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President's Message

Cheers! Applause! & Standing Ovarions!

Yes, in the last few months I have done all of them in recognizing graduates, faculty, students, Board Members and friends of Lake Worth Community High School. Let me share my joy.

We are so proud of John Weatherspoon, the Trojan Pride Chorus Director, for being a finalist—in the top 10 in the Nation—in the Grammy Music Educator Award of 2019. Congratulations!

We are so proud of Tiffany Cox and the Trojan Sound Jazz Band. Recently, for the first time in 19 years, LWCHS participated in a jazz band competition and came away with all excellent ratings. Congratulations!

We are so proud of the new drama teacher, Ericka Cooper-Hadden, and her students performing the play, The Wiz. The first production in three years at LWCHS and it was truly entertaining. Congratulations!

We are so proud of LWCHS graduate Cory Neering. Trojan Pride as we watched his installation to the WPB City Commission and doing the honors was another LWCHS graduate the



Carol Childs Webster

Honorable Bradley Harper. Congratulations!

A Burst of Trojan Pride!

Also, our Alumni Board continues to grow with the addition of Ginny Viau, the owner of Nature's Corner Café. Ginny is a long time LWCHS volunteer and has helped coordinate Project Graduation. Welcome, Ginny!

In addition to Ginny, the Board has decided to add two student associates beginning next school year. In May, a sophomore and junior will be selected by the school administration and interviewed by the President. We want the student's input and hope to encourage membership in the future.

In that same vain, our Membership Recruitment Committee and Tech Committee met to cre-

ate some new initiatives for growing our numbers. Reaching out on various social media venues and connecting with graduating seniors will be two of our efforts. If you have some ideas, let us know... and even better, if you'd like to join this committee, let me know!

If you want to help some students, we also were informed that the Take Stock in Children is in desperate need of mentors for students. If you're local and you'd like to volunteer please contact Kimberly Briard at kbriard@takestock-palmbeach.org or 561-683-1704.

And now for some fun news! The LWHS Alumni Foundation hosted a luau fundraiser at The Beach Club on the Waterfront on April 6. On a beautiful balmy evening with Polynesian music and dance we ate delicious luau-style food and visited with old and new friends.

We are so proud of Board Members Rut Velazquez and Melisa Foronda who co-chaired this wonderful event. Thanks go out to them and committee members Roberta Stephens, Ginny Viau and Jenni Chastain.

So there you have it...from the school to the community and in the Alumni Foundation...Are you applauding yet with Trojan Pride? Congratulations!

Go Trojans!

—Carol Webster, President



Principal's Message

Greetings Fellow Trojans,

It's hard to believe how quickly the school year is coming to an end. We have had our share of exciting news and moments this school year. Lake Worth Community High School is one of two high schools in the state of Florida to host a school within a school for the Junior Achievement 3DE Leadership Academy. We are excited to get this program started on our campus. We hired a new Assistant Principal, **Joe Holcombe**, to lead the charge with the opening and day to day operation. Mr. Holcombe comes to us from the district's Curriculum Department. He has more than 10 years of school and district leadership experience. We are honored to have him on our team. Another highlight of the program is our partnership with **Delta Airlines, Home Depot, and Arby's**. They will serve as our community partners to help our students gain valuable experience from leaders in the corporate world.

Did you know that we are in the planning phase of celebrating the school's 100 anniversary? If you are interested in being part of the planning team please contact Mrs. Annette Gilbert, a school counselor at Lake Worth High School.

The month of May brings closure for many high school and college graduates across the nation. I am proud to say that we have a higher number of graduates this year. On May 9th, 2019, in the school's auditorium, we will be hosting the Dollars for Scholars ceremony to



Dr. Elvis Epps

recognize students who earned a scholarship this year. This event wouldn't be possible without your generous donations and support. I am always amazed at the amount of love you show students who might have bypassed college due to low funds. You are my unsung heroes and I can't say thank you enough. As we plan for the future, let's continue to keep our students in our prayers. Many of them are facing hardships and setbacks that even an adult would find hard to handle. We will succeed in the face of adversity!

"Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough."

—Og Mandino

Thank you, my friends, for your prayers, support, and words of encouragement over the years. You have truly found a place in my heart and I will never forget all that you do and have done to make my role as principal a rewarding one. Take care and I wish you the very best.

With many thanks,
—Dr. Elvis Epps, Principal

Jeter Barker Was An Outstanding Teacher And Coach At Lake Worth High School

I first heard Jeter Barker's name when we moved from The Glades to Lake Worth in 1966. His name was synonymous with Lake Worth High School and its football program. The first time I met Jeter was at a party at Jim and Ellie White's home about two or three years before I became principal at Lake Worth High. This would have been about 1977. The Whites had a group of teachers, coaches and football boosters in after a Friday night game. I saw this man sitting in an easy chair with people gathered around him with their mouths agape listening to him speak as if he were a god. I asked Jim, "Who is that guy over there?" He replied, "Don't

you know who that is? That is Jeter Barker." Jeter would later become one of my strongest supporters when I became principal at Lake Worth High and a dear friend until his dying day.

