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# ALUMNI NEWS

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## CENTENNIAL GALA WEEKEND TAKES SHAPE

Plans are well under way for the Centennial weekend April 9-11, 1999. A "package" ticket--which includes admission to the Friday night band concert and sock hop, the all-day Open House on Saturday (including lunch in the school cafeteria and a souvenir) and the Sunday Gala Brunch at the Chicago Hilton and Towers--will cost \$45.00 per person.

Invitations and the reservation form are being mailed to all those on the alumni list and any additional names as we receive them. **Over 600 reservations have been made.**

**Make yours now!**

Alumni should present themselves at "Check-In" tables at each of the events scheduled.

The Friday night performance by the award-winning school Concert

Band beginning at 7:00 p.m. will feature an opportunity for alumni musicians and former band directors to participate in certain numbers. The Sock Hop in the school gymnasium featuring music hits from all eras, past and present, will be held and everyone is welcome to "trip the light fantastic."

The Saturday Open House (from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) will feature tours of the school and gatherings of alumni by year of graduation in designated classroom areas. At specific times, grads will be called to pose for group photographs. Memorabilia and historical displays will be exhibited. Old photographs, some yearbooks, souvenirs and class pictures will be available for purchase. Lunch will be provided in the

cafeteria.

Continuing the festivities, Saturday evening reunions of alumni may be organized. For classes of 1940-1947, Robert Girard (44), 847-475-7334, is in charge. Sue Draper Coughlin (49), 847-541-2189(H) or 847-509-9700 x 5334 (W), is willing to organize a get-together for the classes of 1948-51. Eileen Chuck Stepanovich (60), 219-838-4365 (H) or 312-618-4232 (W), is doing the planning



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for the classes of 1959-1961. For classes of 1962-1980, the contact person is Kathy Roach Fiorovante (66), 847-549-3729 (W). Thea Kachoris (92), 773-868-9690, and Ianna Kachoris (94), 773-935-1631(H) or 312-353-4303 (W), are organizing a gathering for classes of 1981-1995.

An all-faculty and staff reunion dinner is planned for Saturday evening at the La Marguerita Restaurant in the Presidential Towers, 555 W. Madison. Contact Marna Shapiro at 312-642-7325.

On Sunday, the Gala Brunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Chicago Hilton and Towers, 720 S. Michigan, in the International Ballroom. Jessie White, alum and current Secretary of State, will M.C. a short program and memorabilia will again be available.

A block of rooms has been reserved in the Chicago Hilton at a special rate of \$145 per night (double occupancy) for alumni. To make room reservations, call 1-800-HILTONS and mention the Waller/Lincoln Park High School Centennial. ■

Centennial Year - Spring, 1999

## (CLASS NOTES)

(What's happening with you? What would you like to share with former classmates and other grads? This section is YOURS, for all you deem NOTE-worthy! Unless otherwise noted, contributors reside in Chicago. Included is all info received between August 5, 1998 and January 14, 1999.)

1941

**John W. Pozdro** (Lawrence, KS). Retired from teaching music theory and composition at the University of Kansas...where I was a member of the faculty for 43 years. After Waller High, spent some time in military service and continued my education, when discharged, at Northwestern University and the Eastman School of Music. My education at Waller proved to be a valuable commodity in my life. Married, two children, four grandchildren. What am I doing now? Composing, reading, playing golf, writing, and teaching occasionally at KU. Would very much enjoy hearing from any former classmates.

1942

**Edward R. Barrett**. Retired 12 years ago, after working for the City of Chicago for 37 years. Retired as chief bridgetender. Am active in veterans' organizations V.F.W. and Amvets.

**Leon Soffer**. Worked as a chemist and in administration for Borden Company for 36 years. Now semi-retired and busy with interesting projects. Have wonderful memories of Waller High and always proud of its many outstanding graduates such as our new Illinois Secretary of State Jessie White!

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**1943**

**Joe Mule** (Tucker, GA). Received first copy of newsletter and it is great. Need your help. --I graduated in 1943 but I do not remember the name of the girl I took to the prom. So anyway if getting info on prom of 1943, especially pictures, I would love to know who she was.... and better yet, a picture. So [here is] a challenge to the class of '43: Who did Joe Mule take to prom?

