

LAMONI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Message from Our President

President, 2018-2019 LCS Alumni Association



Where has the year gone? Seems like yesterday we were just together for the All School Reunion. Another fun weekend is being planned by your Alumni Board of Directors. Final preparations are being made for the Banquet on Saturday night and don't forget the Sunday morning breakfast.

Lifetime Memberships are still available. If you have a Lifetime Membership and would still like to contribute, we have 4 levels of Sustaining Memberships that are used for scholarships for the graduating seniors.

Do you know of a graduate that is deserving to be in the Hall of Fame? Contact Bob Bixby with your nomination. Do not forget about the Alumni link on the Lamoni Schools website at www.lamoni.k12.ia.us/alumni.

Please send in your reservations early. The Alumni Board is looking forward to seeing everyone again this year.

Ray Beaty, Class of 1972

Lifetime Member Challenge

**1953
vs
1952**

Two classes challenged each other to have the most lifetime members. The class of 1953 won the competition with 28 Lifetime Members. The class of 1952 was close behind with 24 Lifetime Members.

Lamoni Alumni Members

246 Lifetime Members

265 total members

New Lifetime Members 2019

- Wallace Kubec '61
- Judy Barnes Waddell '66
- David Hawley '94

2019 LHS Scholarships

Alex Burnette, Sariah Heltenberg, Briana Hensley, Grace Martin, Amarillo Reyes, Eva Savage, Riley Schwab, Riley Stevenson

Alumni Website

The Lamoni Alumni Website has the following information:

- Lifetime Members
- Alumni Donors
- Board Members
- Newsletter
- Forms for membership and bricks
- Link to the Genealogical site with digital yearbooks.

<http://www.lamonischools.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Alumni>

Check Out Lamoni's Social Media

LCS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LamoniDemon>

LCS YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH07P8XQmH1ui1UqmQkuirA/>

Lead On Lamoni: <http://www.leadonlamoni.com/lead-on-lamoni/>

Schedule for Reunion 2019

Saturday, May 25, 2019

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

Sunday, May 26, 2019

10:00 AM--Alumni Assoc. Board Mtg
7:30-9:30 AM—Breakfast HS Commons (\$5.00).

Alumni Banquet Celebrating LHS Classes 1936-2019 "Connections"

By Barbara McKiernan

The 29th Annual Lamoni Community Schools Alumni Association (LCSAA) Reunion is coming up the weekend of May 25th and 26th. Stop by the High School Commons between 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to pick up your tickets and "connect" with classmates and others returning to our alma mater. Tours of the school buildings will be available and a historical collection of yearbooks and photos will be on display in the Media Center. There will be a limited number of tickets for the banquet available during registration hours on the 25th.

The Banquet is scheduled for May 25, in the high school gym. The theme for this year's program is "Connections" and will begin at 6:30. 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 reconnect and share in the memories every class experiences as students at Lamoni Community Schools.

Sunday morning, May 26th, there will be a breakfast served from 7:30-9:30 in the HS Commons for those wishing to attend. This time is a great chance to "connect" and visit with others from many different classes as we all share many memories of growing up in Lamoni.

Class Reunion Corner

Class of 1969 50th Reunion

Meet on Saturday, May 25, at Lamoni Pizza Hut from 11 am - 2 pm.

Contact Joyce @ 641-442-5761 or Private Message on Facebook as soon as possible.

Class of 1979 40th Reunion

Class of 1989 30th Reunion

Lamoni HS Homecoming, September 27-28.

Contact: Lisa Jones,
lukenbilljones@icloud.com, 641-223-0738.

Class of '99 20th Reunion

Summer 2019
Contact Shyra Ogier,
shyraleigh@yahoo.com,
641-442-5274



Class of '09 10th Reunion

Summer 2019
Contact Alysha VanLaar,
avanlaar@americanstatebank.com
641-344-8188



Kenny Markley

Annual Kenny Markley Golf Tournament

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.

There have been three Annual Kenny Markley Golf Tournaments since Markley's passing, which has raised over \$6,000.00. The 4th Annual Kenny Markley Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, **June 30, 2019** with a tee off time of **10 a.m.**

For more information contact Nate Pierschbacher at 641-344-3298 or Keegan Smith at 515-305-0631.

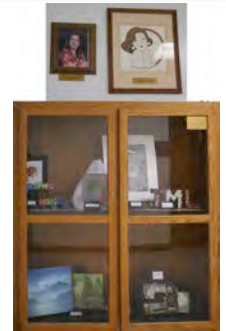
Connections From the Past

The **Class of '33** provided money for the original Fiber Optics room and equipment in the Ag Building classroom.

Myrna Omstead Morris ('53) painted this picture of the original high school building. The picture shows the south side of the building before the gym was added.



This art display case was donated in memory of **Maurita McDaniel (1978)**



Nate Cracraft ('49) donated this photo of the old high school.

