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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Lewiston-Porter Alumni and Friends, Your Lew-Port Alumni Association continues being successful in translating our early "vision" into real programs and activities. In so doing we are proud to have quickly become a viable part of the Lew-Port community. Teachers, coaches, activity advisors, administrators and alumni have all helped us get established. This leads directly to where it counts the most....supporting our students. Rewarding academic excellence, recognizing extracurricular activities and supporting our students' future studies is now institutionalized with establishment of our LPAA scholarship. The first awards were made May 29 helping graduates headed to both community college and four-year schools. Detail are in this newsletter. A mini-grant program to support teachers, coaches, and activity directors is being finalized for implementation next fall. To recognize achievement of distinguished alumni, from the Red Brick Schools era to modern times, LPAA continues developing an Alumni Honor Roll. We will continue collaborating on the Sports Hall of Fame. Elsewhere, to support alumni reunion activities we are accumulating information to help class leaders get a jump start on planning. In the local community look for us at the Peach Festival next Septem-

ber. Lew-Port Alumni Association membership continues to grow as over 146 alumni locally and worldwide have become "Charter Members" during our first year. Thanks for your early support. Please encourage friends and family to also join and become committed to supporting Lew-Port High School, our alumni, and the local community.

In February, I got to represent the LPAA in DC when I met with Paul Casseri, Lew-Port students, and their Chinese guests. I linked up with the group at Pentagon City, chatted with them on a bus ride through DC, and shared dinner at a Georgetown restaurant. I was very impressed with the decorum and professionalism of our students as they conducted themselves throughout my visit. The continuous interaction of our Lew-Port students with the Chinese students suggests that the foundations are firmly taking place for much ongoing friendship and cross-cultural learning. The group's Chinese leaders were very engaging to me personally and Lew-Port staff/faculty. They are truly committed to Lew-Port's international program and it was exciting to be a small part of their DC experience.

Finally, You will note that in this first year, by intent, we have not engaged in capital fund raising.

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DEAR ALUMNI,

The last few snowflakes have disappeared and the days are getting longer; spring is in the air at Lewiston-Porter High School. The last few months of a school year are always the most exciting. Students are busily preparing for Advanced Placement and Regents examinations, student athletes spread across the campus once again, as spring sports seasons commence and, most importantly, our seniors are eagerly focusing on prom, graduation and life after Lewiston-Porter.

As I write to you, I am pleased to say that students all over the world are representing Lewiston-Porter High School in a positive way. On Sunday, April 6th, I returned to Tianjin, China, where fourteen of Lew-Port's finest were deeply involved in an exchange with our sister school, No. 2 High School. The students were doing extremely well and will stay in China through April 19th. This represents part two of our Chinese Exchange program. In February, Lewiston-Porter hosted seventeen students from Tianjin China. We had a great experience during their two week stay including a tour of New York City and Washington, DC. During the

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**Bob Pelletier, LPAA,
Retired US Air Force
and curling champion**

*..beautifully
engraved memory
bricks can be
purchased starting
at \$50*

Jack James, President LPAA



Getting to Know Your LPAA Board Members

Bob Pelletier graduated from Lewiston-Porter Central School in 1958 and is currently the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association. He received a B.S. in Foreign Service degree from Georgetown University, Washington, DC and an M.A. in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma, Norman OK. He is also a graduate of the Air War College,

After graduation from Georgetown, Bob served over 28 years in the United States Air Force as an Intelligence, Operations, and Staff and Command Officer, retiring in 1994. His assignments included tours

at many U.S. and overseas locations including Thailand, Vietnam, and the Pentagon and numerous other career schools.

Upon retirement, Bob was the Director of Development, CHANGE, Inc. Westminster, MD and for the past seven years has served as the Local Veterans Employment Representative (Montgomery County, MD) for the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

Bob has won numerous awards from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Rotary International and the U.S. Department of Labor for his volunteer work and for service to veterans. He is currently the

District IV Director (MD, VA, WV, and D.C.) for the International Association of Workforce Professionals and is a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Curling Association (USOC National Governing Body) and the National Veterans Training Institute Alumni Association, Denver, CO.