My wife and I plan to attend the reunion in '99. (Fifty-six years-boy, that is a long time ago!!)

**1944**

**Philip J. Mole** (Surprise, AZ). Married Mamie Collura (46). Served in the U.S. Navy and Army in World War II and Korean conflict. Received B.S.E.E. from Chicago Technical College, did post graduate work in industrial and sanitary engineering at IIT. Worked as engineer for AT & T Engineering Corporation, the City of Chicago and Cook County. Raised five children. Served as adjunct associate professor at the U of I School of Public Health. Founder and president of Sun Manufacturing and Sun Eco-Systems, Inc.(environmental consultants nationwide). Holder of pollution control systems and emergency lighting device patents. Semi-retired and presently residing in Arizona (winters) and Elmwood Park, IL. Play poor golf and enjoy boating. Waller years and Franklin branch were great. Played violin in school orchestra and clarinet in band under the direction of Mr. Feldman. Would like to hear from fellow classmates and to purchase (if available) the 1944 yearbook. Looking forward to the Centennial celebration.

**1945**

**Elaine (Mistretta) Beaulieu** (Glenview, IL). Married Bob Beaulieu ('44) for past 52 years, have 5 children, 8 grandchildren. Spend winters in Florida, enjoy golf, tennis and walking the beach.

**1946**

**Ophelia "Faye" (Martinez) Whalen** (Indianapolis, IN). I danced with

the U.S.O. Camp Shows after graduation until Dec. 1947, traveling throughout the U.S. at every military hospital and installation. In 1948 I attended LaSalle Extension University (business college), specializing as a Court Reporter. I worked in this capacity as well as a Secretary-Stenographer for the Civil Service for 30 years, retiring in 1989. My husband William (also attended Waller in 1941 but joined the Navy, served 3 years in the Pacific war zone, then graduated from Schurz in 1946) served in the Air Force for 17 years, and during his military service we traveled throughout the U.S. and overseas (Japan for 3 years) and continued traveling in civilian life to Europe, Scandinavia, Mexico and the Caribbean. Our hobby, sailing, has been shared with our children: sailed our 17 foot Sloop for over 35 years on many U.S. waters and began bare boat chartering. We have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

**1947**

**Sam Scaletta** (Apple Valley, CA). Have lived in California for 43 years, married to wife Gayle Dungan for 47 years. We have four children and eleven grandchildren. Retired in 1989. Hoping to hear from classmates of January 1947.

**Joe F. Priola** (Sleepy Hollow, IL). I attended Waller from 43-47 and did not graduate because of difficulties and circumstances at the time. I enlisted in the USMC prior to the Korean War. I was discharged honorably in 1953. We had a very popular club during my "term" at WHS. We called ourselves "the Jiving Joes". (Does anyone remember?)

**Dr. John H. Roberts** (Burr Ridge, IL). It was good to be contacted. Sorry I missed the 50th for the class following mine.

**1948**

**Joann (Cacciabondo) Richardson** (Buffalo Grove, IL). Since husband Harry retired in '85, have enjoyed traveling. Married 40 years, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Besides traveling, enjoy cards, theater, reading. Spend 4 months in Florida each year.

**William Joseph Ifkovits** (Elburn, IL). I was attending Wright Junior College in 1950 when I came home one day to find a draft notice... I threw it

away and joined the Air Force and three days later was at Lackland AF in Texas for basic training. Six weeks later I was at Lowry AFB in Denver, CO going to remote control turret mechanic school, which eventually led to becoming a gunner on a B-29 bomber. Eventually I wound up at Forbes AFB in the 375th bomber wing. On our crew our tail gunner was J. Jackson.... I wound up marrying his sister Kathryn (we have 2 boys and 2 girls). After being discharged in 1953 when the Korean War ended, we moved back to Chicago and I became a carpenter for 3 years. In 1956 I quit construction and went to work for a chemical company, became plant manager and left in 1966 to start my own business, which I'm still active in today. I raised and bred Appaloosa horses for about 10 years just for the fun of it and had some success in producing leopards which are not easy to come by. I also enjoyed having a boat on Lake Michigan for many years and also fishing in Canada. Kitty and I love to travel and have seen most of Europe including Russia. Also visited China twice and Japan, Singapore and Malaysia.

