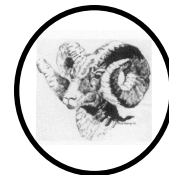




LCHS ALUM NEWS



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343 NEW CLASSICAL ALUMNI ADDED TO THE ROLLS



343 Classical seniors became Alumni as they graduated on Friday, June 12, 2010. Classical Principal Gene Constantino presented the graduates with their diplomas, assisted by school committee members Donna Coppola, Patricia Capano, Maria Carrasco, John Ford Jr., Vincent Spirito, and Richard Starbard. Attending her first Classical graduation was Lynn mayor Judy Flanagan Kennedy '80'. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Catherine Latham and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Jayne Warry, Lynn State Senator Tom McGee, Lynn Representatives Robert Fennell and Steve Walsh were in attendance.

Senior Class President, Christopher Lopes welcomed family members and friends of the graduates telling them, "Classical has a long history of cultivating great and outstanding young men and women." Principal Constantino in his address to the graduates stated that the Class of 2010 has "demonstrated a commitment of giving to others, your school, your community, and to each other". Honorary speaker Pantelis Thomadis proclaimed, "Today is the day we enter adulthood. Today is the day we move on to the rest of our lives but let us not forget the memories we have made here". Valedictorian, Cara Garity asked the Class of 2010 to strive in their lives as adults to "leave something positive behind".

Keisha Nash Whitaker, Class of '90', was this year's commencement speaker. Since her graduation from Classical, Keisha has played many roles. She is a proud mother and wife. She is a nationally recognized fashion model and successful businesswomen. Keisha's address was one of encouragement in which she stressed belief in self and endeavor to make a positive difference in the world. She emphasized, "Dreams can come true. They are feasible and attainable. Life is your journey; stand tall, and make good choices". She told them, "At times you will falter, and when you do, stand back up and forge ahead". Keisha closed her remarks telling the Class of 2010, "You are important to the future. Enjoy and cherish life. Work to make your community and the world a better place. This is your moment; own it."

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RED SOX RAFFLE 2010



The 2010 Annual Red Sox Ticket Raffle came to a grand slam success on August 30, 2010 when the winning chance was drawn by Classical head clerk Christine Pisanelli. Present at the drawing were Classical Principal Gene Constantino, Alumni President Paul Stafford (61), Alumni Treasurer Geraldine (Bona) Stafford (62), and Alumni Trustee Laura (Watson) Durant, (87).

Phyllis Masella the florist supervisor at the Lynn Stop and Shop was the lucky winner. She enjoyed the Red Sox Game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Labor Day, September 6th. Alumni Trustee Susan Hogan (85) continued her annual tradition of providing two Red Sox Tickets for our Red Sox Raffle. Thank you, Susan, for your appreciated donation.

This year over \$2,300 was raised to benefit LCHS Alumni Scholarship fund. A sincere thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET A SUCCESS

The Annual Alumni & Friends of LCHS Scholarship Awards Banquet was held on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at Saint Michael's Hall. The evening began with a buffet dinner catered by Sidekim foods of Lynn, owned by Classical graduate Peter Mikedis '83'. Following the meal, two Alumni Association Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Thomas P. Costin '44' and the St. Michael's Home Association.

Tom Costin, former Lynn mayor, confidant of President Kennedy, Post Master General of Lynn, and a founding father of the Alumni & Friends was recognized for his years of support for the Alumni's Named Scholarship Program. Tom was one of the original Named Scholarship Sponsors. The St. Michael's Home Association was recognized as noted by President Stafford, "for their generosity in supporting this Scholarship Awards Banquet for the last seven years." Accepting the award for St. Michael's Home Association was Board member Edward Dancewicz.

The evening concluded with the presentation of 54 scholarships totaling \$47,059 to deserving Classical students. In his address to the audience, president Stafford stated, "this is a room full of an unbelievable amount of achievement." He acknowledged the achievement of the parents in rearing successful students. He acknowledged the academic success of the students that "has brought you here tonight."

Stafford praised the recipient's teachers for providing the students with a strong educational foundation. He proclaimed that the Named Scholarship sponsors were truly the "backbone" of the Alumni Scholarship Program. Alumni Clerk Shirley (Stafford) Albert '84' and new Classical Principal Gene Constantino assisted President Stafford.

