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# 1991 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED AT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECEPTION

by Jeff DiMarzio



--AWARD RECIPIENTS--

The Third Annual Scholarship Awards Reception was held on August 20, 1991 at the North Canton Civic Center to recognize recipients of the scholarships awarded by the CLH-SAA.

Thirty-four applications were received. Many colleges and universities and a wide range of career choices were represented. It should be noted that these scholarships are awarded to students who pursue ANY type of post-high school education. The applications were scored in four areas: scholarship, extra-curricular activities, financial need, and career goal orientation. A total of thirteen recipi-

ents divided \$9,000 in the form of awards ranging from \$550 to \$800. The awards were in the form of checks payable to the respective schools.

The scholarship grants were awarded to: Brian Bailey, Melissa Dunfee, Scott Dunfee, Chaundra Hoover, Jonathan Small, Melissa Dougherty, Jennifer Pelger, Charles Simon, Christopher Vega, Barbara Laskey, Michele Laskey, Noelle Mann, and Brian Wright.

The members of the 1991 Scholarship Committee were Jeff DiMarzio, Robin Austin, Mark Lowe, Nila Welch, and Karen Johnson.

## 1992 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING April 23, 1992 - 7:00 PM, Lincoln High School Band Room **BOARD MEETING** May 4, 1992 - 7:00 PM, 715 Wertz Ave. N.W., Canton

ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE May 24, 1992, "Dancin' In The Street" 6:00-10:00 PM, 715 Wertz Ave. N.W., Canton (Rain Date May 25, 1992, 2:00 - 6:00)

BOARD MEETING June 1, 1992 - 7:00 PM, 715 Wertz Ave. N.W., Canton

SUMMER DANCE June 20, 1992, Hoover Park 8-12 PM

BOARD MEETING\* July 13, 1992 - 7:00 PM, 715 Wertz Ave. N.W., Canton

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECEP-TION July 20, 1992, Canton Garden Center

BOARD MEETING August 3,1992-7:00 PM, 715 Wertz Ave. N.W., Canton

GOLF SCRAMBLE Late August or early Sept. (Date to be announced)

STARK COUNTY ALUMNI FAIR BOOTH Sept. 1-7, 1992, under the grand-stand

BOARD MEETING\* Sept. 14, 1992 - 7:00 PM, 715 Wertz Ave. N.W., Canton ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sept. 29, 1992 - 7:00 PM, Lincoln High School

BOARD MEETING Oct. 5, 1992 - 7:00 PM, 715 Wertz Ave. N.W., Canton

Auditorium

GENERAL MEETING Oct. 27, 1992 - 7:00 PM, Lincoln H.S. Band Room

BOARD MEETING Nov. 2, 1992 - 7:00 PM, 715 Wertz Ave. N.W., Canton

ANNUAL DANCE Nov. 27, 1992 - 8:00 till 12:00, Canton Civic Center

BOARD MEETING\* December 7, 1992 -7:00 PM, 715 Wertz Ave. N.W., Canton

All Board Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, except where noted with \*, at 7:00 PM at the Wertz Ave N.W., building. All CLHSAA members are welcome to attend these meetings.



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-- Jim "Ozzie" Osborn

We started 1991 with several goals in mind. I am happy to report that these goals were met.

First, we wanted the Lincoln Alumni Association to get a place where we could hold board and other small meetings and where we could store our memorabilia and souvenirs. We did this by arranging to rent a building from the Stark County Fair Board.

Second, when the association was started, five new trustees were elected each year. This past year we made a change in our constitution providing for the election of two- and three-year trustees. This means we will now have trustees who will be in office for more than one year providing continuity and experience on the board.

Third, we wanted to get more people involved in the alumni association. We are getting more people to volunteer for our events. (By the way, we will be very happy to welcome more volunteers.)

Let's keep the spirit of Lincoln alive and growing--renew your membership or join now if you haven't before, make a donation to our scholarship fund, attend our meetings and events, and volunteer. You won't be sorry!

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Lincoln High School

# **CLHSAA OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**



Back row: Joe Garber '44, Janet Weir Creighton '68, Carole Hunker Hughes '51 (Historian), Faye Moore Staugh '52, Tim Lewis '69, Jim Mitchell '51 (Not present: Guy Bertram '52)
Front row: Sue Berg Self '68, Karen Gerzina Samuelson '60, Fred Peters '62, Jim Osborn '59

PRESIDENT - JIM OSBORN, graduated LHS 1959. Attended Malone College; married to Margene Pitts Osborn; two sons, Todd and Scott. Employed by Ohio Power Co. as a Line Supervisor. Member Eastern Ohio Basketball Assoc., Eastern Ohio Football Assoc., Ohio Power Veteran's Assoc., CLHSAA President 1991, former CLHSAA Trustee, co-chairman Annual Dance committee.

PAST PRESIDENT - JANET WEIR CREIGHTON, graduated LHS 1968. Married; two children. Elected Stark County Auditor 1990. Founding member of CLHSAA; served as first president in 1990; board member since inception of organization; assists with many activities of alumni. Also active in community affairs.

VICE PRESIDENT - FRED PETERS, graduated LHS 1962. Married Nancy Boone Peters, LHS 1962; three children, Colin, Kelly and Kristen. Production Superintendent at the Hoover Co. B.A. Kent State, M.B.A. University of Akron. Chairman CLHSAA Summer 1991 Dance.

SECRETARY - KAREN GERZINA SAMUELSON, graduated LHS 1960. Married Jon Samuelson, LHS 1958; two children, Marta and Jess. B.S. in Business Education, Bowling Green State University. Former teacher (1964-69) Canton Local Schools, "professional volunteer," CLHSAA Trustee 1991, several CLHSAA committees.

TREASURER - SUE BERG SELF, graduated LHS 1968. Married Dick Self; three children, Bryan, Jayson, Stephanie. Founding member of CLHSAA, CLHSAA Treasurer and Membership Chairman 1990 and 1991. Volunteer Jackson Schools, Perry Community Service League, Perry Twp. Jaycees.

TWO-YEAR TRUSTEE-GUYBERTRAM, graduated LHS 1952. Married Donna Bertram; one daughter, Heidi. Graduate of Malone College, Masters degree from College of Mt. Saint Joseph. Former employee of Ohio Power Co., Army Veteran, coach and teacher for over 25 years, currently teaching at Hartford Jr. High.

TWO-YEAR TRUSTEE - TIM LEWIS, class of 1968, 69, 70, 71! Married Connie Blumensen Lewis, LHS 1971; two sons, Christopher and Stephen. Driver's Education teacher for Canton City Schools. Former CLHSAA Trustee, volunteer 1990 Summer Picnic, several CLH-SAA committees.

TWO-YEAR TRUSTEE-JIMMITCHELL, graduated LHS 1951. Army Veteran, graduate Kent State, Masters degree from University of Akron. Retired Canton Police Lt; part-time instructor at KSU and Ohio Peace Officer Training Council; presently Deputy Administrator of Probation and Placement for Stark Co. Family Court. CLHSAA 1991 Trustee, cochairman 1991 CLHSAA Raffle.

THREE-YEAR TRUSTEE - JOE GAR-BER, graduated LHS 1944. Married Florence Showalter Garber, LHS 1944; three children (all graduates of LHS); six grandchildren. Retired from US Postal Service after 39 years. Former VP and President of LHS Adult Booster Club and LHS Band Parents. CLHSAA 1991 Trustee, Chairman 1991 CLHSAA Fair Booth.

THREE-YEAR TRUSTEE - DORTHA "FAYE" MOORE STAUGH, graduated LHS 1952. Married Bill Staugh, LHS 1952; two children, two grandchildren. Retired from Plain Township Schools (9 years asst. cook). Volunteer CLHSAA Souvenir Committee, Fair Booth, Raffle, Annual Dance, 1990 Summer Picnic.

