



ECHOES of Lincoln

The Lion Roars Again

2021

“Keeping the Spirit of Lincoln Alive!”

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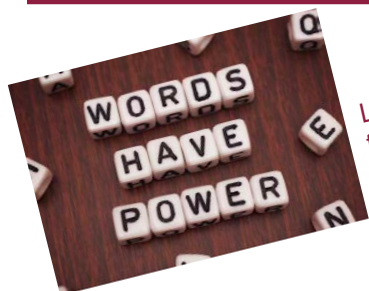
The Power of Words

by Trish Alleshouse Morgan '65

Words carry an enormous weight. They carry energy (either positive or negative) and that energy is a vehicle through which we try to stay together as alumni and continue the relationships and friendships that we made over the years. The words that we use have the ability to change many things, often before you may even realize the impact they might be having. In our daily life we use words for all occasions. They can make a person feel happy or sad. They can give someone encouragement or completely discourage them. Words show emotions such as love, anger, kindness, and hatred. They can hurt or they can heal. By considering the powerful force of the words that we use then we can learn to be more mindful of showing compassion toward others. We may never know how the words we say or write to others can affect them. We each have the ability to change a persons day, even a complete stranger, just through a kind word.

Last year my committee and I tried to produce an *Echoes* that would bring happiness into everyone's life during a Pandemic. Hopefully through our words we were able to connect you with friends that you knew or stories that you would enjoy reading. We hoped that our words could remind you there is still joy in the world and many things to be proud of. That there were reasons for laughter and stories to be told about alumni we went to school with, their children and grandchildren. These were the things that we enjoyed telling you about because they were happy times when we all needed to have a smile put on our face.

So many of you sent e-mails, wrote letters, and put comments on Facebook. We can never begin to thank you for that. Your words became an inspiration to us. Your comments, notes and letters were an affirmation that we had done our job. For this our committee would like to THANK YOU. Lately I have realized that the words THANK YOU cannot be used enough. We all have so much to be thankful for. Our alumni organization is GREAT. To think that we can send the words of our Lincoln Alumni in this *Echoes* to 5500+ people is truly amazing. Most of you never really get to know how much impact those words have and the chain reaction they make. It's true that we have a small *Echoes* Committee, however, we really have a larger committee than you realize. It is YOU...our alumni. The letters and articles that all of you write and send us to go into this *Echoes* are the words that help create something special for everyone to enjoy and to read. These are the words you give us to help bring joy, laughter, curiosity, and connection to others. People share it with their friends and neighbors and enjoy reading your stories too. We want all of you to remember, this is your CANTON LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI *ECHOES* and we want to let you know how much we —



Look for this sign next to a story throughout the *Echoes*. These are stories that were a result of something that was read in our *Echoes* last year. I wanted to share them with you. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did. ~Trish





Rumberger Scholarships



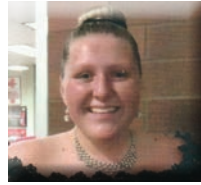
Emma Kruse



Brianna Martino



Noah Richards



Nicole Yoho



Brooke Weaver

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS



Ethan Barress



Rachel Bowe



Madison Canton



Anna Darrah



Vincent Di Ruzza



Ian Elson



Katherine Feucht



Corey Fries



Cooper Hawk



Lily Kiefer



Chloe Kling



Margaret Kontur



Hudson Law



Kendall Mottice



Taylor Necko



Bailey Richards



Vanessa Standbro



Blake Tausch



Joy Timbrook



Cearra Taylor



Whitney Ward



Marah Weimer



Alexis Wilson

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



Lisa Billock



Olivia Hauritz



Haley Hawk



Matthew Hershberger



Alexandria Howell



Maegan Muir



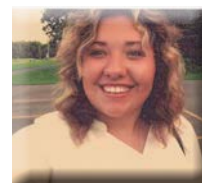
Erin Reynolds



Danielle Roshong



Lexus Roshong



Sydney Ward



Madison Zaleski

Not pictured: Jaret Cumings, Brittany Knock, Riley Matulich, Caroline Saracina

2020 Scholarships

by Karen Mottice Christoff '72

SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT.

It is hard work, perseverance,
learning, studying, sacrifice, and most
of all, love of what you are doing.

— Pelé —

The summer of 2020 was one of many changes of plans, and although we could not have the normal reception for our scholarship winners, scholarships were awarded as usual. We regretted that a reception was not possible and especially missed extending our congratulations in person and seeing the many alumni who always attend.

Since the Canton Lincoln High School Scholarship program began in 1990, \$647,900 has been awarded to 1262 graduates or descendants of Lincoln students. For the twelfth year, the Rumberger Foundation, the Rumberger family, and Gloria Kirkbride Rumberger '61 have entrusted the association to award an additional \$300,000 in scholarship monies.

In 2020, thirty-eight students were awarded \$750 scholarships with an additional five students awarded \$5,000 Rumberger scholarships.

Fourteen students received special or designated scholarships that are given to honor or memorialize a class, a graduate, a teacher, family member, or whomever the donor may choose. The designated scholarships were as follows:

Class of 51 Scholarship – Margaret Kontur

In Memory of Coen and Clara Welling (*parents*) given by *Alanna Welling Arnold' 69* – Chloe Kling

In Memory of Debra Notaro Piatt '69 given by *Alanna Welling Arnold '69* – Erin Reynolds

In Memory of those who have passed from the Class of 45 two scholarships given by *Betty Wilkins '45*

– Alexandra Howell, – Blake Tausch

In Memory of Jack Crider '70 – Alexis Wilson

In Memory of Kathy McCarthy Back '70 – Olivia Hauritz

In Memory of Ted Ake '45 – Cearra Taylor

In Honor of Lucy DeComo (*LHS Math Teacher*) – Rachel Bowe

In Honor of Jane Hazen Dessecker (*LHS Science Teacher*) – Matthew Hershberger

In Memory of Walter Zuber (*LHS English and Journalism teacher; Echo and Lionian Advisor*) – Hudson Law

Scholarship donated by Janet Weir Creighton '68 – Caroline Saracina

Scholarship donated by Gary Miller '64 – Ethan Barress

In Memory of Christine Santilli '72 given by her brother *Frank G. Santilli '67* – Anna Darrah

In addition to the special scholarships are the following students who earned Lincoln scholarships: **Lisa Billock, Jaret Cummings, Haley Hawk, Brittany Knock, Riley Matulich, Maegan Muir, Danielle Roshong, Lexas Roshong, Sydney Ward, Madison Zaleski, Madison Canton, Vincent DiRuzza, Ian Elson, Katherine Feucht, Corey Fries, Cooper Hawk, Lily Kiefer, Kendall Mottice, Taylor Necko, Bailey Richards, Vanessa Stanbro, Joy Timbrook, Whitney Ward, and March Weimer.**

Earning Rumberger Foundation Scholarships were **Emma Kruse, Brianno Martino, Noah Richards, Brooke Weaver,** and **Nicole Yoho.**

Twenty-seven of the 2020 scholarship recipients were recent high school graduates, and sixteen were current college students. We congratulate all of them and wish them well with their future academic goals.

