



Lawndale High School

Class of 1974 - 40th Reunion

Newsletter

July 28, 2014



WIN A DISNEYLAND PARK HOPPER PASS!

The deadline has been extended to July 31st

Purchase your reunion ticket up until midnight on Wednesday, July 30th

to be eligible to win ONE OF TWO TICKETS

Drawing will be held at noon, Thursday, July 31

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

Sign in to the LHS Website:

www.lawndalehigh74.net

Make your personal profile today!



See our LHS website for a map and directions to the Renaissance Hotel in Long Beach



Parking at the Reunion:

The Renaissance Hotel has a parking structure adjacent to the hotel with entrances on both Ocean Blvd. & Pine Ave.

Our group has been given a

special \$12.00 self-park rate for the evening and \$17.00 valet parking rate

Make sure you pay at the front desk in the hotel, letting them know you are with the Lawndale High School Reunion

Regular rates: self park \$18.00
valet parking \$23.00

If payment is made in the parking structure with a credit or debit card at the automated kiosk, you will be charged the full amount.

Public Parking -

♦ \$5.00 all day parking lot off Ocean Blvd. just across the street and about a block from the hotel

♦ \$10.00 per day Convention Center Parking Lot on Pine Ave. just a couple blocks from the Renaissance Hotel toward the ocean, adjacent to the Hilton Hotel

Street parking -

♦ No street parking is available immediately around the hotel.
♦ Very limited metered parking a few blocks north of hotel.

Cardinal of the Week Dimitri Logothetis



If you've ever seen the name Dimitri Logothetis on the credits of a

movie, you wouldn't be mistaken in thinking it's the same Dimitri you knew back at Lawndale High.

Dimitri was born in Greece and came to America at the age of six. After graduating with us in 1974, he launched a very successful acting career working on stage in over fifty productions and in several motion pictures including *The Choirboys*, *Victory at Entebbe* and *New York, New York*. There he met Martin Scorsese who inspired him to pursue motion picture directing. His command of story, acting technique, camera, lighting, editing, and special effects has made him one of the most innovative filmmakers in Hollywood.

Dimitri graduated from Loyola Marymount University Film School in 1979, and was immediately assigned by Capitol Records to direct the film documentary *The Knack* at Carnegie Hall. He went on to complete his MA in film and television directing and was accepted into the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' coveted Director's Internship Program at Warner Brothers.

In 1991, Dimitri found and developed the first original Stephen King screenplay, *Sleepwalkers*. He served as executive producer on this picture, a major success for Columbia Pictures. Dimitri has been an Executive Producer for Warner Brothers, and managed over one thousand employees around the world, implementing over one hundred fifty million dollars of production financing in the last fifteen years.

His most recent success is his documentary on Chicago mob boss, Sam Giancana. Along with his project partner, Dimitri wrote, produced and directed *Momo: The Sam Giancana Story*, a six-hour mini-series for Warner Brothers and TNT, regarding the mobster's ties to the CIA and JFK campaign. *Momo* won the 2013 Monaco Film festival "Best Feature Documentary" award, and the 2012 Hollywood Reel Independent Film Festival award.

Our classmate has excelled in all genres ranging from dramas to action and thrillers. He has co-founded his own production company, and won numerous awards. His films are too many to list, but you can go on-line and learn more about his career and films. In fact, look him up in your yearbook. He may have even signed it.