#### "Letters to the Editor"

Dear Lincoln Alumni Members,

In recently planning our 15 year Class of "76" reunion, something came up which I would like to address. When discussing with fellow classmates if they would be attending, many a response was, "I go to the Alumni Dance. It is a lot cheaper, and I can see people from all classes not just my class."

Please, please, please attend your class reunions. It is a lot of hard work to organize these events. It is usually the same people who do it every five years. We have even put money out of our own pockets for deposits, etc., in order to be able to plan this event ahead of time. We would not mind doing any of this if people would just attend.

Make up your mind to go to your reunion and guaranteed you will have a great time! Remember there may come a time when the committee says the heck with it. And you know what? You who never attend will probably be the first to complain.

Please participate, you won't regret it.

Jodi (Perez) Morris '76 Canton, OH

Dear CLHSAA:

I was happy to see the letter from Bill Albers ('51). Hi, Bill, from your old May Fiesta cohort. Also, Hi to Jim Mitchell ('51), now a CLHSAA trustee. Congratulations on such a successful, humanitarian career, Jim!

I recently retired from a career in the wonderful world of computers (22 years) and am now looking for a new challenge. I'd like to hear from/about any class, but especially my class of 1950!

Thanks again for making this all possible.

Nancy J. Harris DesMoines, IA

Hi!

I've enjoyed your communicationsappreciate everyone's hard work.

Thanks.

Sina Swant Howe

I retired from Armstrong World Ind., Macon, GA in 1989. I was Purchasing Manager. Currently doing ornamental blacksmithing with my son-in-law in Farmington, GA, and I have a craft shop. My wife Bettie and I are both fine. We travel to Milos, Greece every year.

Bruce Hettel Macon, GA

Dear fellow alums of L.H.S.:

Reading about my old friends has been most enjoyable, and if **Tom McRoberts** is close give him my very best wishes.

Hope to see many of you in November at the big dance. Keep the Lion roaring.

Sincerely,

William (Bill) Mottice Warren, OH

Dear Canton Lincoln Alumni Association:

During a recent family reunion I read with much interest my brother's copy of the Lincoln Alumni Newsletter. I think it is a great idea and offer my congratulations to all of you who have been instrumental in organizing the Alumni Association.

Contrary to what some people believe, we do have residential mail delivery in Arkansas. I would appreciate you adding my name to your mailing list as I look forward to receiving future editions of the newsletter. My home address and telephone number are as follows: William J. Gribble, 2801 Nix Lake Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401, (501) 972-9987 (Residential), 1-800-356-3612 (Business).

Keep up the good work! Thank you!

Sincerely, Bill Gribble '62 Jonesboro, AR

Dear CLHSAA

My sister forwarded the Spring edition of Echoes. It's great reading all the news about old friends, most were only memories till I read the Echoes.

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## 1992 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

On February 12, 1992 the Third Annual Scholarship Raffle was held at the Four Winds Restaurant. The evening started with a social hour followed by dinner and then the drawing. Prize money in the amount of \$3,000 was awarded to the lucky winners.

Jim Mitchell and Tom McRoberts and their committee worked many hours to put this successful event together. Thanks to everyone who helped and everyone who participated.









#### "Letters to the Editor" Continued from Page 3

Now the 30 years just melt away, and it's 1957 in Canton again.

I have lived in San Diego for 12 years, and I am a manager for Pacific Bell, external affairs, media department. Mr. Gowdy would be so proud!

Looking forward to the next issue.

Myra K. Dilginis San Diego, CA

I received the latest "Echo" and couldn't put it down until I had read front to back pages. It's wonderful! Your hard work and dedication are really appreciated.

The last class reunion my husband and I attended was probably the 25th. We are going to try to make this one in August. Hope to see all of you then.

Sincerely,

**Bonnie Beattie Jung '46** 

CLHSAA.

My niece [served] in Desert Storm. Her name is Ronda Addington "1976". She is the daughter of Ron "1953" and Joan Addington and niece of Terrie Stokoe "1963" and Bob Addington "1970." Both her sisters, Becki Shanks and Robin Bennington, attended Lincoln but had to graduate from Timken. Too bad for them. Her grandparents are Ben and Bartha Addington. Some Eckard's "customers" might remember Bartha as their waitress. She remembers each "customer" she had to remove from the restaurant!

Thanks for a great paper and the new "Echo" staff.

Terrie Addington Stokoe '63 (Editor's note: See article on page 8)

Dear CLHSAA

My wife Hallie (Hallie Hall'53) and I ('52) are really pleased to see the degree of organization you've brought to Lincoln's Alumnae and the fine newsletter you're publishing. We met in the Lincoln marching band in 1950, dated steadily and married in 1956.

Hallie has been Associate Nursing Manager of Riverside Methodist Hospital's Drug and Alcohol Dependency Department for several years and only recently left that position for a part time position in the department. I am a Vice President at Battelle Memorial Institute where I head Battelle's transportation practice.

Regards, Jim Loomis '52 Columbus, OH

It is with great Canton Lincoln High School pride I send my personal check for \$10 to join the CLHSAA. I eagerly await a newsletter to "fill me in" on the latest news of the Association. Someone just gave me their copy of the May issue so I could write and join. I'm thrilled to become a part of the group.

Is there any way to receive a printout of the "Class of 1957" members, so perhaps I can contact some who haven't yet joined the alumni association?

We live locally now after several transfers over the years and do not anticipate any new "moves" until perhaps retirement, so I can help at some of the events when needed.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia J. (Pyles) Anderson '57 Massillon, OH

It was so nice, and such a surprise, to receive my first copy of "Echoes of Lincoln" last week.

I have moved several times since my graduation in 1957. I wish to thank whoever sent my name in and will look forward to upcoming newsletters.

Eva Gore Black '57 Carmel, IN

Dear Friends:

It is a treat to receive the Echoes of Lincoln, I was very sorry to see that it was no longer a public school. My brother also attended CLHS, Thomas Baumker, 604 Thunderbird Drive, Box Elder, South Dakota 57719. I think Class of '61.

I only went to Lincoln two years, we moved from NYC to Toledo to Canton while I was in high school. Two good friends were **Darlie Flinner Moore** and **Kathy Lung**. I also had many other friends I hope are part of CLHSAA.

I married Jim Thorn, lived in Morgantown, West Virginia, have three sons, divorced, went to law school at

WVU, graduated in 1987. I worked as an assistant prosecutor doing child abuse cases and juvenile cases. I married Richard Alexander, a physician specializing in emergency care in 1989. We moved to North Carolina two years ago and love it. My three sons are all in or just graduating from WVU. My youngest son Matt is 19 and is leaving today for Army boot camp. He is in ROTC and reserves.

I have fond memories of walking out to the stadium for football games. I especially remember the night we beat

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#### 1992 ELECTIONS

The nomination of officers and trustees was held in September 1991 and the following guidelines were used: The Constitution and Bylaws of the Canton Lincoln High School Alumni Association, Inc. directs that "an election by mail ballot sent to current members on record as of September 30" shall be held each year. Further, the Bylaws provide that "an association newsletter shall be distributed in October to all members in order to accompany the ballot listing association candidates. This issue of the newsletter shall contain pertinent biographical information provided by the candidates." Following the report of the Nominating Committee and close of nominations at the association's annual meeting on September 24, 1991, the nominees were invited to provide for printing any information about themselves they felt would be of interest to the voters. Results of the election were announced at the Annual Dance.

Many thanks go to alumni for volunteering their time and efforts to make the CLHSAA a successful organization. It is not too soon to make a commitment to run for an office for 1993. It is the dedication of the officers of this organization who put in these first years who will build the foundation of our Scholarship Fund and make it a successful venture in the years to come.

