

# LION ALUMNI NEWS



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## Michael (Mike) Pfeiffer '63 Distinguished Alumnus



Mike Pfeiffer began his freshman year at Lutheran High School in 1959, graduating in 1963. Early education included public elementary schools in East Los Angeles, transferring to Emmaus First Lutheran School in Alhambra for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Mike was active in Boy Scouts, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. His high school classes included four years of Art under the guidance and instruction of Gerald Brommer. Mike played baseball and basketball, and participated in student government.

Mike is an active member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in La Crescenta, California, currently serving as usher or lector as schedule requires. He has served on Church Council, as school board member of Lutheran School of the Foothills, and currently serves on the LALHS Board of Directors.

Mike and Judy have been married for over 36 years and they reside in La Crescenta. They have two daughters, Amanda and Julia, who are married and reside in Vancouver, Washington, and La Crescenta.

Following graduation from LALHS, Mike attended Woodbury University where he obtained Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Business Administration. College was interrupted for three and a half years with service in the US Air Force as an air intelligence specialist, stationed at US bases and in the war zone of South Vietnam.

Professionally, Mike has nearly 30 years of experience as an association executive, and owns and directs his own company, AssociationsWest, providing contract management services to property owner groups, trade and professional associations and business/professional leader

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## John Laufer '71 Christian Alumnus



After graduating LHS in 1971, John worked a couple of different jobs before beginning college at L.A. Pierce Jr. College. He graduated with his B.S.ed. from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska in 1981. John's first call from college was to serve the Northwest District in a Community Ministry on the Quileute Indian Reservation at La Push, WA. In this capacity he taught Bible Classes, and Sunday School, as well as organizing summer VBS programs. In addition he worked with area pastors, especially his supervising pastor on the Makah Indian Reservation at Neah Bay, WA. While working at La Push John also volunteered at the Tribal School, which had been organized by a Lutheran educator under the auspices of the Quileute Tribal Council.

After three years in Washington, in 1984 John accepted a call to teach religion at Lutheran High School East in Cleveland Heights, OH. Coincidentally his first principal there was Rich Wallace, who had been a teacher at LHS during John's junior and senior years. While at Lutheran East, John not only taught religion classes at every grade level, but he also served as the Dean of Chapel for 15 of his 16 years there. Some years he also picked up teaching the U.S. and World History classes, and throughout his time in Cleveland he was an advisor for the Junior class. For several years he served as Faculty Chairman, representing the Lutheran East teachers at Board Meetings. For four years, he was even pressed into service as girls' volleyball coach.

While living in Cleveland, John held his membership at St. John, Nottingham Road, where he led the Sunday Adult Bible Class, and served as an elder and also on the evangelism committee. A high point of recognition for John came the year that he left Cleveland.

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# Lines About Lions...

**James Hahn '68** was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Jim has a juris doctorate degree from Pepperdine University School of Law.



**Eric Jaeger '85** married Britt on September 20, 2008.



**Trevor Earle '91** married Jackie Edwards on November 23, 2008

**Darren Brown '91** will marry Jamie Donough on



June 27, 2009



**Luke Snyder '00** married **Amanda (Skaff '05)** on October 25, 2008.

**.Kyle Kornbacher '03** graduated from the LA Police Academy in July and is now working in Downtown LA.



**Terry Kratz '04** graduated cum laude from UC-Irvine In political science in June. He is currently at UCLA pursuing a graduate degree in Library & Information Studies.



**Jeanne (Landis '06)** and husband Justin welcomed a baby girl Reagan on August 8. She was 8lbs 7oz, 20 3/4" long.

**Philip Kratz '07** is at UC Riverside pursuing a double major in physics & math. He's also doing research with a professor on condensend particles.



Tina (Cooper '67) Suttlemyre is **Looking for Chris Maeder'65** please send any information you have to LALHSevents@yahoo.com



Glen, Rob, Tim, Mike & Brian

## Glow Ball Tournament

**#1** was on September 20th at Vista Valencia Golf Course. We had 22 players who enjoyed a BBQ dinner before golf and 9 holes of fun. The night had no moon so the golf was extra fun. Look for our next tournament this fall.

