
ALUMNI NEWS

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LPHS Marching and Concert Bands

The band program at Lincoln Park H.S. attracts students from all over the city of Chicago who are desirous of a music program which will help them grow artistically. Beginning Band offers music lessons and practice in a band class which can lead to Concert, Marching, and/or Jazz Bands. Many of our students have been selected for the All-City School Band, Orchestra, and Jazz Band. In 1996, members of the Band even received All-State honors.

The Marching Band participates in several events each year. It is the only one in the city regularly invited to escort Bozo through the Lincoln Park Zoo at its Spooky Zoo Parade on Halloween. In recent years, it has participated in the Columbus Day, Greek American Day, Great America, and Northwestern University Homecoming Parades. It also has made special guest appearances at



functions such as the Children's Memorial Hospital Christmas fundraiser. The Marching Band is always in demand, receiving requests to perform in many different venues, even in Washington D. C. at the national 4th of July Spectacular!

Our premiere band is the Concert Band. Many of the members of the Marching Band and Jazz Ensemble are also in this band, which has won first place in

the City Festival Competition for 14 consecutive years. The Concert Band performs continually throughout the school year. Performances at the State of Illinois Building Christmas Tree Dedication Ceremony, Civic Center concerts, the Arizona Memorial Pavilion in Hawaii, and the former Blackstone Theater have given the Concert Band city-wide recognition. Some band members compete individually in city and statewide competitions throughout the year.

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CLASS NOTES

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Gizella Matics: Information on her, an only child, is sought by her daughter, Bernice Frankel, who is seeking her mother's roots, and has her original autograph book signed by friends and teachers, plus school pictures. Does anyone out there have ideas to help find info?

1935

Esther Hirsh: I sit on the Midwest Area Board of Na'amat USA (was executive director for 10 years) and on the presidium of the all-Chicago Council; I also am on the Midwest Region Board of the Jewish National Fund. Na'amat USA supports a network of day care centers for 30,000 children in Israel, vocational boarding high schools and a center for women suffering from domestic violence. I was married to a physician for 47 years, raised 4 children. My daughter lives in Israel, my oldest son in California and two are here in the Chicago area. My husband and I have traveled to Israel, the Orient,

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England, Denmark and Sweden.

1945

Margaret (Cox) Leckich: I became a graduate nurse, married a military man, traveled to Japan twice, had 5 children and now live in Miami, Florida (since 1956). I operate a religious shop at the church I attend. I have lost my 1945 year book-- Is there any way to get a copy?

Clifford Curry: I am a retired bar owner, now work part-time as a bartender for Knights of Columbus two nights a week and for City of Elmhurst as a crossing guard.

1947

Michael Cacioppo: interests are gardening, remodeling my home and near future travel plans.

1948

Rosalie (La Rocca) Howard: I retired from the Charles Leng Circulation Co. after 43 years. We have enjoyed traveling to Europe and Italy several times. I enjoy doing volunteer work for retarded and abused children and some reading for the blind. My son is married and we visit him often near St. Louis.

Bill Rossberger: I have a large collection of maps, books, photos, Waller photos, and yearbooks. Channel 11 (WTTW) recently did a series on Chicago History from my collection. My brother, sister, father, and grandfather's brothers attended Waller.

1950

Tracy P. Jones: I am retired from Merrill Lynch & Co., after 37 years in finance and brokerage industry. I now work at the Chicago Historical Society in their prints and photographs department. Are there other 1950 graduates out there?

1952

Helen (Braun) Racan: I have 8 children--4 natural, 4 step--and many grandchildren, etc. I have been to Germany and Czechoslovakia 3-4 times. I worked for "Bank One" for 29 years until they "downsized". I am working presently for a temporary agency. My husband Edward has been retired for 18 years.

1953

Rosemary (Booton) Carrera: We have 5 children, 4 grandchildren. I work for a pediatrician, my husband works with his brothers at Carrera Studio, which does commercial and school photography.

