



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

Volume #11 Issue # 1

Spring, 2009

## *20 Year Reunion Classes of 1988 & 89*

**When:** Saturday, July 25, 2009

Reception at 7 PM Dinner at 8 PM

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

**Cost:** \$87 per person

**Contact:** Great Reunions at <http://www.greatreunions.com> or by phone at 800-655-7971.

You can also contact Lisa Yerke Haisfield at [gotgas@sopris.net](mailto:gotgas@sopris.net). Although the reunion committee is doing extensive research, they need your help locating the current addresses of all graduates. If you know the whereabouts (address, phone number or e-mail address) of any the members of either class, please call or utilize the Great Reunions website to send the requested information as well as personally inviting them.

## **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

**Cost:** \$93 per person

**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)

## **Meet the Principal**

Mr. Sean Boulton is entering his second year as the principal at Laguna Hills High School. He was the assistant principal over guidance and curriculum for the past two years at LHHS. Mr. Boulton is from Southern California but attended Drury College in Springfield, Missouri where he earned an undergraduate degree in History. He also earned a master's degree in English Education at Drury College while teaching world history and geography at Kickapoo High School in Springfield. Mr. Boulton's first job in California was with the Los Angeles Unified School District at McClay Middle School in Pacoima, and for the next seven years Mr. Boulton was with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District. The first four years in Newport-Mesa were at Ensign Intermediate School as an English teacher and Dean of Students. During his tenure at Ensign, Mr. Boulton earned his second master's degree in Education (Administration) from Cal State Fullerton. For the next three years, Mr. Boulton was at Estancia High School as the assistant principal over guidance, athletics, and discipline. As Mr. Boulton begins a new chapter in his career, he is looking forward to working with all the teachers, students, and parents to maintain the high standards of excellence at LHHS.

## **Second Generation "Hawks"**

Do any of you alumni have a child attending LHHS? If so, please let Steve McCormack know by sending him an e-mail at [mccormacks@svusd.org](mailto:mccormacks@svusd.org).

## Hawks in Flight

**Thomas Herron '99** - is living in Washington, DC and attending the George Washington University School of Medicine. He is currently working towards matching in a surgical residency in 2010. He misses surfing between classes at UCSD, but sure doesn't miss the parking at Saddleback College. He hopes to make it back out to CA one of these days. For now, he's enjoying as much of the East coast as he can, when he's not in the hospital.

**Sam Yuhan '94** - was recently appointed Assistant Principal at Rancho Pico Junior High School in Valencia, part of the William S. Hart Union High School District. Although he is no longer in the classroom, he enjoys working closely with students and teachers to improve the quality of instruction and to help every student succeed. In addition, to prove the "Hawks" are everywhere, it turns out that **Catherine Nicholas (Bellini), '84** also works at the same school!

Sam and his wife, Sherry have two children, a four year old daughter and a baby boy. Sam's sister, **Heena '91** is a pediatrician in Boston, with two boys, ages 3 and 1. His brother, **James '92** worked as a mechanical engineer in Southern California and then moved to Boston where he finished graduate school. James and his wife recently had a baby girl. **Matt '03** graduated from UCLA and is now going to Cal State Long Beach for the Physical Therapy program.

**Jennifer Benner (O'Gara) '94** - graduated from UCLA in 1998 with a degree in Economics. She lives in Oceanside with her husband of 5 years and their two daughters, Brooke (2 years) and Sarah (1 year). She has been at home with the babies since Jan 07 but is planning to head back to work this year. Before she retired, she was a Project Manager for a small homebuilding company in San Diego. She is not sure what she will do when she returns to work since the homebuilding industry has died, but she is in the process of figuring that out.

**Hollis Paegel '03** - graduated from The College of New Jersey in 2007 with a B.A. in Psychology. She transferred there after attending Saddleback College for two years. After graduation, she returned to California to pursue a Master's degree in counseling from Cal State Fullerton. Hollis is currently working as a counseling intern at Saddleback College and Mariposa Women and Family Center. She will complete her Master's

program in December and plans on continuing to work toward Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure.

**Eric Hazzard '00** - just passed his Qualifying Exam and his wife finished her first year of her masters in Social Work.

**Greg Mallis '02** - attended UCSD, as part of the inaugural class of Sixth College, the newest college at UCSD. While attending UCSD, he majored in Psychology and minored in Cognitive Science. After graduating in 2006, Greg worked at Sixth College as the Student Affairs Programming Coordinator for a year. During that time he was accepted at, the University of Indianapolis Clinical Psychology PsyD program. He started his graduate studies in 2007 and anticipates finishing in 2012.

**Stephanie Somers (Lichtman) '90** - graduated from UC Irvine in 94. 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 1998 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 when the kids went to school, Stephanie went back to work as the Concierge for Jewish Education at the BJE (Bureau of Jewish Education).

