

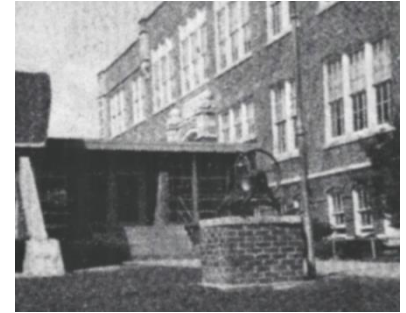
# Lamoni Community Schools Alumni Association

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East School



LHS Victory Bell - 1970



West School



Central School

## Lamoni Community Schools Annual All-School Reunion

Come one, come all to another weekend full of sharing memories and lots of laughs. Come back home to Lamoni and renew past friendships. The Alumni Reunion committee is busy making plans for a successful weekend. Be ready for a great Saturday evening dinner and entertaining program followed by a Sunday morning Alumni weekend breakfast. Please make plans to attend and together, let's make it a memorable reunion weekend! Please look for the registration form in this newsletter and return it as soon as you can.

*THE HOMECOMING GAME IS OVER.* Sadly, we lost to the Murray Mustangs 40 to 44, but we did rally after half-time to close a much more sizable gap. Daryn Nowlin was crowned queen at half-time and Will Greenwood was crowned king after the game. I know we did not get every alumnus who attended to sign next to their graduating year at the Alumni Association table, but we did get 109 signatures. Classes not represented on our sign-up sheets were 1958-1966, 1968, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1997, 2000, and 2010. Every other class from 1957-2016 was represented by at least one signature. Please reply if you were at the game and didn't come to our table. It would be nice to have a more accurate count of Lamoni Alumni who attended the game. The Horticultural club donated flowers to the ladies who have been alumni the longest; per our sign-in sheets. Names were drawn and flowers were presented to Diana Stevenson (1967), Susie Short (1969), Kathy Templeton (1970), Melanie Lane (1972), and Judy Badder (1974).

## 2017 All School Reunion and Alumni Weekend Schedule of Events

### Saturday, May 27, 2017

**10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Registration, social time, and historical display of yearbooks and photos, HS Commons

**11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Artifacts and Memories in memory of Miss Lester, Art Room

### Saturday, May 27, 2017

**6:30 p.m.** Alumni Dinner, HS Gym (\$20.00)

### Sunday, May 28, 2017

**7:30-9:30 a.m.** Breakfast, HS Commons (\$5.00)

**10:00 a.m.** Alumni Assoc. Board Mtg.

## Reunion Corner

**65-year** – May 26, 5pm, dinner at Leonard & Dodie Boswell's farm, 28308 177<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**60-year** – May 27, Class members are invited to Rex Waller's house for lunch.

**50-year** – May 26 at 5pm, Dinner and reminiscing at Lamoni Community Center

May 27 at 10am, Brunch at Quilt Country; 12:30pm, meet at High School for school and community activities

**40-year** – Contact Dennis McElroy at 641-442-6083 or [dmcclroy@graceland.edu](mailto:dmcclroy@graceland.edu) for details

**25-year** – contact Betsy Shelton for details

**20-year** – Contact Cory Johnson at

[corybree@gmail.com](mailto:corybree@gmail.com) for details

**10-year** – Contact Tim Carr, 816-257-1806,

[carrtimj@yahoo.com](mailto:carrtimj@yahoo.com)

### Alumni Association Scholarships

The Alumni Association presents scholarships of \$250 to graduating seniors based on academic achievement. In 2016 the scholarships were awarded to the following seniors: Tanner Burton, Nicholas Gruich, Leo Savage, Laura Swank, Alicia Taylor.

This year is it anticipated that 8 students will have earned scholarships at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

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| <b>President</b>                                      | Ray Beaty  |
| <b>Vice-President</b>                                 | Harold Ballantyne  |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                                      | Bob Templeton<br>Barbara McKiernan   |
| <b>Secretary</b>                                      | Jeanette Hartwig Calipetro   |
| <b>Historian</b>                                      | Bob Bixby &<br>Janice Fisher   |
| <b>Banquet</b>  | Beth Stevenson Heltenberg<br>Diana Trammell Stevenson<br>Betsy Shelton<br>Jeanette Hartwig Calipetro |
| <b>Hall of Fame &amp; Distinguished Service Award</b> | Bob Bixby  |
| <b>Newsletter</b>                                     | Betsy Shelton<br>Janice Fisher<br>Bob Bixby  |
| <b>Nominations</b>                                    | Richard Emslie   |
| <b>Scholarships</b>                                   | Jeanette Hartwig Calipetro   |
| <b>Board Members</b>                                  | Dennis McElroy<br>Linda Shippy Snethen<br>Larry Waugh  |

## Memorials

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 Second Annual Kenny Markley Golf Tournament will be held July 2, 2017. 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).