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

#### **CLHSAA SUMMER** DANCE

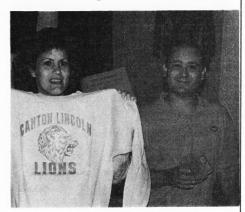
-- Fred Peters

"Phil 'N the Blanks" provided the music for the Summer Dance on August 24, 1991 at the Hoover Park Pavilion in North Canton. Over 300 Lincoln Alumni and friends danced the night away to the music of the 50's and 60's. All who attended had a great time dancing and reminiscing with old friends.

Because of this enthusiastic response, the 1992 Summer Dance is planned for Saturday, June 20th, at Hoover Park Pavilion, North Canton, 8 to 12 PM. Let's all get out to join the fun in the Summer of 1992!

#### CLHSAA FAIR BOOTH 1991

-- Joe Garber



The 1991 Stark County Fair ran from August 27 through September 2. Our Lincoln Alumni booth was located under the grandstand. We have been at the same location for several years, and it seems to be a great place for our booth. Lincoln grads coming through said that they look for us at the same general area each year. We hope to be able to get a larger booth in the same general area for 1992. We have a lot of suggestions for this year's booth and are going to try to put some of them to good use. All suggestions were greatly appreciated.

Thirty people volunteered to work the fair booth this year. This was really wonderful. It shows what great support we have from our members. There were three shifts a day: 10 AM to 2 PM, 2 PM to 6 PM, and 6 PM to 11 PM. Our main goal was to support the scholarship fund and to promote the Alumni Association. All who worked sure did this in a grand fashion. If you did not get to work in 1991, please be sure to volunteer when the 1992 list is put out. It is a lot of fun and a great way to meet Lincoln grads and see old friends.

Not only were the Lincolnites who came by interested in our merchandise and display of memorabilia, but a couple of other local schools expressed amazement at the support and popularity Lincoln still has. Our Lincoln merchandise sales were very good, and with our new building, we will be able to have more merchandise close by for immediate order filling.

A big thank you goes out to Janet Creighton, Sue Self, and Jim Osborn for setting up the booth. Tables and chairs were donated by a Lincoln grad. Thanks to the people who brought the fans to keep us somewhat cool. Thanks again to all the volunteers, you did a great, great job.

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#### THE MAIN EVENT --THE ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting of the CLH-SAA was held on September 24, 1991 in the auditorium of old Lincoln High School (now Heritage Christian School). Bob Stewart, sports writer for THE REPOSITORY, was our guest speaker. He shared many sports stories and talked about former LHS coaches and players. Author Robert Morgan, class of 1954, also spoke briefly about his new book, THE UL-TIMATE LEGEND QUEST, which is being published by Daring Books (Dennis Bartow, class of 1970, Publisher). The slate of officers for the 1992 board was announced, nominations from the floor were accepted, and candidates were introduced by Nominating Committee Chairman Carol Berg Marvin, class of 1960. Refreshments and fellowship followed a short business meeting.

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# CLHSAA 5TH ANNUAL DANCE NOV. 29, 1991 CANTON CIVIC CENTER

-- Cathy McMackan Dunlap



There was something for everyone at this year's 5th Annual Alumni Dance. Fill an auditorium with 1500 plus Lincoln Alumni and spouses and you have the formula for a perfect night. It amazes me every year how a group of people that size with different likes and dislikes, different backgrounds and professions can have the great time that they do; but then I remember, of course they're going to have a great time, they're Lincolnites!

I didn't see much of the dance floor because I was so busy tracking down old friends as were many people. Class reunions are a special time to see your former classmates, but THIS dance pulls us ALL together. It's so good to see all your friends, some older and some younger than yourself. How many of you saw people that you work with, live by, or have known through acquaintances that you never realized went to Lincoln?

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Proprietor: John L. Lewis Helen (Bouiphant) Lewis '68 Each year, the board and dance committee (under the leadership of dance co-chairmen Jim "Ozzie" Osborn and Ed Mang) spend a lot of time listening to requests and concerns about the dance. How can we make it better? How can we satisfy everyone's wishes? I think most everyone will agree there have been some major improvements in our seating arrangements. To satisfy your requests for different types of music, we decided to alternate every other year between a band and a D.J.



Last year some wanted a little bit "tamer" music, and there were those that wanted to "just quietly sit and talk." This year we had the McKinley Room (pardon the expression!) available for just that. Guy Bertram did a wonderful job spinning records for the "forties fans" while in the big auditorium we danced to the beat of Disc Jockey J.R.

Andrea Roman Herbst, Class of 1966, can thank former Lincoln teacher Ev Daniels for pulling her name in the 50/50 drawing. She walked out with a smile and \$618 cash. When asked about the evening's events, Andrea replied, "The dance was swell, and we really had a good time. This is the first time I have won anything, and I was really shocked when they called my number. That was the best \$5 I have ever spent." (By the way, Andrea was a first-time dance attendee.)

The workers at the souvenir table were busy selling all the LHS paraphernalia while those at the registration table were happily signing up new members and renewing memberships for others. Many people stopped and took a step back in time as they reminisced at the memorabilia table. Brush up your vocal cords. John Hayward was there signing up members for the Lincoln High School Alumni Choir.

Many, many people have pooled their efforts to make possible the events that the association sponsors each year. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and camaraderie that the people in this association have. Keep it up folks! We'll be the envy of all those Canton natives out there.



If you were there this year, we'll see you next year; if you weren't, we hope to see you next year. Same time! Same place!

(Editor's Note: The 1992 Sixth Annual Dance is scheduled for November 27th.)

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#### A VISIT WITH EARL SCHWAB

#### -- Carol Hunker Hughes '51



I was excited!
The last time I saw Mr. Schwab was 40 years ago, walking the halls of Lincoln.
Now I was invited to his home for a visit!
Earl Schwab is a remarkably in teresting man. Our conversation was

laced with sage

advice and his observations on humankind and life in general. Time flew. He related that he was a poor boy who worked his way through high school and college. He taught biology at old Central High School from 1934 to 1938 when they tore it down to build Timken High School. He then went to Belden School, which was a ninth grade center at that time, and taught math, general science, and history. He came to Lincoln in 1939, teaching biology there until 1954. There were two biology teachers at Lincoln during this time. Mr. Schwab taught the commercial course students, and Mr. Kuehnle taught students in the classical course. He enjoyed teaching at Lincoln, "because we had good average kids from good average homes. I still see some of those good Lincoln kids in my church (First Christian)." After leaving Lincoln, he worked at the Administration Building

as a guidance counselor and later as a visiting teacher in school psychology, retiring from school work in 1969. He noted that in those days teachers were poor and almost always had to have two jobs to support their families. He worked at various local industries and also sold insurance. He continued in the insurance field until 1982 when he took full retirement. Mr. Schwab said that it took him five years to adjust to total retirement, which is why he advises everyone to have a hobby or something of interest to keep busy. He likes to study and read the Bible. "I'm a Christian, but I like to call myslef a Christian disciple because I'm still learning." He pointed out that, "With God's blessings, my life has been like a puzzle with all the pieces coming together so that I can say I've had a good life." His memories of Lincoln were summed up, "We had good kids, very few prob-

With his activities somewhat limited, he says he is "housebound." He and his wife go out to eat often, they travel to Michigan to see their son, and also go to Cook's Forest, Pennsylvania every year. And now, at the age of eighty-three, he has started taking piano lessons!

All too soon it was time to leave. He left me this thought, "If I have all I need and all I want and have a dollar left over, I'm as rich as anybody." I would venture to say that Earl Schwab is very rich. He has a lively mind and a keen interet in what is happening in the world. I know I left feeling definitely richer. Thank you, Mr. Schwab!