In closing the night's program, Principal Gene Constantino told the recipients that they were members of one of the most successful Classes that he has personally seen go through Classical. He told them, "I have no question about your future success in life". He asked them, "Don't forget your roots when you are successful and please give back to a future Classical student as past Classical alumni are giving back to you tonight".

Supporting Businesses, Merchants & Individuals

The Alumni & Friends of Lynn Classical High School urge all Classical alumni and friends to support the following merchants and businesses that were so generous with their support of our Golf Tournament this past August:

Annmarie Jonah Reality – Artic Oil – Brothers Restaurant of Lynn – Chartwells Food Service – Connell Limited Partnership – Connelly Printing – D&R General Contracting – Dart World - DiVirgilio Financial Group – E.N.E. Systems – Hirsch Landscape Service – Lancelot Janitorial & Paper Products – Lazy Dog Restaurant - North Reading Transportation – Old Tyme Italian Cuisine – Over Easy Restaurant - Pennybrook Gardens – Solimine Funeral Home – Weld Management.

Special thanks also to the following individuals and organizations:

Brenden Crighton '2001' Ward 5 Councilor – **Dr. Peter Mazareas '69'** - Frank G. Cousins, Jr. Essex County Sheriff –Lynn Mayor **Judy (Flanagan) Kennedy '80'** - Lynn City Council – Lynn Housing Authority - Lynn School Administrators Assoc. – Lynn School Committee Person Vincent Spirito - LCHS Class of 1986 - **Kristen (Muckian) Giovannello '86'**- **Patricia Lee 'Friend'** - **Peter Pedro '85'** – **Michael Volo '85'**- Representative Bob Fennell –Rhonda Glowick - Senator Tom McGee.



COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER SAVE THE DATE

May 21, 2011 at St. Michael's Hall in Lynn



The Friends & Alumni of Lynn Classical High School will be sponsoring an evening of entertainment and socializing featuring nationally acclaimed **LCHS Class of 1974 Alumni Comedian and Folk artist, Don White**. We will be raising much needed funds to benefit our Scholarship Fund through a silent auction and program book.

Tickets will be \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the door. Further information, once final, will be available through our website, www.lynnclassicalalumni.org, and our Facebook page, <Alumni and friends of Lynn Classical High School>. Please check out these sites and become a **Fan** of our Facebook page to continue to receive information as it becomes available.

We desperately need your help in obtaining silent auction items and program book ads for this event. Please email Paul Stonkus at Paulstonkus@email.com with any help you can provide!!

From Sandlots to World Series Championships

Would you believe that a Classical graduate played on not one but two World Series Championship ball teams? Well, it's true. Robert Dreyer, Class of 1938, holds that distinction.

Bob has a love of playing ball that dates back to his early years playing sandlot ball in his neighborhood and at the summer YMCA Camp Rotary. Bob displayed his baseball talent at Classical as a hard throwing pitcher and right fielder on the Rams 1936, 37, and 38 baseball teams. Following graduation from Classical in 1941, Bob, unsuccessfully tried out as a pitcher for the Boston Red Sox

Bob continued playing baseball after being drafted into the Army Air force in March of 1941 Bob served as an Air Traffic Controller at many Army Airbases throughout the States and as he says, "I played ball and directed airway traffic at all the stops along the way". Bob and baseball parted ways following his discharge in 1945 until 1988.

In 1988, after moving to North Fort Meyers Florida with his Nancy his wife, baseball re- entered his life at the age of 68. He tried out for the Lake Fairways seasonal softball league for those over 55 and made the team. By 2002 his softball career had brought him to the Fort Meyers Over 80's Softball League. In 2002 and 2003 his team qualified and won back to back championships in the "80 Plus" World Series Softball Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. Sad to say, Bob's outstanding softball career was suddenly ended by serious auto accident in 2006. He is now ok and is concentrating his efforts in mastering the more subdued game of golf.

