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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Lewiston-Porter Alumni and Friends, Welcome to the first Lewiston Alumni Association newsletter. This is your Alumni Association. And, as you read through the newsletter it becomes evident that many at Lew-Port have worked hard to bring our new Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association into reality. Beginning in June 2007 a small group of dedicated alumni formed around a shared vision: to help enrich the learning environment at Lew-Port and help keep loyal alumni connected to the school and community.

In the past six months we created by-laws, designated officers and elected a Board of Directors. Your Board members are listed in the newsletter. Note that our Board spans many class years; includes alumni residing locally and nationally; has representation from faculty, parents, administrators, and many professional areas. In short, the association's leadership is balanced demographically to reflect our stakeholder community.

This group is working hard to translate our vision into relevant programs supporting Lew-Port students, faculty, alumni and community. Several of our early and planned activities are described in the newsletter. We are eager for your ideas on these or other programs. Please share your thoughts with any Board member or just come to a Board

meeting and join the discussions. You are welcome. If you are already a LPAA member, thank you for your early vote of confidence. Please encourage other friends and family to also join. Together we can continue building an Alumni Association and truly make a difference at Lew-Port today and tomorrow. Finally, I would like to recognize the strong support our new Alumni Association is receiving from the Lew-Port faculty, staff, Board of Education and other loyal alumni not listed as Board Members. Collectively, the collaboration of all hands has been remarkable, but not surprising, considering the long history of our excellent schools and underlying strong community character. These have created excellence in education beginning in one room school house in the 1880's, later Red Brick Schools, and continuing through the excellent Lew-Port institutions we are so proud of today. As alumni we are all truly "Lancers for life." Now we have an Alumni Association to help sustain the past traditions and enhance the future of our school. Jump in to lend a hand whenever you can and enjoy the camaraderie we share as Lew-Port alumni.

Jack James '58 President

DEAR ALUMNI,

Welcome back! It is an honor to offer you some insight into school life at Lewiston-Porter High School with this inaugural issue of your Alumni Association Newsletter. I have had the distinct pleasure of coming to know many of you with the founding of the association but for those I have not met, my name is Paul Casseri and I have been principal at Lewiston-Porter for just over two years. I have had a number of administrative experiences prior to my work at LPHS. My most recent stop prior to Lew-Port was as principal at South Park High School in the city of Buffalo. I also taught Social Studies for eleven years in Buffalo. I can say without question that my work at Lew-Port has been the most rewarding of my career. Since my arrival in October 2005, I have found LPHS to be an outstanding place. The student body has great academic focus and tremendous school spirit. All alumni would be proud of the camaraderie and spirited student life that is so evident each day at your alma mater.

We have a number of great programs and initiative underway at LPHS. First and foremost, I am proud to announce that the Middle States Associa-

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Getting to Know Your LPAA Board Members



29 year career in the
U. S. Marine Corp...

Lew-Port Alumni Association President, Jack James, attended all twelve years of school at Lew-Port and predecessor schools. He was Vice President of the Class of 1958, lettered in track and cross country, was an Eagle Boy Scout, and worked at Old Fort Niagara. He graduated from SUNY Oswego with a BS in education in 1962 and thereafter began a 29 year career in the US Marine Corp serving twice in Viet Name. His specialties were combat engineer,

tactical motor transport, logistician, strategic planner, allied advisor, and trainer. He held command positions from platoon through battalion and was a base and school commander upon retirement in 1991. Jack has earned MS in International Relations, an MA in Administrative Services, and a postgraduate year of Strategic Studies at Newport, RI. Since leaving the military Jack is enjoying a second career in higher education working for the past 14 years at George

Mason University (VA) and National-Louis University (Chicago) teaching graduate and undergraduate business courses. He has chaired his university's Adjunct Council and been a member of Faculty Senate. Today he also consults to government and industry on communications, strategic planning, leadership, team building, and ethics. Jack is on the Board of Directors at SUNY, Oswego and a Board

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Bill Vrooman & Paul Casseri



History of Girls' Sports

In 1972, Title Nine was established to allow girls to have equal opportunity in athletics. Before Title Nine, Lewiston-Porter had a GAA/ Girls Athletic Association that allowed girls to compete in intramural/play day type activities. At this time some girls even played on the boys teams if they were allowed.

In 1973, two newly hired physical education teachers began our first girls Niagara Frontier League teams. Nancy Riccio coached basketball and softball and Patricia Tracy coached our girls' gymnastics. In 1974 Riccio added a girl's volleyball

team and in 1976, Patricia Tracy began a girls swimming team for our Lewiston-Porter female athletes.

In the 1980's girls' cross-country, track and field, soccer, bowling and tennis were added to the list of sports that our female athletes could participate in here at Lewiston-Porter .