Teacher of the Week Mr. Bill Leal

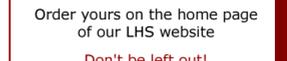
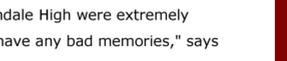
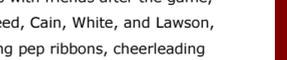
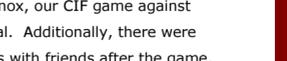
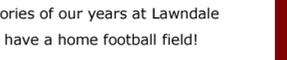
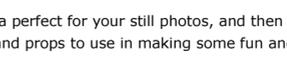
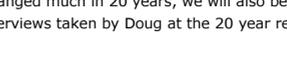
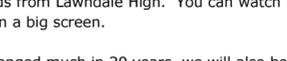
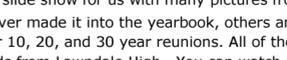
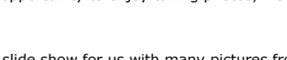
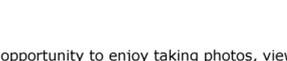
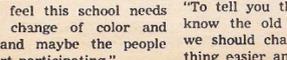
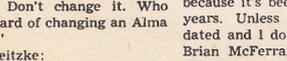
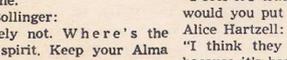
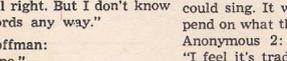
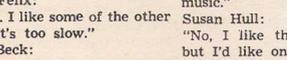
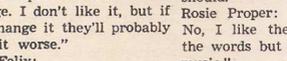
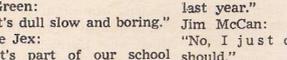
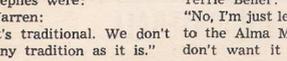
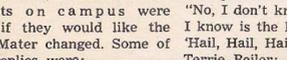
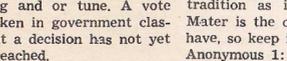
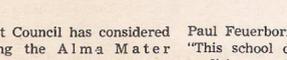
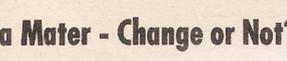
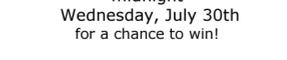
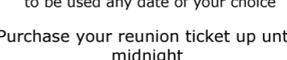
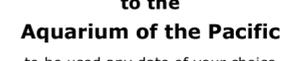
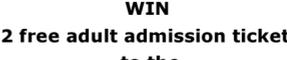
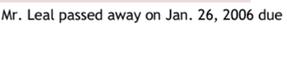
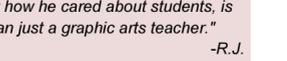
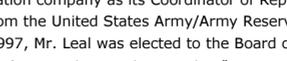
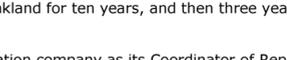
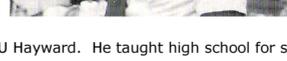
Who was Mr. Leal? More than a graphic arts teacher, we're told. "He was the kind of teacher who would unfortunately be in trouble with today's teaching rules," Richard Jaskulsky says. "He saved a number of boys who had troubled situations, mostly at home. He would let them come home with him on the weekends so they had shelter and a positive place. He was also there for them during the week. There was a handful of them who stayed on the right path AND graduated because of Mr. Leal. He was one of those teachers who you remember forever in a good way."

In addition to a heart of gold, Mr. Leal had a life of varied interests and expertise that most of us never knew. He earned a Bachelor of Science from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in Industrial Technology with a minor in Physical Sciences and Chemistry and a Masters in EdAd from CSU Hayward. He taught high school for seventeen years before moving on to teaching graphic design at Laney College in Oakland for ten years, and then three years as Dean of Instruction at Vocational Technologies.

Mr. Leal also worked for an international mining and mineral exploration company as its Coordinator of Reprographics at its international headquarters in San Francisco. Additionally, he retired from the United States Army/Army Reserves, where he was Chief Warrant Officer 3, after 26 years of service. In November of 1997, Mr. Leal was elected to the Board of Trustees for the Mt. Diablo Unified School District where he was a passionate advocate for providing students with a "career centered" curriculum with an emphasis on preparing students to enter the workforce.

"The things you learned from Mr. Leal, watching how he cared about students, is a lesson well learned and lacking today. He was more than just a graphic arts teacher."

-R.J.

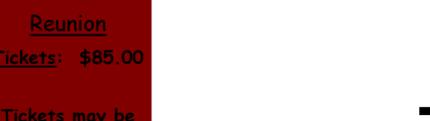


Onward Cardinals

How Much of the Alma Mater Do You Remember?