**Maryann (Francus) Kulawiak** (Norridge, IL). Retired psychiatric nurse for the federal government. [Have been] completely paralyzed from 1956. Would like to hear from some of my classmates.

**Herb Nakata** (Pullman, WA). Attended U of IL, was granted a BS ('52), MS ('56), and Ph.D.('59). Spent 1952-54 in the U.S. Army, 13 months in Korea. Married Barbara Wescott ('60), [we] have a son and 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren. Was professor at Washington State University for 34 years and the last 24 years Chairman of the Department of Microbiology. Retired in 1993. So far trips have included England, Ireland, the Yucatan, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hawaii and Alaska. It's a great life!

("I was dismayed to learn of Miss H. Schinkel's passing.... I did... visit the high school.... and [all was] very nice... The neighborhood is much more attractive... I was very much impressed with all the changes.")

**1949**

**Pat (Nikoleit) Solem** (Scottsdale, AZ). Hello to all my school friends. I

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look forward to seeing you at our 50th. Let's try to make it a big one!

**Esther (Sato) Gokan.** Passed away.

**Elinor Michaelson.** Passed away on 10/8/98 of lung cancer, age 68.

## 1950

**Samuel T. Priola** (Sun City, AZ). Retired from the LysJohn Company after 32 years of service in 1990. Married to Joan Swanson for 43 years. Have 5 sons, 4 grandchildren. Moved to Sun City in July 1996 from Rockford, IL. Would like to hear from old teammates; football and swimming.

**Rosemary (Paul) Eddy** (Tempe, AZ). Married for 47 years. Left Chicago in 1971 for the warmer climate. Became a realtor in 1971 and I'm still at it. Love to travel and visit my children and grandchildren. My husband and I love to go fishing in our spare time. We're trying to reach Jim Thull, does anyone know where he is?? I can be reached at roedco@getnet.com. Love to hear from old friends.

## 1951

**Anthony "Nino" Perrone** (Palatine, IL). Attended Wright Junior College, then served in the US Army during the Korean War from 1953-1955. I am presently retired. Worked for 40 years as an office manager for 3 major firms. In retirement, my wife Susan and I traveled 6000 miles around America. Saw all the major monuments of the USA. Have 5 grown children. While at WHS I played on some great basketball teams!

## 1955

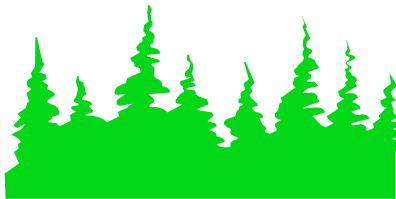
**Rick Alcayaga** (Santa Clara, UT). Am I wrong or is the pic[ture] of our high school on the first page of Vol. 2, issue 1 a "flopped" image? Recall seeing street car tracks on Armitage only!!

## 1960

**Edgar Hill.** [I] work as a tax accountant presently. "I am happy to read that Lincoln Park students are always ranked in the top three positions ... at the same time I am glad to see that our athletics are improving. I am proud of our school and cherish my memories there always !!

## 1966

**Gloria (Donahue) Levesque** (Payson, AZ). After graduating, I went on to Amundsen-Mayfair and Loop Jr. College and received my AA degree. Since then I have lived in St. Paul, MN, Spring Valley, WI, Hot Springs, AR, Mesa, AZ and currently in Payson, AZ. I've worked as a keypunch operator, clerk typist, wholesale Christian book distributor and tax preparer. Am currently



employed as a soft count manager in the local casino. I am 11 years into my second marriage. Am looking forward to attending the Centennial weekend.... I would like to get in touch with Rosalie Majoica, Nancy (Frenchy) Blanche, Kathy Eisenhower, and Andrea Karnowski all from the class of 1966.