Lewiston-Porter has embraced female sports and because of this, girls' sports have earned 51 out of the

129 total championships that have been collected by all our Lewiston-Porter athletes over the years.

This is an excerpt from Cindy Bullis' speech at the Lew-Port Athletic Hall of Fame dinner. The athletes were honored at a dinner at the Como Restaurant and at Lew-Port varsity basketball game.

Lew-Port Hall of Fame

Lewiston-Porter Athletic Hall of Fame was started in 1977 by the Youngstown Athletic Club and the efforts of Harold Shippy '56 and was active until 1996. A committee was formed this year to honor the original inductees with the intention to continue this award.

A dinner was held 11/30/07 at the Como Restaurant with over half of the inductees in attendance. Jim Walker, inducted in '81, spoke about each athlete or coach with a snippet of his own personal memories. Cindy Bullis, inducted in '93, spoke on the role of athletics in her life and the history of girls' sports at

Lew-Port. An excerpt from her speech is above.

On Saturday at the Lew-Port Walker Basketball Tournament the honorees were presented with a picture plaque that will be on display in the gym wing. Following the game, the Lew-Port Alumni Association sponsored a reception at the Old Hardings Restaurant.

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tion Committee on Secondary Schools, has reaccredited LPHS. This is a most prestigious accreditation and certainly represents the academic and cultural excellence that permeates Lew-Port. LPHS has been accredited since 1986 and is the only public high school in Western New York to earn this accreditation. Significant work was put in by all stakeholder groups at the high school to develop a new mission and belief statement as well as goals for the areas of literacy, numeracy and school climate. I encourage all alumni to visit the high school website and click on the Middle States heading. Significant information is available around the whole process.

I am also pleased to describe a wonderful partnership that has developed between LPHS and No. 2 High School Tianjin, China. As a result of this partnership, we were able to host four Chinese teachers

from No. 2 from April-July 2006. Last April 2007, I led a delegation of five faculty to China to further cement this significant relationship. This February 2008 we will host twenty-five students and teachers from No. 2 and in April, I along with three LP faculty members, will accompany fifteen Lew-Port students to China for a three-week exchange program. The Chinese Exchange Program has been a tremendous asset to our school. I believe it has given those students directly involved significant insight into our 21st century world. We hope to continue to develop this program as well as other international exchange and travel opportunities for our students in the near future.

Certainly I would be remiss if I did not mention the development of the Lew-Port Alumni Association. There is such a proud tradition around the “green and white”; it will be a tremendous asset for our entire school community to have an official outlet for that pride. I want to

thank Jack James ‘58, the officers and Board of Directors of the LPAA for all their hard work getting the organization off the ground. Many great events are to come through the LPAA. We hope that all alumni will be able to participate and rekindle old friendships and celebrate life as a Lancer.

Again, please feel free to check out our website at www.lew-port.com, all the great events happening at your Alma Mater are included there. I hope you all have a safe and healthy 2008. Please contact me at casseri@lew-port.com or (716) 286-7282 if you have any questions or comments. Go Lancers!

Sincerely,

Paul J. Casseri

Alumni Association Scholarship Announcement

Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association recently announced sponsorship of a scholarship for members of the Lew-Port Class of 2008. The Scholarship amount is \$750. The purpose of the scholarship is to honor deserving Lewiston-Porter graduates who by their accomplishments in school, the community, or workplace demonstrate potential for future academic and life success.

Applicants must author a 250 - word essay and provide a supporting letter of recommendation from faculty and (optionally) a community leader. The selection criteria consider nine areas such as academic achievement, financial need, employment experience, motivation, and school activities. Complete details are contained on the application form available at the

Lew-Port Guidance Office. Applications are due by May 1, 2008. Awards will be made at the Senior Recognition Night, May 29, 2008.

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\$750**

Notes:

Thank you to Lewiston-Porter and Nicole Krawczyk for the help in publishing the Alumni's first newsletter.

Find us on the Web: www.lew-port.com with our dropdown link for the LPAA thanks to Joe Lauzonis and Shannon Niccola.

If you have an article you would like to see in our newsletter or comments, please contact Ann Johnston at annjohnston@verizon.net.

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member of Manassas Ballet Theater in Virginia. He has maintained his membership in the Old Fort Niagara Association, Town of Porter Historical Society, and St John's Church in Youngstown for many years while in the military and thereafter. Jack has been active helping plan several reunions for his Lew-Port Class of 1958 and chairs the class scholarship committee resulting in 21 scholarships being awarded at Lew-Port from 1994-2007. Jack's interest are bicycling and history. His two sons and grandchildren live in California. Through it all Jack's loyalty is firmly rooted in WNY believing the motto, "Once a Lancer, Always a Lancer."

Next Alumni Meeting

January 30, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Senior High Library

Class Reunions

Class of '58 June 27-29, 2008