

# Lawndale High School

Class of 1974 - 40th Reunion





Our 40th reunion will

be held on

Saturday

August 16, 2014

at the

RENAISSANCE

LONG BEACH HOTEL

Congrats to

**Edith** Mennella and Calvin Langford

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## Excited, Delighted and Reunited! Our newsletter is here to connect you with what's

happening as the 40th Reunion of Lawndale High School's Class of '74 approaches. Some interesting things have been going on in the lives of many of our classmates and teachers, and a variety of activities are planned. There is also much to remember from the past. Take a moment to get caught up, stroll down memory lane with us, and put on that Cardinal spirit!

Free Drawing!

The drawing will be held on July 16th at 9:00am.

Why Should I Go to My 40 Year Reunion?

know who will come back into your life, or who you may get to

We want YOU there!

You are remembered and classmates want to see you again! To reconnect with people you have a history with. You never

To reminisce, share memories, and have a good time!

Becky Hildebrandt Reinis

in Long Beach, CA



### Buy a ticket between now and midnight July 15th **Upcoming Birthdays** and you will be eligible for our drawing for 1 night's stay for 2 at the Renaissance Hotel in Long Beach.

- Monae Larson (Pugh) 7/6
- Garry Delano 7/13 • Becky Hildebrandt (Reinis) 7/17
- Laura Martin (Farris) 7/22
- Bob Sargent, Jr. 7/24 • Susan Lane (Capozzoli) 7/25
- David Noah 7/26
- Janet Dennis (Neitzke) 7/27
- Maria Austin (Walden) 7/28
- Vickie Smelser (Lane) 8/1 Melody Bilbrey (VanPelt) 8/2

Well, a lot of you already know the story, but it's kinda cute even now, so I will share all the little details With you:

Merrilee Willis (Greene)

Cardinal of the Week Merrilee Willis Greene

know for the first time!

You really do make a difference!

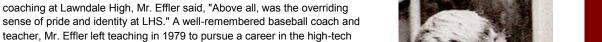
In December of 1993, I received a call from a guy. "Hello," I said, and he said, "Hello, do you know who this is?" All the while I'm thinking, I just know if I listened long

enough, I could figure this out. I was single at the time, and I was very intrigued about this caller. Then he asked, "What if I said I knew you from twenty years ago?" Now I was really intrigued. Who could this be? It kinda felt weird. "What if I asked you about Injun Joe?" he said. I knew immediately it was Stanley Greene. Our history actually went back to the third grade. I lived across the street from his cousin, Steve Greene, and we went to Billy Mitchell School together, so we had some memories from that time. My family had moved to Virginia and returned to California when I was in the 6th grade. While in 6th grade, we had some classes together, and one day I came in with a new pair of moccasins (remember?) He began to call me Injun Joe. Other than Lillian Garcia, who was there, and my mom, I had told no one else about Injun Joe. What a blast from the past. Our paths crossed again at Will Rogers Junior High. In 8th grade I moved again and went to Jane Adams. When we entered High School, we once again became friends. My sister, Susan, was living with me at the time, and I yelled to her room, "Stanley Greene is on the phone!" All my sisters had a history with Stan, as well, at different times in the past 20 years. She picked up the extension (Yes, extension. We really have come a long way, haven't we?) and was on the phone with him the next three hours.

received the information regarding the 20th reunion. My name was on the list of people to contact for information, and he called me. We started talking every day for about a month and really got to know each other. He was a single dad of a darling little 7 year-old daughter, and I was raising my two sons. We had always been friends, however, I had secretly carried

When we finally got the chance to talk to each other again, he explained he had

a torch for him. About a month into it, we asked each other if we wanted to try a date. Not wanting to ruin the friendship we were building, we really thought about it. We went on our first date in late January, moved in together in July, bought our house in August , and were married in our back yard in October. We blended our families, and today have three kids, a wonderful daughter-in-law, 5 amazing grandkids, and a cute little grand-dog. Teacher of the Week Mr. Skip Effler



working on secret projects for Amazon.com while living in Sunnyvale. Mr. Effler is looking to retire the from high-tech field and return to coaching and sports photography, which has held his interest over the years. His serious hobby pursuits included working for the San Francisco Forty-Niners staff for ten seasons, and publishing sports photography for the NFL, MLB, PGA, IMSA, and IndyCar. He lived for a couple of years in Austin, Texas where he learned to appreciate country music, in addition to his enjoyment of rock. "I've been fortunate to travel extensively through Asia, Europe, South America, and

industry. It took him to Northern California, specifically the Bay Area, where he now works as a technical professional in Silicon Valley. He is currently