When I became principal of Lake Worth High in the spring of 1980 Jeter saw to it that he was the first teacher I met. He came into my office unannounced, introduced himself and started his line. "Mr. Cantley, I know you are from West Virginia and there is something I have wanted to get done here and I know you can do it." He then went on to say that he had always wanted to get pinto beans and cornbread (a West Virginia mainstay) served in the teacher's line in the cafete-

ria but could never pull it off. He then said that Virginia, the cafeteria manager, could cook the beans and bake the cornbread but that I would have to tell her to do it. He went on and on and finally said "Do you want me to go tell her what you said?" I hadn't said a word but we would later have a teacher dining room constructed in one corner of the cafeteria. Jeter and Betty Cross, a Biology teacher from Logan County, West Virginia oversaw the construction and decoration of the "Trojan Den," which became a great morale booster for the faculty and staff. We served pinto beans, cornbread and turnip greens in the Trojan Den every day in addition to whatever else the school district mandated. We fed more adults than any school in the district as maintenance workers would travel halfway across the county to eat

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LWHS Alumni Foundation Mission Statement

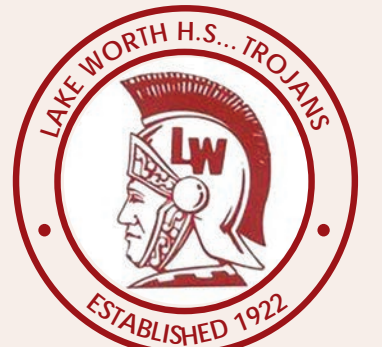
"Unite and assist alumni and friends of Lake Worth High School to provide grants and scholarships for the general benefit of the school and its students."

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Don and Lynn Fountain, with Jenni Hereford and husband.



Alumni Board Member Ginny Viau stands beside her beautiful LUAU dessert display.



Co-Chairman Rut Valazquez.



Roberta Stephens, Luau Committee, Jennie Hereford

LWHS Alumni Foundation MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE January 1st of Every Year

Single: \$25.00 | Business: \$100.00
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Thank You in Advance for Your Help!





Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation Luau

Story By Melisa Foronda • Photos by Mr. Rick Harlowe

ALOHA! On April 6th, 2019, many LWHS alumni and friends dressed in Hawaiian shirts and colorful luau garb and came together for a fun filled evening for the first fundraiser of the year. The LWHS Alumni Foundation held the luau themed event at The Beach Club on the Waterfront (at the Lake Worth Golf Club). The evening started with a welcome from the President of the Foundation, Carol Webster, and soon thereafter the festivities began. A delicious, island inspired buffet dinner was provided to all the guests and a wonderful dessert spread was prepared and donated by Ginny Viau, a Foundation board member. A photo booth with props was set up to capture the fun times with friends. The tiki bar was in full swing singing along to island music. And throughout the evening, there were plenty of door prizes raffled with many lucky guests taking home prizes such as salon gift certificates, gift baskets, autographed books, a painting, a pair of Sunfest tickets, bottles of wine, restaurant gift certificates, and many more items. In addition, tickets were sold for a 50/50 raffle drawing and a raffle to attend the Bela Fleck and Chick Corea concert at the Kravis Center. Congratulations to the two lucky winners, Jeffrey Cole and Tiffany Cox, respectively.

island entertainment provided by **Tama Leao's Polynesian Show Productions**. Tama Leao showcased wonderful island music while guests sang along with him outside at the tiki bar. As the sun set, the Polynesian show began with authentic performers showcasing their beautiful culture through music and dance. After a few songs and wardrobe changes from the beautiful hula dancers, it was the guests turn to hula! A few of the female (and male!) guests competed in the hula dance off and showed off their best hula dance moves. The Polynesian show ended with a live fire knife performance that had everyone holding their breath. It was a great evening with dinner and a show.

Thank you to all the members and friends that attended and/or donated to make this event a success!

Special thanks to **The Beach Club** management who provided generous gift certificates as door prizes and greatly contributed to our fundraising profits. Also, to the board members and friends that made the event possible by donating their time and talents: **Barbara Aubel** for the table centerpieces, **Ginny Viau** for the dessert spread, **Roberta Stephens** for the leis and wristbands, and the event committee members **Rut Velazquez, Melisa Foronda, Carol Webster, Ginny Viau, and Roberta Stephens**.





DFS President Dave Cantley thanks the Class of 1953 for their generous donation.



CLASS OF 1953 DONATES \$500 CHECK to Dollars For Scholars at Spring Luncheon

By Kahy Graves

At the LWSH Classmates luncheon held on Thursday, April 18th at the Lake Worth Road Olive Garden, the class of 1953 presented Dave Cantley, president of Dollars for Scholars, with their \$500 donation check. **The scholarship selection committee has agreed to match that sum so that a \$1000 scholarship in the name of LWSH Class of 1953 could be presented to a deserving recipient at the Awards ceremony on May 9** in the school auditorium.