1961

Barbara (Alexander) Cole: I have one daughter, we have traveled over the U.S. I assist the elderly & help others in my church. Attended the 1979 reunion.

1962

Lillian (Alischewsky) Wenger: I worked for a lumber company for many years, but due to the sale of the company, I am now a returning student at the University of Montana in social work. I remarried 5 years ago, have a daughter who also lives in Missoula, MT. I have traveled

extensively, like sports and dancing.

1965

Ronald E. Wethington: Married to Martha (Elsenbach), former Waller attendee, 4 children. Currently working as Chief Recreation Therapist with 25 years in July for VAMC in Asheville, Waco (Texas), and Westside (Chicago). Did 6 years with the Air Force during Vietnam (as air craft control technician): 1967-73. AA degree from Wright Junior. Attended 10th and 25th reunions.

1983

Bruce Azuma: Currently I am a management consultant for Price Waterhouse. I travel often for business. I have two children and one on the way.

1984

Cynthia (Grove) Gray: I married in December, 1996 and continue to teach music and chorus in Chicago, have become the associate director of Jubilate Children's Choir in Northfield, IL. My husband Arthur is a resident doctor at Loyola Medical Center.

1986

Valerie Yoshimura: Married 1992, no kids yet, finally made it to Japan (!), still "doing" French. Current interests: 17th century French literature, golf, gourmet cooking.
Masami Tanaka: Since graduation from college (U. Chicago 1990) I have been living in New York. I love it here and I enjoy my current position working in management consulting. Please let me know if

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LPHS Bands

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We have done outstandingly well in city competitions and are now making our presence known on the state level. The Concert Band is the only city of Chicago band to be invited each year to a band clinic sponsored by Northwestern University. Band members also participate in the Merit Music Program, the Chicago Youth Symphony, and the Protégé Orchestra. Each year, band members receive full college scholarships based on their musical ability.

Several ensembles are formed each year by students who enjoy the opportunities and challenge available in ensemble music and working in a small group. The Jazz Ensemble is one of the offshoots. Ramsey Lewis began a Jazz Mentor's Program a few years ago, enlisting the aid of recognized jazz musicians to tutor members of jazz ensembles in schools throughout the city of Chicago. The program culminates each year in a performance with the Ramsey Lewis Trio at Ravinia on the 4th of July. Although we have had a presence at this concert since the inception of Mr. Lewis' program, in 1996, three of the six students Mr. Lewis invited to play with his Trio were from Lincoln Park High School! 📖

Lincoln Park



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Lions' Spring Athletics

This year we have fielded more than 30 teams, with 350 students participating. Besides the regular season play, a number of students competed in State Tournaments.

Sports schedules will be available in the fall. If you are able, we would love to see you at meets/games !! Our wonderful students deserve support!!

Spring team records:	W	L	T
Girls' soccer	12	1	1
Varsity Softball	8	4	0
Frosh/Soph Softball	4	8	0
Boys' Tennis	2	2	0
Varsity Baseball	11	1	9
Frosh/Soph Baseball	4	3	0

Congratulations, ACA-DEC Competitors!

After a mere 6 months of study, early morning seminars 5 times a week, and a dozen 8-10 hour Saturday sessions, the 1997 LPHS Academic Decathlon Team captured second place in the State of Illinois! The ten categories of mathematics, science, language and literature, social studies, economics, fine arts, an essay, an interview, a speech and the super quiz did not seem to phase this team.

The students recorded the highest team score in LPHS history and the highest score of any second place team in Illinois state tournament history. Since 1991, when this extracurricular activity was begun, LPHS has won 210

medals in competition. This year's team members won 43% (91 medals) of that total. Finally, this team recorded seven of the top ten highest individual scores recorded for LPHS team members since 1991.

Team members included: Charles Bagot, Eric Basile, Eve Bratman, Stan Dobrovolskis, Josh Heffernan, Rebecca Howard, Marc Jeuland, Lara Minetz, and Dan White.