Bob was Captain of the Georgetown University Hockey Team and in 2002 was a member of the first American team to win the Rotary International World Curling Championship in Edinburgh, Scotland.

He is married to Sarah Jo (McKinnon) Pelletier of Delight, AR. She is a graduate of Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR and is currently an elementary teach with the Anne Arundel (MD) Public School System.

Bob and his wife live in Columbia, MD.

Lancer Memory Brick

Our Lewiston-Porter High School Partners in Education, in conjunction with Mr. Casseri and the administrative team, are proud to be a part of the creation and development of the **Lancer Memory Brick Project**. Plans are proceeding for the establishment of this lifelong tribute. These memory bricks will be placed in the newly pro-

posed outside classroom that will serve as an unique facility enhancement to the high school. The location will be adjacent to the new high school entrance. These beautifully engraved memory bricks will be designed to enhance the school property. This is a unique opportunity to honor alumni, faculty, family, friends, and community partners

by purchasing the tribute bricks, making them part of Lew-Port History. The cost of the inscribed memory bricks are \$50 for a single brick and \$100 for a double brick. An order form is available by contacting Jane Ziobrowski, 754-4198.

President's Corner Cont'd

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Our modest dues only help with postage and some administrative expenses. However, to continue supporting scholarship, mini-grants and other programs later this year we will provide information on how alumni can help with tax deductible contributions in support

of our many worthwhile activities. Meanwhile, our short term goal is to continue bringing our initial programs fully on line to prove that LPAA is legitimately worthy of your continued membership and future financial supports

Jack James '58 President

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Washington portion of our trip, the Chinese students along with twenty-three Lew-Port students had a chance to meet Alumni Association President, Mr. Jack James at a wonderful dinner at TGI Friday's in downtown Washington. Jack was able to address the students and his words were heartfelt and inspirational. Thanks, Jack, for joining us that evening. As we proceed in the future, we are looking to expand the exchange program to China and also to offer Chinese language instruction to Lewiston-Porter.

China is not the only country with a Lewiston-Porter presence. On Monday, April 8th, fifteen students traveled to Belgium to begin an exchange program with a high school in Brussels and twenty-five Lewiston-Porter students traveled to Madrid, Spain on Wednesday, April 9th to begin an exchange program in that country. As we

progress, I hope to be able to continue to update Alumni on the development of our international program at Lewiston-Porter High School. I believe it will be a key piece to our future success. Any alumni wishing to offer any support or ideas for this growing international program are encouraged to contact me at the school at 716 286-7260.

In other news, I am pleased to announce that Lewiston-Porter High School has been granted an Air Force JROTC unit for the 2008-09 school year. This is an exciting, prestigious opportunity for our school. The Air Force JROTC offers a rigorous leadership and science based curriculum. The discipline and commitment required of students that join the program will have a positive impact on our school as a whole. As the program unfolds we will keep Alumni apprised of all events and happenings.

Finally, this year's 2008 graduation ceremony should be an extremely special and

moving event. We will honor the members of the Class of 1958 as they celebrate their 50th reunion. The Class of 1958 has been great supporters of many Lew-Port graduates through an annual scholarship award and this year, they will be recognized at the ceremony for their commitment to the school. Special thanks to Lou Howell and Jack James for their work to make this event happen.

I hope that all Alumni can take special pride in all the great things happening at their alma mater. We appreciate all you support. Go Lancers!

Paul J Casseri, Principal

LPAA First Scholarship Awards

At the Senior Awards Night, May 29, 2008, Lisa Fleck and Steven Cevaer were presented the first two scholarships awarded by our newly formed Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association. Purposes of the scholarship are to honor deserving Lew-Port Class of 2008 graduates and help defray their continuing education expenses. LPAA Board Member, Douglas

Diez, presented the \$750 scholarship awards recognizing each winner's outstanding academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and community service. Twenty-two students applied making selection very challenging, given the noteworthy accomplishments documented in applicants' transcripts and letter of recommendation from both faculty and community lead-

ers. The Alumni Association plans to continue offering scholarships to LPHS Class of 2009.

