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All-school Alumni Reunion Banquet 2011

Last October over 250 alumni and friends attended our first reunion banquet. Cindy Sitton Blaylock, '78, did a wonderful job coordinating the event. Featured alumni speaker, Senator Chuck Graham, '83, shared stories about how everywhere he went he encountered people from Louisiana or they knew about it. He sees many former Louisiana residents in Columbia so it hardly seems like he left.

This year's All-school Alumni Reunion Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 15th at Louisiana High School. Again, it is scheduled to coincide with Louisiana's Country Colorfest weekend. The featured alumni speaker this year will be Roger Keller, '71. I believe you will agree he has had an interesting career while working in many foreign countries.

Roger Keller grew up in Louisiana, MO and graduated from LHS in 1971. Following graduation, Roger attended and graduated from the University of Missouri Rolla in 1975 with a Mining Engineering degree. From 1975-1980, Roger worked at the Calcium Carbonate Company in Quincy, IL. It was at this time that a blasting problem posed a unique opportunity. Returning to UMR from 1980-82, Roger received a Master's degree in Explosives Engineering which opened the door for a vast, interesting travel and international career. From 1983 to 1998, Roger worked for a variety of explosives manufacturing and blasting contractor companies throughout the U.S., South America, Australia, and SE Asia. From 1991 to 1998, Roger had the opportunity to work on the world's largest construction project, Chek Lap Kok, Hong Kong's new mega airport. It was there that Roger met his wife, Gez, and they have two beautiful girls, Gezelle, 16, and Carrie, 14. Since 1998, Roger and his family have made their home in Las Vegas, NV. Roger is currently employed by the URS Corporation working on the cleanup of the nation's nuclear waste. Roger's mother and family still live in the Louisiana area and he gets back 'home' frequently to visit life-long friends and family.

Serving as emcee at this year's banquet will be Donald E. Giltner. He served the Louisiana R-II District in a variety of capacities, from Social Studies teacher to Assistant Superintendent, during his 28-year career spanning 1959 - 1987. He was High School Principal during Roger's years at LHS. I'm sure they may have a story or two to share about their years together at LHS.

The event will begin with a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by the dinner. A brief association business meeting will be held followed by the dinner, speaker, recognition of the special reunion classes, a short memorial service, and a time to share memories. Enclosed you will find the registration form for the banquet. Notice the deadline to make reservations is October 1st. **This is the only notice you will receive!** You may register online on our website at www.louisianaalumniassociation.org should you misplace this mailing / registration form. NOTE: No confirmations will be sent to those who register to attend. Your canceled check or Pay Pal account summary will serve as confirmation and your ticket for the event will be your nametag available at check-in that evening.

Make your reservation to attend today! Due to the limited number of tables and chairs available, we will accept the first 250 reservations only.



Roger and family at daughter Carrie's recent 8th grade graduation, where she received the outstanding student award.



Dues are due

The Association's modest annual membership dues of \$5 are now due. (If you are a lifetime member, obviously this does not apply to you.) Your dues cover the costs of newsletter printing and mailing, the cost of maintaining our website, and miscellaneous postage. Please support your Association by joining for the coming year and encourage other alums to join with you. Without ample dues-paying members, future newsletters may be in jeopardy.

Mrs. Morrow Passes Away, Family Establishes Scholarship

In October 2010, we lost an esteemed, long-time educator in the Louisiana R-II School District. Mrs. Morrow had been a resident at Maple Grove Nursing Home for some years prior to her passing at the age of 99. LHS students were touched by Mrs. Ellen Morrow in a variety of ways during the 25 years she taught, 1950 - 1975. She was known as a demanding math instructor yet she had a softer side of which many were unaware. She took some students into her home to ensure they graduated. According to her son, Gary, he had to sleep on the sofa occasionally when he returned from college as a result of his room being occupied by a student his mom had taken in. Her children even found records of their mother having helped some pay the costs of their college education. Now that's special!

Her children have established a scholarship in her memory. They asked the Alumni Association to administer and handle all aspects of the Ellen Morrow Memorial Math Scholarship since we are set up as a 501(c)3 organization allowing for donations to be tax deductible. The inaugural \$1,000 scholarship to a top four-year math student was awarded in May to Elizabeth Radcliff. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Morrow scholarship, maintained separately from the Alumni & Friends Association scholarship fund, may do so by mailing it to our P.O. Box 404. Be sure to clearly indicate it is for the Morrow scholarship.

Alumni Association Scholarships Awarded

During our association's first two years of existence, two \$500 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors each year. With the increase in donations to our scholarship fund, your association voted to award four \$500 scholarships to eligible graduating seniors who applied. The winners were announced at the annual Awards Night in May. This year's recipients are listed along with their plans after graduation: Brennon Cashman, attend Missouri State University and major in elementary education; Keshana Chatman, attend Mizzou to study biology/pre-med; Nathan Love, attend Missouri S&T (Rolla) and major in civil engineering; and Kara Quattrocchi, attend Hannibal-LaGrange University and major in elementary education. The Association wishes these students and the entire Class of 2011, 49 strong, the very best in the years ahead!