#### HISTORIAN'S REPORT

#### -- Carole Hunker Hughes

We have a wide variety of memorabilia covering the years from 1943 to 1976. The collection includes football, band, and choir programs, all sorts of uniforms, sweaters, and jackets, award letters, trophies, pennants, photos, Lincoln Echoes, news clippings, and even a cafeteria tray. Each item is catalogued and numbered on an index card, then packed and stored in cardboard cartons with corresponding numbers. This system seems to work very well as you can put your fingers on any item in a matter of minutes. We would like to thank everyone who has donated items. We appreciate your generosity very much. We have annuals for every year except 1956, 1958, 1963 and 1966. If anyone would like to donate a LIONIAN for any of the missing years, it would be most appreciated. Also, if anyone has anything "Lincoln" and would like to donate, we will gladly accept. I can be reached at 492-7756.

## **CLASS REUNIONS SCHEDULED IN 1992**

#### 1947 45th Reunion

August 21, 1992 Holiday Inn, North Canton August 22, 1992 Dinner at Jon & Company For information contact, Betty Lou Jones Lloyd 484-6297 Beverly Brown Spies 453-5780

#### 1952 40th Reunion

Friday, July 24, 1992 Informal Bar-B-Que Saturday, July 25, 1992 Dinner-Dance - Parke Hotel, N. Canton For information contact, Emory Hall 499-2360 Faye Moore Staugh 492-6173

#### 1957 35th Reunion

Saturday, August 8, 1992 Shady Hollow Country Club, Canton For information contact, Don Knoch 477-9319

#### 1962 30th Reunion

Friday, July 24, 1992 Cocktail Party - Hoover Park, N. Canton Saturday, July 25, 1992 -Canton Hilton Hotel Cocktails - 6:30 Dinner - 8:00 Dancing 9:30 - 12:30 For information contact, Fred and Nancy Peters 452-2051

#### 1967 25th Reunion

Friday, June 26, 1992 Social at Bogarts Restaurant at 7:30 Saturday, June 27, 1992 Hoover Park, N. Canton 6:00 - 12:00 For more information contact, Jeanne Baker John 832-2142

#### 1972 20th Reunion

Saturday, July 18, 1992 Holy Trinity Greek Church -North Canton Cocktails 6:00 to 7:00 Dinner 7:30 Dancing till 11:30 PM For more information contact, Mike Drumm 493-6355

# **OPERATION DESERT STORM**

#### DESERT STORM A WIFE'S VIEW

-- Linda Humphrey Kuemerle



During the Viet Nam War, I was a mother of one child. One war was bad enough, but then on the 17th of November 1990, my worst fear was called upon again. My husband, Sgt. Kenneth Kuemerle was called towar again. This time I was not only a mother of two wonderful children, but also a grandmother of two. I could give you a brief explanation about both wars, about how they compare and contrast, but the topic can be more thoroughly discussed by my husband. "Being a vet of Viet Nam and of Desert Storm, I think I have a pretty good insight to the differences of the two wars. I think its simple: We went this time as a united unit. All of us working for the same goal with the support of the people back home, and the support of almost every country."

I would like to thank all of you for your support. I don't feel like we are all heroes, as we were just doing a job that our country asked us to do. I think the real heroes are the men and women that were forgotten in the 60's and 70's. They did their jobs as we did this time. I was a Viet Nam Vet first and always will be. These men and women are heroes to me and should never be forgotten.

My husband and I are members of the VVA 199. During the fourth of July celebration, Sunset Hills brought the replica of the wall to the burial grounds. We were assigned the task of locating the names for families. While working I came across a name from our own graduating class: John Weisbrod. You don't realize how much hurt is on that wall until you find the name of someone you knew there. I hope that

everyone will respect our veterans of all our wars and remember all the people who have died and the many that are still missing in action. Thanks to you all for your support.

# A MOTHER'S VIEW OF A DAUGHTER IN SAUDI

-- Joan Addington

Wayback in August 1990, we heard murmurs and rumors that the 1485th Transportation Group may have to go to the Gulf--however, her Dad simply didn't think they would send them over. He kept telling her, "You are not going to Saudi Arabia." Until on December 13 they sent the unit to Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin, trained them about two weeks, and shipped them over the last day of the year. Ronda called him collect so he'd know she was in Saudi. This proved to be a very heart rendering experience for everyone in the family--Mom, Dad, sisters, grandparents, aunts-and friends. Everyone handled it in their own personal manner listening constantly to CNN and worrying and waiting--not knowing exactly what to expect. Unlike most wars, however, we heard from Ronda frequently via telephone. It helped a lot to hear her voice even though in the early days it might be 5:00 AM when she called. At thevery beginning she was out in the desert, and we did not know exactly where they were although we were able to pinpoint their approximate location. We all joined with all other Americans in writing letters, sending packages, etc. It was a worrisome period in our lives--probably as bad for us at home as those overseas--as we had no way of knowing what was happening. Once the war broke out we were very concerned about the talk of chemical warfare (which is what Ronda is trained in) and the expected fighting and deaths that would probably occur. The day the ground war started was probably the most worrisome day, fearing the worst.

Fortunately for all concerned, the war did not last long and after nearly seven months Ronda and her unit all made it back safely. We never ever expected "our little girl" to be fighting for her country, but she went over there and did her job as all the troops did, and we are very proud of her and her part in the Gulf War. We were

extremely happy when the war ended and happier yet when Ronda and her unit returned home. It feels good to have her home again.

#### A FATHER'S VIEW OF A DAUGHTER IN SAUDI

-- Ron Addington

You've heard the cliche many times. "Don't worry, you won't be going!" That's what I told my daughter, Ronda, when the talk was war in the Middle East. On December 13, 1990, her National Guard outfit was activated, and on December 27th she was on her way to the Middle East.

Being in a transportation unit and not being a driver meant she wouldn't be close to the front line which made us feel a lot better. Every placeshe was located seemed to be close to a telephone, so we heard from her every week. At one time she was located in the middle of the desert with about 30 of the transportation unit, and we couldn't figure out why they would send them out by themselves. Later we found out there were about 300,000 troops in the general vicinity. The worst time was when the scud hit the building with Ohio National Guard, and we knew that Ronda's outfit was stationed in Khobar. About 5:00 that evening, we got a phone call saying our people were all okay. That was a great relief.

Wewere constantly getting calls from the newspaper wanting comments about our feelings. I told them to let the pilots do their job and keep bombing, but they kept wanting us to comment on the ground war. That made me mad, and I told them not to call anymore.

# SIX MONTHS IN SAUDI ARABIA

-- Ronda J. Addington

After graduating from Lincoln in 1976, I joined the Army National Guard and went off to Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. I was 17 years old when I joined and joined for the same reasons many people join the National Guard. The extra money, travel, the experience. I was told

that I would go to drills one weekend a month and Annual Training for 2 weeks every summer. The thought of a war never crossed my mind and when asked, I always felt it would probably never happen in my lifetime, and if it did, the National Guard probably wouldn't be called. In February 1984, I took a full-time job with the National Guard at the 1485th Transportation Company in Dover, Ohio as the Unit Clerk with the rank of SPC/E4. At present, I am the Unit Training NCO and NBC NCO (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Warfare), with the rank of SSG/E6, and I am 33 years old.

