

LEWISTON-PORTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Annual Members' Meeting and Election Highlights – August 31, 2011

LEW-PORT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: Lew-Port is hosting an Italian teacher and students at the High School as part of the International Student Exchange Program. Students from Argentina and Germany will also be visiting the Lew-Port Campus later. A teacher from China will be teaching Mandarin Chinese at the High School this year.

3D ANNUAL JASON RABY MEMORIAL 5K RUN AND WALK: The event, held August 12, 2011 at the High School, attracted 110 runners and walkers. An excellent family atmosphere prevailed. Net profit for the Alumni Association was \$4,349.08. Letters and certificates of appreciation to donors are being prepared.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION: The event August 17-18, 2011 was again sponsored by the Alumni Association for the fourth year via a \$1,000 donation to Lew-Port Schools and by providing assistance with food handling and the student ice-breaker games. Alumni Association Vice President Doug Diez also made a presentation to parents and students. The freshman class is an especially enthusiastic group.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of August 31, 2011 restricted funds balance is \$32,877.51. Total checking and savings is \$45,043.93. Total Unrestricted Funds balance is \$7,850.42. Treasurer Norma Marshall reported our records are up to date and ready for review by the auditor.

MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER: The July 2011 LPAA Newsletter was mailed to over 2,000 alumni. Ann Johnston and Peggy Shear did the folding and mail preparation this summer. Ann was again commended for the excellent newsletter content highlighting teachers, alumni, and the community. Membership renewals are due in September.

PEACH FESTIVAL: LPAA will again participate in the Peach Festival September 9-11, 2011 by marching in the parade and having a booth on site. We will again set up the Power Point presentation and bring Lew-Port class yearbooks. LPAA will also give out pens, mints, key chains and our Gala magnets. We look forward to this opportunity to greet alumni and chat about the Alumni Association programs and Lew-Port Schools. An opportunity to join the Association will be available.

MINI-GRANTS: Mini-grant applications are being distributed to teachers at the four Lew-Port schools during the second week of school. The committee will review applications and make awards at the Lew-Port Board of Education meeting November 18, 2011. A target of \$3,500 is being used for total mini-grants with flexibility extended to the committee based on the number and nature of applications received. The goal is to make grants to teachers at all four Lew-Port Schools. Recipients of 2010-2011 grants from last year will be invited to make a presentation at the October 2011 LPAA board meeting to report the outcomes of their grants. LPAA recognizes that our LPAA mini-grants are especially important to teachers given diminishing local and NY State school budgets.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI: Awards will be presentation at Lew-Port Homecoming Weekend October 6-8, 2011. Recipients will be recognized at a School-wide ceremony

and afforded the opportunity to visit classrooms speaking to students about their respective careers. Distinguished Alumnus Gary Baker has a new CD being released and will donate proceeds from the sale to the Lew-Port Alumni Association. An informal dinner is planned for this year's recipients.

REUNION SUPPORT: Thanks were extended to Doug Diez, John Mac Arthur, Nancy Orsi, Dorothy Wedge, and Gary Raby for working with the several Lew-Port Class year reunions and the "LewPortAlumni All Alumni Reunion."

GALA UPDATE: The word is getting out to alumni and the community about the Lew-Port Schools Gala planned for October 6, 2012 at Niagara Seneca Casino. Sponsored tables for groups and corporations are being considered.

501c3 STATUS: Documentation is nearly complete for submission to IRS. This will provide for 501c3 status in our own right in addition to existing coverage through our affiliation with Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

WEBSITE: Webmaster Joe Lauzonis continues to update the LPAA Website at www.lew-port.com/alumni. Some updates are needed by program chairs.

LPAA MEMBER RECOGNITION: Distinguished Service Certificates were presented to outgoing Board members and program chairs that are turning over their duties to another member. Recognized members included: John Mac Arthur – Secretary; Norma Marshall – Treasurer; Ann Johnston – Membership Chairperson; and board members Sullivan Fitzgerald, James Oddy, Ken Kenney, and Laurel Coutts.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS: The following board members whose terms are expiring were reelected to the Board: Paul Casseri, Jack James, Nancy Orsi, Margaret Tower Shear, and William Vrooman. The following new Board of Directors members were elected: Kimberly Alexander, William Falkner III, Pauline Brown Gregg, Ann Tower Johnston, Bruce D. Newton, Harold Shippy and Sandra Chamberlain Jastrzemski. The following Board Members continue to serve: Mary Grace Baker-Luff, Terry Collesano, Douglas Diez, Edward Engel, Joshua Janese, Judith Abbot Jarvis, Joseph Lauzonis III, William Leardini, John Mac Arthur, Norma Marshal, Gary J. Raby Sr.; Michael J. Roemer, Raymond Tracy, and Dorothy Wedge. The following officers were elected for 2011-2012: President – Douglas Diez; Vice President – Raymond Tracy; Treasurer – Dorothy Wedge; and Secretary – Mary Grace Baker-Luff.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan: The current LPAA Strategic Plan, revised January 13, 2011, will be reviewed with focus on membership and a capital campaign.

2011-2012 Calendar of LPAA Program Events: Distributed

2011-2012 LPAA Committee Roster: Distributed

Picnic Tables: Request by an alumna for LPAA to help pay for picnic tables at the Middle School will be researched at the school.

NEXT MEETING: September 28, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the LPAA Offices at Community Resources Building on campus. Gala meeting follows immediately.