



*The Newsletter of the Laguna Hills High School Alumni Association*

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### **2008 Alumni Scholarship Winners**

#### **Hawk Pride**

Vanessa Fimreite was an active member of Athletes Mentoring for Character for the past three years. She visited local elementary schools twice a month and read stories to the students that illustrate honesty, truthfulness and patience. After reading these stories, she would ask them how they personally have demonstrated these characteristics in their every day lives. She also emphasized the importance of staying in school, doing their homework and the advantages of getting involved in their school. Vanessa will be attending USC in the fall and plans to double major in Biology and Archaeology. She hopes to become an Ophthalmologist.

#### **Nathaniel Lynch Memorial Scholarship**

Since middle school, Molly Olerich has been involved in numerous community service activities. Last year, she was the Secretary for the Key Club and assisted at many events and she is a life time member of the California Scholarship Federation. In fall, she will be attending the University of Redlands where she plans on majoring in Psychology with a minor in Spanish. After completing her undergraduate studies, Molly plans to continue her education. Her long term goal is to become a psychologist.

#### **Sally Van Buskirk Memorial**

As a teenager, **Luly Salgado** has faced many family problems and had been diagnosed with leukemia. The expense of the treatments and the effects of the disease placed both her and her family under enormous stress. Her mother did not speak English, which made treatment an even more difficult experience.

Her leukemia is now responding to treatment but she is currently suffering from Von Willenber's disease. Her father was deported to Mexico with no chance of returning any time soon. Luly will be attending Saddleback College and wants to study Journalism/Communication.

#### **Class of 1999 10 Year Reunion**

**Where:** Hilton Irvine Orange County Airport  
18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 92612  
949-833-9999

**When:** June 6th, 2009 Reception at 7 PM and  
Dinner at 8 PM

**Contact:** Great Reunions at 800-655-7971 or  
714-891-8100. Also on the internet at  
<http://www.greatreunions.com>

You can also contact **Michael Cooper**  
at [michaelcooper80@msn.com](mailto:michaelcooper80@msn.com)

**Cost:** \$93 per person

#### *Dual Reunion*

#### *Classes of 1988 & 89*

**Where:** Hilton Irvine Orange County Airport  
18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 92612  
949-833-9999

**When:** July 25, 2009 Reception at 7 PM  
Dinner at 8 PM

**Contact:** Great Reunions at 800-655-7971 or  
714-891-8100. Also on the internet at  
<http://www.greatreunions.com>

You can also contact **Lisa Yerke Haisfield**  
at [gotgas@sopris.net](mailto:gotgas@sopris.net)

**Cost:** \$87 per person

## Mr. Tom Barnes Publishes *Casablanca* Book

In what has been a long-time "labor of love," retired (2005) social science and history teacher Tom Barnes has published *Casablanca Film Trivia: Here's Looking at You, Kid!* Former Hawks who took his classes will remember watching the film and playing the "Casablanca Trivia Board Game" that is the basis of this book.

The book contains more than 1130 trivia questions, divided into thirty-three chapters with such intriguing titles as: "Clothing and Apparel," "Actors as Refugees," "Geography," "Drinks of *Casablanca*," "Script and Lines," "Music, Lyrics, and Songs," "Awards, Honors, Fads," and 24 more. As a bonus, Mr. Barnes has included nearly one hundred factoids or interesting tidbits of information about the film, sprinkled throughout the book. *Casablanca Film Trivia* can be ordered from the website [casablancatrivia.com](http://casablancatrivia.com) or by E-mail at [casablancatrivia@cox.net](mailto:casablancatrivia@cox.net). You can also contact him by writing Papyrus Publishing P.O. Box 3422, San Clemente, CA 92674-3422 or by calling the toll free number 888-846-1812. Mr. Barnes looks forward to hearing from his former students.

### Hawks Say Goodbye to Mr. Ed Adams

After four years as principal, Mr. Adams retired this summer. His journey to and from LHHS and back again has been a long one. Ed graduated from Mater Dei H.S., then earned a Bachelor's Degree from La Verne University and Masters Degree from Pepperdine University. He began Teaching/Coaching in 1972 at Santa Ana Valley H.S. and taught and coached at Mission Viejo H.S. from 1974 to 1982. In 1982, he became the Head Football Coach here at LHHS. After two years, he moved over to El Toro HS as the Dean of Students where he stayed until 1994. Ed returned to the "Hawks Nest" in 1994, and over the next fourteen years, he served as the Dean, two different vice principal positions and finally as principal in 2004.

Now that he is retired, Ed looks forward to traveling, playing golf and spending time with his grandson and family in Tennessee and his daughter and husband in Lake Forest. As Always, Go Hawks!