**Lewiston-
Porter Alumni
Association...
scholarship...
\$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.

Did You Know:



Sid Jamieson
Bucknell University
Lacrosse Coach 1967
-2005

*"He was excited
about the prospect
of moving to the
Football Bowl
Subdivision and
the challenges of
coaching in the
Southeastern
Conference"*

Dave Clawson
coaching at
U of T.



Sid Jamieson (Class of 1960) was the only head coach in the 38-year history of Bison lacrosse at Bucknell University. He retired in 2005. Tenth among all collegiate lacrosse coaches with 242 career victories, Sid led his Bison teams to seven championships in three different conferences, including four straight Patriot League titles from 2000 to 2003. He was named USILA National Coach of the Year and the Howdy Myers "Man of the Year" Award after leading

the Bison to a 12-0 season in 1996. He previously won this award in 1986. At Bucknell Sid coached 16 All-Americans, and he is the former coach of the Iroquois National Lacrosse Team and led the team to the 1984 World Lacrosse Games. Many of lacrosse's most prominent honors have been bestowed upon him. In 2005 he received the Spirit of Te-waaraton Award for his contributions to the sport.

David Nichols (Class of 1956) and his family were presented with the Donald Crowe Memorial Award by the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Robin Shear Ross (Class of 1983) along with her husband Duncan opened Arrowhead Springs Vineyard in Cambria this spring and is featured on the Niagara Wine Tour.

Claudia Tower Andres,

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Clawson Appointed Offensive Coordinator

Dave Clawson (Class of 1985) was appointed offensive coordinator at the University of Tennessee. Prior to Dave's appointment at Tennessee, he had already proven himself as a program builder after just eight years as a head coach. Dave guided the biggest two-year turnaround in Richmond Spider football's 124-year history in his first two seasons, going 3-8 in 2004 and 9-4 in 2005. In his 2007 season at Richmond, Dave led the team (11-3) to the Football Championship Subdivision semifinals. Dave arrives as one of Division I football's rising stars after leading Richmond

as head coach to its best season in school history. After four years at Richmond, Dave said he was excited about the prospect of moving to the Football Bowl Subdivision and the challenges of coaching in the Southeastern Conference.

A two-time Patriot League Coach of the Year (2001 and 2002), Dave earned 2002 I-AA National Coach of the Year honors from Schutt Sports/American Football Monthly after guiding the Fordham Rams to their first-ever conference championship and I-AA playoff appearance. That Fordham squad defeated Northeastern in the playoffs first round and finished the fall ranked No. 1. In 2005, Dave was the I-AA.org National Coach of the Year, the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year. In 1995, while the offensive coordinator and 1993 as running back coach at

Lehigh the football team was the Patriot League Champions. Dave has been coaching football for 18 years with eight years of head coaching experience. His overall record is 108-92-1.

David has definitely proven himself a program builder and offensive specialist.

A 1989 graduate of Williams College in Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Arts/Political Economy, Dave entered the coaching ranks at Albany where he earned his Masters of Liberal Arts degree in 1992. After two years with the Great Danes (1989-90), Dave went to Buffalo for two years (1991-92) where the Bull's offense set 36 school records, including points and yards in a season.

Dave and his wife, Catherine, are the parent of two children, Courtney and Eric.

Lew-Port Reunion Season



Peggy Shear, LPA

*The Shear family
celebrate three
high school
reunions and two
high school
graduations this
year.*

**Robin and
Duncan
Ross**

Summer time in the Lew-Port area is an surpassable place to be. It is also a time for high school reunions and two of the favorite place to hold the welcome event are the Ontario House (The Jug) in Youngstown or the Brickyard in Lewiston.

Both of these places are owned by Lew-Port alumni. Ed Wojcik class of 196 , Ken Bryan, class of 1985 and Eric Matthews, class of 19 .