Students who have received one scholarship may reapply after three years for a second scholarship, with lifetime cap of two scholarships. The Rumberger scholarship is a one-time award and is considered one of these two scholarships. Applicants who did not receive a scholarship in 2020 are reminded that they may reapply the next year. Graduates and attendees of Lincoln High School and Lincoln Junior High School, as well as their lineal descendants, are eligible for scholarships. If the applicant's only lineal Lincoln ancestor is deceased, then the paid membership is waived. See the website for more information.

The members of the 2020 Scholarship Committee were chairperson **Karen Mottice Christoff '72, Don Dorkoff '59, Nellie Walker Lawson '71, Susan Wilson Palomba '73,** and **Sally Schweitzer '66.** Treasurer was **Elaine Tuesdale Campbell '71.**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the fund and to those who supported the fundraisers. Please continue to support this wonderful scholarship program as the alumni association continues to Keep the Spirit of Lincoln High School Alive!



**“I will study and get ready and perhaps some day my chance will come.”
- Abraham Lincoln**

CLHSAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of the Scholarship Committee is to award non-repayable grants to deserving students who are either graduates or attendees of Canton Lincoln Junior or Senior High School or their descendants. Descendants include child(ren), grandchild(ren), great-grandchild(ren), step-child(ren), adopted child(ren), or spouse of attendees or graduates who are **paid members** of CLHSAA for the **current** calendar year. If the applicant's only lineal Lincoln ancestor is deceased, then the paid membership requirement is waived.

The Scholarship Committee will consider all applicants for grants regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin. All information supplied by applicants is strictly confidential with exception of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and names of ancestors who attended Canton Lincoln Junior or Senior High School.

CLHSAA reserves the right to determine the amount and number of grants to be presented in any year. Scholarships are awarded to students who are pursuing **ANY** type of post high school education at any type of accredited school; i.e., college, junior college, technical, or trade schools. Checks are made payable to each student's **school**. An Awards Reception where presentations are announced and recipients are honored is planned for July.

In addition, for the last twelve years CLHSAA, has had another scholarship opportunity through the generosity of the Rumberger family (Gloria Kirkbride Rumberger '61) and their foundation. The Rumberger Foundation has designated five scholarships per year and is a one time only award. There is a separate application for the Rumberger Foundation Scholarship.

Applicants may apply every year, however, scholarship **recipients** are **eligible** only every **third year, with a lifetime maximum of two** CLHSAA scholarships. For instance if a student receives a scholarship in 2021, the next year that student may reapply is 2024. (So a student may receive two CLHSAA scholarships or a Rumberger Foundation scholarship and a CLHSAA scholarship.) Students interested in applying for a 2022 scholarship should watch for the information sheet included in the 2022 membership renewal mailing in January 2022. Students are encouraged to apply for both scholarships, so that if denied one, they may still be eligible for the other.

Applications for both scholarships are located on the CLHSAA website and applications are updated each January.

The deadline for the 2022 applications is March 7, 2022.

Tax deductible donations to the CLHSAA Scholarship Fund should be mailed to:

CLHSAA
PO Box 20192
Canton, OH 44701



SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION and/or MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION

Tax-deductible donations can be made to the CLHSAA Scholarship Fund by simply filling out this form and returning it with your check to: CLHSAA, P.O. Box 20192, Canton, OH 44701

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

AMOUNT _____

IN HONOR [] OR MEMORY [] OF _____ **CLASS YEAR** _____

SEND NOTICE OF DONATION TO FAMILY _____ **YES [] NO []**

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE FAMILY'S ADDRESS _____



TIGER AND LIONTALES

David R. Ready
Class of 57



A light fog was beginning to creep onto the famed Massillon Tiger football field, coming in from the farmed fields to the south. I, a 13-year old freshman drummer, was super excited to see the entire spectacle of this Lion-Tiger contest—not only the football game, but also the Tiger band of which I had heard so much.

My father had told me that he had it on good authority that the Tiger band was one of the best in the country because they use six Sousaphones. His “authority” told him that the more Sousaphones, the better the band. This authority, I later found out, was his barber, whose claim to fame was that he had a 1932 Chevy that could climb Serpentine Hill in third gear. (Do you remember Serpentine Hill?) I discovered that this “authority” had no idea what a Sousaphone was!

So, here I was in the much-vaunted home of the Tiger and the Tiger Band—and all those Tiger tubas!

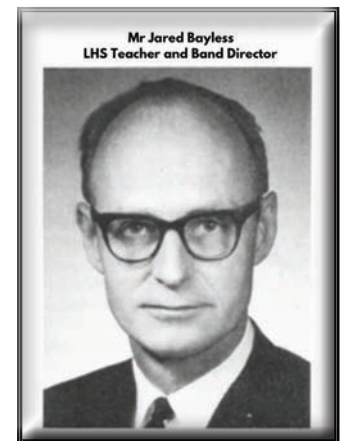
Our band finished performing and marched to our bleacher seats. These seats were in terrible shape. Someone said that what they lacked in comfort, they did not make up for in anything else! They were thirteen rows high with no railing on the sides or the top. They were also located well to the northeast side of the stadium and behind a concession stand. The percussion section seating, as always, was at the top of the bleachers and where I was dutifully headed—but peering back over my shoulder for a glimpse of the Tiger band, I could hear but not see. I was almost able to see on the twelfth row, so I moved back two rows....



When I regained consciousness, I remember a medic shining a light in my eyes. “He’s coming to!” he exclaimed. Mr. Bayless, in his inimitable fashion, yelled, “Good news—the drum is OK!”

I NEVER DID SEE THOSE TIGER TUBAS!!!

David is a retired Director of Bands from Warren Harding High School in Warren, Ohio.



“Tiger Tubas”



Mr Bayless teaches band class 1964

CLHSAA 32nd Annual Scholarship Reverse Raffle

Cindy King Fickes '1975

It was a difficult sad time in 2020-2021 due to Covid-19. Many changes occurred which altered everyone's lives and events. The alumni's renewal membership mailing was pushed back until mid-February. Thus, pushing back our 32 Annual Reverse Raffle dinner from February to May. We mailed out 5,600 renewal notices this year. We received an overwhelming response for ticket orders and sold out in 3-weeks! We were not sure if it was due to the increase in mailings or change in event month & date but absolutely thrilled to see all the requests and donations.