## Veterans

This year LHHS CSF is holding a tribute to veterans on Wednesday, November 5. This event will recognize veterans with connections to Laguna Hills High School. This event will include a voluntary speaker panel, held from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM on campus and a banquet held on campus at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Even if you don't want to participate in the speaker panel, you are encouraged to attend the banquet. If you are interested, please contact Ginny Scholtes at [ginnyscholtes@cox.net](mailto:ginnyscholtes@cox.net)

## Hawks in Flight

**Henry Taejoon Lee '83** is starring in new internet film *Hyung: The K-Town Chronicles*, to be released on Oct 11th, 2008. *Hyung* is an action film, chronicling a fictional alternate reality, loosely based on Henry Lee's life. For more info on the film and to view it for free, please visit: <http://www.ktownchronicles.com>.

**Audra Mueller '99** - attended a small liberal arts school in Minnesota: called Gustavus Adolphus College. After graduating from college with a degree in both communication studies and business management, Audra ran a restaurant for a year before going back to school to get her juris doctor. She graduated from law school last May and passed the Minnesota bar last October. She is working as an associate attorney at an estate planning law firm in the Twin Cities. She was married this spring and plans to continue residing in the Twin Cities.

**Mindy Lewis (Danenhauer) '98** -is teaching in San Diego. She teaches seventh and eighth grade math at a middle school in Del Mar and loves it. Her oldest brother, George, just had another baby;...he and his wife are both attorneys in New York. They have a 2 year old daughter and now a 3 month old son. Her other brother, Joel, is a CPA living in Irvine. He is getting married this fall and the entire family is very excited!

**Scott Davis '98** - spent three years at Notre Dame and wasn't really sure what he wanted to do. Scott started off as a Bio-Chem major and, later, switched to Computer Science. After his Junior year, he enlisted in the Army and spent 2 1/2 years in Germany. He went from Heidelberg to Officer Candidate School and earned his commission. Following OCS, Scott went to the

Signal (communications) Officer Basic Course and then on to Iraq for five months. Upon returning to the states, he spent 7 months at Fort Stewart, GA, and then returned to college at UGA to finish his undergraduate degree. Scott is currently stationed in Kuwait with the 160th Signal Brigade working as an Information Assurance OIC (officer in charge). He was married for three years and later divorced and has a wonderful son who is 4 1/2 years old.

**Kony Kim '99** - majored in Philosophy at Yale. After graduating, she earned an M.A. in 2006 in Theological Studies at a seminary in the San Diego area. Kony is now at UC Berkeley in a Ph.D. program called Jurisprudence & Social Policy. It's a crazy title -- what it really means is "Law & Society." She is interested in international human rights law, constitutional law, and social justice issues in general. In her two years at Berkeley, she has realized that she didn't want to just read and write about these issues -- she wanted to be involved in tackling them.

**Shazeen (Mufti) '88** - lives in Tustin and has been married for 8 years but does not have any children, yet. She is looking forward to the twenty-year reunion.

**Stephanie Somers (Lichtman) '90** - graduated from UC Irvine in 1994. She attended graduate school for one year in Israel at Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion. She completed her Joint Masters in Jewish Education and Jewish Communal Service at the college's Los Angeles campus. Stephanie's first job was as a Jewish Educator serving the Jewish Community Centers in LA. Later, she worked at the LA Federation doing fundraising. She met her husband, Ari, in '98 and has been married over 7 years. They live in Sherman Oaks and despite the fact that it is always 10 degrees hotter there, they love it! They have boy/girl twins (Sydney & Jordan) who were born in 2004. This year, Stephanie went back to work as the Concierge for Jewish Education at the BJE (Bureau of Jewish Education). It is a grant funded position that helps Jewish families navigate their way through their Jewish educational choices in LA.

**Jennifer Ronecker (Boyer) '02** - graduated from UCLA in 2006 with a BS in marine biology. She is now studying medicine at New York Medical College. Jennifer was married to Tom Ronecker in April 2007. They both enjoy traveling, and go back and forth between NY, Germany (where

he's from) and Orange County to visit family. While at UCLA, she did research in Australia, studied abroad in Spain, was in Kappa Alpha Theta, (sorority) and was on the rowing team. This summer she is starting a research project in neurosurgery.

**Greg Malis '02** - went UCSD for 4 years and majored in Psychology. After graduating, he worked at UCSD in student affairs for a year to see if he wanted to continue his education in that field. Brian decided this was not for him, so he went to graduate school for a doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Indianapolis. He is living near downtown Indianapolis with one of his classmates who bought a house there.

### Alumni Webpage

We are in the process of rebuilding the LHHS Alumni webpage and we need your help. Can you send us pictures of you and your family? In addition, if you have any old pictures from high school send those along.

### "Hawks helping Hawks"

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                                  \$100 Hawk Gold       \$250 Hawk Platinum       \$500 Hawk Diamond

*\*\* All donations above the \$20 standard membership will fund alumni scholarships for graduating seniors. Platinum and Diamond are life time memberships.*

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