History teacher and Aca-Dec Coach Ron Smith says, "Guys [and gals], it was my pleasure to know each of you!" 📖

The International Baccalaureate Program

Serving meals to the homeless, doing research on breast cancer cells at the University of Chicago, composing a piece for a chamber ensemble to perform, providing around the clock care for a 10-year-old with muscular dystrophy for a week at camp, running or swimming in a state competition---these are just some of the things students in the International Baccalaureate program have done in the last school year. This accelerated and enriched program for academically gifted, highly-motivated high school students has been very successful at LPHS.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program was established at LPHS in 1980, as part of an effort by the School Board and community leaders to improve the academic and social climate at the school. Since then, approximately 630 students have completed the LPHS program. LPHS is one of over 700 member schools in more than 90 countries in the International Baccalaureate Organization. The IB program was originally developed to insure that children of career diplomats and international corporation executives would have access to a quality, integrated education that would be

recognized by educational institutions world-wide.

LPHS has the only IB program in a public school in Illinois. Two private Chicago-area schools have recently introduced the program, and several Chicago public high schools have begun the process in hopes of gaining approval for IB programs. Admission requirements at LPHS include scores in the 90th



percentile on standardized tests, an entrance examination, an excellent academic record, and a personal interview. Once admitted, in addition to meeting the challenges of a rigorous curriculum, students must write a major research paper, perform 100 hours of community service, and engage in creative and athletic activities. The program at LPHS is one of the highest-ranked internationally in terms of the number of students who take the diploma exams.

In the 1996-97 school year,

nearly 300 students in grades 9-12 participated in the IB program, or almost 20% of the total school population. A record freshman IB class of 135 will enter in the fall of 1997. These freshmen will be part of the Freshman Academy, a closed-campus program housed in the west building of the campus, where they will get to know students from all the various LPHS programs.

A significant number of students in the Lincoln Park IB program were born in other countries, are first generation in this country, and/or are the children of internationals. In the class of 1997, eight students took exams for a bi-lingual diploma. Also, this year exams were given in 24 separate IB subjects, demonstrating the wide range of possibilities at LPHS, as well as the diversity of students' abilities and interests.

IB teachers have received numerous teaching awards and recognition. All receive special training to teach in this program. Further, several of them train IB teachers from other schools in programs sponsored by the IB organization, and some serve on international IB committees. 📖

BRAVO FOR THESE GENEROUS ALUMNI !!

We would like to thank the following grads who have joined the Alumni Group, as of August 26, 1997--by sending us the yearly \$5.00 membership fee:

James McGovern (6/1940)	Karen (Smith) Thomas (1962)	Mary Ann Kapuscinski (1946)
John McLinn (1945)	Lillian (Alischewsky) Wenger (62)	Margaret (Franz) Zartler (1935)
Eusebio Bertani (6/1945)	Barbara (Barry) Grasl (1966)	Kenneth (Kopel) Satton (1933)
Margaret (Cox) Leckich (6/1945)	John Wotovich (1984)	Sandi Abadinsky (1989)
Vilma (Deutsch) Cooney (1945)	Valerie Yoshimura (1986)	Ianna Kachoris (1994)
Michael Cacioppo (1947)	Kristina McLean (1989)	William Krone (1946)
Peter John Graf (1/1948)	Thea Kachoris (1992)	Ann (Herman) Trankle (1946)
Virginia (Bianchi) Adelizzi (6/1948)	Olivia(Maciulis) Krakowski(93)	Mary J. (Fischer) Leist (1/1935)
Albert Mirza (1950?)	Marc Mangoubi (1994)	Henrietta (Graef) Krema (1936)
Phillip Joseph (1950)	Rosalie(LaRocca)Howard (1/48)	Walter Daniels (1945)
Clara (Bertani) Graf (6/1950)	George Quinsky (1/1935)	Voula (Rentas) Swenson (1/1958)
Helen (Braun) Racan (1/1952)	Norman Odeshoo (1949)	Hilda (Moritz) Zartler (6/1935)
Tina (LaPaglia) Ladewig (1952)	Barbara(Alexander)Cole (1961)	Marge (?) LaBarbera (6/1948)
Sara Watson (1/1964)	John E. Katzler (1945)	Mona (Easson) Garcia (1/1956)
Dorothy (Braun) Stepan (1/1950)	A. Mead Gifford (1953)	FloraGrace Geltner-Sweeney (1964)
Kurt Schaefer (1954)	Slavka (Djekich) Fager (1965)	