Of the 27 luncheon attendees, there were 11 from class of '53 present. Pictured in the photo to the left are: Standing, left to right: Dennis Dorsey, Judy Williams Streets, Dede Owens Lewis, Thurman Lamb, Carolyn Roach Snapp, Nat Smith, Bunnie Podlash Anderson, Dave Cantley, and Claire Cohen Orth. Seated from left to right are: Peg Fountain Flora, Kathy Snyder Graves, and Winnie Wise Nicoletti.



Southeast Florida Honor Flight

By Kahy Graves

My husband, Gene Graves, of the Poinciana Patio Homes was fortunate enough to be chosen for an awe-inspiring "Trip of a Lifetime". **The Southeast Florida Honor Flight** is a non-profit organization that flies military veterans who served during World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War, to Washington DC to visit memorials, and to honor their service and sacrifices. This is done at no cost to the veterans. Each veteran is assigned a personal "guardian" for the day, who travels at their own expense and is totally devoted to the veteran for the entire trip. Gene was indeed blessed with a champion of guardians, named Tom. The men had gotten together prior to the trip and bonded.

On Saturday, April 13th, the trip was comprised of 13 WWII vets, 60 Korean War vets, and 8 Vietnam War vets. Of those 81 vets aboard, 42 of them represented the US Army, 22 were from the US Air Force & Army Air Corps, 13 from the US Navy,

and 4 from the Marine Corps.

Our day Saturday began by dropping Gene off at the Palm Beach International Airport at 4:15 a.m., where he was met by flight volunteers for a meet and greet session, check-in, photos, and security checks. At approximately 6:40 a.m. their plane departed with a water-cannon salute sendoff from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for their flight to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

Once in DC, the group first toured the Air Force Memorial located in Arlington VA, adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery. This memorial was of special interest to Gene, as he had joined the Air Force in 1953 at the age of 19. Gene served as flight engineer on a C-119 in the European theater. He extended his four-year service by four additional months while serving in France and was honorably discharged as S/SGT in July of 1957.

After lunch at the Knights of Columbus, the group toured



War Veteran Gene Graves.

Arlington Cemetery, saw the Changing of the Guard and visited various grave sites. They then traveled to the WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial and Vietnam Wall. The Korean War Veterans Memorial, located near the Lincoln Memorial, was also of special interest to Gene, as this was the period in which he served. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was perhaps the most impressive. The memorial consists of three separate parts: The

Three Soldiers statue, the Vietnam Women's Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, which is the most popular feature. The Wall is one of the nation's most poignant war memorials and provides one of the most powerful scenes. The Wall is made up of two identical walls stretching over 246 ft each, forming a V, and contains more than 58,000 names. The Wall's most defining characteristic is a visitor's ability to see his or her reflection at the same time as the engraved names, connecting the past and the present.

Next, they returned to the DC airport, had dinner in the terminal, and departed for PBI, where a most glorious Homecoming reception of over 2,000 people were waiting! During the flight back a "Mail Call" was held on the plane with each vet receiving a packet of mail, pre-received by honor flight organization from family & friends of each vet. Our family was able to reach out to many family and friends

resulting in Gene receiving 21 cards/letters from family, 41 from friends, and 52 from school children from PB Gardens elementary where one of our daughter's friends is guidance counselor, for total of 114 pieces of mail—what a tremendous response!!

At Palm Beach International Airport, the length of the terminal was roped off on both sides so that upon arrival, the group of vets and guardians can freely pass through the middle, like a parade route. Our entire group of 16 had arrived almost two hours early, in order to find good standing room for us to be together. It was a long wait but there was plenty going on during the interim to keep us occupied. Even though the plane landed at 8:20 p.m. it was after 9 p.m. before the vets entered the terminal, where the throngs of well wishers were anxiously waiting. They had to completely deplane all, many in wheelchairs, before entering the terminal to their Homecoming. Upon entry, the vets were preceded by a group of marching bagpipe players and

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2019 LWCHS GRAD SUFIYA ALI

Has the MOST HOURS of Community Service of All District Schools

Story By Helen Gilmore

All high school students in the School District of Palm Beach County are required to have a minimum of 20 hours of community service before graduation. Guess how many LWCHS 2019 graduate Sufiya Ali has? She has **2,283 hours!** “Although I volunteered for many groups,” Sufiya shared, “the majority of my time was spent with three wonderful organizations: Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, Bethesda Memorial Hospital, East and West, and the Oasis Food Pantry.”

At Peggy Adams, she helped get kittens ready for adoption. At Bethesda Memorial Hospital, she worked both in the

East hospital and the newer West hospital, volunteering in the Emergency Room; she has worked at the front desk and doing discharges, too. When volunteering for the Oasis Food Pantry, Sufiya sorted cans and distributed food.