## Winning Team



Don, Rob, Troy & Brittany Yes, Troy's team won again!

**2008 Alumni Volleyball Challenge** was hosted on our LALHS campus on Saturday, October 11th. The 6 alumni players were Kristen Snyder '02, Kacie (Rizzo) DiPietro '03, Jessica Truex '03, Rachel Hahn '05, Charlotte Boon '08 and Nicole Thibodeaux '08. Sherry Sims '08, Maxine Piamchuntar '08 and Raymond Serrano '08 cheered on the alumni players. These girls challenged our current team to five games of high energy volleyball. The alumni team won all 5 games.



Sideline coaches: Earnie Azpeitia, Bryon Patrick, Alex Azpeitia and Joe Sullivan 1999 alumni

## Alumni Basketball Tournament Nov. 29, 2008

30 years ago the basketball team of LHS won CIF League Championship. The alumni tournament gave Scott Barker, John Hoffman & Rob Webb a chance to play together again. They still have it! The alumni team won 69 to 47. The game was exciting and full of action. 2009 the Alumni Tournament will be a 3 on 3 tournament. Please check our web after Sept 1 for details. Put together a team and sign up or just sign up yourself and we will put teams together.



Back row: Andy Snyder '02, Scott Barker '84, John Hoffman '84, Rob Webb '84, Jonathan Tan '02, Eric Encinas '08, David Armstrong '00, Joe Sullivan '99 Middle row: Aaron Anderson, Earl Washington '04, Chris Moshier '02 Front row: Chad Sticher, Connor Hunt, Matt Clark, Ryan Parra, Chaz Williams '05, Bryon Patrick '99, WeeGee Estrada '03

## Class Reunions

**Class of 1959** is planning a 3 day Mexican cruise for their reunion in 2009. We can't find J. Barnett, J. Burkhard, P. Burnett, S. England, R. Ferneau, J. Goetz, G. King, P. Lawrence, K. Maeder, P. (Wachholz) Meyer, M. Patterson, R. Sibble. If you have any contact information for these people or anyone else please notify Marty (Martin) Vega at P.O. Box 6995, Eureka, CA 05502-6995 or faster yet at Mjv523@reninet.com

**Class of 1960** is planning their 50th Class Reunion. The class of 1960 has not had a reunion for 25 years and is having trouble locating all of their classmates. If you know where any of these people are please let Denny Warden know by contacting him at P.O. Box 5142, La Quinta, CA 92248-5142 or 760-564-9866 or the quick way at DPWarden@aol.com  
 J. Bauer, J. Bey, B. Hansen, D. Hellman, P. Hibbs, C. Hill, V. Kinzel, H. Kinneman, T. Lee, T. Leggat, B. Matthews, P. Mattson, B. Roberts-Eames, Rev. H. Roberts, J. Seebeck, R. Statley, S. Stute-Schultz, S. Thomas, M. Tickenoff, J. Weebe, M. White-Acosta, W. Whitworth, W. Wild-Meyers, C. Woron, M. Wright

**Classes 1961, 1962, & 1963** are invited to get together on **June 20, 2009** at the cherry farm of Bill Basner, 48745 Three Points Road, Lake Hughes, CA 93523. A light lunch, dinner and all the cherries you can eat will be provided for a cost of \$25 per person. Please **RSVP by 6/6/09 to Christl (Moser) Baker at thosbaker@yahoo.com or LALHSevents@yahoo.com**

*Do you have any newspaper articles, pictures, year-books, banners, clothing from your years at LAL and want to pass them on to our growing history library? Please contact LALHSevents@yahoo.com about donating them to us.*

*Thank you Brommers for the wonderful items you have saved and donated to our library.*

## Heavenly Reunions

**Edith Kennedy** joined our Lord on December 12, 2008. She was preceded to heaven by her son Michael in July 2008. Her children are Karen (Kennedy ??) Werner, Kevin Kennedy ?? And her grandchildren are Sean '95, Scott, Erin'97, Sara & Samantha.

**Laurent Rochon '61** joined our Lord on October 31, 2008.

**Linda (Lina) Janssen '59** join our Lord on November 14, 2008. Linda worked hard all her life. She survived many health issues and always enjoyed the reunions with her dear friends.