The Reverse Raffle dinner was held on Wednesday May 19, 2021 at Tozzi's on 12th Street. We had 113 alumni members, family, & friends in attendance. There were many familiar faces plus some new faces.

A delicious meal and good time was had by all. Once again, Mike (Tozzi) and his staff did a fabulous job. The board purchased beautifully decorated cakes from Johnnie's Bakery for dessert.

Congratulations to all the winners! The final five prize money went to: Joann Slomsky, Mary Ann Evanko, Terry Patton, Mary Roth, and Jerry Sheets. A raffle ticket was auctioned and netted the alumni \$500.00! The 50/50 was won by John Wilcox.

Thank-you to my committee for all their hard work to make this event a success! I appreciate all their help and time over these many years. Committee members are: Andrea Herbst, Georgene Roman, Elaine Campbell, Kay Pappas, Jerry Snyder, Stan Sereychas, and co-chair Jim "Ozzie" Osborn.

Ozzie & I will be stepping down from being co-chairs for this event. Stan Sereychas will be the new chair-person for 2022. He has a lot of experience and knowledge and will bring a lot to the table.

The board will be meeting to consider some recommendations on the raffle process and number of tickets to be sold. Ticket order forms will be enclosed in the 2022 Membership drive. Don't miss out on this fun event! Make plans now to attend and support the students who benefit from this event.



Marilyn Bamburger Lyke, Maxine Bamburger Hegnauer, and Ozzie and Margene Osborne


**SPECIAL THANKS TO
TOZZI'S ON 12th
4210 12th Street NW
Canton, OH 44708
330-477-7515**



Selling 50/50 tickets: Kay Pappas, Andrea Roman Herbst, Peggy Robart & Georgene Roman



Elaine Tuesdale Campbell, Stan Sereychas, Cindy Fickes King



Barb Bell and Barb McKelvey



Janeit Weir-Creighton and Susie Shoeneman Steiner.



CLHSAA 2021 CALENDAR

CLHSAA BOARD MEETINGS

First Monday of every month at 6:00 PM
Alumni Bldg. on Wertz Ave. NW

STARK COUNTY FAIR

August 31st-September 6th

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BANQUET

September 16, 2021 – 6:00 PM
Tozzi's Restaurant

TAGGERT'S DAY

October 20, 2021 11:00 AM-10:00 PM
Portion of proceeds donated to CLHSAA

GENERAL MEETING

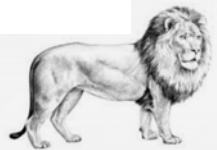
October 21, 2021 – 6:00 PM
Tozzi's Restaurant

CLHSAAA CHRISTMAS SHOP

Saturday, December 4, 2021 • 10:00 AM- 3:00PM
CLHSA Bldg. Wertz Ave. NW

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 7, 2022



2021 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENTS

- Chip Conde '68
 - Mary Curtis Ducro '51
 - William Virgil Davis '58
 - Jerri Helmreich Kohler '62
 - Richard Wesley Wadsworth '58
 - David J. Wottle '68
- DDA BANQUET**
September 16, 2021
6:00PM
Tozzi's on 12th Street
Canton, Ohio



CLASS REUNION COMMITTEES:

You may use the Alumni Bldg. for any meetings, if available.

Contact a member of the CLHSAA Board to make arrangements.cantonlincoln@gmail.com

AS SOON AS your plans are made, contact the CLHSAA and the *ECHOES* Editor. We will help publicize your event, provide updated address lists and labels **FREE OF CHARGE!**

Let us know if you would like **SOUVENIRS** at your event.

ALL REUNION CHAIRMEN-Please send updated class rosters to the CLHSAA after your reunion.

FOLLOWING YOUR REUNION- send a short paragraph about your reunion and a few photos to the CLHSAA address or the *ECHOES* Editor.

The Lincoln Alumni Facebook Presence

The largest and longest standing site on Facebook is a closed group called **CANTON LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ON FACEBOOK**, created by Chris Beistel Rivera '71 in 2009. Chris saw that many other high schools had pages and there was not one for Lincoln. This is the "fun group", in which members can and do discuss anything pertaining to their days at Lincoln, such as, classes, teachers, events, popular music, cars, and even posts of obituaries of our former classmates and administrators. This group currently has over 800 members.

Other Lincoln High School pages exist that are for specific groups within the school, such as Band, Choir, Athletic Legends, and Class of 1968. Use any of these sites to keep in touch with classmates or make new friends. Use the search feature to obtain other pages that might be on Facebook. Please note that some of these pages are closed, so you will have to ask permission to join the page. What a great way to "KEEP THE SPIRIT OF LINCOLN ALIVE".

Web Page & E-Mail

Dave Schemansky '66

CLHSAA has its own web page (domain name)
<http://www.cantonlincolnhighschool.org>

Check it out periodically!

Register your e-mail address in the Alumni Connections section of the alumni web page. It is a great way to connect with former friends and classmates. Please contact the webmaster when you change your e-mail address, or if you find a link that is no longer valid. The board will attempt to re-establish contact with the missing grad.





Echoes of Lincoln

by
Wayne Meiser, '65



I always look forward to receiving the *Echoes of Lincoln* periodically, especially since our move to Oklahoma 14 years ago to be with family. After graduation from Lincoln in 1965, my plans included furthering my education in Parkersburg, WV at Ohio Valley College (a small, private two-year college). But first I needed a job to pay for this plan. So, I went to work at Borden's Ice Cream out on East Tusc. I have got to tell you this was a dream job for a financially struggling teen. While all my friends were working during that hot summer of 1965 and for four summers to follow, I was working in an ice cream cooler at 30 degrees below zero! This might not seem so interesting, but for several of us college-bound teens working and looking to stuff our bill folds with money to advance our college plans, it was a "cool" job. We were treated great by the management and made an enormous \$3.00 an hour with all the overtime we wanted. There wasn't much time for socializing but free room and board at home, and gasoline was a "bursting" \$.28 per gallon. I didn't need much socializing. After two years in Parkersburg (college classes, playing on the college baseball team and basketball team) and graduating with an Associate of Arts degree, I decided to continue my education by transferring to David Lipscomb College in Nashville, TN. It was there that life's decisions were made. I went into elementary education and graduated in 1969 with a BS degree and met and married my wonderful wife, Kay. She also was an education major and after her graduation, we moved back to Parkersburg, WV in 1971. It was here we spent 35 years teaching. Later, I served as an elementary principal for 27 years. We received our master's degrees from WV University and Marshall University (hers in library science and mine in administration). We have two grown children, both of whom graduated from Oklahoma Christian University. We also have four wonderful grandchildren. After retirement we decided to move closer to our children and grandchildren in the little town of Piedmont, just west of Oklahoma City. We still make it back to Canton for memories, even though my wife didn't graduate or live in Canton (she grew up in West Lafayette, OH). And I still love ice cream and Heggy's chocolates. I know this is long and as I tried to summarize 55 years. Use it as you can and thank you for the opportunity to celebrate and salute Lincoln High School.