When asked what the MOST important thing she learned from Lake Worth Community High School, she answered, “The main thing I learned was how to manage my time properly. Being a part of so many clubs and being in dual-enrollment college classes till 9:45 p.m., it took a lot of planning and has definitely helped me for the future. Sufiya is a master at time management, since she also did 2,263 hours above and beyond what was required in the way of community service hours.

According to Sufiya, “I am the first in my family to go to college.” Cornell University, New York, is paying all expenses for tuition and housing; she has a second scholarship that will pay for her books, fees and travel expenses. She plans to major in Biology at Cornell, since she’s on a pre-med track. Sufiya enthused, “I’ve wanted to be a doctor since I was five years old!” We wish her luck and know that she will do great!



Sufiya Ali



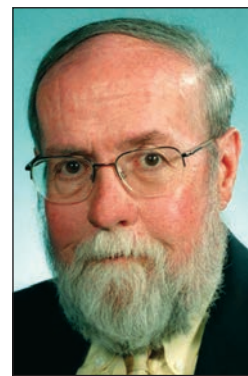
LW.15—Lake Worth Country Club, Lake Worth, Florida
Golfing at It's Best

Lake Worth High School, A History

A New Read, Written By Bill McGoun, Class of 1955

Few schools can boast of having an alumni foundation, a scholarship program that has awarded over one million, five hundred thousand dollars in scholarships to financially needy students, an alumni newsletter published twice yearly, AND a written history.

Bill McGoun, class of '55 is retired from the Palm Beach Post where he served on the editorial board. He is currently doing freelance work. He wrote a book on the History of Lake Worth High which is now available for purchase from the alumni foundation. The book is a beautiful hardback creation done in school colors and has 132 pages plus numerous pictures. The cost of the book is \$25. Make your check payable to LWHS Alumni Foundation and mail it to: 1701 Lake Worth Rd. , Lake Worth, FL 33460.



Author, Bill McGoun

ABBE GLEICHER: Oversees 8 LWCHS Choice Programs!

Story By Helen Gilmore

Abbe Gleicher, Lake Worth Community High School CHOICE Coordinator, has a very responsible job! In addition to going in October to the South Florida Fairgrounds, where all district schools showcase their CHOICE programs, she goes to all the area middle schools to tell 8th grade students and their parents about LWCHS's amazing academies. They can apply for a CHOICE program, formerly called Magnet Programs, before January of the next school year. Then, after they apply, students who are eligible go through the lottery. Following that, they are accepted into the academy of their choice. Students receive a contract having to do with good attendance, behavior and grades—ABG's instead of ABC's. Abbe prepared for this big job by earning a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from the University of South Florida, and a Master's Degree in Education from Florida Atlantic University.

When asked why she liked working with high school-aged students, Abbe answered, “I started out teaching in middle school. The first day I stepped on campus at Lake Worth Community High School, I realized that these students were a lot more mature than the sixth-graders that I had been working with.” The favorite part of her job? “Working with the students and seeing them achieve their goals.” There are actually nine



Abbe Gleicher

CHOICE programs at LWCHS—Abbe oversees eight of them. 1: **Air Force Jr. ROTC**, 2: **Criminal Justice**, 3: **Culinary Arts**, 4: **Drafting and Design**, 5: **Early Childhood** for students wanting to teach in Early Childhood Programs, birth through third grade, 6: **Medical Magnet**, 7: **Bio Medical Academies**, and 8: **Construction Academy** (actually for LWCHS students only). According to Abbe, there is a new ninth academy that Dr. Elvis Epps, the principal, has brought in, which begins in the fall. She offered, “It's called **3DE Academy**. It

focuses on entrepreneurial skills and has connections with various businesses. It will be run as a school within a school. Dr. Epps has hired an Assistant Principal, Joseph Holcombe, to run this brand new academy.”

Abbe is heavily involved as an environmentalist. She has organized students to understand the environment and to cut down on the use of plastics. She related, “I love traveling and outdoor activities—bicycling, paddle boarding and kayaking.” She has started a Marine Adventures Club for students; we go out snorkeling and kayaking.

Abbe's reply to the question, “What do you wish for LWCHS students in the future?” Her answer? “Financial independence and security, and that they find friendships that last a lifetime.” She has worked at Lake Worth Community High School for, “Twelve wonderful years!”

SAVE *The* DATE

Saturday, June 15th, 2019

LWHS Class of 1974

45th Reunion

Thursday, May 9th, 2019

DFS AWARDS NIGHT

On Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the LWCHS Auditorium, plan to come to the LW Dollars for Scholars Awards Night. Be a part of the excitement as our student scholars are recognized with scholarships for their future education endeavors!

In Loving Memory

Jim Banim • Former LWHS Trojan Band Drum Major

Pauline Watling Castle • Class of 1950

Marilyn Evans Ballard Dunn • Class of 1950

John Lusk • Class of 1979

Cindy Abdo Milton • Class of 1969

Susan Murray • Class of 1955

Robert Wade • Class of 1960

Gary Wendt

Old Photos Wanted!

