

LEWISTON-PORTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Meeting Highlights - August 17, 2010

SPECIAL GUESTS: Ms. Nicole Alonzo, Lew-Port High School teacher and Director of the Lewiston-Porter High School Academy of International Business and Finance addressed the Alumni Association to solicit support for this new Academy described as a “school within a school.” The focus is on international business and finance. The Academy immerses students in global issues in a multi-disciplinary setting and provides them with the knowledge and skills for their future academic and professional careers. LPAA pledged support including participation on the Board of Advisors; networking on behalf of the Academy; assisting at finding internship opportunities, and publicizing the Academy via the LPAA Website and newsletter.

LEW-PORT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: Principal Paul Casseri stated that Freshman Orientation for Lew-Port Class of 2014 students and parents is scheduled for August 18th and 19th at the High School. Faculty and administration speakers from the school plus Lew-Port Alumni Association and Partners in Education will explain their roles and help orient students to the High School. Mr. Casseri thanked LPAA for again providing financial sponsorship and assisting with the student lunch and games/social mixer. School begins for teachers September 7th. Students report for classes September 8th.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Alumni Association Treasurer Norma Marshall presented copies of the August 15, 2010 Treasurer’s Reports detailing balances and activity of all accounts. The FY 2009-2010 LPAA annual financial audit will be performed by CPA firm Amato and Fox in conjunction with the Lew-Port Schools audit. Transition of our LPAA Philanthropic Fund into the Endowment Fund at Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo is now complete with the receipt of signed documentation from CFGB. Members voted to transfer funds for the six 2010 scholarship recipients who will begin class at respective schools in September. Work is under way to establish a LPAA PayPal account for electronic processing of memberships and donations.

SECOND ANNUAL JASON RABY 5K RUN AND WALK: The Alumni Association’s 2nd Annual 5-K Run and Walk on August 5, 2010 a huge success. “Lessons learned” will be updated to fine tune registration and food service. Members agreed to study feasibility of a Jason Raby Scholarship. Letters of Appreciation and Certificates for sponsors, patrons, and supporters will be prepared expressing LPAA and Lew-Port Schools thanks for their assistance in the race.

REUNION SUPPORT: The Alumni Association continues to support Lew-Port class reunions maintaining contact with reunion planners and providing year long support in various ways. Board members participated in Class of 1970 reunion and “Multi-year” reunions July 17 and 18th and will work with Red Brick School and Class of 1960 reunions August 27 and 28th. Contact is under way with Class of 1961 for help with their 50th reunion in 2011.

WEBSITE/FACEBOOK: A video presentation was made by Joe Lauzonis and Laurel Coutts using Skype to illustrate how LPAA could be displayed on a new LPAA Facebook site. Using a Webcam, board members at Lew-Port were linked to Ms. Coutts in San Francisco, CA. Mr. Vrooman was linked in via teleconference from White Plains, NY. The demonstration illustrated progress toward the Association’s goal of increasing social networking among Lew-Port Alumni using Facebook and establishing links to our LPAA Website for electronic processing of memberships and donations via a PayPal link. A subcommittee of board members will work with Mr. Lauzonis and Ms. Coutts to further develop these capabilities.

MEMBERSHIP: 25 new members were enrolled resulting from LPAA participation in reunions and the Jason Raby 5K Run. An “Enrollment Kit” has been developed to support these events.

PEACH FESTIVAL: Planning and logistics are under way by board members for LPAA to again participate in this event September 10-12, 2010. The LPAA booth will have a PowerPoint presentation, yearbooks, and information on Lew-Port Schools, Athletic Hall of Fame and the Alumni Association. Board members, coordinated by Jason Janese, will also participate in the parade.

MINI-GRANTS: Grant invitation letters and application forms have been delivered to each Lew-Port School Principal's Office. Teachers will also be briefed at each school's opening faculty meeting. Awards will be made November 16, 2010.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI: Inductees for the LPAA Class of 2010 are USAF General Thomas J. Masiello, Ms. Susan Geissler, Mr. Bruce Lund, and Dr. Lew Howell. Award ceremonies and talks with students are September 30 and October 1, 2010.

NEXT MEETING: September 29, 2010, 6:00 P.M. High School Library. This is the Annual Members' Meeting, Board of Directors' Election, and Association Officers' Election.