To the *Echoes* Staff

Here is my offer for an article in the next *Echoes*: Remember the lunch time movies in the Auditorium? During my senior year of 1948-1949, I was in the Projection Room up in the back as its Projectionist. I ran the professional 35mm arc-lighted equipment with time for one reel per day. Students bought tickets for the week taken at the door below. By the end of the week a whole movie had been shown and enjoyed. (Note: If anything went wrong, loud boos came from the audience at me! Usually

I could fix it fast; otherwise I announced it would be shown the next day. More boos!) I doubt if those students knew it was me up there; anonymity was my protection.

Larry Francis McArthur '49



Movies touch our hearts, and awaken our vision, and change the way we see things. They take us to other places. They open doors and minds. Movies are the memories of our lifetime. We need to keep them alive.

— Martin Scorsese —

And if you were lucky...
sometimes you could go to the
beautiful Palace Theater to
watch a movie.



Fallen Heroes of Lincoln High School

Researched by
 Sheila Graham '69

Through a conversation with **James Mitchell '59** and Dave Miday, of the Canton Police Boys' Club, one can see all the work that our distinguished alumni and others have done to honor our Lincoln graduates who served in World War II and Vietnam. Some of those veterans did not make it back from the wars. Some served in the military and supported the Boys' Club throughout the years, no matter which high school they attended.

Two plaques hang on the Wall of Fame. The first plaque was in Lincoln High School and is dedicated in memorium to the men and women of Lincoln High School who served in WWII. Listed are **John Cameron, Pete Caras, Richard Henry, Richard Householder, Jim Millhorn, Don Nicholson, and Mike Rejina**. The second plaque is a tribute to Lincoln High School graduates who were members of the Police Boys' Club and who gave the ultimate sacrifice. In addition to those listed above who served in WWII, the Vietnam veterans listed are **David L. Hilton, Kenneth E. Iser, Robert P. Kettering, David A. Lebeau, James A. Ross, Johnny L. Smith, Robert D. Snyder, and Blair W. Starkey**.

Our Canton Lincoln High School Alumni Association donated funds for the frames and lettering to help make this Wall of Fame possible. **James Mitchell** was instrumental in going through boxes of pictures. With his wife's help, they selected one for each veteran and wrote a small tribute of each veteran's accomplishments during his time in the service, which hangs with each picture. There are tributes to those who have made the Boys' Club what it is today for our youth through their volunteering, thus continuing this organization's purpose through its history in Canton.

A special thanks goes out to **Michael Weaver** for his participation in assisting with the painting of the frames. By helping with this and the completion of other items as a tribute to our veterans, he was able to earn his Eagle Scout badge.

Whether you visit Canton or still reside here, make a trip to the J. Babe Stearn Community Center to view the hallways that honor all that have come through their

doors and have gone on to make our community a better one. View the hallway of veterans and honorees who assisted the organization and athletes. It is amazing that they have a collection of pictorial history in the hallways of this building. This is a hidden treasure and an appropriate way to remember those who served their country and community so well.



About
 BABE STEARN
 • Born: March 20, 1914, in Kovenka, Russia. Died: Jan. 11, 2007.
 • Former lieutenant, Canton Police Department.
 • First elected Stark County sheriff in 1984 as a Democrat.

Lincoln High School Alumni Fallen Heroes From The Canton Police Boys Club



John Cameron '44
Missing In Action-WWII



Pete Caras '43
Killed In Action-WWII



Richard Henry '43
Killed In Action-WWII



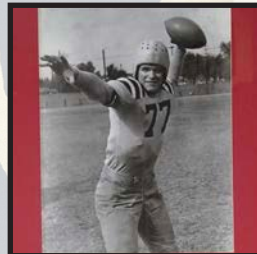
Richard Householder '43
Killed In Action-WWII



Jim Millhorn '44
Killed In Action-WWII



Don Nicholson '43
Killed In Action-WWII



Mike Rejina '44
Killed In Action-WWII
April 5, 1945

THIS IS A TRIBUTE TO
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
AND
POLICE BOYS' CLUB
MEMBERS WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES ON THE
BATTLEFIELD DURING WWII AND VIETNAM. WAR SO THAT WE
MAY ENJOY THE FREEDOMS THAT WE CHERISH TODAY.

MAY GOD BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.
THEY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS OUR HEROES.

WORLD WAR II	VIETNAM
MIKE REJINA	ROBERT D. SNYDER
PETE CARAS	DAVID A. LEBEAU
RICHARD HENRY	DAVID L. HILTON
RICHARD HOUSEHOLDER	JOHNNY L. SMITH
DON NICHOLSON	ROBERT P. KETTERING
JIM MILLHORN	BLAIR W. STARKEY
JOHN CAMERON	

POLICE BOYS' CLUB MEMBERS KILLED IN VIETNAM
KENNETH E. ISER JAMES A. BOSS



SP/4 David L. Hilton '65
Killed in Vietnam
November 4, 1967



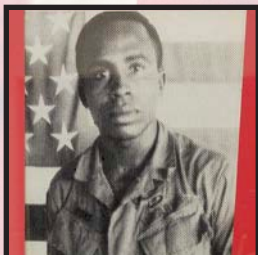
Kenneth E. Iser
Killed in Vietnam
May 1, 1968



1st LT. Robert P. Kettering '67
Killed in Vietnam
April 15, 1969



PFC David A. Lebeau '66
Killed in Vietnam
September 8, 1967



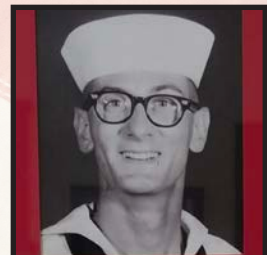
SFC James Ross
Killed November 1, 1969
When an enemy booby
trap exploded



