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Special year to mark special school, anniversary



By Dr. Elvis Epps

Principal/Lake Worth Community High School

It's hard to believe that we are quickly coming to the end of another school year. In August, coming back to work posed many concerns. But, looking back, it turned out better than expected. I am excited to share that this is our school's 100th anniversary. I am honored and humbled to be the principal of a great school. Lake Worth Community High School has seen thousands of graduates become outstanding citizens and leaders in our community, state, nation and world. Everywhere I go, I meet someone who either attended Lake Worth Community High School or they knew someone who did. That says a lot about the great name and reputation that we have. I want to thank the alumni members who constantly support our students and teachers over the years. We could not do it without your donations and helping hand. This year's graduating class members are excited about their graduation on May 17 at 6 p.m. at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Many of you helped raise more than

\$1 million for seniors with funds from Dollars for Scholars. Thank you to David Cantley for having the vision and boldness to start the school's Flea Market 20-plus years ago. Because of the Flea Market fundraising campaign, I donate roughly \$25,000 to the Dollars for Scholars Scholarships. I believe everyone can do something to help our seniors with their tuition and books. As we plan our centennial celebration, I invite all to the Homecoming football game on Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. We will host a tailgate party at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Wear your jersey from the year you graduated. If you played in the band, on the cheerleading team, or were a football team member, please join us that evening for a celebration in the bleachers. I also invite former coaches, homecoming kings, queens, and class presidents to join me for a grand celebration at halftime. I want to recognize our oldest living alumni during those festivities. In addition, I want to identify distinguished alumni. Please email us the best way to learn about your achievements.

Our committee plans to have a gala to celebrate our school and alumni's success. You don't want to miss this event. More information will be shared in the coming months. Please monitor the Alumni Foundation webpage and social media accounts. As we plan events for this year, I don't want to overlook those who might be in need. So if you or someone you know needs support, don't hesitate to contact me or the Alumni Foundation. Trojans take care of each other. Lastly, if you would like to become a sponsor for the gala, Dollars for Scholars, and the Alumni Foundation, please get in touch with Foundation President Jessica Latour or any Foundation member. If you are looking to help our students, join the Foundation to stay abreast of events on campus and with our members. Let's celebrate, have fun, and show that Lake Worth Community High School has the best students, parents, grandparents, and alumni members. Thank you for another fantastic year. See you soon.

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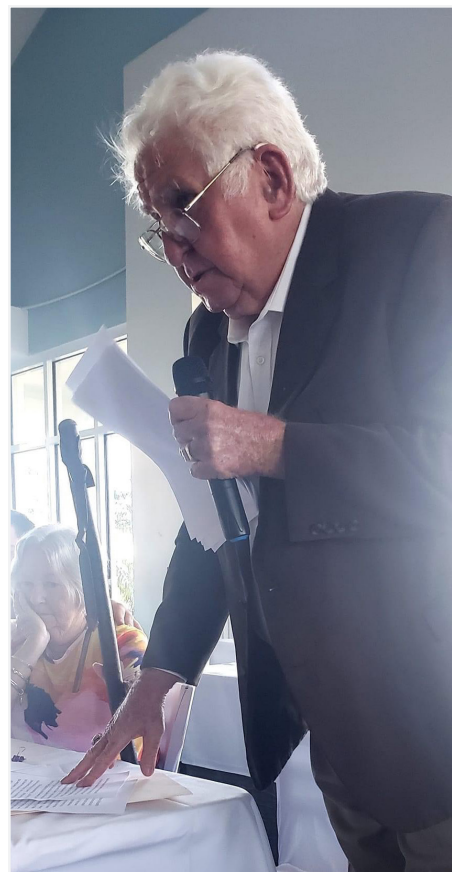
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We remember a true Trojan

The celebration of Dennis Dorsey's life was quite a tribute to the man!

