



Lawndale High School

Class of 1974 - 40th Reunion

Newsletter

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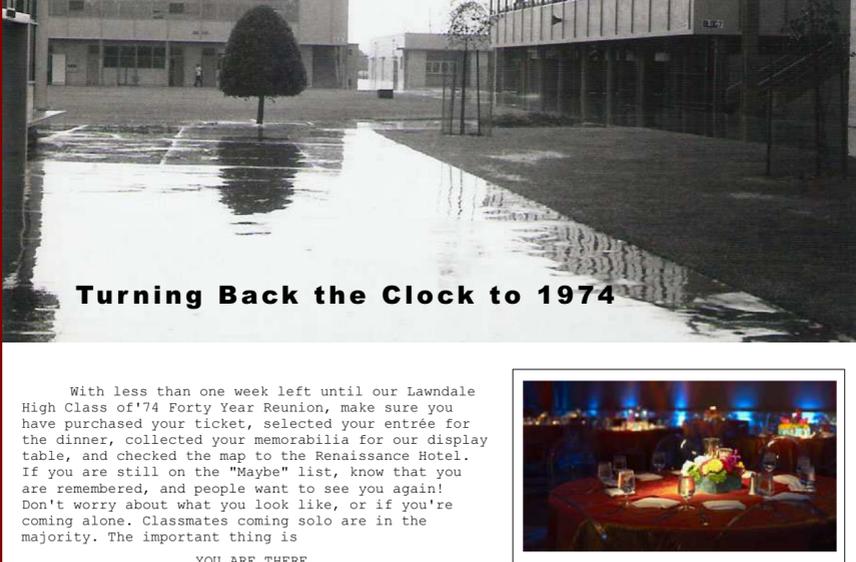


REUNION COUNTDOWN!

Sign in to the LHS Website:

www.lawndalehigh74.net

Look for a map to the reunion



Turning Back the Clock to 1974

With less than one week left until our Lawndale High Class of '74 Forty Year Reunion, make sure you have purchased your ticket, selected your entrée for the dinner, collected your memorabilia for our display table, and checked the map to the Renaissance Hotel. If you are still on the "Maybe" list, know that you are remembered, and people want to see you again! Don't worry about what you look like, or if you're coming alone. Classmates coming solo are in the majority. The important thing is YOU ARE THERE.

Time is the great equalizer

Our 40th Reunion Celebration
Saturday, August 16, 2014
6:00 PM to 12 midnight
Naples Ballroom
Renaissance Hotel
Long Beach

RECOLLECT

Cardinals of the Week

Where Are They Today?

Banks Competes For Scholarship

Aaron Banks, senior, has been chosen to represent Lawndale in the Gemco Scholarship competition. The competition is based on open discussion, usually about economics or Americanisms. Aaron will now receive \$25 and a plaque, but he will be competing for a \$1000 scholarship.

Aaron is doing very well in Auburn, WA with his wife Danetta, of 33 years. He tells us he actually received \$250 which was put to good use. "I used my huge bounty of \$250 to pay for my books while attending El Camino College," Aaron says, and then moved on to Grambling State University and Cal State U Los Angeles where he did, in fact, study business management and marketing. "I eventually landed management positions while working 33 years at UPS until my retirement in 2012."

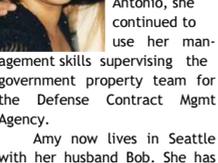


Aaron is now an avid golfer and spends time on the green whenever he can. He can also be found fresh water fishing. He has two grown children - a son, living in California, and a daughter in Washington. Send Aaron an email and encourage him to hop a plane and come to the reunion. We have golf courses down here, Aaron!

Amy Maeda Wins Business Award

Amy Maeda, senior, is a winner in the Annual Business Education Award Program. Amy was awarded a coin medalion and received a certificate. These Awards were presented on March 21, in the Union Oil Center Auditorium. This award gives recognition to a student for excellence as well as individual improvement in Business Education.

Amy's interests in business continued on long after high school. She got her Bachelors Degree in Business Mgmt, graduating Magna Cum Laude from National University while attending night school and working full time. It placed her in positions at Northrop, working for the Air Force Contract Command and then at TRW. When Amy moved to San Antonio, she continued to use her management skills supervising the government property team for the Defense Contract Mgmt Agency.



Amy now lives in Seattle with her husband Bob. She has been in the beautiful northwest since 1995 where she worked for the Department of Defense as a Program Analyst. Amy just retired this spring. "I put in a total of 39 years working for the federal government," she says. "I can't believe I'm that old!"

Amy has put together a beautiful slideshow to play at the reunion. Make sure you check it out, and look for Amy!

