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Harold Gilmore, New President of LWHS Alumni Foundation

President's Message

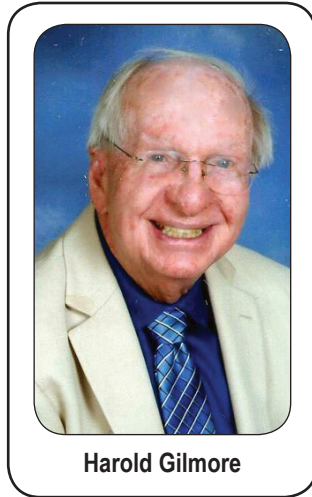
From the Desk of Harold Gilmore

What an honor! President of Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation. I remember being asked to be Master of Ceremonies at one of my class reunions. I thought I had come a long way—being asked to MC a reunion of classmates after so many years. An honor bestowed on a man who was very quiet and shy during high school years. To try to overcome this shyness I signed up for Mr. Heberling's public speaking class. Ugh! Many of us had to be forced to get up in front of the class to speak, but before the year was over I was one of six who was invited to speak about "Americanism" by the American Legion. We had to get up in front

of the student body at a student assembly in the school auditorium, of all places. Talk about nervousness! But, now years later, to receive the highest honor—being asked to head the LWHS Alumni Foundation. Wow!

Actually, looking back now I realize what a good start I got at Lake Worth High with skills that served well in the rest of my life. From that speech class to the English classes and typing class which gave me the ability to communicate. (Learning to type was one of the best things I ever used in life). Playing in the band gave me the opportunity to travel around our state to perform in parades and football games. Remember when we used to say, "Why do we need to learn all this math and algebra?" Pythagoras' Theorem seemed so unnecessary at that time, yet I found myself using it countless times designing Lance Awnings and Modern Venetian Blinds in my professional life. I think you will all agree with me that we got a really good foundation in Lake Worth.

Lake Worth High is unique in being only one of a very few high schools to have its own alumni foundation to help better the school and the students that make up the student body. Since our



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inception in 1999, the LWHS Alumni Foundation along with our Dollars for Scholars affiliation has raised and awarded just short of one million dollars in scholarships to Lake Worth High students who, otherwise, would not be able to attend college. That's a lot of golf tournaments, spaghetti dinners, barbecues and donations! Our goal is to go over the million dollar mark next year, and with your help we will get there. In addition to scholarships we have provided 10 computers to the guidance department to aid the students and we have provided transportation funds to get students to other places where they can pursue more opportunities for college financial aid.

May is a very busy month for your Alumni Foundation. On the 5th of May we had our awards ceremony where we gave out \$67,000 in scholarships to 47 deserving students. The Lake Worth High School all-alumni reunion at Kissimmee starts the Sunday after Mother's Day (May 15–17) and while I am writing this article, the committee is hard at work planning the Hat Show fund-raiser for May 28th. So much is going on in May this year that we canceled the May Alumni Breakfast. Our November breakfast will be held right on schedule, Tuesday, November 8th, at the Atlantis Country Club. We are also planning a barbecue for late August and our annual golf tournament in October. If you are anywhere within traveling distance, please support all the events we plan during the year.

Thanks again for allowing me to be your President.

Your School is Proud of You — You Should Proud of Your School! — Harold Gilmore

Principal's Message

Greetings Alumni!

We are testing at a full tilt this time of year. I do want to share with you information of note. LWCHS received its 4th Five Star award from the school district and graduated 78% of their students last year (2nd in the district), which is the highest rate since 1997. This year we are on pace to exceed 80%! Our population truly benefits from the classic teaching occurring within these academic halls.

Lake Worth CHS has a rich tradition of academics and athletics. Academically, LW has the highest rate of dual enrollment with Palm Beach State College and has the highest scoring students in the Industry Certification among Palm Beach County High Schools. In fact, 100% of our medical students just passed their CNA exams—this is a first.

Athletically, we have signed the most scholarships this year in over a decade (girls and boys), including two D1 prospects. Also, we are fast approaching the end of year and the 2nd inaugural LW Hall of Fame Induction. Last year we placed 105 inductees. This year the following will be inducted:

- ▶ **Baseball**—Tom McKinnon '74, Andre Weihs '81, Tim Touma '82, and Lloyd Walker '82;
- ▶ **Basketball**—Rick Bradshaw '66;
- ▶ **Boys Golf**—Victor Bass '51, and Jerry McGee '61
- ▶ **Football**—Bob McKnight '62 and Phil Albertz '74;
- ▶ **Girls Golf**—Rhonda Glenn '64, Sally Underwood '53, and Janet Lester '70;
- ▶ **Tennis**—'Chap' Brown '74, and Nancy McKinnon '77;
- ▶ **Boys Golf State Champs** '50, '51, and '72; (C.H. McKinnon Coach)
- ▶ **Girls Golf State Champs** '51, '52, '53, '69, '75, and '76 (C.H. McKinnon Coach)

Congratulations to this group of outstanding teams and student-athletes!

If you know of someone who may deserve please contact our new Coach Glenn Stubbs at glenn.stubbs@palmbeachschools.org. The criteria can be found at



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www.lwchs.org/nominees.

We welcome you to be a part of this growth because we realize that partnership is absolutely necessary for our success. Volunteers are always accepted. I look forward to continue working with the community and celebrating every step we take as we sustain our successes!

Sincerely,
Dr. George L. Lockhart

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SAVE *The* DATE

Lake Worth High School Class of 1961 55 Year Reunion

Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st, 2016
At The Embassy Suites

We are looking for classmates to join the celebration of 55 years since graduating from Lake Worth High School.

If interested, please send an email to either Pam.Flanagan43@gmail.com or CarylSanderson@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar

LWHS Alumni Foundation and Dollars for Scholars Breakfast
November 8th, 2016
at 7:30 a.m.
Atlantis Country Club