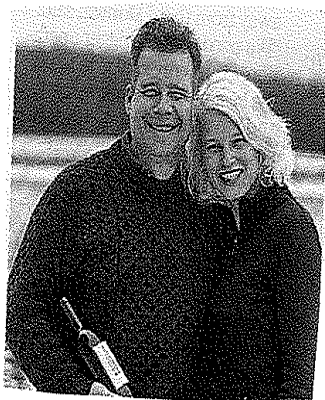
Ed 's family has own and operated the Jug since the late 1930's and has always been a family operation. The alumni from the 60's will all remember Rennie Sikoski who is still often at the Jug having lunch. Ed came into the business after high school and took over the operation in . In 2003, Ed turned the upstairs into a beautiful bed and breakfast as it rented rooms even back in the 60's. The porch view from the Jug is one of the most impressively beautiful in the village of Youngstown. This summer the residents became very distressed when they found out there were plans in the process to build a condo on the vacant lot across Main

Street thus sealing off the great view.

One can now find the next generation working in the kitchen as a cook. Steven Sikoski class of 1997, had high hopes of a career in politics when he left for George Washinton Univerisity. At his graduation party, Steven and his friend, Domminick Sirianni, were going to be our next politicians. An internship in a senator's office opened Steven's eyes that it was not for him. So after his freshman year, he left Youngstown to join Mickey in Disney World. He held many positions in his ten years at Disney from restaurant manager, hotel manager, but his favorite was Special Events Coordinator. Steve returned to Youngstown while he looks for his dream position. When asked what his dream position would be, he quickly replied he would like to be a the head of quest services operation in an athletic setting. He applied to the Dallas Cowboys and interviewed with the Philadelphia Eagles. In the intermim, you can find Steve in the kitchen cooking the old standards and if you lucky get one of his specialties. I got a taste of his chicken pot pie—delicious.

for nine years. When management was changing, he decided on a change too. His first choice was the former Amanda's that was closing after 24 years but an agreement couldn't be reached. The owner of Tin Pan Alled called Ken to meet him at 5 a.m. at the restaurant the next morning ironically the owner was in the midst of a stroke. The business was turned over to them. Early morning hours seem to be very eventful for the dual as they received another call at 2 a.m. to meet at the lawyer office the next day, the owner of Amanda's was ready to sell. That was 2003.

Ken and Eric spent a year remodeling the now Brickyard and open the doors in 2004. The first reunion at the Brickyard was Ken's class of '85 20th reunion and has now become a popular place for reunions and other meetings. The new plans are to remodel the back room as you can see them hard at work in the photo.



Ken Bryan and Eric Matthews are partnersd in the Brickyard and Tin Pan Alley. Ken graduated from Niagara University with a dual degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management and Business. After college Ken worked for Mariott Hotel



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Rick was an outstanding athlete while at Lew-Port where he participated in baseball, basket, foot-

ball and track. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1978. While at Lew Port Rick held school records for high jump and high hurdles and career and single season passing re-

Rick Diez class of 1969 passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2008 after a lengthy illness. Rick lived in Corning NY and retired from Corning Inc in 2007 where he was an international tax manager.

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In Memory of Rick Diez

Inside Story Headline



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Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association

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Youngstown, NY 14174

Once a Lancer always a Lancer



Class Reunions

Class of 1956

August 1, 2008

Class of 1958

June 26-30, 2008

Class of 1968

Class of 1978

July 4 & 5 2008

Class of 1983

Class of 1988

July 25 & 26 2008

Did You Know Cont'd

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(Class of 1976) music teacher at Wilson High School recently took honors at a Music Competition in Chicago. Her men's choir, show choir and chorus each earned first-place trophies in their divisions.

Douglas Dietz Class of 1960, was chosen as 2007 Town of Porter, Citizen of the Year. Doug's dedication to community service has left a large handprint on this small community. Doug not only serves on LPAA Board but is involved in the Ransomville Business and Professional Association. He co-chairs the new summer concert series at the Gazebo on Ransomville Road and is very active in the planning and execution of the Cabbage Festival in the town of Porter. Doug is a volunteer for the Porter Historical Society and a member of the Friends of the Library. He has chaired the Lighting of the Wreaths for the Town and also the Ransomville Thanksgiving Community Dinner. Con-

Next Alumni Meeting

June 24, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Senior High Library