## 1967

**Carroll A. Pearson** (Lake Geneva, WI). I am so pleased to see [the Alumni Group] exists and enjoy reading the newsletter. My mother, Thelma Pearson, who attended 2 years at Waller and then

went on to a business school, is celebrating her 91st birthday on Feb. 23, 1999. My sister Collene Pearson Monroe attended Waller and graduated in '63. I am presently restoring an 1892 Victorian house. I am divorced and have 4 great children.... Amy is in college in Peoria, Luke graduated from Kansas City Art Institute and works in KC, James attends Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and is a junior, while Mike is a senior at Badger High School planning to study music in college. I am an art teacher working in Kenosha Unified School District teaching K-8.

I am trying to locate Allyn Yamanouchi ('67) who lives in the New York area. I would appreciate any help.

## 1988

**Jasmine Kelley, MD.** (Boston, MA). After medical school, lived in Germany and France for a year, am now completing residency in Boston. Love tennis, fashion and foreign travel.

## 1989

**Kate Knepper.** I graduated from Stanford in 1993, married Gavin Polhemus ('94). I'm now finishing my final year at Northwestern Medical School after taking a year off to have a son (Eric Matthew). Am looking forward to the Centennial celebration! ■

## TEACHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Two memorial funds in memory of former teachers are currently furnishing deserving seniors with scholarships for their first year of college. They are the Barbara O'Donnell Award and the Thomas Metropolis Award. Every June, students are awarded the scholarships during graduation exercises.

Graduates will remember Barbara O'Donnell as a history, law and social studies teacher who taught at Waller/LPHS from the early 1970's to the mid-1980's. She directed the law program, having written the pilot project which established a 2-period course called "Law and Justice" which was taken by most of the juniors in the school. She is remembered as one who loved and understood students, who could capture their attention totally and who joked easily and non-defensively. After her death, the family of Ms. O'Donnell set up the scholarship fund, to which teachers contributed, and designated that interest on the money go each year to a student or students who had done outstanding extra work and have talent in law.

Thomas Metropolis was a well-loved teacher of mathematics at Waller/LPHS from the mid-1970's to the middle of the 1980's. A chemist before adopting teaching as a profession, he is remembered as a feisty, demanding and stern individual who was interested in students who had not had previous success with math. He would often follow up with them by regularly contacting their homes. The award is generally presented to students from the neighborhood who have shown exceptional effort and improvement in mathematics over their high school years.

## CLASSES HOLD WELL ATTENDED REUNIONS

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY: CLASS OF 1948 by Rudolf Dick

It was the grand and gala 50th year reunion of Waller High School's 1948 class that celebrated on September 19, 1998. United in the Grove Banquet facilities in Buffalo Grove (also known as the Schwaben Center) was a crowd of 180 persons, which included 108 actual graduates. They gathered together for a sentimental evening of meeting, mingling, and recalling precious memories. The evening featured a sit-down dinner, cash bar, and dancing to DJ music. All who attended agree that it was an event long to be remembered and cherished. From the moment the crowd gathered, the excitement and electricity in the air grew steadily. Kisses, hugs, embraces and exclamations of wonder and surprise were evident everywhere (and yes, even a few tears) and did not diminish until sad and fond farewells were said. The dinner, photo session and dancing filled the evening and were over all too quickly. Promises were made to keep in touch and to repeat this affair in the future.

### CLASSES OF 1952-1958 by Wallace O. Heistad

On Saturday, October 17, 1998, a reunion was held for graduates of Waller High School, Classes of 1952 through 1958. One -hundred-and fifty graduates and spouses from those years gathered at Monastero's Ristorante in Chicago to renew acquaintance with classmates, many of whom had not seen each other since their graduation dates. Though a drenching rain made travel to the celebration a challenge, the evening was a smashing success. Hugging, reminiscences of past adventures and experiences, and sharing of journeys through life were highlights of the evening. Graduates of those years were even able to share discussions with a teacher at Waller during those years, Elston Elston.