From 1984 to 1990, I went to the Armory, in uniform, everyday just like anyone else holding a civilian job. On 2 August 1990, I was at Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Michigan when news broke that Iraq had invaded Kuwait. No one really knew what it meant for us as National Guard members, and there was a lot of discussion during the rest of that two weeks as to what was going on and the possibility of being activated. Upon returning home and hearing nothing more, except rumors, the initial worry of it all began to lessen, until they mobilized the first National Guard units. It became a daily question in my life, as well as the rest of the people in my unit, whether or not our unit would be called. From September to November we watched the news with anticipation. Every time another guard unit was called, we figured it was only a matter of time before we would be called. When November came, the activation began to slow down, and we guessed that maybe we wouldn't be called after all. The anxieties and emotions went up and down many times during that period for all of us. Then, two of the units in our Battalion were activated near the middle of November, and the thoughts of getting called started all over again. After a couple of weeks of not hearing anything, we again figured we wouldn't be called. The waiting and wondering was the worst. On 11 December 1990, our unit was activated for Operation Desert Shield, and all the feelings and fears I felt since the 2nd of August began to become reality. I had already made arrangements for my parents to, literally, take control of my life while I would be gone, so it was just a matter of leaving. The days went by quickly those first few weeks with reporters taking your time, and the packing, and







the goodbyes. It was one of the saddest times of my life. No one knew what to expect. All we knew was we were heading for Saudi Arabia, which was at least 8,000 miles away. Who would have ever thought? Not my father. He swore, from day one, that they would never send a National Guard unit over there. His feeling was that we would probably end up just staying in the States. On December 12, 1990, we headed for Fort Mc-Coy, Wisconsin where we were given intensive training on our chemical gear, weapons, land navigation, first aid, and other skills, and had many classes on the culture of the country we were about to enter. We did all of this in about two feet of snow. A wonderful way to acclimate to the desert.

On the 29th of December, we boarded a 747 and flew half way across the world to the unknown, making one stop in Rome, Italy. At the same time, my family moved everything I owned out of my apartment back home so I wouldn't have to pay rent. We arrived in Saudi Arabia very early in the morning on New Years Eve. Big time change! As we got off the plane, no one said a word. We had seen so much on television for so long that it was hard to believe we were actually here and a part of all of this. My father still didn't believe I was going to Saudi Arabia!

I think my mother believed it, but my father just couldn't accept that his oldest daughter was going to fight in a war. I promised them I would call the first chance I got and that I would call collect, so that my father could see on his own phone bill that I was really there. We were bussed from the airport to a place called Khobar Towers in Dhahran. It was a huge apartment complex with 7 floor apartment buildings that had marble floors, running showers, real toilets, and air conditioning. Not bad so far! We began to get settled in, knowing that the President had set a deadline for Saddam of just 15 days from the time we arrived there. Everyone worked hard getting everything prepared for the possible outbreak of a war. Six days after arriving at Khobar Towers we were told that 30 of us would be sent out to the desert to set up a base camp for our drivers. We are a transportation unit, so our drivers would be on the road hauling tanks, ammunition, and supplies up north for the duration of the time we would be there. The base camp would allow the drivers to stop on their way up or down for food, sleep, and showers. Because the drivers started their hauling missions as soon as we got there, the 30 people to start this base camp consisted of the maintenance section, administrative section, and most of the females. We were told that our females were not allowed to drive in this country, so that was the reason most of the females were selected to set up the base camp.

The bus ride to the desert took about 17 hours and was an experience in itself. We saw the sights of the country that we had heard so much about for the first time. We made some stops at gas stations along the way to take breaks, and the first time I saw what I had to use for a bathroom, I thought I would die. They were little 2 or 3 stall bathrooms with porcelain bowls set into a hole in the ground which one had to squat over to use. They usually had a hose with running water to spray your remains down the drain. Wherever we stopped, the Saudi people had to be warned that we were coming and if they didn't want us there, we had to go on farther until someone would allow us to stop. We never saw a Saudi woman on

#### REFLECTIONS

-- Linda Neff

A few years ago, a handful of Lincoln faithful decided to act on a great idea-organizing a Lincoln Alumni Association. We jumped in with both feet, and WOW! Who would have ever believed what's happened? Many hardworking, dedicated people have donated their time and talents to help this association grow from approximately 15 people at our first meeting to a membership that totaled over 1,000 in 1991.

It was my distinct honor and privilege to serve as a trustee, vice-president, and secretary, as well as serving on various committees. The past few years have been filled with so many good times, it was easy to forget just how hard we were working to make this organization successful. Many thanks to all of the board members with whom I have served and to everyone who has helped and supported our efforts. I am so happy to have been a part of this; the friendships that were renewed and new friendships formed will always be special to me.

You know, they say you can never go back, but I think we've come just about as close as you can get!

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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS NEW HOME

-- Connie Blumensen Lewis



The Lincoln Alumni Association has found a home! The former Dulabahn Nursery building on Wertz Avenue N.W. is the new headquarters for the association. Monthly board meetings are now held in the building and all of our Lincoln memorabilia is housed there as well. Plans are being made to hold an "Open House" general meeting at the new location so that all interested alumni can have the chance to see our new home.

The building dates back to the mid 1950's when Anne and John Dulabahn began a wholesale flower business shortly after John finished college on the GI Bill. John had previously worked for his father who owned a flower shop which was in the building which still stands by the north fairground entrance on Wertz Avenue. When the demand for cut flowers decreased, the Dulabahn's concentrated their efforts on bedding plants. Several large greenhouses were added and geraniums and poinsettias were two of the popular plants grown there. The Dulabahn's retired from the nursery business in 1988. Mr. Dulabahn passed away in April 1991. Mrs. Dulabahn still resides in the Canton area and kindly furnished the information for this article.

The Stark County Fair Board purchased the property several years ago. The greenhouses have been dismantled or leveled, but several buildings remain. The Alumni Association now rents one of the buildings from the Fair Board on a monthly basis for a nominal fee.

A crew of Lincoln alumni painted the inside walls of the building maroon and gold, installed security bars, refurbished lighting and heating units, installed donated carpet, and generally turned the former seed building into Lincoln Alumni Association's new home. Thanks to everyone who helped with this project.

Article from The Louisville (Ohio) HERALD, Thursday, May 30, 1991

# LOUISVILLE RESIDENT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Stark County Bar Association held its annual Law Day celebration on May 1. The Law Day Committee of the Bar Association announced its annual Teacher of the Year award at the meeting which was held at the Canton Hilton. The award is presented to someone the group believes has provided outstanding leadership and has involved students in ways that will increase their responsibility and citizenship in the future.

The choice for this year's award was Louisville resident and Fairless High School teacher Blaine Werner. The Committee also felt that Mr. Werner has significantly contributed to the understanding of the law through thoughtful and innovative curriculum

and programs.

Mr. Werner has been active in the National Council for the Social Studies, Ohio Council for the Social Studies, the Mock Trial Association, and the Model United Nations program at Malone College. He has also been a presenter to the Stark County drug and alcohol coordinators and was on the steering committee for the Ohio Student Mock Elections this past year. Mr. Werner has also participated in many workshops developed by the Stark County Board of Education to strengthen student awareness of the U.S. Constitution and law.

Mr. Werner resides at 906 Parkview Drive in Louisville with his wife, Vicki, and two children, Brett and Krista. Mr. Werner is a graduate of Kent State University and has been a teacher at Fairless High School for the past nine years.

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## "Letters to the Editor"

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McKinley and had a snake dance in downtown Canton.

My best to all Lincoln alumnae. Thanks for the memories.

Sincerely,

Sondra J. (Dupree) Alexander Elizabethtown, NC

CLHSAA:

I think you're doing a great job and appreciate all your hard work.

**Carole Yingling** 

Lincoln Alumni,

Thanks gang for all your work and time spent.

Chuck Nelson Millersburg, OH

Dear Alumni,

In response to your request for names of relatives of Lincoln grads who served in Operation Desert Storm, I would like to bring our son's name to your attention. Vincent Leno, sergeant in the U.S. Army has just returned from Saudi--May 18th--to Germany. His father, Larry Leno '62, his younger brother, Matt, and I are looking forward to his 30 day leave July 1st!

We are very interested in learning which Lincoln grads experienced this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

Irene Leno

Massillon, OH

(Editor's Note: More in Desert Storm feature on page 15.)