Two World Series Championships, not bad for a 91 year old kid who learned his skills on the ball diamonds of Lynn, Ma.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP MILESTONE

This coming June, when the Alumni and Friends of LCHS presents its Named and Alumni scholarships at the annual Scholarship Program pass the \$500,000 mark in scholarships presented to over 650 deserving Classical students since its inception in 1995. This outstanding achievement has been made possible by the Classical alumni, Classical friends, and families of departed Classical alumna who have been and are the sponsors of the Alumni Named Scholarship program. To celebrate this milestone, the Alumni Association is planning to hold a celebration party this coming fall: Date, Time, and Place to be announced. If you are interested in sponsoring a Named Alumni Scholarship, please check the Scholarship block on the enclosed Sharing and Caring letter.

OVER EASY LUNCH

Did you know the Over Easy Restaurant owned by Tom Gandolfo "67" is now serving a full lunch menu from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday—Friday.

Come and try our hot soups
chowder & sandwiches.



There is a luncheon menu special for each day of the week.

Saturday & Sunday is breakfast only.



CLASSICAL ALUMNI 2010 GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday, August 21, 2010 saw the sun come out to play as Classical alumni and friends hit the links at Kelly Greens in Nahant to benefit the Classical Alumni Scholarship program and to win bragging rights for the best team score, closest stroke to the pin and longest drive. When all the drives were teed off, when all the fairway shots taken, when all the chips were made, and when all the putts were sunk, the bragging rights were set. The team of **Dennis Thompson**, Classical Golf Coach,

Chris Warren, Classical Girls' Softball Coach, **Dane Lenihan**, former Classical Science Dept. Head, **Mike Kmiec '91'** and **Jeff Waldron '95'** came in first place. Dave Lenihan took closest to the pin honors and Joe McGovern hit the longest drive. When all the golfers had returned back to the clubhouse many commented on what a great day and event it had been and how much fun they had.

A Surf and Turf buffet and an evening of classical alumni and friends sharing each other's good company followed the golf tournament. During the evening festivities a number of articles and services were raffled off and a silent auction was held. The silent auction included a pair of Celtic center court basket tickets and a weekend stay at the Seaport Hotel Boston Ma. Thanks to **Dr. Peter Mazareas '69'** for the Celtic tickets and to the Seaport Hotel for the weekend getaway given in memory of **Maureen Muckian '78'**

The Golf Committee was made up of Co chairs **Brian Fay '80'** and **Shirley Albert '84'** along with **Claire Glowick '52'**, **Patricia Lee 'friend'**, **Sharon Samuelson '81'**, **Steve Upton '66'**, **Susan Hogan '85'**, **Paula Muckin '81'** and **Paul Stafford '61'**. The Alumni and Friends of LCHS thank the 27 hole sponsors and raffle donors whose generous contributions helped make the golf tournament the success that it was. Thank you also to all the participating golfers. Without them there would have

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- ___ \$250.00 Life Member—Get all of the above gifts and a “Cat’s Meow” replica of the “old” Classical

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.