Jo Lester, long-time K-12 Art teacher died on February 3, 2017. Miss Lester taught Art in Lamoni for 43 years. On May 27, the Lamoni Schools Alumni Association will host "Art-ifacts and Memories" in conjunction with the All-School Reunion. Students and friends are asked to bring a photo, art project or some artifact to share that connected them to JoAnn Lester and spend time in the art room reminiscing about their days in Lamoni Art classes and other special times they spent with Miss Lester. The Art Room will be open from 11:00 until 4:00 for all of you who would like to stop by. A light lunch will be available.

Memorial donations in memory of Miss Lester may be made to: "JoAnn Lester Memorial Fund." Please mail to "Lamoni Alumni Association, 202 North Walnut, Lamoni, IA 50140. If memorials are sent before graduation, a \$500 Jo Lester Scholarship will be awarded to a 2017 Senior. Other funds will be accrued, overseen by the alumni association, and directed to a specific cause or item that Jo would have appreciated.

LCS Alumni Association Board of Directors

2017 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:

LCS 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Jeanette Hartwig Calipetro 1982**



Jeanette graduated in 1982, at which time she attended Graceland University to become a Music teacher. She earned her Master of Education at Avila University and taught for 20 years, and now works for Graceland on the Independence Campus. Jeanette

has 4 grown children, Kasey, Nick, Dakota and Dalton, and currently resides in Lee's Summit, MO with her husband.

**Diana Trammell Stevenson 1967**



Diana was born and raised in Lamoni, graduated from LHS in 1967, and now lives in Lamoni with her husband Elmer. She graduated from Graceland in "71" with a BA and Drake in "88" with her MA. After teaching for 30+

years she retired in May of 2012 and is enjoying her grandchildren along with just relaxing.

**David Hawley 1994**



David graduated from LHS in 1994. He received his Bachelor's from Graceland in 1999, in Secondary Education with Biology and Health Endorsements, and then his Master's in Education in 2004. David lives and

works in Independence, MO, with his wife Amy, son Sam, and daughter, Alex. David has coached, and taught middle/high school classes within the Independence School District. Currently, he sponsors Future Health Professionals and teaches Biomedical Science and Human Body Systems at William Chrisman.

**Shannon Harris 2002**



Shannon graduated from LHS in 2002 and received a Bachelor's Degree from Graceland in Business Administration. Shannon lives in Lamoni and has two children, Hayden and Jersey. She currently serves as Graceland University

AmeriCorps Youth Launch Program Director supervising a 6-county region.

**Heather Neal 1996**



Heather graduated from LHS in 1996 and received a BS degree in Child and Family Services from ISU. Heather lives in Lamoni and has two children, Coltin and Brinley. She works at Funshine Learning Center as site

supervisor and lead toddler teacher.

# LCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANQUET REGISTRATION

## May 27, 2017 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 19, 2017.**

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 2017/2018 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!

## Why Should I Join the LCS Alumni Association?

The Alumni Association provides scholarships each year to academically eligible graduates and supports other worthwhile efforts of the school district by providing funding to meet specific needs. In the past, the Alumni Association has contributed funds for a new scorer's table for the gymnasium, funding to paint the mascot on the gymnasium floor, a new composite picture display, and a new base to remount the Victory Bell. Regular Annual Memberships are only \$15 or you can become a Lifetime member for \$125.

## Sustaining Membership Options are also available.

The Sustaining Membership options for current Lifetime Members are a chance to continue giving to an organization with a high level of community involvement and on that continues to keep giving back to the school we all love. We hope you begin taking advantage of this opportunity by checking the appropriate box on your membership application from this spring. Available membership options; Freshman - \$25, Sophomore - \$50, Junior - \$100, Senior - \$500.

## Current Members

267

## New Lifetime Members

Betty Smith Grimes '66  
Linda Kohlman Thomson '70

## Current Lifetime Members

241

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

Please check out the new Lamoni School Website with an Alumni link. Kyle Leonard, Class of 2006, played a key role in the development and management of this new site. Watch for the Alumni link to grow as new information is added. Any suggestions of items that might be added to the Alumni link can be sent to Shirley Kessel at [skessel@grm.net](mailto:skessel@grm.net). Check out this site for a list of Lifetime Members and Alumni Association donors. Lots of interesting historical information is also found on a link to the Lamoni Schools IA Genealogical Website at: <http://iagenweb.org/decatour/Schools/FayetteTwp/LamoniSch.htm>

## The Alumni Brick Garden

The Alumni Brick Garden was introduced in 1999 and has since grown to 252 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

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## *Note from Our President*

Once again, the Alumni Association Board has worked hard to plan and organize an “All School Reunion” that will be a time to reunite with old friends and enjoy memories of a time when our lives were just beginning. Our hope is that you will enjoy the weekend and when it’s over – look forward to next year.

Please take a few minutes to read our newsletter and take in some of the activities listed in the reunion corner. We have had some great losses that are celebrated in the Memorial section. A scholarship was set up in memory of Kenny Markley and funded by the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Kenny Markley Golf Tournament held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. And, please take a few minutes to stop by the Art Room to enjoy the artifacts donated in memory of Miss Lester.

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 [rlbeaty@gmail.com](mailto:rlbeaty@gmail.com) or Richard Emslie at [remslie1954@hotmail.com](mailto:remslie1954@hotmail.com).

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