An overflowing room of family, friends, business friends, and not to mention, Betty Resch, the mayor of Lake Worth Beach, were at the Beach Club on the Waterfront to pay their respects and share condolences with Doris and family. Dave and Kay Cantley's grandson, Jackson, gave a glowing description of his best friend, Dennis. Not to be outdone, Dave Cantley brought the house down with many memorable Dennis antics. Those grateful to have known Dennis included his classmates — class of 1953 — and alumni up to today, as Dennis' contributions to the school, the Alumni Foundation and Dollars For Scholars extend well into the 21st Century.

--Ann Carter



Foundation Founder/former LWHS principal David Cantley at celebration of Dennis Dorsey's life.

Mark your calendar

6 p.m. Thursday, May 12 — Dollars for Scholars board meeting. Contact Jessica Latour, jessicaleelatour@gmail.com for information about DFS board. To be followed ...
6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12 — LWHS Alumni Foundation board meeting. Contact Jessica Latour jessicaleelatour@gmail.com for information about the Alumni Foundation board.
Noon, Saturday, May 21 — LWHS Alumni Foundation Membership Luncheon, Poinciana Golf Club, Mel's Way Bistro, 3536 Via Poinciana, Lake Worth. Cost \$25 per person. RSVP ASAP to 561-512-6677 or LWHSAlumniEvents@gmail.com
4:30 p.m. Sept. 26 -- Homecoming football game and Centennial Celebration. Check social media or the Foundation Web site for updates.

Celebrate the Centennial



One of the banners: From left, David Guise of PYRA 11 30 Apparel, School and Team Specialist, Dr. Annette Grimes Gilbert (1975), Assistant Principal Tracey Bailey, Assistant Principal Kevin Oates and Principal Dr. Elvis Epps.



Buy a personalized brick, leave a legacy

By Dr. Annette Grimes Gilbert
LWHS/LWHS Alumni Foundation liaison

We are excited as we approach the long talked about and highly anticipated “Centennial Celebration.” On Sept. 18, Grand Ol’ Lake Worth Community High School will celebrate the 100th year of continuously educating students, and providing services to the youth and families which it serves. We are five short months from the grand celebration! With this in mind, we have begun advertising and educating our students about what this means, and getting the news out to our neighbors, and the general populace. We have begun by posting banners around our campus, and on fences surrounding our school. The overarching goal of this strategic marketing piece was to not only introduce the event, but also evoke inquiries and conversations from our students. I was beyond thrilled when Assistant Principal Tracey Bailey shared that “Students are asking what does this mean? What are these banners for?” The banner posting plan was working. We are forever grateful

and appreciative to PYRA 11 30 Apparel, David Guise, School and Team Specialist, for donating our initial set of banners. In addition to the banner advertisement, we also have an upcoming television interview with Tania Rogers, to do a pre-celebration story. Mrs. Rogers has requested specific individuals for the interview: Old School/New School individual perspectives. Mr. Harold and Dr. Helen Gilmore (1947 and 1950, respectively) — old school — have graciously agreed to participate, as well as our senior student foundation member ambassador — new school. Our principal as well as a couple of other interviewees will participate. We are super excited about this. In honor of this extraordinary landmark, we have the “Centennial Celebration Brick Sale” ongoing. As a means to raise scholarship money for students of Lake Worth High School, David Cantley, founder and organizer of the Dollars for Scholars fund, started the brick sale many years ago. Our hope is to continue to generate funds for our Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Program as

well as funds for Alumni Foundation to continue to support student programs, extracurricular activities, teacher educational ideas/student benefitting endeavors, as well as other appropriate allocations. As we approach the centennial, we have many plans to raise even more funds. Our hope is to reach \$3 million. With your help and participation, we can. We are calling on every graduating class, parents/families of current or former students, former students who have made tremendous marks (in entertainment, politics, sports, etc.), educators who have taught at LWCHS, our city, businesses in our city and surrounding cities, and all who simply love LWCHS, to help us continue to raise money by purchasing a brick or as many as you like. You can personalize your brick for yourself or to remember a loved one or your class. Our goal is to carry on raising funds to support qualifying graduates in pursuit of their post high school endeavors. You can order online at lwhsalumni.org, or fill out and mail in the form on page 4. Spread the word! Go Trojans!

