Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association Meeting Highlights Thursday, March 11, 2010

LEW-PORT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: Principal Paul Casseri reported that students are completing applications for Lew-Port's International School of Business and Finance Program. Mr. Casseri returned this week from Japan where he participated in a conference with 16 international high schools and 400 students. Lewiston-Porter is proposed as host for the October 2012 conference. The conference theme is on water, appropriate given the important impact of water on all aspects of our local business and residential community. The event will be a three day conference with about 400-600 international students participating. Bruce Sutherland will be the keynote speaker March 12, 2010 at Lew-Port's impressive "Breakfast of Champions" awards ceremony. Alumnus William Geiben, Mayor of Lewiston was keynote speaker March 11. Girls Lacrosse has been added to Lew-Port's sports programs.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Norma Marshall presented copies of the Treasurer's Report, dated March 11, 2010. Norma has completed transition of the Association's comprehensive financial and membership documentation into "Quicken Books" format. The formal financial audit by Amato, Fox, and Company is complete. We have received all the Association's financial records back from the auditors. The auditor's final formal report; dated February 11, 2010 has also been received together with the "Management Letter." The audit covered all records from our inception in 2007 through the end of our Fiscal Year, August 31, 2009. Overall, Lew-Port Alumni Association received a "clean" report. Several recommendations made by the auditors are being implemented. All records have now been reconciled with Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo regarding our Philanthropic Fund. Jack James and Mr. Casseri met March 11, 2010 with CFGB representatives to explore alternatives occasioned by a change in CFGB's business model wherein they are discontinuing the "Philanthropic Fund." The several options discussed will be assessed further and considered by the LPAA Board April 7, 2010.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership Chair Ann Johnston said we have three new members. 37 letters were mailed to Alumni Association members whose memberships have expired. LPAA program summaries and a questionnaire were included.

NEWSLETTER: Ann Johnston reported that 1,300 "February 2010" newsletters were mailed out over the last three weeks. Bruce Sutherland will be profiled in the next Alumni Association Newsletter. Alumni who are business men and women in Lewiston and Youngstown will also be featured in the next newsletter. The Board extended appreciation to Ann and her team at Lew-Port for the outstanding job done on the seven newsletters published since 2007; each being successively more comprehensive and well developed. The February 2010 edition is outstanding.

FASHION SHOW: Norma Marshall provided an update on the Fashion Show, scheduled for April 11, 2010. (Note: the event is being rescheduled due to unforeseen events at Lew-Port.)

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI: Harold Shippy reported that five nominations have been received for 2010. Additional nominations are invited. Manufacturing is now complete by Niagara Sports on lapel pins for awardees. The pins are ready for pick up March 21.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY: Mr. Casseri said the final draft has been provided to Harris Company. The company is in the final stages of layout and printing.

NEXT MEETING: April 7, 2010 at 6:00 P.M., High School Library.