Special thanks go to the individuals below who contributed more than the annual \$5.00 membership fee:

Esther (Shiffman) Hirsh (1935)	Michael Ash (1987)
Sidney Freeman (1942)	Rebecca Chiyo Nakamura (1989)
Clifford Curry (1945)	Wayne Koizumi (1988)
Bill Rossberger (1948)	Sumie Song (1990)
Ronald Wethington (1965)	Lise VanderVoort (1993)
Masami Tanaka (1986)	Bernice Frankel (mother: 1916)
Pam Feldman (1986)	Tracy Jones (6/1950)
Ingeborge (Weinert) Teske (1957)	Olga McFerran (1943)
Katy (Quinones) Dilbaitis (1964)	Harvey Schwartz (1946)
Geraldine (Thal) Timmer (1942)	Ray Chiostri (1950)
Lenore (Gultling) Bruns (1/1956)	Georgia (Vamos) Ryndak (1944)

Class Notes

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there are any other LPHS graduates in the NY area. Did the class of '86 have a 10th year reunion? Current interests: traveling, action movies, jogging, skiing.

Pam Feldman: I am a recent Ph.D. in psychology and doing research on women's health at Carnegie Mellon University. I love to travel and have spent a fair amount of time in Asia over the last 5 years.

1987

Michael Ash: I am working on a Ph.D. in economics at the U. of California at Berkeley; in 1995-96, I served as a staff labor economist for President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisors.

1988

Wayne T. Koizumi: After LPHS, I went on to Yale, and became an East Asian studies major so I could go to Kyoto, Japan for my junior year abroad. Having learned how to play the trombone at LPHS with Mr. Paris, I was able to join the Yale band and got to march in a London New Year's Parade, as well as for the inauguration of George Bush in Washington, DC. I was pre-med, pre-law, and pre-business, but finally settled on pre-architecture. After undergrad I went to UIC for a year to take some math and physics courses as prerequisites for UCLA's architecture school. So now I am in LA and I just got my master's in

architecture in June 1996, after which I immediately got a job at a magazine company in Malibu to design WEB pages where I am today.

1989

Kristina McLean: I currently work at an alternative public school in Chicago for pregnant and parenting teens, have experience with pregnancy, STD and HIV/AIDS prevention programs in schools. Interests: mentoring and tutoring.

Simona Mkrtschjan: I have married and divorced (quite publicly) and suffered the humiliating expulsion from the royal family. Well, at least I got to keep my title. And the jewels.

Rebecca Chiyo Nakamura: Job: Public Relations Coordinator at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Chicago (JCCC).

1990

Sumie Song: Ph.D. candidate, Duke University, German Studies, Critical Theory, Cultural Studies.

Marinel S. Mateo: I work so much that I hardly have time for other interests. But when I do manage to find some spare time, I like to go to movies and spend time with my friends (most of whom are in Boston).

1991

Anya C. Henry: BA sociology/anthropology, 1995, from Carleton College. MSc. Comparative and International Education, University of Oxford in 1996. Fall 1996: secondary school teacher in an IB

school in northern London. But I am back in Chicago in 1997.

1992

Adam Carter: Have just returned from 8 adventurous months traveling through Asia and the Middle East with Dan Lazarus. Though Laz was almost sacrificed as part of a cannibalistic ceremony we witnessed in the jungles of Sumatra, we both returned safely and look forward to further travels.