If you have any pictures from long ago when you were in school or your parents were in school, we would love to have copies!

We would appreciate it, if you scan and email those photos to:

Hogfish123@aol.com. If you send copies, please mail to

Doris Dorsey • 650 Atlantis Estates Way • Atlantis, FL 33462.

(Please don't send original photos as they can not be returned!)

We are interested in all classes throughout the 2000's. Photos can be at the beach, casino, downtown Lake Worth, at grade school, high school...anywhere! It would be fun to have a couple in each issue of the Alumni News. If you know of an interesting story of an alumni, please notify us. Thanks, and hoping to receive many!



Back Row From Left: Louise Wilson (widow of Don Wilson), Evelyn Grose Hight, Franz Vardaman Rankin, Helen Moore Gilmore, Edith Jane Keifer Rayburn, and Carolyn Gowan Baruch. Kneeling: Margaret Shamo Witherow.

Lake Worth High School Class of 1950 Changes Luncheon Gathering Site

By Helen Gilmore

The LWHS Class of 1950 women alumni used to meet monthly at Farmer Girl Restaurant, with Margaret (Maggie) Shamo Witherow organizing the whole thing. She's our leader and has definitely kept us together—what's left of our class. Then, certain people couldn't make it, and the whole thing dwindled down to just a few people monthly. Margaret didn't give up! She actually worked out that two of our members lived at the Discovery Village Assisted Living site up by North Lake Boulevard and Jog Road: Franz Vardaman Rankin and Evelyn Grose Hight. So, the seven women pictured above were at our 2018 gathering at Discovery Village. We ate on their beautiful patio. Margaret buys chicken lunches at Boston's Restaurant, collects money from each of us, and then we enjoy each other's company during lunch. Carolyn Gowan Baruch usually brings the iced tea. This past March we met again at Discovery Village for lunch. Numbers were down a little and just four people showed up: Franz Vardaman Rankin, Edith Jane Keifer Rayburn, Helen Moore Gilmore and Margaret Shamo Witherow. We met this time in a very nice meeting room. We came, we visited....and we visited and we visited.

...Jeter Barker Was An Outstanding Teacher And Coach

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lunch at Lake Worth High. Pinto beans, cornbread, turnip greens, fried chicken and ice tea got a lot of things repaired at our school.

Jeter was born and raised in Bristol, Virginia and got his first teaching job in Big Stone Gap in about 1940 in the western mountainous area of the state. He taught math and coached football, track and baseball. He won a state championship in both football and track. I got to know several of his football players, his "Big Stone Boys," who worshipped the ground "Coach" walked on.

Jim White and I flew with Jeter to Bristol, VA where we were met by one of Jeter's Big Stone Boys who took us to Buddy Barker's home in Big Stone Gap for a reunion Jeter's players and students. It was one of two such three-day events I will cherish forever. Jim and I would later entertain the six Big Stone Boys in our homes. It was heart warming to see the love and admira-

tion these guys had for their old coach. From these gentlemen, we heard many stories of Jeter's coaching. He had been a very tough and demanding coach. One man, Jim Roy Noel remembered when he was drafted into the Army during WW II, he said, "There's nothing they can do to me that hasn't already been done. I played football for Jeter Barker." At a party at Buddy's home, one man said, "Coach, I have never forgiven you." Jeter asked what he had done to him that would cause him to say that. The man replied, "You left Big Stone Gap before I reached high school and I wanted more than anything to play football for Coach Barker."

A classic Jeter story surrounds a game where the Big Stone boys team was being beaten in the first half. When they went to the locker room, Jeter was coming down hard on them. He asked one player why he had missed a tackle and the player replied, "They had me double teamed,

Coach." Jeter then asked another player who let the runner get past him why he didn't make the tackle and the player replied that he, too had been double teamed. Jeter put the discussion to rest when he said, "Hold it, hold it, I see the problem. We were out numbered, they must have had at least 15 players on the field." He then looked at the captain of the team and said, "Hoyt Moore, there you sit, six feet three inches tall and 175 pounds, captain of The Big Stone Gap Buccaneers. You couldn't stick your thumb in your hind end with both hands." The players told me they nearly choked trying to keep from laughing.

On a particular Monday afternoon, after having having lost a Friday night game and before school dismissed, an announcement was made on the school intercom that the football team was to meet Coach Barker in his classroom instead of reporting to the football field for practice. The players told me they were

scared to death, not knowing what fate awaited them. When they all had been seated Jeter said, "Boys, you played a good game Friday night and you did everything I told you to do. I was proud of your play. We will not practice today. There is a box of Hershey Bars on my desk. Take one as you leave." That was a real treat as chocolate was one of the items being rationed.