Planning for the evening commenced in August of 1997 with a reunion committee composed of William Leaveck (1954), Zelma Shimon Pitner (1954), Diane Fritz Peters (1955), Charles Plaiss (1955), Blanche Turina

Burich (1956), and Wallace Heistad (1954). Graduates had drifted apart and lost contact with one another during the intervening years; thus a major task was to build a mailing list through individual contact, use of the Internet to check upon addresses of Wallerites of those years and searching of past reunion lists. It was a challenge to find people, but the results were exceedingly gratifying.

Nancy Peterson Weiss (1954) had found a video-taped copy of an 8 mm movie taken in 1953-54 of faculty members, students, and activities of those years, so much time was spent in front of the VCR / TV viewing the tape and recalling the people and incidents which made our high school years so memorable.

Special awards and recognition were given to graduates in various categories: Bernice Schweichler, a special guest for the evening, was recognized for being the first homecoming queen in school history (1936); Marseda Hamilton Laing (1956) was recognized for being homecoming queen for 1955; and three grads-- Barbara "Bobbi" Burns Ross (1953), Janet Pupich Schwartz (1957), and Gerald Miyaki (1955)-were recognized as having traveled the furthest to attend the reunion since all came from various parts of California. Alfred Kohsel Jr. (1954) was recognized for having fourteen grandchildren. Fran Delgado (1956) was recognized as the female graduate who had least changed in appearance, and Enrique "Ricco" Alcayaga (1955) as such among male graduates.

Waller High School during those years was a cosmopolitan and unique high school, and many of our classmates have contributed significantly to the life of the city and the state. We are proud to call ourselves graduates of Waller High, and look forward to hearing of similar accomplishments of more recent graduates of the school, now called Lincoln Park High. We hope that the present student body will be as fortunate as we when they look back over their high school years from a forty-year vantage point.

Plans are under way to have another

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## SPORTS SCENE

The beginning of the 1998 school year brought the high school three new coaches. History teacher Ron Smith agreed to handle the newly formed golf team. New physical education teachers Leandra Davis and Cyrus McGinnis were charged with the swim teams and the boys' varsity basketball team, respectively. Mr. McGinnis has come to us from last year's City Championship school, Whitney Young.

Fall teams had many successes during their season:



Cross Country, coached by Ms. Shea, finished with the girls' team in 1st place in city competition and their advancement to State. Boys finished a respectable 6th in team competition.

Golf, coached by Mr. Smith, sent a freshman to State competition for their inaugural season.

Boys' Soccer, coached by Ms. Gibbons, had a 7-7 record for the season, a great improvement!!

Girls' Swim, coached by Ms. Davis and Mr. Metzler, made it to 5th place in the city.

Girls' Tennis, coached by Mr. Christy, placed 3rd in the North Side section and played the first round of city championships.

Girls' Volleyball, coached by Ms. Hoskins, worked themselves to 2nd place in the city, with a regular season record of 19-7.



Football, coached by Mr. Thomas, had a less than desirable season, with a final record of 1-7.

We anticipate that the current basketball season will give us an exciting year. Girls Varsity is looking tough as the season starts, with mostly wins in the pre-season and early scheduled games. Boys Varsity looks exceptionally good this year and have done great things in pre-season tournaments. New coach McGinnis and assistants Johnson, Naditch and Brown are bringing a lot of enthusiasm and energy and structure to a returning team with much talent, notably Aaron Carr, Kyle Mason, Dejo Okunola and Ike Ukawuba.

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## LETTERS TO GRADUATES OF WALLER/LPHS

Dear Alums,

As I interact with you it is very clear to me how much Waller/Lincoln Park High School has meant to you. I'm not certain if it's coincidence, but I run increasingly into our graduates in unexpected ways. I was, for example, riding down a country road in Michigan, and there was reason to stop at a large home along the road. There I learned that the home's owner was a Waller graduate and her sister too. Again, in October, I sat next to a woman on a plane whose uncle, now living in California, is also a Waller graduate. I was given his phone number to contact. In both instances, I was pleased to learn what warm feelings these grads have for their high school.