Johnny L. Smith '66
Killed in Vietnam
April 2, 1970



SP/4 Robert D. Snyder '65
Killed in Vietnam
June 28, 1967



Blair W. Starkey '63
Killed in Vietnam by an
enemy sniper
August 28, 1967

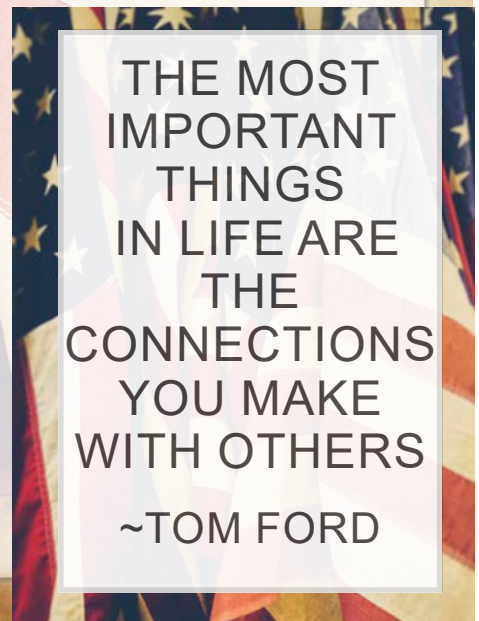
How War Brings Connection During Times of Destruction

by
Trish Alleshouse Morgan '65

Most of us have some recollection of war. It may have been because we served in a war, possibly lost someone we loved in a war, or simply have heard stories of things that happened during a war. Never the less, wars have many ways of bringing all types of connections for people. It is through these connections that history is made, should be remembered, taught and preserved. Wars, and the results of them, will live on for years after they are long gone. We will never know everything or everyone that has been affected by these happenings, both good and bad, that transpired during those wars.

I have said that I have recently realized just how important the words “Thank You” are. When you say to a veteran, “Thank you for your service” have you ever really thought about what type of service that person you are talking to has given his/her country? I don’t think I really ever did until, this year, I had the privilege of speaking to so many of them, their families, and friends. Many veterans never gave a second thought about going to war. They just knew their country needed them and they were there to serve. Women and men did whatever they needed to help keep the freedom that has made America so great. Not all of our veterans went into combat but there was much to be done to help fight and win a war. The number of jobs were tremendous and took millions of people to volunteer to do them. A veteran’s experience is unimaginable and should never be narrowly defined.

In the following pages I hope you will enjoy reading the stories about some of our war veterans. The overwhelming response I found from Lincoln Alumni with stories of family members turned into something truly wonderful! You will have a chance to read stories of people of all ages and backgrounds who served to defend our country. I am sure there are many more stories out there to be told and I am sorry we aren’t getting to hear them but for now please enjoy the history that your fellow alumni have shared with you in connection with my story of a famous “Rosie Riveter”. As I got to know her, she helped me accomplish things and make connections with people I would have never thought possible. She made me realize that saying “Thank you for your service” is not always enough. If you really want to honor a veteran try to find a way to thank them by truly showing them your thanks. Patronize a business owned by a veteran, hire a veteran or military spouse to work for you, volunteer with organizations to work with veterans, donate to various veterans’ organizations and always, always remember to honor, thank and respect the sacrifices that these men, women and their families made for us.





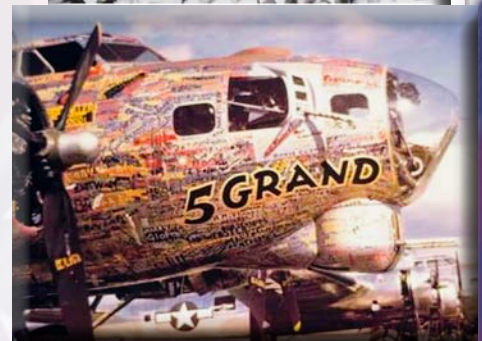
Fighting to Save “Rosie the Riveter”

Phone Interview with MAE KRIER
by Trish Alleshouse Morgan '65

Since I began working as the *Echoes* Editor, I have always said that God has led me where I have needed to go to write my articles. So, it was with Mae Krier. As I was searching one evening for something to watch on TV, I saw a program called “American Valor, A Salute to Our Heroes”. While watching it I first learned about Mae Krier and her work with Rosie’s Riveters. Her story was so intriguing that it prompted me to do more research. After reading about her all over the internet, I decided I would give it a shot and try to contact her on her Facebook page. To my surprise, I heard back two days later from Deb Woolson who has worked closely helping Mae with her efforts for Rosie’s Riveters. What a wonderful and unexpected relationship has come from watching that TV program! Mae and I have been texting each other for several months and we had a great phone interview. Not only did we talk about her wonderful life but we shared personal stories about our families, friendships, and life experiences. Her wisdom was inspiring but she made me feel as though we had been friends forever. I guess that’s the quality that makes people love working with her and willingly work to help her accomplish her goals.

When Mae and I began talking she told me that it was her children who inspired her to start writing. She told them how she met Italian prisoners of war when she worked at the Boeing Factory in Seattle building bombers. They hadn’t realized the great contribution she had made to the war effort. She realized that future generations might not realize how many women, like herself, did their part to help win the war. As she started writing her stories one of the local newspapers did an article about her and one thing led to another. Her story began when she was 17 and just out of high school. Mae, her sister, and her friend went from North Dakota to Seattle, Washington and got jobs working at the Boeing factory where she helped build B-17’s and B-29’s for the war effort. Mae and nearly 5 million other women served in the defense industry and elsewhere while the men were off fighting the war. African American, Hispanic, White and Asian women worked alongside of each other. “It was not about Democrats or Republicans. It was about saving our country”. While many women were working all over the country producing war supplies, farming, in banks, offices and other businesses, Mae worked for 2 years drilling rivets at Boeing. “We had to weave between the ribs in the wing” she said. She told me how the bunker couldn’t hear the riveter so they set up a system to knock once to “hit it again” or twice to “take it out”. Her greatest achievement was helping to build the biggest, fastest bombers in the world, the B-17. In May of 1944, Mae and her fellow Rosie’s produced the 5000th B-17. Each woman was permitted to paint her name on the fuselage of the plane when it was finished. They all helped push it onto floor so the picture shown in this article was able to be taken. Mae kept track of that plane which carried her rivets as it flew 78 bombing missions over Europe. She told me she always felt as though, “part of me was going with it. I followed it all the way until it was scrapped”.

When WWII ended, Mae and her husband Norm, (a sailor she met in 1944) moved to Pennsylvania, where his family lived. She left Boeing with most of the women who had been hired to work during the War. In Pennsylvania, she got a job at an Army base packing supplies for rebuilding Europe. During the Korean War, Mae returned to riveting at the Bristol factory in Pennsylvania for a short time. Mae and her husband were married almost 70 years. They were best friends, loved each other dearly and enjoyed their life with their son, daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren until he passed away.