SANZ ACCEPTED AT WEST POINT

Bill Sanz, senior, has been notified of his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at Westpoint.

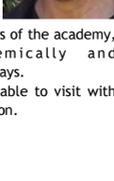
Bill is a member of CSF. He was treasurer of his class in his junior year, and this year served as captain of the cross country team.

At Westpoint he will take a broad range of classes designed to educate the "whole man". After his graduation from the academy, Bill will spend at least 6 years as an officer in the United States Army.

"I accepted my appointment to West Point and had a great time of it once I found out what it was all about and got acclimated," Bill tells us. He stayed there 2 years, "the hard ones," he admits, and then opted out on the flip of a coin decision. "It was a good experience and I could have easily stayed on to serve until retirement. But, it was not for me at that time." Bill moved on to become a sales manager after his time in the US Army. Today he lives in Vista, CA with his wife, Janell. He has two daughters, both excellent students and athletes.

When thinking of his time in high school, Bill remembers pep rallies, the pom pom girls, and great teachers. "My coaches and teachers at Lawndale High helped prepare me for the rigors of the academy, both academically and physically," he says.

You will be able to visit with Bill at the reunion.



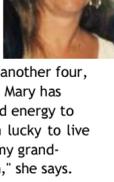
M. Rezzutti Named '74 Homemaker

Mary Rezzutti has been named Lawndale High School's 1973, 74 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. Mary won the honor by competing with other seniors in the written knowledge and attitude examination on Dec. 4. She is now eligible for state and national honors and will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, Inc., sponsor of the annual education scholarship program.

Mary continues to shine in all areas domestic. "Family is my busiest pastime," she tells us. Mother of four wonderful kids whom she calls "all very caring..." and grandmother to another four, ages 10, 6, 7, and 1, Mary has devoted her time and energy to what matters. "I am lucky to live fairly close and see my grandchildren pretty often," she says. Mary now lives in Huntington Beach.

In addition to being a great mom and running her home, Mary has worked in the mortgage industry for 30 years. She also volunteers regularly in the children's ministry at her church, and has helped with Samaritan's Purse and World Missions. And her dreams are still alive to do more. "I still hold on to a dream that I will open my own business -- a preschool and a coffee house. Never know--"

On top of it all, Mary has been kept very busy these last few months serving on our reunion committee. Thanks, Mary! Look for her at the reunion.



Teacher of the Week Mr. Roy Benstead



It's hard to imagine Lawndale High without Coach Benstead. He was there before we arrived, and was there years after we graduated. As head varsity football coach, he led our football team in its victorious 1973 season to the Pioneer League Championship and on to C.I.F. Who does not remember him? Mr. Benstead is indeed an icon of Lawndale High.

After Lawndale closed in 1981, he, like many fellow teachers there, moved on to Leuzinger. He continued coaching and was a counselor there until June of 1995. Mr. Benstead then devoted the last five years of his career to counseling in adult education until retiring in June of 2000.

"Since retirement, my wife and I have traveled to Alaska, throughout the United States, and to Oregon and Honolulu to visit our daughters' families," Mr. Benstead says. He keeps very busy with many other activities, but has not stopped being a guiding light in the lives of others. He is active in his church as a teacher, youth advisor, deacon and elder, Bible study leader, and with adult groups. He continues to be physically active, too, enjoying golf and running. "I have run marathons, half marathons, trail races, and 5k's since 1997," Mr. Benstead tells us.

He now resides with his wife in Leisure World, Seal Beach, where he relaxes by gardening twice a month, watching sports, doing puzzles, and attending youth dramas at Biola University. He and his wife also entertain, and recently hosted their 60 year Inglewood High Reunion in June, there in Leisure World.

Mr. Benstead has been faithful at keeping in touch with his students through the years. "I have attended many Lawndale High reunions," said Mr. Benstead, "and want to thank your class for the invite. I am looking forward to August 16th."

We are excited and honored to have you as our guest, Mr. Benstead!



FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER

Friday, August 15th
6 to 10pm

in the outdoor patio of the "Sip Lounge" at the Renaissance Hotel

Reserved exclusively for our group, along with our own cash bar and private bartender

No cover charge
Drinks, appetizers, and food can be purchased

Dress is casual
Come and reconnect!