During one baseball season the Big Stone Gap senior class was to take a trip to Washington, D.C. The seniors on the baseball team came to Jeter, who was their coach, and said they wanted to go on the trip and wanted to know how this would affect their status on the team. Jeter told them that the trip was a good opportunity for them. He told them that he thought they should go, that it would be a good experience for them but that the team would be playing two games while they were gone and if the team was winning with the substitute players they, the regulars, would lose their starting jobs if the team kept winning. The players agreed to the deal and upon their return they learned that the team had won both games with the subs. The team continued to win games with the regulars riding the bench and becoming more agitated as the team continued to win games. One of the boys' father was an influential man in town and went to the principal and asked him to force Jeter to let the first team play in place of the subs. When called into the principal's office and told he must put the boys back on the team, Jeter, being a highly principled man refused. The principal said, "As your principal, I am telling you to let them play." Jeter replied, "As the baseball coach, I am telling you that they are not playing." Threatened with being fired, Jeter told his boss that he would go to the local paper and tell the editor that he had changed a boy's grade to an "F" so that he would not graduate and have one more year's eligibility for football. The principal asked Jeter to step out of his office for a few minutes. When he returned the principal told him that he was authorized to pay his salary for the remainder of the year if he would resign. In those days the principals wrote teachers' salary checks at their desks. Jeter took the check and went to William and Mary on a graduate assistantship and got his Master's Degree. He told me that while he was at William and Mary part of his duties was to scout other teams. He said one coach in particular that he scouted made a big impression on him. He said Art, "Pappy" Lewis at West Virginia invited him to his hotel room and talked football with him and even telling him his game plan. He said that while talking, Coach Lewis would pop a cherry-filled choc-

olate and chase it with Ancient Age Bourbon.

After he got his Master's Degree Jeter coached at Saltville, VA High School and then did a stint in the Navy.

Jeter came to Lake Worth High in 1954 as the football coach and athletic director, a position he held for 9 seasons, leading the team to a 9-0-1 season in 1960. Jeter was an innovator and brought his experience at William and Mary to the high school program. He initiated a feeder program known as



Jeter Barker

small fry and large fry for 7th and 8th graders. He and local businessman Andy Andrews formed a football booster organization called Trojan 20, named for the school's mascot. Andy said that Jeter came into his office and asked if he could get 19 men to join him, Andy, in purchasing 50 football tickets which they would sell to boost game attendance. Andy reached into a desk drawer and took out a bottle of bourbon and two paper cups. After a few drinks they had hashed out the plan for what would eventually become one of the oldest high school booster clubs in Florida, The Trojan 20. Andy said that Jeter was knocking on his door the next morning before he could get out of bed. Jeter and Andy took to the streets visiting business men and asking them to donate \$250 (this later was raised to \$500) and get a number of tickets which they could sell or give to people in the community and use the donation as a tax write off. They went to 21 people before they got twenty. The one person who turned them down later came around and joined. One member paid for his tickets but did not sell or give them away. Jeter and Andy went to his office and asked for the tickets. The member was dropped from the organization. The Trojan 20 Booster Club became a very prestigious organization which caused hard feelings among men who were not asked to join. Sadly, as the demographics of Lake Worth changed, interest in The Trojan 20 died. The organization went out of existence in 2002.

A small number of Lake Worth coaches had developed a reputation of frequenting bars and making no attempt to conceal their activities and it eventually became well known throughout the community. The problem came to a head in 1963 when the school's principal, Charlie Stanfield, a Deacon in First Baptist Church of Lake Worth, decreed that all coaches must sign a pledge that they would not frequent any business that sold alcoholic beverages. The younger coaches, fearing for their jobs, signed the pledge while the two main offenders signed the pledge but continued to drink when and where they pleased. Jeter, again, being a highly principled man refused to sign. He told me that he didn't sign because if he had

signed he couldn't have gone to a restaurant for dinner if alcoholic beverages were sold. Jeter said that he had been bass fishing on Lake Okeechobee with Stanfield the Saturday before the pledge was presented on Monday, but the principal had not mentioned it to him. He said that if Stanfield had asked him to curtail his frequenting bars he would have complied. This ended Jeter's coaching career but he remained as a work experience teacher until his retirement in 1987. He had been a very successful football coach and Athletic Director.

Jeter was the consummate fund raiser. He, Dennis and Doris Dorsey, raised funds to build the first high school swimming pool in Palm Beach County. He also raised money to build the track at the school and talked John Couse, an air conditioning contractor, into donating the AC for the newly constructed band and choral suites. I have heard people say that Jeter had a way of asking you for a donation and making you feel that it was your duty to contribute. One Lake Worth businessman, Hilliard Smith, once told me that, "Every time I saw Jeter coming I reached for my checkbook. I turned him down one time and I didn't sleep a damn wink that night. I called him the next morning and said, "Alright, you S. O. B., come and get your damn check." Jeter's M.O. was to tell his prospective donor how much money he needed and what he needed it

for. He would say, for example, that he needed \$1,000 which scared the donor, but he would quickly follow it up with, "But I don't want you to give me the \$1,000, I want other people to get involved. I only want \$100 from you." The "victim" then felt he was getting off easy and gave him the \$100.