For more than forty years Mae Krier, who just turned 95, has been promoting awareness for all of these women who contributed to the war effort. For decades she has spent countless hours urging leaders to give these women the recognition they deserve and to make a mark for them in the history of our country. Now due to her efforts these are just some of the things she has accomplished:

In 2019 she was one of nine surviving Rosie's who raised \$30,000 to go to Normandy for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. She told me it was an honor and an emotional experience she will never forget. On March 12, 2020 she was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for all Rosie's which has been put in the Smithsonian Institute.

She has been on television programs, spoke at events all over the nation, works with the Girl Scouts, visits soldiers at their bases and works with politicians but reminds you that she is still just a "pioneer girl" who came from a simple background. Her work is endless and her days are filled with every minute of doing something productive!

In the past year she has been helping to fight another war. She began making masks that looked like the bandanas the Rosie's used to wear to help fight the Coronavirus. "This is a different kind of a war we are fighting, she said. "If one of these little face masks can save one life, I've done my job". She never realized, however, that the requests would grow to 5000! She even got requests from other countries but had to deny them. She had to cut off requests at 5000. She said laughingly that, "she didn't know which would wear out first, her or her sewing machine!" The latest update is that she finished her 5000th mask in June and – she didn't wear out and neither did her sewing machine.

On February 22, 2021 Boeing CEO David Calhoun surprised Mae with yet another great honor. During a Zoom meeting she had with Senator Bob Casey, U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick and more than 100 Pennsbury School District eight graders and staff members he made his announcement. The Boeing aeronautical company has named a Rosie Robot. Wearing a signature red polka dot bandanna and matching face mask, "Rosie the Rocketeer", a robot in a capsule, will soon soar to the International Space Station. Mae said that she's "got one last thing to do "before she meets her maker". Her last dream is to see a Rosie statue in the World War II Memorial in Washington. Mae said, "They tell me that's hard to do" but then it wasn't easy getting our face mask into space either".

Boeing also will send Mae its newly minted Rosie Riveter coin in honor of all Rosie Riveters and to promote the study of STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and mathematics courses.

Most recently, Mae met with a young women named Raya Kenney who has been working for 9 years on getting a monument in Washington D.C. For all Women who worked during WWII. Go to Mae's Facebook Site at **Honor Rosie** to read about everything taking place.



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On March 18th, I spoke to Reed Kimball, Education Director of the Canton Maps Air Museum. He took me on a tour of the Museum and showed me the Rosie Riveter Exhibit. I shared my information about Mae with him and told him that March 21st was National Rosie's Riveters Day. That particular day was chosen in honor of Mae because it was her birthday. I told him that the greatest birthday gift I could give Mae, on behalf of our Lincoln Alumni, would be for her to be recognized in the Rosie Riveter Exhibit of the Museum. He has contacted Mae and soon she will be a part of our Maps Museum in Canton, Ohio. Please stop in and visit and pay tribute to all the heroes that have fought for our freedom in all the wars throughout the history of our country. This is a wonderful place to learn about the history of all the wars, to view their collection of artifacts, to look at their aircraft collection and visit the Timken Library and Research Center.



Deb Woodson with Mae.





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Mae Krier, 94, of Bristol Township, poses with her 1944 portrait as a Rosie the Riveter. She is now making face masks during this COVID-19 pandemic. *NANCY ROKOS / PHOTOJOURNALIST*



'Rosie the Rocketeer' will fly to the International Space Station in a Boeing Starliner, wearing a bandanna and a face mask with the red polka dot design that signified the Rosie the Riveters, said David Calhoun, Boeing CEO. *CONTRIBUTED*



A "Rosie" putting rivets on an Vultee A-31 Vengeance in Nashville, Tennessee in 1943.



The Library of Congress notes that women like these two were "trained to do precise and vital engine installation detail," which was essential to the American armed forces during the war.



Rosie the Riveter Stories from Alumni



Andrea Roman Herbst '66 and Georgene Roman '66

Our mother, Mary Klus Roman, worked at Burger Aircraft in the northeast end of Canton, Ohio during WWII. She was 21 when she first became a "Rosie the Riveter." Mom and her friends would get picked up for work every day and dropped off in the evenings in a flatbed truck. They hated that so much that most days they would end up walking home. In 2009 she received this certificate in commemoration of her Distinguished Service as a Woman of World War II.



Pat Jones Newell '66

My late, beautiful mother, Gerri Jones Bernhart, was a "Rosie the Riveter" in California. My dad graduated from Timken, and my mom graduated from McKinley. Our parents got married young, and while dad was away serving in the Navy, they lived in California. My mother got a job working on the ships at a main shipyard. Since everyone had to wear overhauls and caps and protective gear, no one knew she was a woman for months. She was quite skinny and petite and purposely spoke in a lower tone so as not get harassed by the men. Everyone thought for months that she was a

young boy wet behind the ears. She was quite clever, did her job, got paid, and made a living during the war. These tough ladies were the backbone of the day. While the men were off fighting, the ladies helped build ships, airplanes, boats, and other things that were desperately needed during the war. Thank you for doing a story about these strong, beautiful women doing what needed to be done with strength and integrity.



Women working in the California shipyards.

Gloria Barth Davidson's '70 mother-in-law, Martha Manfull Davidson was a Rosie the Riveter at a shipyard in Maryland. She sprayed asbestos in the hull of the ships. She was very proud of the work she did.

Rick Sandy's '73 mother and her three sisters worked at the Celanese Plant in Pearisberg, Virginia. They made silk parachutes for the paratroopers during WWII.

Randy Gonzalez's '72 mother worked at the Timken Company during the war, and his grandmother sewed parachutes.

Jacqueline Chappellear Boynton's '63 mother, Helen Mastrangelo Chappellear, worked at The Timken Company.

Rick Shannon's '76 mother worked at Hercules.

Susie Jackson '70 and **Judy Buchanan Santoro's '64** mothers both worked at The Timken Company.

David Yoder's '74 mother made what she called "big bullets" at Bliss. (Shell?)

Shirley Haffner-Campolieto's '66 mother worked at The Hoover Company, making parachutes during the war.

Barbara Guedel Horch's '60 mother-in-law was a Rosie the Riveter in California during the war.

Kathie Wakefield's '64 mother was a Rosie in Canton at Berger Aircraft.

Tom Fetrow's '73 mother made fuses for bombs at the The Hoover Company during the war.