This art display case and bench were donated in memory of **Bethany Gruich (2015)**.



An old letter sweater of **Don Deskin ('55)** was donated and a display case for the sweater was constructed by **Jim Coulthard ('77)**.



The sign in front of the new high school building was designed by **Sam Kessel ('99)**. The arch of the old gym was used in the design for the top of the sign and the actual concrete spheres from the old building were preserved to use on the top corners of the sign.



The Alumni Association membership dues funded the base of the old Victory Bell which was placed in front of the new high school building. Thanks to **Dan Boswell ('73)** and **Jim Coulthard ('77)** for their expertise in constructing the base.



Paul Griffith served on the Lamoni School Board from 1957-1982. His five children graduated from Lamoni. **Nancy ('60), Gene ('63), Barry ('66), Janet ('68), and Laurel ('73)**.

An FFA plaque with the names of all Iowa Farmers and American Farmers was donated in memory of **Richard Mickelson ('42)**.



The **Class of 1968** presented a check to the Music Department following their 50 year reunion in 2018. This will be used to purchase a new instrument and begin a fund for new uniforms

The Hammer family - **Mary Hammer Mattox '61 and Jim Hammer '64** - contributed funds for a bench outside the new school building.



These are only some of the connections and more will be featured in future newsletters.

LCS Alumni Association Board of Directors

2019 Official Absentee Ballot

Vote for five (5) of the candidates below by placing an "X" in the appropriate boxes. You may vote for fewer than five. The directors are elected for a term of three (3) years. Return the ballot to: **LCS Alumni Association, Lamoni Community Schools, 202 North Walnut, Lamoni, Iowa 50140 OR email to Shirley Kessel (skessel@grm.net).**

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

Voter 1 _____ Signature _____ Graduation Year _____

Voter 2 _____ Signature _____ Graduation Year _____

Pam Lewis Barth – 1970



Pam graduated from LHS in 1970 and her class will be celebrating with a 50 year reunion in 2020. Pam lives in both Des Moines and on a farm in Decatur County. Pam graduated from DMACC with a degree in Health Care Administration. She has two married children, daughter Kelly Schloegel and her son Tracy Barth who is a 1989 LHS graduate.

Bob Bixby – 1957



Bob is a 1957 graduate and a 1959 graduate of Graceland. Bob previously served as President and Vice President of LCS Alumni Association. Bob is retired and lives in Leon. He is active in Lions, Decatur Historical Museum, LCS Historian and other volunteer projects.

Joyce Starnes Lighthill--1971



Joyce graduated from LHS in 1971; from Graceland College in 1975 with a major in Psychology; and from the UMKC in 1994, with a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration—Higher Education. She has been employed at Graceland University for nearly 44 years, the last 32 years as University Registrar. The end of May, 2019, will conclude her tenure as the fourth

Registrar and the first woman Graceland University Registrar, as she begins her retirement. Joyce and her husband, Duane, live in Pawnee, MO (NW Missouri countryside east of Hatfield, MO).

Dennis McElroy-1977



Dennis graduated in 1977 and continued his education with Iowa State University earning his Bachelor's degree in 1982, a Master's degree 1992, and a PhD in 2004. Dennis is currently on faculty at Graceland University. Dennis previously served on the Alumni Board (2004-2009 and 2017 to present).

Barbara McKiernan-1993



Barbara graduated from LHS in 1993. She received her Bachelor's in Elementary Education from Graceland in 1997 and her Master's in Education in 2002. Barbara lives on a farm outside of Lamoni with her husband Stan, and daughter, Maudie. Barbara teaches elementary special

education in Eagleville, MO.

Bob Templeton – 1994



Bob graduated from LHS in 1994 and from Graceland in 1998. After graduation he worked for State Street Bank in Kansas City for nine years before returning to Lamoni. Bob and his wife, Erica, have two children, Bailey and Brody. He is currently the LCS

Alumni Association Treasurer.

Rhonda Reed Tharp – 1975



Rhonda graduated from LHS in 1975. She lives on a farm in Decatur County. Rhonda started working for Casey's General Stores in 1978, where she spent her 40 year career in Operations as a store manager for 6 years, Area Supervisor of 8-10 stores for 18 years and then as a District

Manager of 50 stores for 17 years. She retired June of 2018. She has two sons Nick and Brett Tharp.

Lamoni Alumni Board Members

President - Ray Beaty '72
Vice President – Richard Emslie '73
Secretary - Jeanette Hartwig Calipetro '82
Treasurer - Bob Templeton '94
Coordinator - Shirley Mickelson Kessel '67

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Diana Trammell Stevenson '67
Larry Waugh '71
Vicki Lewis Winchester '75
Dennis McElroy '77
Beth Stevenson Heltenberg '90
Barbara Hawley McKiernan '93
David Hawley '94
Heather Neal '96
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