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LCHS ALUMNI HORIZONS EDGE CASINO CRUISE III A NIGHT ON THE HIGH SEAS

If you live in New England, you know this past summer was one of the wettest summers recorded in New England history. As July 17th approached, the Alumni leadership was chewing their nails. July 17th was the scheduled date for the Alumni's third Horizons Edge Casino Cruise to benefit the Alumni's Scholarship program. Nothing spoils the fun and excitement of a cruise than bad weather. Thankfully, July 17th was one of the better days of the summer. As we departed, the sun was shining, the breeze was light and the temperature comfortable. The evening ended under a full moon and calm sea.

The events of the evening included a buffet meal, live band entertainment, Silent Auction, and a chance to win a fortune at the gaming tables. The meal consisted of roast beef and chicken served along with a variety of salads, pasta, veggies, and pastry deserts, all prepared to satisfy even the most fussy of taste buds. The live band was outstanding and provided music that kept the ship rocking all night long. The "Silent Auction" included over 20 articles and services provided by local businesses and individuals. The highlights of the auction were a pair of Celtics tickets donated by Dr Peter Mazareas, '69', a pair of Red Sox Tickets donated by Chartwells of Franklin MA., and an autographed Larry Bird NBA basketball donated by North Reading Transportation.

Special thanks to the Yasi brothers of the Horizons Edge Casino Cruise and their associate Joe Louie whose support and planning made this fund raiser possible.

The Alumni Horizons Edge Cruise Committee consisted of: Chairperson- Elaine Zollo '74', Gerri Stafford '62', Shirley Albert '84', Claire Glowick '52', and Paul Stafford '61'. A good time was had by all who took part in this Alumni event and an enjoyable evening on the high seas of Boston Harbor.

The Alumni and Friends of Lynn Classical High School thank and urge all Classical alumni to support the following merchants who were so generous with their support of our Horizon's Edge Casino Cruise fundraiser:

Breeze Hair Salon Capital Diner
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Thank you, also, to the following individuals for their donation of goods or services for our "Silent Auction":

Ron Benevento-'60', Patricia Capano-Friend, Walter Cuffe-Friend, Brian Fay-'80', Patricia Lee-'Friend', Dr. Peter Mazareas-'69', Maureen Muckian-'78', Tracy Stafford-'Friend', and Paul Stafford-'61'.

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ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF LCHS AWARD 73 SCHOLARSHIPS

On June 5, 2008, St Michael's Hall was the site of the Alumni & Friends of LCHS Annual Scholarships Awards Banquet. The Alumni Assoc. presented 73 Named and Alumni Scholarships totaling \$61,600.00 to graduating Classical Seniors.

The evening's program opened with a presentation of two Alumni Certificates of Appreciation to Classical teacher Barbara Ann Greer and acting Breed Vice-Principal, Michael Quinn for their unselfish support on behalf of the students and the Alumni & Friends of LCHS.

During the presentation of the scholarship awards, Alumni president Paul Stafford acknowledged the achievements of the Schol-

arship recipients, their parents and the Alumni's 49 Named Scholarship Sponsors. The achievements are the recipients being accepted to a college and the parents raising sons and daughters of whom they can be proud of. The achievement of the scholarship sponsors is their ability to reach out and assist the recipients in realizing their dream of a better life through education.

President Paul Stafford was assisted by Alumni Treasurer Geraldine Stafford and Classical Principal Warren White, who told the recipients, "be proud of your accomplishment, strive to be successful, and once successful not to forget your roots".

343 Seniors Graduate Classical

On June 6, 2008, 343 Classical seniors left childhood behind and entered the first stage of their adulthood when they walked across the stage and received their diplomas. Diplomas were presented by Classical Principal Warren White assisted by School Committee members Patricia Capano, Donna Coppola, John Ford, Jr. and Jeffrey Newhall.

Class of 2008 speakers included Johnny Long, Senior Class President, Class Salutatorian, Evan D'Avolio, and Valedictorian, Kelsey Cowdell.