Hail Lawndale High, we praise thy _____ name
Our _____ and hope forever be to you
Honor and victory always be our _____
To red and _____ eternally be true.
Our Cardinal goal ever be _____
Darkness and gloom should never mar our _____
Judgment and reason shall fulfill our _____
To _____, we _____ our faith anew.
Hail! Hail! Hail!

Answers to last week's Cardinal Quiz



Alma Mater - Change or Not?

Student Council has considered changing the Alma Mater wording and or tune. A vote was taken in government classes, but a decision has not yet been reached.

Students on campus were asked if they would like the Alma Mater changed. Some of their replies were:

Jeff Warren: "No, it's traditional. We don't have any tradition as it is."

Billy Green: "Yes, it's dull slow and boring."

Nadette Jex: "No, it's part of our school heritage. I don't like it, but if they change it they'll probably make it worse."

Mark Felix: "Blase'. I like some of the other ones. It's too slow."

Mike Beck: "It's all right. But I don't know the words any way."

Ted Hoffman: "It's fine."

Alan Bollinger: Definitely not. Where's the school spirit. Keep your Alma Mater, Don't change it. Who ever heard of changing an Alma Mater!"

Ron Neitzke: "Yes, I feel this school needs a true change of color and spirit, and maybe the people will start participating."

Paul Feuerborn: "This school doesn't have any tradition as it is. The Alma Mater is the only tradition we have, so keep it the way it is."

Anonymous 1: "No, I don't know this one. All I know is the last three words, 'Hail, Hail, Hail'."

Terrie Beller: "No, I'm just learning the words to the Alma Mater now and I don't want it changed in my last year."

Jim McCan: "No, I just don't think it should."

Rosie Proper: "No, I like the way we have the words but I don't like the music."

Susan Hull: "No, I like the one we have but I'd like one that everyone could sing. It would mostly depend on what they change it to."

Anonymous 2: "I feel it's tradition. What else would you put in place of it?"

Alice Hartzell: "I think they should leave it because it's been here all these years. Unless it's really out dated and I don't think it is."

Brian McFerran: "To tell you the truth I don't know the old one so I think we should change it to something easier and shorter."

A picture's worth a thousand words...

At the reunion there will be plenty of opportunity to enjoy taking photos, viewing them, and sharing them with friends.

★ Amy Maeda-Burch has put together a slide show for us with many pictures from the past. Some are out-takes that never made it into the yearbook, others are never-before-seen shots from our 10, 20, and 30 year reunions. All of them will bring back memories of our friends from Lawndale High. You can watch it playing throughout the evening on a big screen.

★ And in case you don't think you've changed much in 20 years, we will also be showing the DVD of the video interviews taken by Doug at the 20 year reunion back in 1994.

★ There will also be a photo staging area perfect for your still photos, and then later in the night, we will bring out hats and props to use in making some fun and silly photos.

★ Don't forget to bring your own photos, too - both family pictures and photos for our memorabilia table.

Did You Know?

More than a third of the respondents on our personal profiles said that football games brought some of the best memories of our years at Lawndale High. And to think that our school didn't even have a home football field!

Amongst the most memorable - defeating Lennox, our CIF game against Antelope Valley, and Lemvo's winning field goal. Additionally, there were many football related memories - Friday nights with friends after the game, coaches Benstead, Ernaga, Cauncey, Effler, Reed, Cain, White, and Lawson, cheerleading, being on the football team, selling pep rubbons, cheerleading camp, and drill team. In all, memories of Lawndale High were extremely positive. "I loved high school and don't really have any bad memories," says Luis Menendez. Most of us would have to agree!

Go Cardinals!



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Two Newsletters Left!

We need your stories, memories, news, and ideas for our next

Lawndale High 40 Year Reunion Newsletter

Please send what you have to share

to Rebecca Hildebrandt Reinis at rebeccareinis@gmail.com



Black T Shirts are still available through July 29th!

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Don't be left out!

Reunion Committee:

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