**Bill Mattson '68** joined our Lord in December 2008.

## Mark Your Calendars...

**March 23 thru 27, 2009  
Phon-A-Thon**

**June 1, 2009  
7th Annual Golf Tournament at  
La Canada County Club**

**June 19, 2009 Baccalaureate Service  
LALHS in the Lions' Den at 7:00 pm**

**June 21, 2009  
Graduation 5:00 pm at Hall of Liberty  
Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills**

**Lines about Lions Alumni News and Updates:** Tell us about your accomplishments, proudest moments, etc. We welcome your news items and photos and will include them as space permits. Change of address and other information that helps to keep our data base current is appreciated. Please mail this form to **LINES ABOUT LIONS, LALHS, 13570 Eldridge Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342, E-mail: lisa.flaxbeard@lalhs.org or fax (818) 367-0043.**

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service organizations. He is involved in many different communities and organizations, serving on the USC Community Advisory Council, and Boards of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, Los Angeles Business Federation, Confederation of Downtown Associations, LAPD Central Police Advisory Board, and 1010 Development Corporation (affordable housing provider), and is an 18-year member of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles.

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At the graduation ceremony he was given a special award for Discipleship and Service, and received a standing ovation from the graduating class.

For the last nine years, John has made Las Vegas his home. Faith Lutheran Jr/Sr High School, one of the Missouri Synod's fastest growing high schools, called John there to teach U.S. History. After receiving certification as an Advanced Placement U.S. History teacher he picked up those classes as well. At both of the high schools where he has taught, John frequently remains on campus into the evening hours, extending the opportunity for interacting with his students. During his tenure in Las Vegas he has twice been awarded as the "Teacher of the Month." He can usually be seen at most home sporting events, especially keeping the scorebook or clock for volleyball and basketball, or running yardage chains for football games. If faculty members are seen at away events, John's students can count on his face to be among them. Recently the drama director at Faith Lutheran made special note of John's unbroken record of attendance at both high school and middle school plays. In recognition of his friendly relationship with them, John's students have dubbed him with various monikers including: Lauf-dogg, L-dogg, and J-Lau. While in Las Vegas, John has been a member at Faith Community Lutheran Church, and served on their Church Council, and led Sunday Morning Bible Classes.

Although John has remained single, he counts among his family 6 brothers, a sister, and a sister-in-law who are all fellow graduates of LALHS. In addition he is pleased to count as extended family numerous former teachers, current and former colleagues, as well as thousands of former students. He is truly grateful to God for their impact on his life, and the chance to serve them as well.

## Nomination Form 2009 Alumni of the Year Christian Servant & Distinguished Alumnus

Nominee's Name:

(include maiden name if applicable)

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Submitted by:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

On a separate page please tell us in as much detail as possible, why your nominee is worthy of an Alumnus of the Year Award. If available, please include supporting materials, such as newspaper clippings, resumes, letters, etc.

Please mail, fax or email nominations by July 1, 2009. Feel free to nominate as many alumni as you would like. (All nominations are held for consideration in future years.)

**Mail:** Alumni of the Year  
Los Angeles Lutheran High School  
13570 Eldridge Avenue  
Sylmar, CA 91342

**Fax:** (818) 367-0043

**Email:** LALHSevents@yahoo.com

### Alumni Golf Challenge

Put together a team including two or more alumni and play in the tournament on June 1 at La Canada Country Club and have your name added to the plaque. So far all the winning teams have a Norton on the plaque so get together a hot team of golfers and challenge last years team.

Webster's dictionary says:

Alumni: a graduate or former student of a specific school

### I have not heard from YOU!

Hello, I am Sherri Snyder the Events Coordinator/Alumni contact here at LAL

I want to get to know you. I love to hear about each and everyone of you. If you know who I am because you were in school with my children please contact me and let me know what you are up to. Please use the enclosed envelope to send me your current information OR we can get to know each other electronically. Please write me at LALHSevents@yahoo.com or go to our web site and click "Getting to Know YOU" and fill in the boxes. I hope to hear from you soon.



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