Terry Thorley Patton '66

My mother followed my father to Richmond, California during World War II where she worked in the Duplicating Department at Kaiser Permanente Shipyard #2. This shipyard had the highest number of women workers both in production jobs and clerical jobs of all 4 of the shipyards there. Richmond built more ships during WWII than any other shipyard, building as many as 3 ships a day. These shipyards are now part of the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park which honors the shipyard workers. The picture below was taken in December, 1944 of the "Duplicating Gang" at Shipyard #2



L-R Maxine Retter-Idaho, Vi Samuels-Indiana, Willie Vansant-Oklahoma, Nan Mosley-Arkansas, and (my mom) Beverley Thorley- Ohio



Dorothy Bonevich Schrag '43

phone interview by Trish Alleshouse Morgan '65

Chris Welch Long '68 connected me with her aunt, Dorothy Bonevich Schrag '43. Dorothy is now 96 and still very active and living in a retirement community in Sun City, Arizona. When I spoke with her, she told me that she had gotten a job at Republic Steel after high school to help pay for going to college. She worked the night shift (4-12) because she got paid more and had to ride the bus to and from work every day. She worked on B-24's as a "bucker." The ladies working on the planes as riveters worked in pairs; a riveter operating the riveting gun and the bucker would hold the metal steady so there were no flaws in the metal. Everything they did was inspected. The B-24 was known by many as the "Flying Coffin." It was difficult to fly, and the controls were very stiff and heavy. After one year of working at Republic,

Dorothy earned enough money to pay for her first year of college. She currently lives near Luke Air Force Base, where they honor veterans every year. When they call on every Service Department to stand as they play their song, they always include the Rosie the Riveter Song. Be looking for an article soon about Dorothy in the Washington Post. Thanks to Mae Krier (see "Fighting to Save Rosie the Riveter"), she has made sure they will be doing an article about our "Ohio Rosie the Riveter." Dorothy comes from a long line of Lincoln High School alumni.



This is the tool that Dorothy used as a "bucker".

Jay Thorley

by Terry Thorley Patton '66



I am sure many of you have had a father, grandfather or loved one in your family who served during World War II. Sadly, many never returned but hopefully your loved one was one of the fortunate ones that did. Fortunately, my father, Jay Thorley, was one of those returning after serving in the U.S. Navy from October 1943 to February 1946. Much of this time he spent on board the USS Independence in the Pacific Ocean. My dad recently passed away in December of 2020 at the age of 100 from Covid-19. My family and I would have loved to have seen how long he would have lived because he was very active and still driving right up until he came down with the virus. This picture of him was taken at the Mission BBQ Restaurant at Belden Village. Behind him you can see the picture they have of him hanging on the wall there of his U.S. Navy picture. As I have aged, I am sorry I never asked my dad more about his experiences in the service. Thanks to all of our alumni who have served our country. You are never forgotten!



TWO FRIENDS REUNITE

By Trish Alleshouse Morgan '65

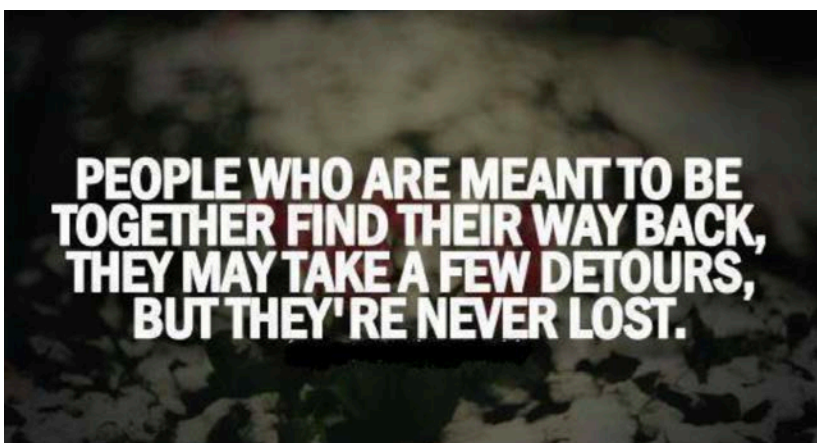
No one could have predicted the impact that the entire Meyers Lake article from the 2020 *Echoes* would have. As our alumni sent me messages throughout the year, I knew they needed to be told to everyone. They are wonderful stories about special people.

One such story came to me from Karl Pikna '60. Several months ago I received a phone call from him. He now lives in Oklahoma. Reading the *Echoes*, he saw a story written by Don Wagner '62, an old friend of his. As we talked, he told me that he and Don had been good friends in the Air Force, but they had lost touch with each other. He saw Don's article and thought I might possibly know his phone number. Well, I did, but I told Don and had Don get in touch with Karl.

These two friends reunited after many years because of an article in the *Echoes*!

Don's story is that Karl was a classmate of his brother, but he didn't really know Karl that well. When Don was home on leave in 1964, before being assigned to the Azores (an island that belongs to Portugal), he learned that Karl was also in the Azores. As it turned out, they were in the same unit and barracks! They became good friends and hung out together the entire time they were there. Afterward, they lost touch with each other.

Years later, Don was in Oklahoma on business and reconnected with Karl. And because both of them had lost each other's contact information, they did not know how to find each other. That was until last year's *Echoes* came out! If anyone else needs to reconnect, maybe we can help you!




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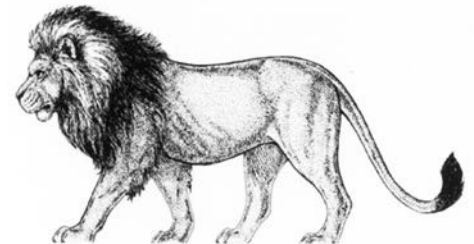
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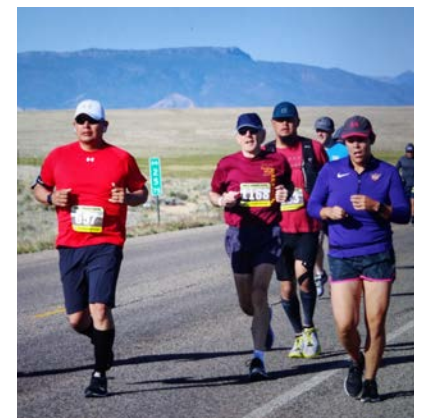
One of the fun things about being Editor of the *Echoes* is that I get notes, emails, phone calls, and messages from people I know, and even some people I don't know, who are connected to Lincoln High School. This has definitely kept my life interesting, particularly during a pandemic. So it was when I received an email from Skip Uebelhart last fall. He was a “kid from the neighborhood,” who went to Clarendon Grade School with my sister, brother and me; and who knew just about everyone that we did as kids. As it goes, however, we haven't seen each other since graduation!