When asked what memories he had of teaching and

Africa for both business and pleasure," he told the reunion committee, and in addition, golf, skiing, photography, and racing occupy his interests. Although Mr. Effler has no children, staying connected to a large family of ex-students has provided him with tremendous gratification. What does the future hold for Mr. Effler? He would love to coach

baseball again, break par in golf, photograph Monument Valley, and dive the Great Barrier Reef. Believe it or not, he would also like to own a Shelby cobra! Thanks for keeping in touch, Mr. Effler! We appreciate you so much.

Onward Cardinals!



Classmates' Website

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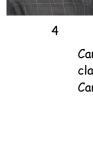


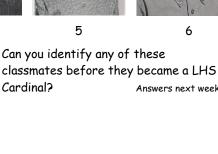


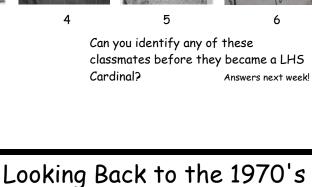




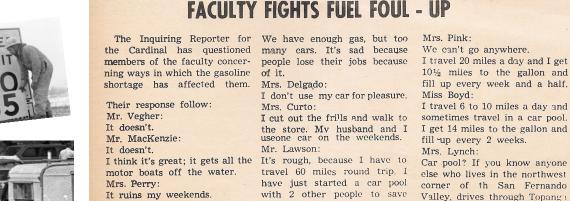
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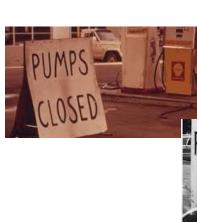






Susan Lane Capozolli





I don't feel patriotic; I feel angry. Mr. Cordero: I have to restrict my driving.

It ruins my weekends

I like to go to the mountains,

and now I can't. Mr. Varnado: I am finding it more difficult to buy gas. I have gone into a car pool with others. Itravel 52 miles a day.

gas.

Canyon, down the coast from Malibu, through Santa Monica. Ocean Park and Venice, on to the San Diego Freeway VIA the Marina Freeway, Lawndale----let me !mow!" Tickets may be

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complete all the

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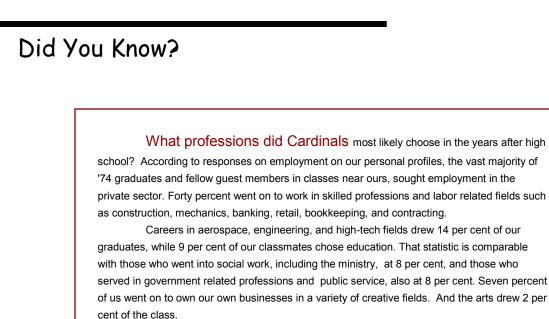
payment option.

Your name will

be on a list at the door.

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Valley, drives through Topanga



HELP US FIND OUR LONG LOST CLASSMATES! There are many from the class of 1974 whom we have not been able to contact. Chances are you may know one of them. If you know how to get in touch with any of our

Retirement? A couple dozen of the respondents are already enjoying the fruits of

For a complete list of missing classmates visit our website.

## MISSING CLASSMATES missing classmates, help spread the word about our reunion, direct them to our website, and encourage them to set up a profile. Sometimes fellow LHS students in other classes will know their whereabouts, too. The more classmates that attend the reunion, the more fun it will be!

their labors as retirees, some even on to a second career. Go Cardinals!

\* FRIDAY NIGHT NO-HOST MIXER (August 15th)

MONDAY GROUP FUN DAY AT DISNEYLAND (Aug 18th)

ADDITIONAL REUNION EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING PLANNED:

SUNDAY PICNIC/BBQ (August 17th)





T-Shirts are available to purchase online until SAT, JULY 19TH, 9PM.

basic, to athletic, to v-neck, to hoodie!

column on the LawndaleHS74 official website 3 color options to choose from in a variety of styles ranging from

### Reunion Committee: Leslie Carlilse Hamburger, Janelle Lewis James, Mary Rezutti Sutherland, Merrilee Willis Greene, and Rosie Proper Blada