Mayor Edward "Chip" Clancy and Superintendent Nick Kostan congratulated the Seniors on behalf of the City and School Committee. Ms. Vhonda Ridley, Class of 1966, was this year's Commencement Speaker. Ms. Ridley is a nationally recognized and highly respected corporate Human Resource Specialist. She is also deeply involved in a number of charitable organizations at the administrative level. In her address, Ms. Ridley told the graduates, "that you must think about the decisions that you will

make and be sure that they are positive ones". She also told them, to be successful in the global world market of today you must, "study and work hard to gain a competitive edge above others". Ms. Ridley concluded by telling the students to follow the DBA rule of success: "Dream what you want to be. Believe in your dream. Achieve your dream through your efforts".

Retiring Classical Teachers of 2008

Four Veteran Classical teachers retire:

- ◇ Ms. Jacki Harrington, a long time French Teacher in the Classical Foreign Language Dept.
- ◇ Mr. Carmine Maimone, Language Dept. -Spanish
- ◇ Mrs. Carol Wasilewski, Guidance Councilor
- ◇ Mr. Lloyd Wescott, English Dept.

A healthy and happy retirement to all!

The LCHS Alumni Association is pleased to announce the following newly established Named Scholarships:

1. **Joseph Marian Cantrell Memorial Scholarship** established by Mr. Peter Spiers, a science teacher at Classical.
2. **Carol Cotter Memorial Scholarship** established by her family.
3. **Leo J. Doucette Memorial Scholarship** established by Christopher Moore.
4. **Economic Development and Industrial Corps of Lynn Scholarship.**
5. **Cawlina Family Scholarship** established by Michael Cawlina of California.
6. **Theodore E. Kyrios Sr. Memorial Scholarship** established in loving memory by his daughter Anna Haggerty.
7. **Dr. Elaine Sneierson Leeder Cass of 62 Scholarship** established by Dr. Elaine Sneierson of California.
8. **John R Nelson Memorial Scholarship** established by bequeath from Mr. Nelson.

The Tower Hill Gang

Did you Know: **Ed Aleska '46', Bob Anderson '47', Clem Calder '47', Alan Carlson '46', Don Johnson '46', Art Leavett '47', and Elizabeth (Burns) Leavett '46', Fred Smith '47, Jack Thompson '46', and Dave Warden '47' and Marie (Hill) Warden '49'** all belong to a West Lynn gang? Well It is true. They are all proud members of the "Tower Hill Gang". After their graduation from Classical, the gang members kept in sporadic contact with each other despite the fact that they were scattered throughout the United States and were raising families of their own. Nine years ago, the suggestion was made that they reunite for "old times sake". As a result,

each summer the Tower Hill Gang joins together for an annual meeting. Their reunions rotate between Jack and Betty Thompson's home in New Hampshire, Art and Elizabeth Leavitt's home in Maine, and Clem Calder's home in Connecticut. This past June marked the ninth annual reunion of the Tower Hill Gang and focused their agenda on food and drink while sharing updated photos, and memories of years gone by. It was noted by Bob Anderson, "at times the memories, shall we say, become some what exaggerated". Each year, the Tower Hill Gang's reunion ends with the gang reciting a line from the TV series Mash, "still crazy after all these years".

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Accomplishments of James Petras

Do you believe that a Classical alumna has served as a major advisor in the governmental administration of two world leaders? Well it is true. James Petras 'Class of 1954' was an advisor to President Salvador Allende of Chile from 1971-73, and to Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu of Greece from 1982-1984.

Following his graduation from Classical, James earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 1958 from Boston University, a Master's Degree (1960) and a Doctor's Degree (1967) in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley.

He has authored 66 books in 29 languages and has had 560 professional articles printed in leading academic journals. James is a widely recognized political and sociological expert on international affairs, His areas of expertise are: US. and Latin American affairs, Southern European countries especially Spain and Greece, and the Middle East with an emphasis on US. and Israeli relations. He has written several books that rival the Quebec City Capitals.

James' academic teaching career has spanned 30 years at Binghamton University in the Sociology Department. Within that department, he is the Bartle Professor Emeritus. James is married to Dr. Robin Eastman Abaya. He has two children by a previous marriage and two grandchildren.

