



Lawndale High School

Class of 1974 - 40th Reunion

Newsletter

August 4, 2014



All Class Alumni Picnic!

Shoreline Aquatic Park Long Beach
Sunday, August 17th
12 noon to 4pm
Everyone is welcome!



Come!
Bring your family,
picnic lunch, chairs and towels



Located by the ocean, next to the Aquarium of the Pacific, Shoreline Aquatic Park with its rolling grassy hills and view of the harbor, is our meeting place for the All Class Family Picnic.

Look for the large red banner - "Lawndale High Alumni Picnic Spot" displayed between pop-up canopies. We will have some folding tables and chairs, but feel free to bring your own chairs, umbrellas, towels and blankets as well.

Pack your own picnic, or choose from plenty of places in the surrounding area to purchase food to bring.

There is a small metered parking lot adjacent to the park, and a public parking structure next to the Aquarium of the Pacific that is close by.

The park is within walking distance from the Renaissance Hotel. Exit onto Ocean Blvd. and walk down Pine Ave. towards Shoreline Drive. Or, you can hop on the "Passport", a free red shuttle bus that boards just up the street from the hotel on Pine Ave. The bus will drop you off at Shoreline Aquatic Park or any other of the major spots in Long Beach such as the Aquarium, the Queen Mary, Shoreline Village, and Pine Ave. restaurants.

There is free residential parking north of 5th St. on Cedar, Chestnut, and Magnolia. You can walk from there to the Passport stop on Pine. Or, if you are a local, ride your bike down the LA River route to Shoreline.

Bring the family!

See you there!

Cardinal of the Week Maria Austin Walden

How do you measure success? Maria Austin Walden has shown that it isn't dependent on wealth or fame. Her life of purpose and passion has brought much happiness to others, and left a legacy that will extend to generations to come - in other words, great success.

Thirty-six years ago, Maria married Jack Walden. They bought land in the mountains of Idaho, and in 1985 moved there to live off the land and raise their family of five boys. She devoted herself to her family, homeschooling for many years, instilling in her sons faith, teamwork, and the love art and music. She says, "I spent about 8 years managing a bagpipe & drum youth corps that was the brainchild of a couple of my kids - some of the best years I ever spent. What a great group!" She welcomed another five foster boys into their home, raising them alongside her own. That makes ten young men she shaped to be husbands and fathers through her dedication and generosity. Their family grew to include daughter-in-laws and 10 grandchildren today. In fact, her family has grown so, that 39 stockings hung on their mantle last Christmas!

Maria also became an RN, specializing in labor and delivery. That, along with her own experience of home births, and midwifery, fueled a passion in her heart to help mothers and babies flourish. She became an advocate for women in a program called ENDOW, Education on the Nature and Dignity of Women, and with the National Right to Life. She also served for years in ministry to the bereaved, especially to those suffering the loss of infants.

Working so closely with mothers and babies brought Maria to realize the importance of breastfeeding, and motivated her to return to school to become a certified lactation specialist. She became Co-Chair of the Idaho Breastfeeding Coalition, and is now involved in a movement to make hospitals across the nation "BabyFriendly", educating doctors on the importance of breastfeeding.

In 2010, an incredible opportunity opened on the Aviano Air Force Base in northern Italy - the need for a lactation specialist to work with servicewomen, the wives of servicemen, and civilians to launch a program promoting breastfeeding. Maria co-directed the efforts there that lead to the highest breastfeeding rates in the world. In 2013, she made the move to Italy on a one year contract. "I've waited a long time for the job I have currently with the Air Force," she tells us. Although Maria misses her grandkids greatly, she does come home from time to time to be with her family, and her husband joins her often for life together in Italy. Believe it or not, she even finds time to study Italian a couple nights a week and travel.

Unfortunately, Maria will not be able to attend the reunion. She will be delivering an at-risk baby there in Italy at that time, but she sends us greetings:

Buon giorno, Cardinals!!

As I get older, it really becomes apparent how there have been people in my life whose importance at the time, I did not realize. You may not all remember me, but I remember all of you, teachers and students alike. And I cherish the memories. Thank you SO much.

As they say in Italy, buona salute, felicità e Pace!

OXOXOXOX *Maria*



Congratulations
to
Monae Larson Pugh
and
Paul Feuerborn
winners of a
Disneyland Park Hopper Pass
in our
July 31st opportunity drawing!

Teacher of the Week Mrs. Sharon Curto



There are ninety-one teachers today at Lawndale High, but only one who we would remember from forty years ago - Mrs. Sharon Curto, Pep Squad Advisor, P.E. Teacher and GAA coach. Her teaching career is by far the longest of any teacher at Lawndale High.

Mrs. Curto started at LHS in 1968, teaching there until it closed in 1981. At that time, she moved to Leuzinger High where she continued teaching P.E., advising pep squad, and coaching softball and track for another 30 years. After Lawndale reopened, Mrs. Curto traded her Olympian colors for cardinal and white once again, and returned to LHS, where she has been now for 4 years. If you count the 5 years of teaching at St. Frances Cabrini School while she was studying at El Camino College and Pepperdine, that's a monumental 51 years of roll calls and report cards!

In addition to teaching, Mrs. Curto has raised a wonderful family. Her three children are grown now; a son and daughter live in Arizona, and another son is in Iowa following in her footsteps as a high school baseball coach.

When asked about her memories of Lawndale High in the 1970's, Mrs. Curto remembered the great participation in clubs and sports nights. "GAA was a really good memory. I remember Ms. Dorn and Ms. Law. It was a good time, and GAA was a great activity because so many were involved," she explained. She also remembered what a wonderful faculty there was. The teachers ate lunch together and knew each other. "It's not the same now," she added.