Dear Echoes Staff,

I recently ran across this article in the LOUISVILLE HERALD in Louisville, Ohio. I realized that the article is about a Canton Lincoln alumni, and I



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thought I would send it to you to include in your next issue of the alumni newspaper. Blaine knows me and would be embarrassed if he knew I was sending this to you, but I felt he should be recognized.

Blaine Werner is a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1973. While at Fairless High School, Blaine has also coached junior high track, high school football, and was the varsity head wrestling coach for many years. He was a very successful coach in wrestling and coached athletes in the state championships. He currently is a wrestling official.

If you want more information about Blaine, you will have to call or write to him. His address is in the newspaper article. I looked up his phone number for you. His many friends are very proud of Blaine and his accomplishments.

Thanks,

A Friend

(Editor's note: See article on page 10)

Dear Alumni,

Congratulations to the wonderful alumni of Canton Lincoln. All of your efforts are to be applauded, especially the Scholarship Fund. I shall contribute as much as possible.

After graduation, I attended O.S.U. My standard reply as to why I did not graduate, "I'm busy demonstrating." My first job was as a practical nurse at Columbus Children's. Then I worked at T.M.M.C. for 11 years. I graduated from Walsh in 1985, and I'm now an R.N. For the past 5 years, I've been at Akron Children's. 1991 marked my 20th year in pediatric nursing. I obviously love it.

My significant other is a librarian in Kent, Ohio. We have been "an item" for 15 years. He is a former "cake eater." Please forgive me! And please do not ask us when we are getting married. We are more married than most married people.

Canton is a great town. Bob and I have traveled many places, but prefer to live here.

Keep up your efforts. Sincerely, **Karen Myers** Canton, OH Dear Alumni:

What a great surprise to learn of the Alumni Association and be able to become a part of the association. I was pleased to receive and read the last issue of the newsletter. I enjoyed reading the letters from alumni and looked for names of those I had long remembered. Having not lived in Canton since the day after graduation in 1956, I read and re-read each line.

Please reserve two tickets for the November banquet. I heard about this gathering last year, but was not able to attend.

I am enclosing a letter to Mr. Tom Dent. If you could forward it to him, I would be grateful.

Thanks for your time and effort to carry on the memories of the past.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Karr '56 Farmington Hills, MI

Friends, Peers, and Alumni,

At forty-seven, I find life to be very interesting. Single parent of a sixteen-going on twenty-one--son, bachelor status again, and the adventure of starting a new business once more...what more could one ask for?? Say did you know that there are two things money can't buy...one is health and the other is poverty!! Did you know divorce is an act of treachery whereby your best friend suddenly becomes your worst enemy?? (God, can you believe I write these things, but then I always did have a sick mind.)

Don't know who mentioned writing, but while we're on the subject, it is a hobby of mine. I'll enclose some and if you should need some "filler" for the paper then I'm down to my last 3 or 4 boxes. As a matter of fact, I'm in the process of starting a Tucson Chapter of the "Dead Poets Society" for those creative people

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who write, but keep putting it in boxes!!

Please tell Janet Weir Creighton that we're in luck...I'm single again and give me a call at 602-577-0104. Don't worry, tho, I've told my son that he gets to pick his next step-mother!!

My best to all--Shannon Mackler

Enclosed please find the membership renewal for Margaret and Clement Walent. Thanks to everyone for their hard work, time and commitment to make this alumni association work. A super job by all.

Margaret (Miller) Walent '46

Canton, Oh

(Editor's Note: We are sorry to have to report that Margaret passed away in December 1991. Our sympathy is extended to her husband and family.)

Dear CLHSAA,

I got hold of my parents' issue of "Echoes" (Tom and Beverly Coe Dent, Class of '46) and was glad to read information of how I could become a member of the association, even though my family moved to Massachusetts just before my junior year preventing me from graduating from Lincoln. I have always felt much more like and alumnus of Lincoln rather than the high school I actually graduated from, especially since I was born and raised in Canton.

I presently teach hearing impaired children in Lakewood, OH (western Cleveland suburb). Three and a half years ago I adopted a baby from India as a single parent, so I lead a very busy and fulfilling life.

As I read in **Bob Frey's** ('70) letter to Echoes, I believe my fondest memories of Lincoln are of the band, with all its hard work and special friendships. Mr. **Bayless** certainly put us through our paces (8 for 5!!).

I missed the class of '71's 20th reunionnow that I'm in the area and in the association, perhaps I'll make it to the 25th in '96 and have the opportunity to greet many old friends.

Sincerely,

Phaidra Dent ('71)

Dear Alumni,

I want to commend you on the outstanding job you've done with the "Echoes Of Lincoln." What a fun, informative paper it was! I am enclosing a \$10 check for my Alumni Association dues. I received the Spring 1991 Issue, but have not received anything since. Have you printed any more issues?

{Editor's Note: No, we have not.}

I wish we lived closer so that I could help with this wonderful paper. You are doing an outstanding job!!

Keep up the good work, and if there's anything I could do "long distance" please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dee Dee (Diane Dieffenbaugher) Bowers, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

I'm planning on attending my 50th class reunion and am looking forward to it in 1994. My sister, Dorothy (Van Blarcum) Deal, widow of Jack Deal '44, recently sent me a picture of the 1979 class reunion. I looked at the people first and only could recognize a few (Lorna Rhinehart, Shirley Rodgers, Mark Lowdermilk, and Bob Pratt)! I had to go through the names and faces row by row. I remembered most of the names. Very interesting.

Keep up the good work with the newsletter and your various activities. Wish I could attend them.

Bonnie (Van Blarcum) Baldwin '44 Riverside, CA

Hi, Jim--

Is \$5 enclosed enough to get me on your mailing list? Sentimental! In 9/39 I went to Lincoln with the first freshmen to be the first graduates 6/43. I taught biology mostly until 6/54, when I went to the administration building as a psychologist mostly until 6/69 retirement from school work. That was one of the best 15 year periods of my 37 years: pupils, faculty, etc. May God bless Lincoln alumni and memories.

Num. 6:24-26, 2 Cor. 13:14. Christian love,

Earl J. Schwab (Age 83)

(Editor's note: See story on page 7)

#### THANK YOU NOTES FROM 1991 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the scholarship awarded to me from the Canton Lincoln High School Alumni Association. I consider the opportunity to continue my education to be a great privilege and the scholarship that you have offered to me is valued. I am looking forward to my first year at Grove City College in Pennsylvania. Thank you again for your generous help.

Yours very truly, Brian P. Wright Massillon, OH

Dear Members of the CLHSAA,

Thank you very much for the scholarship that was presented to me. The money has already been well spent as it went to help pay for my fall tuition at Northwestern University. It is great to know that there are still people who care about, and work for, education as much as your group does. Once again, thank you for choosing me and for this generous gift.

Sincerely, Charlie Simon New Philadelphia, OH

Thank you very much. It's wonderful knowing people as kind and considerate as you are! Thanks again!

Chris Vega Canton, OH

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Sincerely, Melissa R. Dougherty Canton, OH

Dear CLHSAA Scholarship Committee, I want to thank you for choosing me as a recipient of one of your 1991 awards. It was a tremendous help in paying for the first semester of this school year, and I am extremely grateful to have been selected. Keep up the good work so that other deserving students can receive the same honor. Sincerely,

Noelle Mann East Canton, OH

#### OTHER THANK YOU NOTES

Lincoln Fair Booth Volunteers:

I would like to thank all the people who worked in our Fair Booth that made this another GREAT year. Those who worked enjoyed meeting old classmates and made new friends with other Lincoln grads. We have already made big plans for next year and again you will be asked to help. Hope we get as good a response next year as we did this year. You did a great job and your help was appreciated. Thanks again.

Joe Garber '44, Chairperson

I would like to thank the association for my past three exciting years on the CLH-SAA board. Being involved as a Trustee and Vice President was a wonderful opportunity for me to take part in our association.

