs such as these are greatly appreciated by Lamoni Schools.

Scholarship and donation money is tax deductible and can be given to the general scholarship fund that will award students based on academic achievement or it can be designated for a unique scholarship that can have qualifications set by contributors or it can be directed toward a specific school need.

## The Alumni Brick Garden

The Alumni Brick Garden was introduced in 1999 and has since grown to 256 bricks. The garden is located in the entrance to the high school building and also expanded to a second area near the flag pole. The proceeds of the campaign are dedicated to the Lamoni Alumni Scholarship Fund which provides financial assistance to qualifying graduates. Bricks may be purchased at \$75 for a 4 x 8-inch brick, \$250 for an 8 x 8-inch brick, or \$350 for a 12 x 12-inch brick. Please contact Lamoni Schools (641-784-3342) or Shirley Kessel (641-414-8093) for an order form or more information.

## 2017 Reunion Housing

Chief Lamoni Motel (Lamoni) 641-784-3329	Super 8 Motel (Lamoni) 641-784-7500	Maple St. B&B (Lamoni) 641-784-0300	Rose Manor B&B (Lamoni) 641-784-6778
Eagle's Landing (Eagleville) 660-867-5228	Super 8 Motel (Bethany) 660-425-8881	Comfort Inn (Bethany) 660-425-8006	Budget Inn (Bethany) 660-425-7915
Little River Inn (Leon) 641-446-4884	Super 8 Motel (Osceola) 641-342-6594	Lakeside Casino (Osceola) 877-477-5253 or 641-342-9511	AmericInn (Osceola) 641-342-9400
Best Western Regal (Osceola) 641-342-2123	<b>New Hotel!!</b> Cobblestone Inn & Suites (Lamoni) 641-784-4000 Lamoni@StayCobblestone.com		

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## *Note from Our President*

Where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday we were all gathering for the Alumni Association Banquet. We have several new board members this year and they have been working hard to bring you the best banquet weekend that we have ever had.

Please read the newsletter and check out the activities that are taking place over the Memorial Weekend. I know there are several items that will be new this year and updates of past activities. Please send in your registrations, if possible; it helps with the planning and gives the committee a much better idea how many, and who, will be attending so they can plan the meal and seating.

If you enjoy the weekend and would like to be a part of planning and organizing next year's "All School Reunion" by being elected to the Alumni Association Board, contact Ray Beaty at [rnlbeaty@gmail.com](mailto:rnlbeaty@gmail.com) or Richard Emslie at [remslie1954@hotmail.com](mailto:remslie1954@hotmail.com).

I look forward to seeing everyone soon. May you all have safe travels.

*Raymond Beaty, Class of '72*  
*President LCS Alumni Association*