It is clear that former teachers, students, friends and families had many positive experiences in these hallowed spaces. It is for these reasons that we wish you would consider making donations to your school in the form of an ongoing annual contribution to an alumni fund. This alumni fund could possibly sponsor annual scholarships for graduates. Or you may have recommendations of your own. There is a small committee forming to respond to the need for a permanent alumni fund to help endow the high school. More information will be forthcoming along with information about an annual alumni day when we would warmly welcome our graduates during the holiday season. The high school has grown in many respects and has made a positive difference in the lives of many graduates.

This is a reminder to send in your response for the Alumni/Centennial weekend, April 9-11, 1999. The planned activities will delight you. The Sunday brunch will be a memorable one, filled with surprises.

Thank you for the enthusiastic response to your high school during this centennial year. I look forward to greeting you in April.

Sincerely,

Janis R. Todd  
Principal



Dear Lincoln Park / Waller High School Alumni,

For over 100 years, Lincoln Park/Waller High School has been educating and adapting. As the City of Chicago has evolved, so too has Lincoln Park; from a neighborhood school serving a homogeneous student body of immigrant children to a broadly diverse inner-city high school. Indeed, Lincoln Park/Waller has seen many challenges, of which you were a part. Today, the school is as cosmopolitan as it has ever been, and it is continuing to provide a solid education to its students and a service to its neighborhood.

Lincoln Park in the 1990's is both a neighborhood school and a regional school. It draws its student body from the Lincoln Park and Near North neighborhoods, including Cabrini-Green and the Gold Coast, as well as from the entire north side. Some students walk across the street to get to school, and many travel over one hour by public transportation to get there. But the glue that binds them is Lincoln Park's top notch college preparatory programs. Over 90% of our graduating seniors attend college the year following graduation. From Lincoln Park, they move into the adult world with the tools to make productive contributions.

The school would not be nearly so successful without the leadership of the administration and faculty. Our Principal, Janis Todd, with her administrative team and an outstanding and motivated faculty place the educational goals of our children at the top of their priority list. They work with tremendous energy and creativity to make sure that our kids get the full measure of educational needs. With programs ranging from General High School to Double Honors to International Baccalaureate, and including special programs in performing arts and math/science, the faculty provides extraordinary opportunities for their students to learn and grow. It is a given that there is no more dedicated group of educators in Chicago.

With Chicago leading the way in urban school reform, parents and community members are now part of the school franchise, as opposed to simply being clients of the schools. The Local School Council sits as a local school board to oversee the educational programs and budgetary organization of the school. Our primary role is in hiring and

continuously evaluating the Principal and in overseeing how the school's funds are utilized. In particular, the part of school funding that comes from the State of Illinois Chapter 1 category is used at the discretion of the LSC. At Lincoln Park, the LSC works closely with Mrs. Todd, the Assistant Principals, the Building Engineer, and the faculty to understand the state of the school and the details of its programs.

We are honored to be part of the school in its Centennial year. But more importantly, as parents, we are delighted to have a school available to us in the City which provides an uncompromising education for our children in an atmosphere of diversity and urbanity. I am constantly inspired by the maturity and engaging intellect of our students, and by their accomplishments. Lincoln Park High School, at 100 years, is simply a wonderful place. Thank you for helping to make it so.

Steven Weiss  
Chair  
LPHS Local School Council



## REUNIONS

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reunion for the same class years in 2001. To be added to the mailing list of Waller Classes of 1952-58, please write Wallace O. Heistad at 137 Hemstead, Lake Bluff, IL 60044. We hope to see more graduates of those years at the next BIG reunion! ■

TO ALL THOSE WHO JOINED  
THE ALUMNI GROUP BEFORE  
AUGUST, 1998:  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP !  
Send \$5.00 to:  
Alumni Group  
Friends of Waller/LPHS  
2001 N. Orchard Street Mall  
Chicago, IL 60614

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### A Newly-Funded Orchestra

A few years ago, Herr Stephan, Lincoln Park's German teacher, amateur violinist and lover of classical music, discovered that a couple of students in his classes played string instruments. He invited them to stay after school to play through a few songs with him. Over several years, this string ensemble grew in numbers of string players and in competence, so they began to work on pieces for performance. A few years ago, their reward was inclusion in the semi-annual music concerts given by the school music department.