When will Mrs. Curto be ready to retire? Although her family is often encouraging her to call it quits and hang up the whistle, she says, "One more year...then we'll see."

We are very honored to have Mrs. Curto as our guest at the reunion.



CONGRATULATIONS
to
Diana Winneberger
WINNER of
2 free adult admission tickets
to the
Aquarium of the Pacific
in our July 31st drawing!

Our 40th reunion celebration

will be held on

Saturday August 16, 2014

6:00 PM to 12 midnight

in the

Naples Ballroom

of the

Renaissance Hotel

111 E. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach

Reception

❖ Dinner

❖ Dancing

Looking Back to the 1970's



Cards Stagger In The Dark

We almost had some broken legs and arms here at Lawndale when the lights were turned off due to the energy shortage. Students were tripping down the stairs, as well as up the stairs in the wee hours of the morning. It was almost impossible to open a locker before first period, unless you remembered your Ever-Ready Flashlight. Instead of using the usual old tardy excuse in the morning, students had a new one. "I couldn't find the class," the student would say. The halls were equally dark and students

found themselves walking into opened doors and tripping into fellow students. In looking back, it was a most amusing experience, but we are glad it is all behind us. The school administrators must have felt deep sympathy for the poor sleeping students, staggering blindly in the dark down the halls, because the lights were soon turned back on and at least one aspect of the energy crisis here at Lawndale was over.



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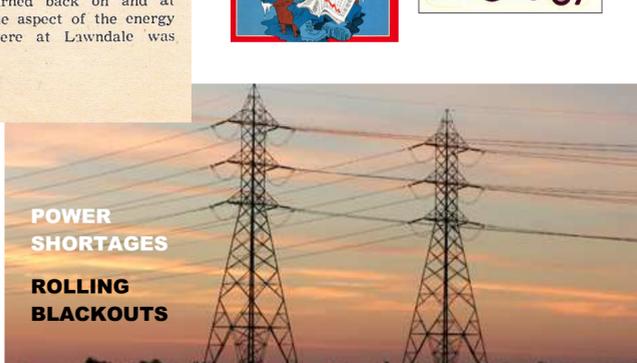
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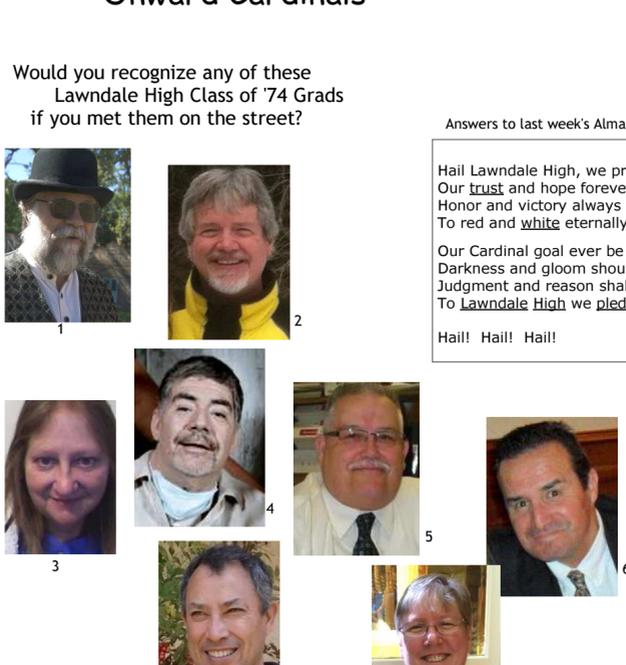
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Onward Cardinals

Would you recognize any of these Lawndale High Class of '74 Grads if you met them on the street?



Answers to last week's Alma Mater Quiz:

Hail Lawndale High, we praise thy lasting name, Our trust and hope forever be to you, Honor and victory always be our aim. To red and white eternally be true.

Our Cardinal goal ever be superme. Darkness and gloom should never mar our view. Judgment and reason shall fulfill our dream. To Lawndale High we pledge our faith anew.

Hail! Hail! Hail!



What is the Bio Book?

As a keepsake of the reunion, each attendee Saturday night will go home with a booklet that includes information about students and teachers, the evening's events, including our dinner menu and venue, a memorial page of our remembered classmates and teachers, a page for acknowledging our sponsors and helpers, and more. We would like all the information in the Bio Book to be up-to-date, accurate, and reflective of how you would like to be known. In order to make it the best possible, and to protect your privacy, please fill out the "Bio Book Questionnaire" on our website. If you're happy with what you have already posted on your profile, that will be the information used. No addresses, email addresses or phone numbers will be included. Bring your pen. You may find yourself writing in someone's Bio Book!

Don't forget . . .

We have been given a special discounted parking rate at the Renaissance Hotel. To take advantage of the \$12 self-park or \$17 valet price, you need to let the front desk know you are with the Lawndale High reunion. Make sure your first stop upon arrival is to pick up your discount ticket at the front desk. You will present it to the parking attendant with your ticket when you leave. Our special rate is for both Friday and Saturday nights.

Next, make your way to the **Naples Ballroom** and sign in at the registration table. There will be lots to do - have your picture taken at the photo station, check out the display tables, grab a drink at the cash bar, watch our slide show, have your video interview done, reconnect with classmates, place your silent bid on street signs, order your memory book, or enjoy a seat and conversation in the soft seating area in the rear of the ballroom. Dinner will be next on the agenda!



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