From our emailing back and forth, I thought I would share a little about Skip and what he's been doing for the “short time” since we've graduated. Following graduation, Skip graduated from The Ohio State University, and then attended medical school there, earning his degree. After that, he completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology. For most of his clinical years, he was a solo practitioner in Michigan. He retired early and ultimately, by happenstance, began teaching medical school in the Caribbean for a number of years. Two years ago, he spent his time teaching in Barbados.

He is now permanently retired and living in Woodland Park, Colorado. He said it is pretty remote, but it is surrounded by mountains and lots of wildlife and birds. Below are two pictures that he sent me: his home in Colorado (left), and Skip sitting next to his longtime friend Janet Holzworth '66 and a friend of hers (right). They keep in touch with each other quite a lot.

Skip's latest adventure was running a series of four races in the Shiprock, Arizona Marathon. This is a series of one race held each week in April, with the last race being a full Marathon. He said at his age these marathons aren't as easy as they used to be. (Oh, really Skip!!??) Skip told me that Shiprock is a special place to him because it is the sacred land of the Navajo Indians. He has included two pictures of himself in the race. In the group picture, he is in third place with the red shirt and blue hat.

It was great for me to have an opportunity to hear from an old friend, and I wish him well. Thanks, Skip!



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Three years ago, when I was asked to be Editor of the CLHSAA *Echoes*, I really didn't know exactly what all that would entail. With a great committee and Heather Scheffler, our printer from J&K Printing, we managed to figure it all out. I think as an Editor everyone of us tries to bring our own story and personality to the *Echoes*. We have all put our hearts and souls in it for our alumni to make this something that you will look forward to and enjoy when you receive it every year. I have learned in these past three years what a strong alumni association we have for a school that no longer exists. We can truly be proud of this! From my point of view, I have tried to move our *Echoes* in a somewhat different direction. As we all get older, I think about the impact we as alumni can make on our society. I have discovered that there are many people out there who want to hear our stories and enjoy them... people who are not even Lincoln Alumni. It has taken me to amazing places, and hopefully someday when we are no longer around (or even before that), Lincoln High School and some of our alumni will have a small place in history. For that reason, I think we can all be proud that we have been a part of Lincoln High School and the accomplishments that many of us have made. We have helped to preserve a legacy that is worthy of going down in history. We will keep on ROARING!

With appreciation,

Trish Alleshouse Morgan '65



Shirley Bender Dobry
'74



Terry Thorley Patton
'66



Dave Schemansky
'66

Not Pictured:
Sheila Graham '69



Dear Editor Trish

Hi! A note of thanks and to say congratulations on a job well done for the 2020 *Echoes*! You did your history research in regards to Meyers Lake Park. It was fun to reminisce relating to all the interesting memories written.

One of mine is - I was on the committee for Perry Hts. Baseball Assoc. (fundraising in 70's) and we rented the original ballroom for a St. Patrick's Day dance. The band was Johnson 5 (local) and they were the drawing card for a great turn out.

So a rainstorm came through that evening and we had to scam for buckets to collect the water leaking from the ceiling. Many of us got wet, had a lot of laughs and the dancing continued - a good time by all! It was the last dance event held there.

Always look forward to the *ECHOES* and appreciate your committee's efforts.

Warm Regards, Martha (Hartzell) Seia '58



Pictured left: A notecard Martha sent from the 50th Reunion



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Stadelman Family Brings New Life To A Meyers Lake Treasure

by
Trish Alleshouse Morgan '65

We all know the saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words," and this is how this story begins. Last year in our 2020 *Echoes*, we did our feature story on "The Meyers Lake of Our Youth." This story was so well received by many of you, and that made our committee so happy. Many of us who grew up in Canton loved Meyers Lake and had many, many fond memories of it. After last year's stories, we received more wonderful stories and thank you notes from alumni. It was very rewarding to know that we could bring so many wonderful recollections to so many people.



Shortly after our *Echoes* came out last year, I received a phone call from a lady named Tracy Stadelman, who lives at Meyers Lake. She is not a Lincoln graduate, but had seen our *Echoes* from a neighbor and wanted to purchase several. She had planned to use them as small Christmas gifts with her Christmas cards to put on her friends' doorsteps at the lake. Of course, we agreed. I took them to her and have continued to have a wonderful relationship with her since then. She has sent me copies of her neighbors' thank you notes and their positive comments about how our *Echoes* has been a true blessing.

The story does not end here, however. This past week (Friday, April 16, 2021) I received an email from Gary Brown, a writer from the *Canton Repository*. He told me that the Stadelman family would be donating money to complete the three horses on the Meyers Lake Carousel that was moved to Bushnell Park in Hartford, Connecticut in 1974. He requested a copy of the carousel story that I had written to use as a reference. His article was published in the *Canton Repository* on Monday, April 19, 2021.

Let me tell you a little about what the Stadelman family has done. Because of their ties with their family matriarch, Diana Stadelman, who was a Mayor of Meyers Lake for thirty years and passed away in 2015, they have donated \$15,000 to complete the restoration of the last three horses of the former Meyers Lake Carousel. While Tracy began this effort, it also included her sister Kristen Stadelman, brother Ben Stadelman, and grandchildren Sean and Kaitlin Stadelman, who are the children of Diana's deceased son, Scott Stadelman.

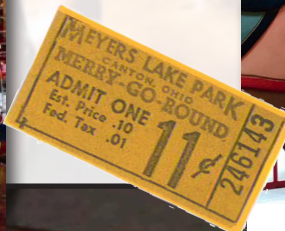
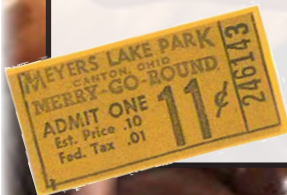


When I spoke with Tracy, she told me that the *Echoes* article from 2020 is what gave her the idea to do something like this. She told me that she didn't live at Meyers Lake when she grew up and never got to ride the carousel herself. "My mother loved carousel horses and we believe in recognizing history and the joy that the carousel has brought to so many families; it's a way of honoring my mother." She felt it would be a way of getting the Meyers Lake name back on something that meant so much to her. Once the restoration is completed, a small plaque will be placed near each of the horses, identifying the sponsor: "Adopted by the Stadelman Family, Meyers Lake, OH." The horses' names will be Diana, after their mother; Pax, after Kristen's dog; and Logan, after Tracy Stadelman's great-grandfather.

At the time I was writing this article, Tracy was in Hartford, Connecticut at Bushnell Park. She was so kind to text me about her experience and to send me the pictures that are included with this article. She got a private tour of the New England Carousel Museum in Bristol, CT and then went to the carousel in Hartford, which has been closed since March 2020 because of COVID. She got her own private tour and got to ride the carousel. Her final words were "GREAT DAY!"



Tracy riding the carousel





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