Do you believe it, - from the halls of LCHS to the halls of national capitals, to the halls of a distinguished University? Not bad for a kid from West Lynn.

THIRD ANNUAL BOWLING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS A STRIKING SUCCESS

For the third consecutive year, the pins were bowled over at the Lucky Strike Bowling Lanes, as the Alumni & Friends of LCHS held its Third Annual Bowl-A-thon. For two hours on March 30, 2008, a number of Lynn Classical High School students from LCHS Honor Society, the LCHS Student Government body, the LCHS Bowling Club, and members of the Alumni & Friends of LCHS Bowling Club, and members of the Alumni & Friends of LCHS let the bowling balls roll and the pins fly to benefit the Alumni & Friends Scholarship Program. The participating Classical Students were also hoping to win individual prizes based on their bowling scores.

The following bowlers were awarded prizes. The girl's and boy's high single String total - a Barnes & Noble \$15 Certificate were won by Doneca Thurston (100) & Eric Silva (98), both representing the Honor Society.

The high three string total for the girl's & boy's a \$25 Best Buy certificate were won by Athina Sutson (278) and Keith Beaupre (277), both from the ranks of the Bowling Club. The girl's & boy's low three string total—a Lucky Strike Bowling certificate were won by Eleni Doulas (120) & Evan D'Avoilo (150), both of the Honor Society. The low single string total—a McDonalds gift certificate was won by Cesar Castro (35), representing single string total between Emily Pring and Kelsey Yionen (35), both bowling for the Honor Society. Emily has had the distinct pleasure of winning the low string total in her three years of bowling in support of the Alumni Association. Amber Sutson for the second year running won the grand prize- \$100 Mall certificate for obtaining the highest

Did You Know...

Did you know that **John (Jack) Harney**, Class President and Valedictorian of the Class of 42, has had a distinguished life in the service of his country since his graduation from Classical. As a Senior at Classical, John was awarded a Competitive National Scholarship to Harvard. He had to withdraw from Harvard when he was drafted into the Army during World War II. He was assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program at the University of Nebraska. However, because of the shortage of fighting men overseas, the program was closed out and John was assigned to the Army 44th Division, as a combat rifleman in France. While in France, he attained the rank of Platoon Sgt. and took part in the capture of German rocket scientist Wernher Von Braun. As World War II in Europe neared its end, John, because of his knowledge of French learned at Classical and German learned at Nebraska U, was reassigned to the Counter Intelligence Corps of the 44th Div. where he worked against German saboteurs and other 5th column agents. Following the end of the war, he returned to Harvard and graduated in 1946. He then entered Boston University, earning a Masters Degree in German Literature in 1949. John, with his new wife Betty, moved to Washington DC.. He became a member of the National Security Agency where he used his knowledge and talents as a former combat soldier and an intelligence operative to help protect our country from the threat of the Soviet Union. In NSA, he worked as a cryptologist and became the Commandant of NSA's National Cryptology School. He retired in 1980. John currently lives in Maryland with Betty, his wife of 57 years. What does John say about the impact that Classical has had on his life and those who attended Classical with him? "I shall be forever grateful to the preparation for life it gave to us." Thank you John for your dedication and service to our country.

contribution pledge amount: \$225.00. Way to go Amber! Thank you to all whose support of a bowler made the Bowl-A-Thon a success for the third year running. A special thanks to Classical teachers: Hourihan - advisor to the Classical Bowling Club, Ms. Yvonne Story, Chelsea Christian, Jen O'Donnell— advisors to the Classical Honor Society, and Bryant Dube - advisor to the Classical Student Council for their help in this third year of Bowl- A- Thon success. Once again, a heartfelt thanks to James Barber, Class of '62' for his continued support of the Alumni's Bowl - A -Thon.

Look for information regarding the Third Annual Alumni Bowling for Scholarships in the spring of 2009 on the Alumni link: www.lynnclassical.org or on the new Alumni & Friends website: www.lynnclassicalalumni.org

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(Leave a message as the phone is not manned every day.
A trustee will return your call.)
Web Site : www.lynnclassical.alumni.org

The Alumni & Friends of LCHS is pleased to announce that we have a new website. It is www.lynnclassicalalumni.org. Our new interactive website was designed and is being maintained by Ed Stafford '88'. Visit our new site and find out what the Association and your fellow Alumni & Friends are doing.