Treasured for 70 years

From Valerie Morgenstern Steidl:
Here is my 1952 class ring. I think it was a little cheaper without a stone and in those days, every penny counted. I had to “save up” to buy mine. No, it does not fit my right ring finger (bottom) any more, but it is a little loose on my pinkie (top). Send your class ring story and photo to
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IN MEMORIAM

- Marilynn Painter
Hatcher 1953
- Douglas James
Phillips Jr. 1959
- Jack Howell 1960
- Perry Wayne Wilson 1960
- Joan Peterson
Pinkston 1963
- Butch Schmidt 1966
- Robert Johnson
Davidsson 1972
- Paul VanderGrift 1976
- Karol J. “Janie”
Kerr-Fico 1982

Upcoming luncheon can bring us together

By Jessica Latour
Alumni Foundation President
It’s crazy to think that just two years ago at this time, the world was in the middle of a global pandemic. It was a time of uncertainty, where families, businesses, and even schools had to adapt to a new normal. Loved ones were lost and many suffered illness. Fortunately, a vaccine was developed, which gave the world a new hope and allowed us slowly re-enter society and begin doing the things we love and spending time with those we cherish. The LWHS Alumni Foundation was unable to resume in-person meetings, luncheons or fund-raisers but it was with the help of our alumni, through their generous

donations, that we have been able to continue. “Thank you” to all of you who contributed, either through a monetary donation or a brick purchase; every little bit helps. We are excited to announce our first Luncheon since fall 2019 and we hope all of you will attend. Let’s get together and catch up with old friends on May 21, 2022 at noon at the Poinciana Golf Club. RSVP ASAP to LWHSalumni-events@gmail.com or call/text me at 561-512-6677. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**Lake Worth High School
Alumni Foundation**

Please Join Us For Our May
Membership Luncheon

**Saturday, May 21, 2022
12 PM Noon
\$25 per person**

**Poinciana Golf Club
Mel's Way Bistro
3536 Via Poinciana
Lake Worth, FL 33467**

It's been a while since we've all
gotten together. Come catch up
with old friends and hear what
our foundation has been up to
and our upcoming plans!

**RSVP to 561-512-6677 or
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Reunions

Celebrate the Centennial

1980

Party in the Park

The sun shone on the April 2 reunion -- finally -- for the Class of 1980. At right, Dr. Tiffany Cox and the Trojan Sound marching band show why they received superior ratings and are invited to appear in the Universal Studios parade. Below, Mike Smith (1980) and wife, Ann, with a future graduate.



At right, band members focus on the music. Above, Dr. Annette Grimes Gilbert (1975) with Karen Mostler (1964) and Mike Simonds (1965).

Photo credits: Above, Dr. Annette Grimes Gilbert; Right, Ann Carter



100 years strong

The Trojan spirit was roaring on April 2 as the class of 1980 celebrated its 40th anniversary, two years late. Organizer Jill Riseley-Lager generously opened the occasion to all classes to mark the centennial of LWHS. Johnny Tulucci and Friends kept the crowd dancing. Several alumni took turns sitting in with the band, including BIG 105.9 host Paul Castronovo (1978). Dr. Tiffany Cox and the Trojan Sound marching band stepped in at 2, showing why the group earned superior ratings across the board at the recent competition. Universal Studios invited them to parade; the band raised more than \$900 toward that goal at the picnic. The forecast storms held off until after 4, and even the non-appearance of the scheduled food trucks didn't dampen the mood. Dr. Annette Grimes Gilbert used the occasion to announce plans for a centennial weekend in September, the 100th anniversary of the day LWHS opened.