2011 Alumni Scholarship winners from left to right are Keshana Chatman, Kara Quattrocchi, Brennon Cashman, and Nathan Love

Double your donation\$!!!

Many larger businesses offer to match donations made by their employees to charitable organizations. Do you work for such a business? (If you are unsure, check with the Human Resources department.) If so, it's usually as easy as filling out a simple form and providing verification of your donation. Remember, the Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association is a non-profit, tax-exempt association per Section 501(c)3 of the IRS code. This means donations to our Association, regardless of size, are tax-deductible. Just a thought as to how you might be able to "double your donation" to our Association. Donations to our operating account and both the Ellen Morrow and the Association's scholarship funds are eligible.

Keep in touch

Despite the different directions in which our lives have taken us, we all share one common thread and that is Louisiana High School. We either attended it, graduated from it, teach / taught there or have an affinity for it. One of our objectives for the Association is to provide a forum to stay in touch with one another. There are two ways in which this can be done. First, we have established a Facebook page. Visit it at Louisiana Alumni and Friends Association. Post pictures (tag them too so people will know who is who, you know most of us change quite a bit over the years) of your class reunion events, photos of interest to others, news and changes in your life, etc. The more people post on it, the better resource it becomes to us all. Secondly, send news of interest about yourself or a fellow classmate or alum to Walter Logan at waltercl2@att.net or mail it to our P.O. Box 404 and we'll get it in the next newsletter.

Scam Warning

Again, we want to caution you about scams which portray themselves as our Association (Louisiana Alumni Site was used recently). Emails are received from: Louisiana Alumni or Louisiana Alumni Site (or similar). They offer memberships, sell merchandise, etc. We want to caution everyone NOT to pay membership dues to them thinking it is the Louisiana Alumni & Friends Association.

Contact Information

Below is the contact information of LHS alumni serving your Association in key roles. Feel free to contact them directly as the need arises.

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LHS ALAMO Scanning Project

The Association is sponsoring a project to digitize all Louisiana school yearbooks, formal class photographs, and class composite pictures and put these online for viewing at both the Louisiana High School and Alumni Association's websites. The first priority is to digitize all Louisiana High School ALAMO yearbooks, starting with the 1924 ALAMO, the first known publication. The committee established scanning standards which will provide high-quality archival scans. We invite anyone with a good flatbed color scanner (or photographic-quality MFP printer/scanner/copier) to scan the ALAMO from their graduation year and/or other Louisiana school pictures and yearbooks. To get information on the standards and other instructions on how to scan your class's yearbook, contact Clay Logan, 573-754-5953 or cslogan@sbcglobal.net. The committee has an LHS student experienced in using the proper equipment available until April 2012 who can scan your class's ALAMO. If \$100 is raised by your class and donated to the Association for this purpose (must be clearly indicated "for scanning of '___' ALAMO"), we will have that year's ALAMO scanned by this student and on the website in a few months. We have identified and located copies of all ALAMO yearbooks from 1946 to current. We have not located ALAMO publications to scan for the following years: 1945 & 1944 (none printed due to WWII?), 1943, (1942 & 1941, have paperback ALAMOs only), 1940 to 1926, 1923 or earlier. If you know where an ALAMO from a missing year may be located, please contact Clay Logan at 573-754-5953.

Don't delay...make your banquet reservation today!

Moved? Changed your email address?

If you move or change your email address, please let us know. We want to maintain an accurate roster of all who have attended Louisiana schools. If you are receiving this newsletter via mail and have an email which you check regularly, please send your email address with your full name (please include maiden name), and graduation year to rhevaanne@aol.com. This will save the Association the cost of printing and mailing future newsletters.

By-laws Revision

The officers of the Association have been reviewing our current by-laws. There are many changes being contemplated to clarify parts of them and have them more accurately reflect how the Association is being operated. The plan is to present a revised set of by-laws for approval at the annual business meeting at the Alumni Banquet on Oct. 15th. The revised set will be posted on our website for review by the membership 30 days prior to the meeting. If you do not have access to the internet, you may request a copy of the revised by-laws for review by contacting Linda Beer at montana2432@att.net or 573-754-6495. The proposed by-laws will be posted at LHS the evening of the banquet as well.

The following are the purposes for which this organization has been organized:
 Provide Financial and Moral support to the Louisiana R-II School District;
 Provide Scholarships to Graduating Seniors of the Louisiana R-II School District;
 Provide a network of contacts for volunteerism to the Louisiana R-II School District.