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ALUMNI & FRIENDS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Thank you to all who made last years Contributing Membership Drive a great success. Your membership contributions have played an important part in the Association's ability to carry out its activities and programs to help current Classical students realize their dream of a better life through education. Please take the time to renew your membership or become a new Contributing Member for the year 2009. Please refer to the Contributing Membership application for levels of membership.

Alumni Corner -This section is dedicated to milestones, important events and/or accomplishments of LCHS Alum. If you have any info you would like included contact the Alumni Association from the above information.

- ◇ Good luck to **Sharon Bonnevie (Stafford) '91'** who has been hired as a sixth grade teacher in the Paul Elementary School, Wakefield NH. Sharon and her husband Richard have two daughters, Jacqueline age 6, and Juliet age 5.
- ◇ **Brian Fay '80'** is the new principal of Cobbett Elementary School. Brian left the principal-ship of the Burke School in Peabody for the chance to come back to the Lynn School System. Brian and his wife Kristan are current members of the Alumni's Board of Trustees. Welcome back Brian.
- ◇ Best wishes to **Noreen Fisher (Quinn) '72'** on her recent election as Mayor of the Scarsdale NY. Noreen was first elected mayor from 2002-04, again from 2004-06, and now again in 2007. Noreen is proof that Classical produces leaders. Noreen is also one of our Named Scholarship Donors.
- ◇ Congrats to **Edward Jarosewicz '61'** who was chosen as the "2007-08 Man of the Year" by the St. Michael's Polish National Alliance Lodge #630, Lynn MA.
- ◇ Lynn Police Capt., **Mark O'Toole '78'** has been appointed to head the Criminal Investigation Division of the LPD. Good Luck Mark.
- ◇ **Timothy Phelps '2001'** has been named the Rams new head football coach, replacing Mat Durgan '84'. Mat is now the head football coach of St. Mary's Spartans. Good luck to both.
- ◇ **Shirley Albert (Stafford) '84'** is the Lynn Public Schools new Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction- Math. Shirley, a veteran of the Lynn School system, has served as a math teacher at Lincoln-Thomson Elem., as a math CIT at Harrington Elementary, and District Elementary Math CIT.
- ◇ **Mike Zukowski '96'** former outstanding Ram's pitcher, Sr. Capt., Merrimack baseball team, and current Lynn teacher wears the Classical green again as the Rams' new head baseball coach replacing the successful, **Jim Tgettis '68'**
- ◇ Congratulations to **Mackenzie Mackin**, daughter of Lynn's Ward 5 Councilor **Paula (Ferrari) Mackin '81'**. Mackenzie, an all-star on the American West Lynn/Pine Hill Softball Team, was recently presented with the Grace Rogato Award for leadership and sportsmanship. She is following in her mother's footsteps. Paula was an outstanding athlete while attending Classical High School.
- ◇ The Loomis Brothers Market at 524 Boston St. Lynn is celebrating 100 years of serve to the West Lynn Community. Today, the Loomis brothers **Arthur '50', Nick '55', Peter '58' and their sister Mary '52** continue to operate the market founded by their father and uncles in 1908.
- ◇ On September 20, 2008 the corner of Curwin Circle and Holyoke Street was dedicated in memory of two West Lynners killed in action in Vietnam: John Evans and **James Hazard**. James a graduate of the Class of '67' was killed on May 20, 1970 at the age of 20.
- ◇ **Peter Mikedis, '83'** knows his foods. Peter is the founder and president of Sidekim Foods located in Lynn. Peter's mission is to provide "nutritious, healthy, and tasty lunches to residential clients and local schools, public and private. Peter is married to **Stella Mikedis (Sarantakis) '89'** they have two children, Christopher and Andrew.
- ◇ Good luck to **Laura (Arsenault) Connolly, '74'** & her husband, Kevin Connolly with their ongoing success with Connolly Printing (formerly called Simard Printing). Laura has two children and three grandchildren all residing in Wilmington MA.

 *Happy New Year !!!* 