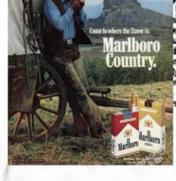
All Class Family Picnic
Sunday August 17
Noon to 4pm
Shoreline Aquatic Park
See August 4th Newsletter for more information

Looking Back to the 1970's



16 The Daily Register - Hayward, Calif. Friday, April 18, 1973
Assembly approves school smoking bill

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — A bill allowing high schools to create student smoking areas has narrowly passed the Assembly and been sent to Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. (D) by Sen. Arlen Specter, D-San Mateo, passed Thursday on a 40-38 vote, the bare majority. A preliminary vote the bill received only 30 votes, 18 more. The bill would allow local school boards to decide if to create or allow specially designated areas. It goes to the Senate, by the way, students. "You are not smoking only 16."



May 10, 1974

SHOULD SMOKING BE ALLOWED?

How do you feel when you want to use the restroom, only to find it filled with wall-to-wall smokers?

Or if you are dying to have a cigarette, but there are no restrooms open at the time?

Well, the Cardinal has asked some students what they think about smoking on campus. Their replies were:

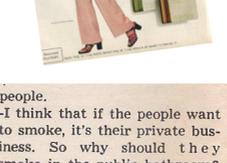
"I wish they had smoking area, so the people like me who don't smoke wouldn't have to worry about using the restrooms during class hours."

"It doesn't bug me, because I use the ones in the locker room. Why can't they smoke somewhere else, instead of the bathrooms?"

"Like the song says, Every body knows that smoking ain't allowed in school."

"I kind of wish our school would have an area for smoking, so the innocent people wouldn't ever have to worry."

"I think the people who get caught smoking deserve it. They should think about the other



people. "I think that if the private want to smoke, it's their private business. So why should they smoke in the public bathroom?"

"I always thought the bathrooms were used for reasons other than smoking, but just walk in there 4th period, and you'll see I'm wrong."

"If we want to smoke, we should be able to, without any hassle from anyone."

Now we know what some students think. How about you? If you feel that something should be done about it, Speak up!



Onward Cardinals

Answers to last week's Cardinal Quiz:



1 Mike Burgess



2 Mike Calderman



3 Mary Martini



4 Luis Menendez



5 David South



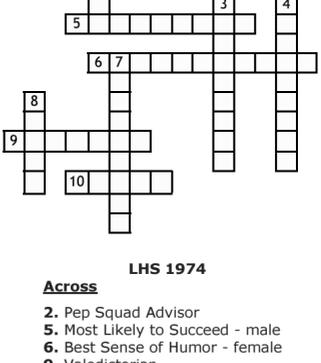
6 Henry Herrera



7 Bill Sanz



8 Cathy Lakatos



LHS 1974

Across
2. Pep Squad Advisor
5. Most Likely to Succeed - male
6. Best Sense of Humor - female
9. Valedictorian
10. Varsity Sweetheart 1973-74

Down
1. Most talkative - male
3. MVP Varsity Football 1973-74
4. Principal in 1974
7. Street Address for LHS
8. Cardinal Mascot



Your Memorabilia Could be Worth Prizes!

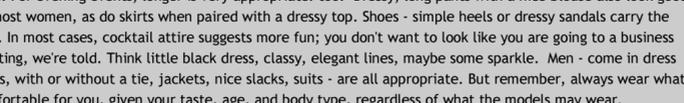
It's time to dig through your boxes, garage shelves, and parents' attic. Find any mementos of your days at Lawndale High that you can bring to the reunion for our display table. Each item gets you an additional raffle ticket for the evening's drawings. There will be gift baskets, gift cards, Ricardo Lemvo's music on CD, and more to win!

Not sure what to bring? Look for things like photographs, old Cardinal newspapers, cheer and pep memorabilia, football and other sports items, event programs, awards, prom tickets and pictures.

To preserve your photos and documents, you may want to slip them into page protectors. And make sure you label all items with your name. Happy hunting!

For information on parking at the reunion see the August 4th Reunion Newsletter posted on our LHS Website

What is Cocktail Attire?



Fashion experts tell us there's a wider range of cocktail attire than most people think. However, there are some basic guidelines we can follow. Hemlines for skirts and dresses are often short, slightly above the knee. For evening events, longer is very appropriate. too. Dressy, long pants with a nice blouse also look good on most women, as do skirts when paired with a dressy top. Shoes - simple heels or dressy sandals carry the look. In most cases, cocktail attire suggests more fun; you don't want to look like you are going to a business meeting, we're told. Think little black dress, classy, elegant lines, maybe some sparkle. Men - come in dress shirts, with or without a tie, jackets, nice slacks, suits - are all appropriate. But remember, always wear what is comfortable for you, given your taste, age, and body type, regardless of what the models may wear.

Reunion Committee:

Leslie Carlisle Hamburger, Janelle Lewis James, Mary Rezzutti Sutherland, Merrilee Willis Greene, and Rosie Proper Blada