1993

Olivia (Maciulis) Krakowski: Recent graduate of U of I, Urbana (in the top 100 honors). Occupational aspiration: entry level creative advertising, with an art direction. Interests: travel, art, festivals, openings.

Lise VanderVoort: Graduated with a BA in Humanistic Studies from McGill University in Montreal, 1996. Currently living and studying in southern France. Addicted to the climate.

Kathleen Braun: Graduating from Carnegie Mellon in May, 1997. Will be taking a year off to work before attending medical school.

Melissa Mann: current interests: history, running, travel, finding a job.

1996

Jarvis Houston: I go to Northern Illinois University and plan on being a lawyer. I like playing basketball; interests are law, political science,

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volunteering.

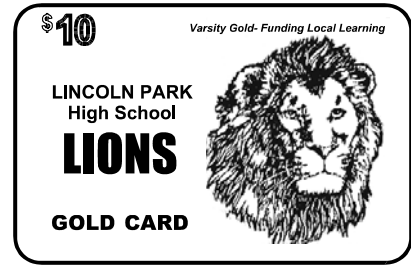
Taiyyaba Safri: "This past January (1997,) I spent a few weeks visiting my extended family in Pakistan. It had been eight years since my last visit, so I was very concerned about what my relationships would be like with people who I thought didn't know me anymore. My fears, I found, were completely unfounded. I would like my fellow alumni to know that the relationships and friendships we shared don't fade either, and that they shouldn't be apprehensive or reluctant to join the reunion." Current interests: dance, foreign languages, gardening, sewing, being a DJ for my college radio station.

Christian DeVos: My parents have relocated to Yosemite Park in California where my dad has accepted the position of Food and Beverage Director for all camp services. I am a freshman studying at Wesleyan University, interested in government and Latin American Studies. 📖

Phyllis Wright, Assistant Principal, has provided us with an overview of what the Centennial plans might include. Formal planning will begin in the fall with the first general meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 1997, at 6:00 p.m in Rm. 103.

LPHS Athletic Team Fundraiser

"Lions" Gold Card- Good for one
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See Mrs. Vrbancic to purchase

Planning for the Centennial To Begin in September, 1997

VOLUNTEERS (YOU!) ARE NEEDED TO HELP ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND/OR PROJECTS:

- 1) Banners for street lights in Lincoln Park neighborhood
- 2) Sunday Brunch to culminate the yearlong events in March of '99
- 3) Saturday-before-Brunch school celebration
- 4) Media advertising/publicity
- 5) Alumni communications
- 6) Yearlong school activities (1998-1999)
- 7) Contacting former staff
- 8) Class of 1999 June graduation planning
- 9) Commemorative paraphernalia to sell
(ring already on order, alumni directory, etc.)
- 10) Budget and fundraising
- 11) Centennial Garden: obelisk & benches to be planned

Plans at this point are rather flexible and tentative. WE NEED YOUR HELP AND EXPERTISE!! MANY OF YOU HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE ORGANIZING REUNIONS OVER THE YEARS. WE WELCOME YOUR IDEAS AND ENERGY!! Please contact Phyllis Wright at LPHS, (773) 534-8130. 📖

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I wish to join the Alumni Group to become an official Member-in-Good-Standing for 1997-98, by sending the annual membership fee of \$5.00.

I wish to donate an additional amount of \$ _____, to help with newsletter mailing, production costs and the Centennial Celebration.

I would like to help with the following Centennial Project or task (see article on Centennial Planning, page 7):

I would like to be a "Class Agent" (in charge of collecting information on classmates for future newsletters, networking and helping with reunion planning).

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ Phone _____



What information would you like to share with other alumni? Please put this on another sheet of paper. (We'll include you in the next newsletter's "Class Notes" section.) **THANK YOU!!**