Walter Logan ('70), President
 Sandy (Sitton) Niemeyer ('60), Vice President
 Linda (Ince) Beer ('65), Secretary
 Anne (Arnold) Keller ('65), Treasurer

Louisiana R-II Year in Review...

Dear Alumni,

We had a busy year at LHS. As many of you know, last summer we embarked on a renovation/construction project. Due to the scope of it, we ended school early last year, and started 2010 – 2011 late. The results are phenomenal. If you have not had an opportunity to stop by and see the renovation, we hope you will. We have a brand new computer lab for the high school, and an art room for the middle school – we also have separate entrances for each building. The curb appeal of the campus was significantly upgraded. You can find pictures on the LHS web site: <http://louisianarii.org>.



LHS strives to provide a well-rounded educational environment for the youth of Louisiana. The opportunities we provide for extracurricular activities include sports, academic competition, and service clubs. We had athletes recognized in every sport for all-conference and or all-district honors. We hosted the District Basketball tournament for the second year in a row. Our girls team finished second in the District. The Bulldog golf team sent three members to state competition. The track team had another successful year. Eight athletes advanced to State competition – our highest finish was a second place in the discus. Four of our athletes were offered athletic scholarships: Ryan Pitzer will play football at Central Methodist; Tanner Ray and Brett Kirtlink will play basketball at Central Methodist; and Amelia Wallace will play basketball and run track for William Woods.

Sports are not the only extracurricular activities that earned recognition. The Bulldog Future Business Leaders of America had multiple District competition winners and sent five members to State competition. The LHS National Honor Society continues to be a premier service organization. The group has become the go-to organization in the community for assistance with community service fund raising events. This year they served at the Chamber of Commerce banquet, YMCA banquet, the County-wide college fair, Clarksville Eagle days, Science Fair judges, Senior Awards night, graduation, and numerous other civic events. LHS was proud to have members of the band perform at Applefest, the Hannibal Folk Life Festival, Homecoming parade, and the Colorfest parade. A number of art students took top honors in the Raintree Art Show, as well as earning honors in the CCC Art show.

None of these things would be possible without the combined support of the outstanding faculty, staff and administration at LHS. The support we receive from the community, Bulldog Booster Club, and the Louisiana Alumni and Friends Association is a key link to the outstanding opportunities we are able to offer the students and families of the Louisiana R-II School District.

Todd Smith, LHS Principal

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LHS Class Reunions Planned

Class of 1946-A luncheon on Friday, Oct. 14th is planned at KC's Place (3408 Georgia Street) from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Some classmates are also planning to attend the Alumni Banquet on Saturday evening. For more info, contact Bea Goodin at 573-754-4238 or grannybeal@gmail.com.

Class of 1952-They too are planning a luncheon on Friday, Oct. 14th at KC's Place. Contact Helen Pratt at 573-784-2900.

Class of 1961-A dinner for classmates only is planned on Friday night, Oct. 14th. Class members should have received a mailing about such. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Alumni Banquet Saturday evening. For more info, contact Vallie Davis Tepen at valliet@yahoo.com or phone 573-324-3569 (home) or 573-470-3569 (cell).

Class of 1966-A casual gathering Friday evening (place and time TBD) is planned and class members will attend the Alumni Banquet Saturday evening. Anyone who hasn't already been contacted, please get your contact information to: Carlotta Dewey Young at 2 Pine Court, Foxfire Village, NC 27281 910-673-5700 or email carlmark@centurylink.net.

Class of 1971 - A Friday night gathering is being planned. The class will attend the Alumni Banquet and later get together at a location TBD. For details, contact Laimey Sladek Brookshier at 573-473-0939 or esladek1971@gmail.com or Sally Campbell Dinwiddie at 573-875-4218 or sally71la@yahoo.com.

Class of 1976-Their plans call for a Happy Hour gathering on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. at Piker's (420 Georgia Street). Cash bar / appetizers off the menu. Contact Trina Ford Ferling for more information at tfertling@mchsi.com or 573-999-1759. This will allow classmates to attend the Alumni Banquet afterward.

Class of 1981-A reunion is being planned. Contact Carla White Starkey at 573-754-6872 at cks63@hotmail.com for more information.

Class of 1991-The class plans to attend the LHS game on Friday p.m., attend the Alumni Banquet on Saturday p.m. and have a picnic for families on Sunday. Contact Tracy Dillender Kingsley at 573-754-5351 or dillendt@louisiana.k12.mo.us or Kim Battem Lunley at 573-754-6707 or klunley@dikesb40.org for more information.

Last year the **Class of 1960** held their 50th reunion. They collected funds from classmates and made a donation to the Alumni & Friends Scholarship Fund in memory of their deceased classmates. What a great ideal! Maybe classes will follow their lead.

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