Iwas so pleased to see so many new names on this year's ballot. It only proves how strong our group has become and many seem eager to participate in some way.

Istrongly urge all of you to take part in the association in one way or another. You will enjoy the new friendships and the rekindling of old ones. It is your organization, and you have a lot to offer. I know I wouldn't trade the time I've had and plan to have in the future.

Best of luck to the 1992 CLHSAA Board. God Bless the Association.

Cathy Dunlap, Class of 1968

The CLHSAA board and general membership would like to extend our sincere appreciation to those who have donated to the Scholarship Fund. It is the generosity of such people that helps our association present scholarship grants to deserving people who are graduates of Lincoln or who are lineal descendants of Lincoln graduates. Your donations to the scholarship fund are truly one of the best ways that any of us can keep "the spirit of Lincoln" alive! Thank you again for your generous contributions.

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Because of the high cost of printing and mailing over 5,000 Echoes, this will be our only issue for 1992. Be sure to save the Calendar of Events so you can attend some or all of the fun-filled activities that are scheduled in 1992. Our monthly meetings in the Lincoln High School Band Room are sure to bring back memories as you walk through the halls and hear "echoes from the past." The Raffle, held annually on February 12 (which is Abraham Lincoln's birthday), the Scholarship Awards Reception, Summer Dance, and the Annual Fall Dance, always held on the day after Thanksgiving, are well-planned gatherings of Lincolnites and their friends. From the 30's to the 70's, Lincoln grads remember the things they loved and the things they hated during their own "Wonder Years."

During the Stark County Fair, our booth is continuously being visited by LHS people and, as Janet Weir Creighton says, "other people who wish they had gone to Lincoln High School!"

We would also like to say that this Alumni Association is not only for graduates, but for every one who ever attended LHS even if only for a year. Friends and fans of Lincoln are also welcome. You may also wish to enroll your business as an Associate Member as a way of being a part of this association.

Remember to send in your membership renewals, and if you are not currently a member, join today. There is a membership form on page 19 of this issue for your convenience. Membership is on a yearly renewal basis, not a one-time only fee. Your membership fees are the means by which we can continue to offer Echoes of Lincoln to you. Scholarship funds are raised through our fund-raising activities, while other expenses, such as this newsletter, must be met through membership fees.

The CLHSAA is a worthy organization promoting excellence in education by awarding scholarships each year to deserving students who are either related to graduates of LHS or who are graduates of Lincoln. What a fine way to keep alive the wonderful traditions and memories born in those carefree days spent at Canton Lincoln High School.

The Editors: Karen Gerzina Samuelson '60 Mary Robinson Miller '56

# OPERATION DESERT STORM

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our trip to the desert. We passed bong shops where the men hung out like they hang out in bars in America. They sat at tables watching TV and smoking their opium in bongs. When we stopped at small grocery stores to get something to eat, most of them only took Saudi money, and at first, we weren't sure if we were getting ripped off or not. We also weren't sure about eating their food. It all took some getting used to. When we finally arrived at our spot in the desert, we found out that we were about 40 miles from Iraq and 60 miles from Kuwait. We had no bathroom facilities, no showers, and only MRE's to eat. (MRE's are Meals-Ready-To-Eat. The Army version of a good home cooked meal!) For about 5 days we had to dig catholes to go to the bathroom and used bottled water to wash ourselves, except for the one day they bussed us to tent showers set up about an hour away. The day we got our box latrines and box showers was one of the happiest days of our lives. We started setting up tents for sleeping, for a kitchen, for supply, for maintenance, and for administration, and it started to feel just like home after about 5-6 days. We would start heating the showers about 4:00 PM everyday so that we could start taking showers about 6:00 or 7:00 each night. We took turns every other night to conserve water. We started getting pretty decent food for breakfast and supper. Eggs and sausage mixed together and strawberry oatmeal for breakfast and even lasagna for supper. The were in big tin pans that the cooks heated up, and you just took a big chunk out for yourself. It became a luxury, just like everything else. I think we all started smoking two packs of cigarettes a day, and when you ran out, you just borrowed from anyone who had them. You hoped you would get some in the mail, but we didn't receive our first mail until about the 20th of January. On the 14th of January, we were told that if Saddam was going to strike before the deadline, it would probably be in the early morning hours of the 15th, so we were to prepare ourselves for an early morning wake-up to position ourselves on the perimeter. The perimeter was man-made by one of the guys in the unit, about 6 feet of sand pushed up with a dozer in a huge circle. We were right in the middle. Up to this point, one of our main jobs was to fill sandbags. Thousands of sandbags. The area we were in was not soft sand. It was like lava rock. So we walked out everyday to a pile of soft sand, about a half mile away from our area, and just filled sandbags until we couldn't fill any more. Then we would stand in a line, pass them to each other, put them on a pick-up truck and take them back to our area to build bunkers, air raid shelters, and tent weights. I felt like a body builder after all that lifting. It rained a lot, and the nights were cold and days were hot. On the 15th of January at 2:00 AM, we were suddenly awoke from our dreams to be told to get into position. Something had happened. A tent in the next area was on fire, and no one knew what had caused it. Was it Iraqi terrorists, or what? I think it was one of the few times I was really scared. Later, we came to find out that one of the girls in that tent had knocked over a kerosene lamp.

As we all know, Saddam never did start anything first, and on the 16th of January in the States, and the 17th of January in Saudi, our planes started taking control of the whole situation. From that point on, we were in and out of our chemical suits and masks all night long. When the air strikes would happen, it was evening here, but it was the wee hours of the morning in Saudi. We were awoke every morning at ungodly hours to get into our chemical suits and masks. We had communication lines that told us when scuds were coming in, and not knowing what was in the scuds we masked to be on the safe side. We pulled guard duty 24 hours a day, in four hour shifts, so we wouldn't have to do it every day. It was an experience I'll never forget and will have a hard time ever finding something to compare it to.

On about the 20th of January 1991, I got my first box from home. My mother had sent me a few needed items. My sister sent me a great box with about 37 things in it from toilet

paper to shampoo to cigarettes. The letters were a sight to see. You just wanted to go off into a corner by yourself and read them and cherish them.

At the end of January we were told that we weren't going to be using the base camp. We were going back to Khobar Towers to live, and we were to start tearing down our site. We didn't have enough trucks there to take everything back, so they sent 20 people back and left 10 of us there to guard the equipment. They gave us enough food to last 4 days, tore out our communication line, and said they would return with trucks. The 10 of us (5 girls and 5 guys) took all the tents down except one for us to sleep in and worked hard to get everything gathered up into small locations to make it easier to load on the trucks when they came. We had no communication to know when scuds were coming in, so I had one of the guys run a line from our area to another unit located about one mile away. They informed us whenever a scud alert came in. Four days came and went, and no trucks were to be found. We were running low on food and water (not only drinking water, but water for the showers). I was the highest ranking of the ten and had to figure out how we were going to survive until someone came to get us. I got with the unit we had hooked up our communication line to, and they allowed us to eat breakfast and supper with them and to use their tent showers they had just recently set up. We became a happy little family out there, pulling guard duty every night in 2 hour shifts, doing laundry by hand, heating water on stoves that were set up for heating the tent, and playing cards at night to ease the boredom. On the 10th day, two of the people went to find some of our truck drivers and bring them back since no one was obviously coming to get us. We called our area Orphanville because we felt like orphans who were left stranded to fend for ourselves. It was sort of a sad day when the trucks came and we left Orphanville to head back for Khobar Towers. We became very close during

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that time together. We arrived back at Khobar Towers to find everyone at each others' throats and also to find that we were much safer out in the desert than in Khobar. The scuds were coming in at close range sometimes, and the barracks that was hit with the Reserve unit from Pennsylvania was only 5 miles away from us. It was a very uneasy feeling.