At the same time, the LPHS band program also continued to grow, adding more and more musical accomplishments to its resume. Three years ago, Mr. Krueger, director of three bands, met



WALLER 1920 ORCHESTRA

with Mrs. Todd and the members of the local school council. At that time, he predicted that during the 1998-99 school year, the band program would enroll a total of 300 students. Projected resources to handle this number of students would not be adequate. A choice would have to be made: either a limit would have to be placed on the number of band participants or additional resources would have to be found. Pointing out the success of the string ensemble, he recommended that if more resources could be procured, LPHS should re-establish an official string program.

Thus, prior to the 1997-98 school year, the school was able to secure 20 string instruments from Senn High School, and a beginning string class was added to the music curriculum; in 1998-99, an advanced string class was added.

A total of 38 string players currently make up this class. By adding wind, brass and percussion members of the concert band, the LPHS Symphony was formed. This fledgling orchestra is comprised of 55 members, holds rehearsals after school, and performed its successful premier at the 1998 Holiday Concert in December.

Mr. Chico, president of the Chicago Board of Education, recently discovered the lack of resources for string programs in the city schools and awarded several schools grants to help them along. Lincoln Park's grant was originally for \$30,000. However, after hearing their performance for the Chicago Partner's Award Ceremony at the Navy Pier, the grant amount was increased to \$50,000. From humble beginnings, the new organization is well on its way!

This year, the LPHS instrumental program (the orchestra plus three bands) counts 323 students.

### A Concert Band Competition Trip to Florida

Under the leadership of the previous band director, Mr. Paris, the LPHS Concert Band received a number of consecutive superior ratings in City band festivals and was recognized as one of the top instrumental programs in the City. Since coming to LPHS as band director, Robert Krueger has set the goal of becoming recognized at State and National levels as well. Students have entered the Illinois High School Association Solo and Ensemble Festival for several years and done well. Recently, several students have qualified for All-State status through the IMEA audition process--being the first CPS students ever to do so! Last year, the Concert Band entered the prestigious Midwest Instrumental Concert Band Festival for the first time, where competition is quite stiff, and finished "in the middle of the pack", gaining still more respect.

This year, the band will enter a national IHSA Concert Band Festival, traveling to the Orlando Fest from May

20th to May 23rd. Approximately 100 musicians are taking part. At a cost of \$500 per student, several fundraising projects are taking place. Everyone is excited about the upcoming trip! Let's wish them luck and a wonderful experience!

### A Busy Choral Music Agenda

LPHS vocalists always have a full schedule of concert events. On December 11, 1998, the 19th Holiday Concert was given to a sold-out auditorium. On Dec. 21st, the Madrigals performed in the Chicago Symphony Center main lobby before and during intermission for one of the Chicago Symphony Chorus Annual Christmas Concerts. They were the only Chicago Public School students to perform during these concerts!

On March 6th, twenty soloists and three ensemble groups will perform at Crane High School for the State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Then on March 13th, these same soloists and ensembles will sing at Jones Magnet High School during the City Solo and Ensemble Festival. On April 20th and 21st, the Mixed Chorus combined with the Madrigals will enter Chorus Festival.

On May 1st, the Chicago Symphony Center has asked the Madrigals to return for a one-hour concert during the noon hour. In addition, Francis Parker High School has once again requested that we join them in the finale of their concert in May, and they in turn will again join us during our Spring Concert. ■

If you have any Waller/Lincoln Park photos or memorabilia that you would like to have published in the ALUMNI NEWS, please send them to:

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Chicago, IL 60614

Please Note: We are sorry but we cannot return the items to you. If the items are precious, please send copies.

