



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

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## *Second Annual Alumni Picnic*

How long has it been since you have connected with your old friends from high school. Why not call them today and bring them with you to the Second Annual Alumni Picnic? The picnic will be held at Doheny State Beach on June 20 from 11 AM until whenever. All classes are invited and 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.) Please RSVP via email to Steve McCormack at [mccormacks@svusd.org](mailto:mccormacks@svusd.org). In addition, let's us know if there is a special teacher you would like to see.

### **Three Fs for every A!**

Your old, quiet, shy Asian math teacher wants to let all of her past students know she is alive and doing great. Mrs. Nancy Pfaff, who many of you may remember from her opening promise to be true to her name and have three Fs for every A has now been retired now for 6 years. During this time, Nancy has traveled to Vancouver, Arizona, New Mexico, Singapore, Hong Kong and to Maui every year. She still plays tennis at least 3 times a week, and loves to play Canasta and Mahjongg ( yes, it is a Chinese tile game) .She is still in the area and has enjoyed bumping into her former students who are now successful doctors, lawyers, dentists, managers and other professionals. If you would like to send her a note, she can be reached at [npfaff@cox.net](mailto:npfaff@cox.net). Go, Hawks!

## *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 of 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)

## Hawks in Flight

**Michel Kripalani '85** - has founded his third start-up. The new company, entitled Oceanhouse Media, is an iPhone/iPod touch development company focused on producing apps that are uplifting, enlightening, educational and otherwise heal the planet. He is joined by a large number of former colleagues who all have roots in videogame development. Collectively, they aim to bring high-quality production techniques to apps that serve a purpose in ways other than simply entertainment. More information and a list of available apps can be found at <http://www.oceanhousemedia.com>.

**Preston Clover '03** - went to school at Stanford and got a degree in mechanical engineering while playing football. After graduating last March, he then took-off on a plane to Australia. For 9 months, he traveled around Australia with his sister, Krystal doing odd jobs. He logged over 20,000 kms in a old Toyota Hilux 4x4. He traveled through Cape York, the Kimberelys, drove through the Simpson Desert and drove on Fraser Island. It was awesome! Krystal is now working with dolphins, and Preston is working as a fitter in a large engineering firm that makes giant heat exchangers.

**Aimee Surette '94** - is a stay-at-home mom of four beautiful, healthy kids, three boys and a girl, ages 10, 6, 4, and 3. Aimee is back in school, after all these years, studying to become an elementary school teacher! She is taking courses through an on-line university to earn her associates degree and then a bachelor's degree in psychology. After completing her bachelor's, she plans on enrolling in a credential program, hopefully at CSU Fullerton.

**Areio Soltani '96** - graduated from USC in biology and computer science and then was accepted into USC's MD/PhD program but dropped out after a year. He worked in mortgage for five years and then played poker full-time for half a year. For the past year, Areio has been working at UCLA in a lab for the medical school. He retook his MCATs and plans to reapply to medical school next year. Areio's brother, **Ali '98** went to USC for undergrad and medical school and is now a plastic surgery resident at USC. He is married and has one son. His other brother Mazi is still in school at Cal State Fullerton studying accounting.

**Dawn Glick (Piscitelli)** - got married about 13 years ago and has a daughter who is 10 and a son who is 7. They are living in Grayslake Illinois but have moved around quite a bit, spending time in San Diego and Connecticut. This winter, Dawn could look out her home office window and look at her backyard covered with snow. She is baffled by the fact that the kids go to school even when it is below zero, but the kids stay inside for recess when it gets that cold.

**Howard Baik '91** - is a lawyer in Washington, DC at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a corporate securities attorney. Before moving to DC, he lived in Salt Lake City and work as a corporate counsel.

**Janisha Sabnani '01** - has been living in New York and attending Law School for the past 4 years. While in law school, she decided enroll in the joint JD/MBA degree program at NYU and will graduate next May. She hopes to sit for the California Bar Exam next summer and begin practicing at the Los Angeles office of Skadden Arps (a large corporate firm). Her long term goal is to work in international development and social enterprise abroad.

**Betsy Lillie (Osth) '94** - now has two boys (ages 5 and 1) and a third on the way. Betsy finished her postdoctoral studies at UCSD doing genetic epidemiology. She was offered a job at Scripps Genomic Medicine, but her second child was born prematurely and so she decided to pass on the new job to become an overeducated and underexperienced stay-at-home mom! She loves being at home with the boys, but did miss working, so she is staying busy lecturing part-time for undergraduates at USD. Teaching in the small university setting is great but she hopes to get back into some research in the future.

**Chris Jue-Steuck '98** - after leaving LHHS, Chris went to American University in DC and worked for the federal government and lobbyists before he moved back to Southern California. He is a special education teacher for LAUSD and teaches 1st-4th grades in the San Fernando Valley. He earned his master's degree in special education and is working on his MA/credential in administration. He gets down to Laguna Beach every once in a while to visit his dad but hasn't been to Laguna Hills in quite some time.

**Nicole Carcel '05** - graduated in December from UCI with a doubled major in International Studies with an emphasis on Latin America and Spanish Language & Culture. Right now, she is living in Washington DC, working for the Political Department at the Embassy of Chile. It's exactly what she wanted to do. Her next big step is going to be living in South America and going to graduate school. She wants to focus on Latin American studies and Global Economy.

Send your updated bio to Steve McCormack at [mccormacks@svusd.org](mailto:mccormacks@svusd.org)

## CALLING ALL FORMER HAWKS VARSITY FOOTBALL PLAYERS

The Football Boosters, at the direction of Coach Bruce Ingalls, is forming an alumni club exclusively for former varsity football players and current and former coaches. The club is to be called The Talons, and we are presently in the planning phase. We anticipate bringing back the popular "Bash Before the Clash" event, which is to be a barbeque held prior to one of our home games in our own stadium parking lot. If your feedback tells us that we should, we will plan to designate an area of the stands at home games for Talons Club members and their guests. We are designing a Talons Club hat, also to be available exclusively to members. This year, we are forming an alumni division of Golden Hawks for those of you who have an interest in enjoying dinner each week during the season with some of the coaches and other Golden Hawks members. This project is a "work in process" and is sure to evolve.

If you are a former Varsity player, have a Facebook account, and you have not been invited to join our football networking page, please email Jane O'Toole Vorsheck at [lhhsfootball@gmail.com](mailto:lhhsfootball@gmail.com). State your graduating year and name as it can be found on Facebook. Soon a page will be available through this network, offering Talons Club news and information about special events. If you don't have an account, please contact Mrs. Vorsheck at [lhhsfootball@gmail.com](mailto:lhhsfootball@gmail.com) to be added to the email contact list. We are interested in what you have to say, so please contact us if you have any ideas or feedback whatsoever.. We look forward to reuniting with you all as well as with your families at future Hawks events!

# In Memoriam

On April 15, 2009, our Laguna Hills High family lost a very special "Hawk". Leslie Sinclair, Class of 2000, passed away from complications from melanoma. All of us that knew Leslie will remember her wonderful smile, genuine concern for others and her incredible determination. Leslie bravely fought melanoma for over ten years. Throughout all of her trials and tribulations, she always kept her loving heart and positive attitude. She was a source of strength and inspiration for others as a youth seminar director, a retreat counselor for the Healing Odyssey and as a guest speaker in the science classes at Laguna Hills High School. Leslie leaves us with her favorite closing "Live strong and hug often." If you would like to know about Leslie's and Matt Damon, email Steve McCormack at [mccormacks@svusd.org](mailto:mccormacks@svusd.org).

## "Hawks helping Hawks"

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



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**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  
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