**Jennifer Ronechker (Boyer) '02** - graduated from UCLA in 2006 with a BS in marine biology. She is now studying medicine at New York Medical College. Jennifer got married to Tom Ronechker 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.

**Jennifer Lopez (Parker) '88** - graduated from CSULB with a master's degree in Communicative Disorders, emphasis in Speech Language Pathology and a minor in anatomy. After CSULB,

Jen moved to the Inland Empire, Loma Linda to be exact, to work at the 'world renowned' Loma Linda University Medical Center where she has remained for the last 10 years. She is currently working at Riverside Community Hospital in Riverside as the lead Speech Language Pathologist. Jen got married 2 years ago and they have a son, London, who just turned 1. For fun, she plays soccer in an old ladies league 2 or 3 times a week around town (very competitive, don't be fooled!). They also breed Airedale Terriers. Their future plans include another baby and her returning to school to begin working on her PhD.

**Jeremy Roethler '90** -is married and has a one year old child - Jakob. Jeremy works at Sul Ross State University, Uvalde campus, about 85 miles west of San Antonio, Texas. His wife is a Professor of Economics at Trinity University, in San Antonio. Jeremy finished his graduate work at the University of Washington last year. He was in Seattle area for about 9 years, and before that he was at UCLA doing his MA and BA.

**Scott Leith '90**-lives in Arizona with his wife of thirteen years, Joanne. They have a four year old son, Jack. They have lived in Arizona for the past eight years and before that they lived in California for six years. Scott graduated from Arizona State and then earned his MBA at Pepperdine University in Malibu. He is the General Manager of a publishing company in the golf business. He has some skin in the game as an owner of this one, so it is a lot more fun than the previous jobs.

**Debbie Smith (Polin) '92** -has been an elementary school teacher in Tustin for 12 years. She has taught 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade and combinations of those grades, and is currently teaching 3rd grade. She has recently been named Teacher of the Year at her school. Debbie has been married to Marc Smith for over 4 years. They have lived in Mission Viejo for that long, so they are in the "old neighborhood" often. They are expecting their first child and also have 2 cats that give them plenty of parenting experience.

**Ben Lichtman '93** graduated from Pomona College in 1997 with a Linguistics degree and worked as a magazine editor in Los Angeles. He attended law school at UCLA and now works as an attorney at Bird Marella, a Los Angeles law firm specializing in litigation and white collar defense. Ben and his wife Zhanna Pinkus were married in 2006.

## 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.

<http://www.lhhsalumni.net/>

## Mark your Calendars

The second annual alumni picnic will be held at Doheny State Beach on June 20 from 11 AM until the park closes. All classes are invited and a special effort will be made to encourage faculty members to attend. The Alumni Association will provide hot dogs and all the fixin's. You can bring a dish to share and whatever you feel like drinking (we do have an alcohol permit.)

## "Hawks helping Hawks"

\*\*\*For all of your **snow boarding** and related needs, contact **Dave '92** and **Anne Gullo (Katsuyama) '91** at the number below



Dave & Anne Gullo

[info@snowboards-for-sale.com](mailto:info@snowboards-for-sale.com)

54AL15 - 15% discount

snowboards-for-sale.com, inc.  
31 Musick  
Irvine, CA 92618

(888) 777-7212  
tel|voice|fax

<http://snowboards-for-sale.com>

**Do you need great pool service?**  
Contact **John Bullard '85**



**John Bullard**  
Co-owner  
ph: 949-495-5644  
cell: 949-292-7173  
fax: 949-682-4867

[john@mosaicpoolandpsa.com](mailto:john@mosaicpoolandpsa.com)  
[www.mosaicpoolandpsa.com](http://www.mosaicpoolandpsa.com)  
5319 University Dr. #105  
Irvine, CA 92612



# Membership Application

---

First Name                      Last Name                      Maiden Name                      Phone Number                      E-mail

---

Street Address                      City                      State                      Zip Code                      Grad. Year

---

**Membership Level:**    \$20 Standard       \$35 Hawk White       \$50 Hawk Brown  
                                  \$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.*

Return this form with your tax deductible **check** to LHHS Alumni Association,  
Attention: Steve McCormack, 25401 Paseo de Valencia, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Please make your check payable to the **LHHS Alumni Association**

Check this box if it is OK post any pictures of you from old year books on the web sites.

**Additional Information for Newsletter:**

Mailing Label

Non-Profit  
US Postage  
Paid  
Permit # 23  
El Toro, CA

Saddleback Valley Unified School District  
LHHS Alumni Association  
25631 Diseno Drive  
Mission Viejo, CA 92691-3142