The ground war started on 24 February, and we were all in amazement at the ease of it all. We couldn't believe that these people were surrendering like they were and that it only lasted 4 days, although a lot of us, in our own opinion, believed it should have gone on a little longer. Khobar Towers was located right on the Persian Gulf about 250-300 miles south of Kuwait, so we didn't see much of the action, but it was an experience to just be a part of such a beautiful piece of work. After the ground war was over and they started sending troops home, we figured we wouldn't be too far behind, but being in transportation we were told that we would probably be there for quite a while longer. Our drivers had to go up north and bring back all those tanks and all that ammunition that they had originally taken up. It had to be cleaned and put on ships to be sent back home. Things became a lot easier after the war was over. They had underground garages which were transformed into phone centers, PX's, mess halls, and recreation centers. We got to call home more and had access to more supplies and better food. We got to take tours to Bahrain (where it is legal to drink), and the Saudi people had set up tents at Khobar selling everything from jewelry to clothes to rugs to food. I took some great pictures and will have some very special memories of my time spent in Saudi Arabia. I made some great friends and some even greater enemies. I must have received at least 200 letters while I was over there and many from people I had never met. Those letters got me through the hard times. We all went through every possible emotion in the six months we

What surprised me most about Saudi Arabia was how modernized they are. They have malls and fast food restaurants (Hardees and Kentucky Fried Chicken), and modern highways which are better than ours. They didn't treat American women well, but I grew to understand that that was their culture, and we really didn't have the right to try and change

that. The women in the military could only go out in public in uniform with our hair up, and we weren't allowed to drive civilian cars. I got caught smoking a cigarette in public by the Saudi police, and I really believe if I hadn't put it out, they would have thrown me in jail

My family was great throughout this whole ordeal. They supported me and sent me whatever I needed and were very proud of me. (By the way, I finally got to call home for the first time on the 2nd of January, and my father started to realize that maybe his little girl really was in Saudi Arabia, but when he got that first phone bill for a hundred and some dollars, he really believed it!) We boarded the plane for home on the 22nd of June 1991 (in 120 degree heat) and landed in Wisconsin on the same day. We came home to Dover, Ohio on the 26th of June to a parade that no one would have believed had they not been there, and I had Christmas (with a live Christmas tree) in June. My parents had left up my own little Christmas tree. I became an aunt for the first time while I was over there. My sister, Becki, and her husband had a baby girl in February named Alixandra. My other sister, Robyn, and her husband had a great party for me when I got home. My parents, who had my Power of Attorney while I was away, paid off all my bills and saved me enough money to buy my own home recently. A lot of good things came out of my trip to Saudi, but to be honest with you, I really don't ever want to see the desert again. I thank everyone who supported us while we were gone, and I thank everyone who sent me even a short note of thanks. It meant the world to me. I especially thank my father and mother, Ron and Joan Addington, for everything they did for me while I was there and when I came home. (I lived with them for 4 months after I got back.) They are the best parents ever. I also want to thank all of the Lincoln High School alumni for asking me to write this article and for all the support given all the troops. I've been home now for as long as I was gone and sometimes the whole thing seems like a dream, but I've gained a wisdom and an insight known only by anyone who has ever been uprooted from their lives, to be taken to a place unknown and a future unknown, and still be alive today to talk about it. I'd probably do it again, if I had to, but I do know that, "There's no place like home!"

### GRADS' SONS ALSO SERVED IN DESERT STORM

U.S. Army Sgt. Vincent Leno, son of Irene and Larry Leno, LHS 1962, served in Operation Desert Storm. He was assigned to the "C" Battery of the Third Armored Division. He returned on May 18, 1991. While previously serving in Germany, he trained as the unit's medic, learning battlefield first aid. He is also a member of the decontamination team, being the nuclear-biological-chemical non-commissioned officer. He is trained in all aspects of these weapons to ensure the survival and safety of the unit. Vince is a 1986 graduate of Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio.

Kevin Thewes, son of Gil (class of 1958) and Linda Johnston Thewes (class of 1960) served in Operation Desert Storm from August 31, 1990 until March 10, 1991. Kevin was stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault. They were the second unit to be moved into Saudi Arabia. The 101st was the northernmost group dropped in on the route towards Baghdad. They set up a forward supply post. Then they were moved up another seventy miles to set up another supply post. They were to be moved a third time, this time towards Basrah where things were getting pretty bad, when the fighting stopped. "They missed that move by perhaps less than a day," said a relieved father.

Gil commented that his life during those uncertain times consisted of reading every newspaper he could get his hands on and watching CNN non-stop. Linda said she coped by trying to stay busy. Linda teaches third grade at Gibbs School in Canton, and her third graders wrote lots of letters to Kevin. He commented that, "I got two or three letters every day. That's something I appreciated more than anything, the support of everyone back here. It made it a lot easier." While home on leave, he visited his mother's class to thank them personally for all their letters and interest. Speaking of coming home, when he returned home for leave after his stay in the desert, he was greeted by family, friends, and relatives who had gathered at his parents' home at 2:00 AM to surprise him.

Kevin was discharged after two years of active duty on August 24, 1991, and he is currently enrolled at the University of Akron and working part time.

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List your extra-curricular school activities:			
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On a separate sheet of paper, tell us why you selected your field of study and how you plan to use your educational experience before and after you complete your current educational program. Your response may be handwritten or typed, but please limit it to one page. To be considered, applications must be received by the scholarship committee postmarked no later than **June 15**, **1992**. The CLHSAA reserves the right to determine the amount and number, if any, of scholarship grants to be awarded. Include with your response: a copy of your high school and your most recent advanced education transcripts (if applicable), three recommendations, and your ACT or SAT scores with this application form and mail them to:

Canton Lincoln High School Alumni Association Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 8183 Canton, Ohio 44711

# C.L.H.S.A.A. MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSE FORM

PLEASE! Help us keep an accurate record of your name and address! Provide us with your correct information using the peel-off address label on the front or complete the blanks below.

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Please make your \$20 check for associate membership payable to Canton Lincoln High School Alumni Association or to CLHSAA. Mail to CLHSAA, P.O. Box 20192-591, Canton, Ohio 44701.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you have previously been a paid member of the Canton Lincoln Alumni Association, you should have recently received your 1992 membership renewal form by mail. Please return it as soon as possible with your check made payable to CLH-SAA. If you know some one who does not belong to our association but who would like to join, please share the membership form on page 19 with them.

# Lincoln Alumni Open House "DANCIN IN THE STREET"

Featuring "Ricco" WRCW 1060 AM

Sunday, May 24, 6-10 PM (Rain Date Mon., May 25, 2-6 PM) 715 Wertz Ave., N.W. \$2 per car

> FAMILY ORIENTED FUN FOOD \* PRIZES No Alcohol Permitted!

#### First Annual Lincoln Alumni Golf Scramble

Late August or Early September

Contact: Jim Mitchell 438-0407

Tim Lewis 452-7976

#### ATTENTION BAND ALUMNI

An alumni band is in the process of being organized. If you are a former band member and would like to be contacted, drop a postcard to our P.O. box, call a board member, or approach us at a meeting. Then, start practicing!

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#### HELP!

The Search and Membership Committee continues to place the names and addresses of all L.H.S. graduates into our computer database program. To date we have entered over 8,000 names! A print-out of your class is available on 8.5 x 11 paper and/or mailing labels for a nominal fee. Contact Alumni Treasurer Sue Berg Self C/O P.O. Box 20192, Canton, OH 44701.

We want to be as accurate as possible with names and addresses so we need vour help. Please let us know any address changes for yourself and others you might know. We also want to get the maiden names correct. The name format is set up to be: First Name, Maiden Name and Last Name. If this is not in the correct order for you, please let us know. The best way to advise us is to complete the Name/Address lines on the C.L.H.S.A.A. Membership Form on page 19. It is not required to join the association to submit the information using this form.

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