The Class of 1965 opened its delayed 55th reunion to classes from 1963-1967. Putting together a great November evening at the Poinciana Country Club west of Lake Worth were, from left: Cathy Birdsong Black, Kathy Salata and Peggy Pressgrove Penzenik.



Above: Tom Lovell (1965) left, Donna (Korb) Lovell (1967) and Susan (Smith) Tieche (1973). Above, right: Nancy Flynt (1966), left, and Linda (Schoeck) Clark (1967). Below: Pat (Boyd) Mieszczenski (1966), left, Bob Nicholson (1965) and Sandy Moore (1967). Photos Pat Boyd Mieszczenski



1976



The Class of 1976 celebrated its 45th last fall at Boynton Intracoastal Park. The committee: Back row: Rock Tate, Jim Michael, Lyn Haapainen Tate, Don Keltner, Derek Moses; Front row: Beth Michael, Tami Thomas Valentine, Hattie Atkins Lynch-Luby, Steve McConnughay.



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Applicants for scholarships in short supply

By Paul Blockson
Dollars For Scholars President

Another CoVid-stricken year is upon us and has negatively affect-ed us in many ways. Foremost it has denied the Board the opportunity to meet in person and discuss issues of importance face to face. We have been able to continue monthly meetings by Zoom; it just isn't as effective. The other major impact has been our ability to raise funds to in-crease our coffers. Thankfully our funds continue to increase in value — even though it has been



a rollercoaster ride — allowing us to continue to issue significant scholarships. The other impact that bothers me the most is the lack of applicants requesting scholarship consider-ations. This year we have received

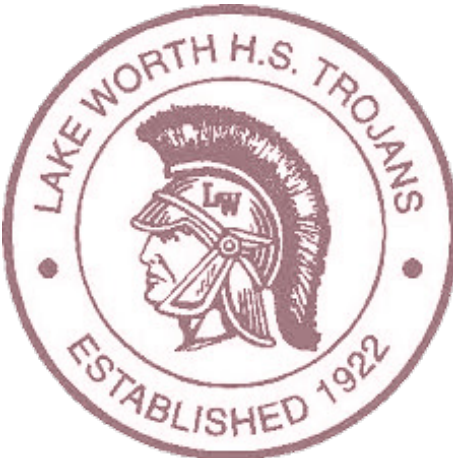
fewer than 50 applications from a class of almost 500; that is only 10 percent of the eligible students. I hope we are able to change this poor representation and ensure we have numbers that approach those of the past, 150 or more. I realize the school's administration has done its very best to increase this number, only to realize there seems to be a lack of empathy on the students' part. As the outgoing president, I hope these changes come to fruition — and soon.

From the editor

We're all connected

One of the joys of this job is con-necting to LWSH graduates. At the recent Class of 1980 re-union, I met alumni from all de-cades. I'm a few years older than the median age of the crowd, but I linked to everyone I spoke to. I have siblings and cousins who attended LWSH from 1942 until 1979. I met folks who were in classes with my relatives or had siblings and cousins in my class. I encourage you to connect to the school. LWSH is thriving despite the changes of the past hundred years. The successes in sports, aca-demics, Junior ROTC, music, etc., stoke our Trojan pride. Help us start the second century.

-- Ann Carter



Which head is better?

When I asked publications teacher Rick Harlowe for a Trojan head I could publish, he sent an example a lot of us older folks wouldn't have recognized. I'm all for classic style, but wondered if readers might prefer something from this century. Do you like the classic warrior on the left? Or the modern Trojan on the right? E-mail your choice for a Trojan graphic to anncarter@rocketmail.com

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January 1st of Every Year

Single: \$30.00 | Business: \$150.00
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Foundation On-Line

The Alumni News publishes just twice a year, but the news about Lake Worth Community High School Alumni Foundation never stops.

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“\$100 in Honor of 100 Years!”

At present, there are 2 options for ordering a brick: {1} complete an order form below and mail it with a check to LWSH: 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! Order Yours Today!



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)

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