When we were planting trees and laying sod on school grounds in the mid 1980s, Jeter and Jim White went to see Doc Dolly, who owned a coconut palm nursery specializing in a variety of coconut palm that was resistant to the blight which had taken all our trees on campus. When Jeter asked Doc to donate trees for our campus, he replied, "Jeter, my wife and I were talking the other day and we agreed that the Lord has been kind to us. I have never given anyone anything in my life. You are my best friend in Lake Worth and I haven't seen you in 15 years. Take all the trees you want." Shop teacher, Bill Abel, took his truck, low boy trailer and end loader and made countless trips to the nursery. A number of the trees were removed during construction projects but many are still growing on the campus.

I suppose I could go non-stop writing about Jeter, his contributions to our school and the good times we had. Every school needs a Jeter Barker but I have never known of another school that had one.

Dave Cantley, Principal
Lake Worth HS 1980-1999

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Plans Are in the Making!

The next project on the agenda is the planning of the "Centennial Celebration". Discussions regarding particulars for the event are initiated. Stay tuned for details as they are developed. Also, we are searching for any and all alumnus or friends of Lake Worth High, who are business owners, or know a business owner who would perhaps be interested in honoring the event by purchasing a patron advertisement for our celebration's souvenir book. In addition to business owners, we will also take personal or "class of" purchases of well wishes. Our next newsletter will

have details about the AD page size and amount, as well as directions about how to provide your information as well as how to make your purchase. If you are interested, please be on the lookout for details in our next newsletter, or you may visit the Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation (<https://lwhsalumni.org/site/>) web page for updates as they unfold as well. On the whole though, please know that as details are finalized, you will be updated. This is a very special time for all of us, and we want to celebrate it in style, and with everyone! *Please stay tuned!*

...Southeast Florida Honor Flight

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color guard. The packed crowds were shouting, singing, waving flags, holding up signs, taking pictures and videos, playing music—so awesome and emotional!! A large group of impressive ROTC students were positioned near us and did a great job of shaking each vet's hand, welcoming them and thanking them for their service. The excited crowd was filled with people of all ages and generations.

We highly recommend to any of you who would like to get a patriotic high, to participate in and attend the next honor flight Homecoming at PBI on Saturday, May 13th. There are four Southeast Florida flights per year—two in the spring and two in the fall. Each flight costs \$100,000, is 100% volunteer, and is paid for completely through donations. For more information, visit: www.HonorFlightSEFL.org.

LWHS Class of 1974 45th Reunion

June 15th, 2019 6:30 – 10:30 pm

Atlantis County Club

190 Atlantis Blvd., Atlantis FL 33462

Reception - Cash Bar 6:30 pm Dinner Buffet 7:30 pm

Bring your dancing shoes - Music by TBD

\$60 per person | \$120 per couple

Deadline is June 1, 2019

Questions? Email: LWHSClassof1974@aol.com

Or call 561.308.5675 (Bobbie Sue Bressmer) or 772.631.8268 (Janet Church)

Watch for Reunion Updates on our "LWHS Class of 1974" Facebook Event page

100TH ANNIVERSARY

Go Trojans!

Centennial Celebration & Brick Sale Project Update

We are two years into the launching of our Centennial Celebration projects kick-off. One of our major projects is the "\$100 in honor of 100 years" brick fundraiser. Just as a reminder, this project is actually the renaissance of the "Pave the Way" brick fundraiser that began many years ago. It has been revitalized to continue its efforts in raising funds for the Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation.

All brick sales from now till 2022 will be in honor of "The Centennial Celebration of Lake Worth High Community High School (1922-2022)". The slogan of the bricks fundraiser is, "\$100 in honor of 100 years". Proceeds will continue to support the mission of the Foundation to provide grants and scholarships for the general benefit of the school and its students.

At present, there are 2 options for ordering a

brick: {1} complete an order form {below} and mail it with a check to LWHS: Attention Alumni foundation, {2}. Visit the Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation Web page. Scroll down to The Centennial of Lake Worth Community High School Brick Sale. Click on, Click here for more information. Scroll down to and click "Buy Now". This will take you to a pay portal. Click on the shopping cart \$100.00 USD. A drop down box will appear, which will indicate that you are purchasing the Commemorative Brick at this site. Proceed with your purchase. It's just that simple!

"\$100 in Honor of 100 Years!"



Centennial Celebration Brick Order Form

The information must fit within 3 lines of text with 14 spaces per line. One letter, punctuation, or number per box is allowed (leave blank spaces between words).
All orders are final. No cancellation or refunds will be accepted.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Please Print Clearly Information in the Boxes Provided Below:

Number of bricks ordered: _____ (\$100.00 per brick) Check enclosed in the amount: \$ _____

Make check payable to the Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation (Memo: Brick Order)
Mail your check along with this form to: Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation
1701 Lake Worth Road • Lake Worth, Florida 33460



David D. Cantley

President's Message

May 9th marks our twenty-first year of awarding scholarships to needy students. Sixty-seven students will receive a total of \$128,000. Fifty students will receive a total of \$90,000 from the general fund, eleven will receive \$21,500 in vocational/technical scholarships and six will receive \$17,000 from the Barry Grunow memorial fund.