- ◇ **Ed Shadoff '70'**, current Lynn Tech Athletic Director, and his wife Sheryl this past summer celebrated the graduations on their sons Andrew and Landon. Andrew graduated from Duke University Law School and Landon from the University of Connecticut.
- ◇ **Vincente Gonzalea '2007'**, a student at Cornell University, has been elected to serve as a student representative on the Mortar Board National Council. The MBNC is the leading national honor society that recognizes outstanding college seniors throughout the U.S.
- ◇ Lynn Police Officer Shawn Hogan, the husband of **Susan (Stafford) Hogan '84'** was awarded the Medal of Honor as Lynn Police Officer of the Year, 2010. The Medal of Honor is awarded each year to an officer who exhibits the highest personal traits of character, commitment, integrity, and performance of his/her duties. Congratulations Shawn. Wear your Medal of Honor with pride.
- ◇ **Joe Skahan '2000'** recently was the recipient of the 2010 Ocean Stewardship Award from the New England Aquarium. The award is given to teachers who “bring the ocean into the classroom” and educates their students using novel hands on learning experiences.
- ◇ Do you know Mary Jane Solimine, the photogenic wife of David **Soliminnie '53'**, is a “Calendar Girl”? Well, she is. Mary is tantalizing Ms. April in the 2011 calendar “Breast Friends”. The Brest Friends calendar is the result of Mary and 9 other local survivors of breast cancer who joined forces to put the calendar together to raise awareness and money to support breast cancer research.
- ◇ The coaching staff of the current LCHS football spans three decades of Classical alumni: **Tony Hill '82'**, **Robert Johnson '90'**, **Mick Phelps and Ryan Hathaway '2000'**, **Rob Brock '2001'**, **Jim Bransfield '2002'**, **Joe Ford '2003'**, **Jason Jimenez, and Leandro Rodriguez '2004'**, **Alberto Rodriguez '2005'**, **Will Phelps '2007'**, and head coach **Tim Phelps 2001**. Who says you can't relive your glory years?
- ◇ **Stacy Malkan '86'**, the author of, “Not Just a Pretty Face” and “The Ugly Side of the Beauty Industry” brought her fight to raise awareness of the health dangers of ingredients in women’s fragrances and cosmetics to South Africa. Stacy delivered a talk entitled “The Role of Cosmetics in Cancer” before the Cancer Society of South Africa. Stacy is also the co-founder of the “Campaign for Safe Cosmetics”.
- ◇ Brothers **Don Amirault '74'** and **Mark Amirault '79'** of Dart World in Lynn hit the target in Afghanistan. Each month Dart World donates darts and supplies to our troops overseas. In a gesture of appreciation and recognition of Don and Mark’s support, the U.S. Air Force 763rd Expeditionary Recon Squadron in Afghanistan sent them a U.S. Flag that had been flown on a reconnaissance mission over Afghanistan.
- ◇ Mackenzie Mackin, the daughter of John and **Paula (Ferrari) Mackin '81'**, was presented this past summer with the Grace Rogato Award for displaying outstanding leadership and sportsmanship among Lynn’s Little League softball players.
- ◇ **Theodore Regnante Esq. '27'** recognized by the Greater Lynn Bar Association for his long history of contributions and devotion to the law. Former Lynn Presiding Justice Joseph Dever praised and credited him with being a “pioneer” in anti-discrimination law. oh, by the way, Ted is a young 100 years old.
- ◇ **Brenda (Durgan) Kimpler '81'** likes to keep things neat and clean. Brenda is now living in Nashua NH. She is the Customer Service Manager in the Nashua Bed and Bath store. Brenda also owns and operates her own housecleaning and interior decorating business Incredibly Immaculate. Brenda has four children: Jenna, Kelly, Ryan and Courtney.
- ◇ Following graduation, **Jennifer O'Neil '2000'** attended Bridgewater State, majored in philosophy, and graduated cum laude in 2004. Jennifer is currently working for the Middlesex County DA’s office in the Child Abuse Unit. She is the administrative assistant to the unit’s chief. Jenn is also in her fourth and final year at New England School of Law, night division. She is ranked #8 in her class.
- ◇ The son of **Orin Potash '62'**, Larry Potash, is not making news; he is reporting it. Following high school, Larry attended and graduated from Emerson College with a major in Broadcast Journalism. Currently Larry is the morning anchor newscaster for WGN-TV in Chicago. Larry has held this position since 1994.
- ◇ On July 27, 2010, Lynn Police Officer **Michael O'Connell'97'**, in disregard for his own personal life and safety, entered the deep waters of Breed’s Pond in the unsuccessful attempt to locate and save a drowning victim. For his heroic action, Officer O’ Connell was recognized this past September with a Certificate of Commendation for his “selfless heroism, dedication to duty, and professionalism.”
- ◇ This past summer Anthony **Giangregorio '83'** came to the rescue of the employees and patrons of the China Lion restaurant. Anthony confronted and wrestled an assault rifle away from a crazed man threatening to “shoot the place up.” For his heroism, the Lynn Police Relief Association awarded Anthony a plaque of recognition this past September.
- ◇ **Arthur Calavritinos '78'** the portfolio manager of the John Hancock High Yield Fund was recently profiled in Barron’s magazine and featured on the cover of On Wall Street for his accomplishments in the financial world.
- ◇ US Army Training Specialist, **Carol (Callahan) Cassidy '87'**, was stationed in Northern Afghanistan training America service personal on new high tech targeting weapons and a improvised explosive devices detection systems.