Thank you

## BRAVO FOR OUR NEW ALUMNI GROUP MEMBERS AND GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS!

Edith (Fortin) Feipel (33)  
Virginia (Arnold) Grimm (35)  
Ellen (Kranz) Weber (37)  
Muriel (Clausson) White (37)  
Irene E. (Lindner) Tamm (39)  
Rose (Paglini) Zawadzki (41)  
Edward R. Barrett (42)  
Joe Mule (43)  
Barbara (June LaGrave) Wekerle (44)  
Elaine (Mistretta) Beaulieu (45)  
Elaine (Milonas) Soter (45)  
Mary (Sargis) Mirza (47)  
Victoria (Alawerty) Atanus (47)  
Joe F. Priola (43-47)  
Jacqueline "Jackie" Benoit (48)  
Patricia (Proietta) Krawczyk (48)  
Bernice (Pozdro) Lafoe (48)  
Dorothy (McCart) Meyer (48)  
Annelies (Shimon) Navolio (48)  
Sara (Bua) Schmitz (48)  
Alice (Hock) Siegert (48)  
Margaret (Taylor) Johnson (49)  
Estelle H. (Johnston) Johnson (49)  
Rosemary (Paul) Eddy (50)  
Teresa (Krajceck) Gravette (50)  
Gloria (Marion) Gutmann (50)  
Tad Horiuchi (50)  
Brendan Sullivan (50)  
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Members of the family of Esther (Sato) Gokan (49) have recently given \$50.00 toward the Centennial celebration, in her memory.

Finally, several former teachers or staff members have sent contributions. Many thanks to Elizabeth Busetto, Rita Lis, Marna Shapiro, and Rose Weinrib.

## DID YOU KNOW?

❖ Judy (Christ) Kmeyer celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary in August. Congratulations!

❖ Bradley Warden, class of 1992, is appearing in upcoming episodes of "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Silk Stockings". Look for him.

❖ Ventura TV and movie actress Jacqueline Benoit (48) is pursuing her dreams. A retired high school teacher, she has been acting in commercials and TV series productions since soon after she graduated from Waller: she has appeared in scenes with Rosemary Clooney, Elvis Presley, Lucille Ball, Bill Cosby and other Hollywood legends. Movie work has varied from "Airport" and M\*A\*S\*H to the biggest grossing film of all time: "Titanic". Currently you can see her sink her teeth into a hamburger for a Claussen Pickles commercial. She is a busy lady in retirement!

More Waller/LPHS grads who have "made good" (we hope to be able to include articles about them in future issues!):

❖ Jesse White ('52)- Secretary of State of Illinois

❖ Victor Skrebneski ('46)--national-ly-known photographer

❖ Neal Ball ('53)-president of American Hospital Supply Co.

❖ Basil Talbott ('53)-Sun Times Washington Bureau

❖ A current senior, Jonah Gaster, has been selected to sing at the State Illinois Music Educators Festival, held Jan. 27-30th in Peoria, IL. He is one of only two vocal students from the City of Chicago. Congratulations, Jonah!

### ❖ NATIONAL MERIT NEWS:

Thirteen LPHS students have been named semi-finalists in the 1999 competition, equal to the most in any other Chicago public school. In addition, 20 students were named "Commended Scholars." Three LPHS students were named semi-finalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Competition for Afro-American students, and one was named finalist in the National

Hispanic Scholar program.

❖ In October, the City-wide Junior ROTC Brigade named four LPHS students to its staff. The positions are Deputy Brigade Commander (the second highest position in the City), Brigade S-1 Leader, Brigade S-1 Assistant Leader, and City Color Bearer. This is the highest number of LPHS students ever selected for the City-wide staff and equal to the most from any school in the City. This is a tremendous achievement for our Cadet Corps. The LPHS JROTC program is a very important vehicle for college scholarships for many of our students.

❖ LPHS Class of 1998 students were accepted at Yale, Harvard, Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth, Penn, Columbia, Duke, Stanford, Cal Tech, MIT, IIT, Morehouse, Carleton, Illinois, Chicago, Northwestern, Michigan, Tufts, Smith, Pomona and more than 110 other colleges. Over 90% of the graduating class are now enrolled in college.

❖ Members of the LPHS freshman Class of 2002 come from 96 Chicago public elementary schools, 6 suburban public elementary schools, 37 private elementary schools, 3 out-of-state schools, and 8 schools outside the U.S. There are previously home-schooled freshmen. The foreign students represent countries in Europe (France, Poland and Ukraine), Africa (Ghana), North and Central America (Canada, Mexico, Columbia) and Asia (Pakistan). ■

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