We are especially happy to see an increase in the number of applicants for the vocational/technical scholarships. The school's guidance counselors have been helping us convince students that this is where the jobs are. The Barry Grunow memorial scholarship was established to honor Mr. Grunow, a teacher at Lake Worth Middle School who was murdered in his classroom on the last day of school in the year 2000. Because we received donations from outside the community, this scholarship is available to any student in Palm Beach County graduating from a public, private or parochial school. It is also available to home schooled students.

Alums, civic organizations and the public in general have been very supportive of our efforts. They know we raise and award money responsibly on a non-discriminatory basis. There are five ways you can donate to DFS. 1: You can make a donation to the

Lake Worth Dollars for Scholars Foundation Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2019

	Mar 31, 19	Feb 28, 19	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Grunow Checking	21,093.75	21,093.59	0.16
LWHS Checking	70,022.68	70,022.68	0.00
Total Checking/Savings	91,116.43	91,116.27	0.16
Total Current Assets	91,116.43	91,116.27	0.16
Other Assets			
Al Elam Scholarship Fund	27,884.00	26,952.00	932.00
Barry Grunow Scholarship Fund	155,056.00	150,889.00	4,167.00
Betty Milone Scholarship Fund	50,528.00	49,199.00	1,329.00
Charles Brooks Scholarship Fund	23,725.00	23,441.00	284.00
David Cantley Scholarship Fund	45,025.00	43,844.00	1,181.00
Dennis & Doris Dorsey Sch Fund	36,409.00	35,449.00	960.00
E.R."Buddy" Goodell Sch Fund	28,778.00	28,462.00	316.00
Eva Norberg Scholarship Fund	26,989.00	26,090.00	899.00
Helen Bundy Scholarship Fund	26,674.00	25,584.00	1,090.00
Jerry McCoy Scholarship Fund	9,613.00	8,953.00	660.00
Karl Easton Scholarship Fund	40,005.00	38,955.00	1,050.00
Kristen Stanley Scholarship Fun	48,207.00	46,941.00	1,266.00
Lake Worth Memorial Sch Fund	24,853.26	24,853.26	0.00
LWHS Alumni Scholarship Fund	99,347.00	96,492.00	2,855.00
Malcom Cain Sch Fund 655-020988	21,882.00	21,882.00	0.00
Margaret C Donnelley Fund	19,901.00	19,326.00	575.00
Michael Fisher Scholarship Fund	32,009.00	31,199.00	810.00
Tommy & Helen Hansen Sch Fund	53,578.00	52,144.00	1,434.00
Watson B. Duncan III Sch Fund	39,731.00	38,665.00	1,066.00
Total Other Assets	810,194.26	789,320.26	20,874.00
TOTAL ASSETS	901,310.69	880,436.53	20,874.16
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
	0.00	0.00	0.00

Dollars For Scholars Mission Statement

"The purpose of the chapter shall be to expand access to higher education for students of Lake Worth High School, Lake Worth, Florida by promoting (DFS) the Dollars For Scholars program, maintaining an operational structure, raising funds for student aid distribution, and distributing awards on a fair and nondiscriminatory basis. The chapter shall operate in a manner consistent with the policies and procedures of Scholarship America."

general fund. That donation will go to help a needy study realize his/her dream of a college education. The alumni foundation pays all overhead expenses of DFS, ensuring that your donation will go where it is supposed to go. 2: You can make a donation to someone's endowed scholarship fund. See treasurer's report on page eight. 3: You can start an endowment of your own. Many of our endow-

ments were started with a small investment. Scholarships become fully endowed in perpetuity at \$20,000. 4: You can remember us in your will. When talking with your attorney or person making your will be sure to Specify LAKE WORTH dollars for scholars. There are many DFS chapters across the country. 5: You will need to contact our treasurer Mike Woods on this one. Mike

has worked with clients who donate millions of dollars to their colleges up north. It goes like this: You make a substantial donation to LWDFS. You will take the tax write-off and collect on the interest. At your passing the money will be deposited in our bank account. Mike's phone number is: 561-901-3489.

We are grateful for all the help we get but it is getting more

difficult to raise funds. "Keep them cards and letters coming in brothers and sisters. Better still, make that a letter 'cause the Lord knows you can't send money in a post card."

—Dave Cantley, DFS President

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Dollars For Scholars 2019 Scholarship Awards

Sixty-four Students in Need Received a Total of \$128,000 This Year in Scholarship Awards!



Dollars For Scholars President Dave Cantley.



Dennis F. Dorsey, LWHS Alumni CoFounder and past president wishing the students well in their future endeavors.



Left: Dollars for Scholars President Dave Cantley, with Doris Welsh, and Margaret Cooper.



Standing: Dr. Elvis Epps, Principal, addresses the scholarship recipients.

