

LHS RETIREE NEWSLETTER

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From your editor



Hi Everyone, Congratulations to Meg Healy Frain and Joanna Toppett from the LHS DHH program as they enter retirement at the conclusion of this year. Hear more about our colleagues later in this newsletter. A quick note to say "Thank You" to those of you who were able to participate in the fundraiser for Monica Johnson. It is a slow healing process. Those involved were very appreciative and hopeful. There are 3 opportunities ahead of us to get together. On April 23 there will be a Blue Ribbon Ceremony and a retiree get together after the ceremony. We hope many of you will stop by to support and celebrate with LHS at the ceremony, and then meet up with our retirees for a bite to eat (location TBA). Our second opportunity will be at our colleagues retirement dinner on Thursday, May 10th from 4-7 p.m. Our third opportunity will be at the Spring Play on May 10 (Senior presentation). Let's celebrate with Meg and Joanna and attend the play that evening.

- ◆ **Enjoy your Summer Adventures . Please Share the fun times for our Fall Newsletter. Deadline for Photos is mid-August**
- ◆ **Keep those picture submissions and any other news, ideas, etc. coming. Thanks!**

National Blue Ribbon Awarded to Lemont High School



Special Invite to Retirees from Superintendent Mary Ticknor:

Greetings from Lemont High School!

On Monday, April 23, Lemont High School formally will celebrate its selection as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School, and we would be delighted if you could join us!

Our celebration will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center and is expected to last approximately 30 minutes. A reception will follow in the Performing Arts Center lobby. Please RSVP no later than noon on Friday, April 20.

If you would like to attend the National Blue Ribbon School celebration at Lemont High School on Monday, April 23, please click on the following link to RSVP: <https://goo.gl/tng4dW> (to open, highlight, click right, click open hyperlink, place your name, response, and submit)

Attendees are asked to park in the Performing Arts Center lot or in the parking garage off of Julia Street, and to enter through the Performing Arts Center entrance.

While we long have been one of the best kept secrets in Chicago's suburbs, Lemont High School's selection as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School solidifies our place among the nation's top schools. This did not happen overnight!

We are excited for the opportunity to celebrate not only with our current faculty, staff and Board of Education, but also with the many people who helped to support the growth of Lemont High School through the years and other distinguished guests.

We look forward to seeing you on April 23!

Dr. Mary Ticknor

Superintendent

Lemont High School District 210

NOTE: If the above hyperlink as instructed does not respond please contact Mary Jo Pascente at either mpascente@lhs210.net or (630) 243-3254 no later than Friday, April 20. Thanks !

National Blue Ribbon Award

Less than one-half of one percent of the nation's schools have been honored as 2017 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Lemont H.S. is one of 25 schools from Illinois and one of just two Illinois public high schools to earn the honor this year (Neuqua Valley H.S. in Naperville being the second). These are the first traditional public high schools since 2010 to reach this honor.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program began in 1982. This program honors schools where students achieve very high learning standards. Exemplary High Performing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by their progress in closing achievement gaps between a school's subgroups and all students over the past 5 years.

To earn the Exemplary High Performing Schools designation, schools must achieve in the top 15% of all schools in the state when ranked by student performance on the most recently administered English language arts and math state assessments or by student performance on state assessments in combination with other student performance measures such as attendance and/or graduation rates.

2018 LHS Musical "GREASE"



Lemont students will be performing "Grease" on May 10, 11, 12 and 13. All performances begin at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.

Wednesday, May 10 is a special performance for senior citizens (yes, we all count for that!). If you wish to attend that night, please contact Cheryl Wyss (cwyss@lhs210.net or 630-243-3222) in the office to reserve your ticket(s). Tickets for other performances may be purchased through the musical webpage (www.lemontband.org/musical) by clicking on the "tickets" link.

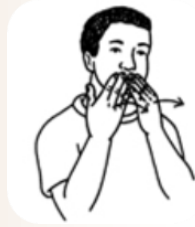
Come out and enjoy the evening while supporting current Lemont students !

2018 RETIREES

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 RETIREES



MEG HEALY FRAIN



JOANNA TOPPETT



Meg came to LHS in 2006 with the DHH program. It was a transition time for all involved. Twelve years later she is ending her career at LHS. Meg describes her time at LHS as the “Most Positive” experience of her teaching career. She taught self-contained classes in all areas except Social Studies. Meg also co-taught Drivers Ed and Behind the Wheel. Meg was actively involved in many co-curricular activities throughout her career. She served 5 years as sponsor of the Junior Illinois Association of the Deaf Club and volunteered time to LHS in many different areas.

Meg looks forward to regaining her green thumb working in her garden, hiking, biking, cooking, and socializing with friends.

Next October she will travel to Punta Cana and then begin to explore her travelling bucket list with one destination being Ireland. Meg hopes to volunteer at local nursing centers possibly at the Lemont Center where her Dad resides as the only deaf signing resident. She intends on tackling those infamous home improvement projects, and of course have more time with her family. Meg we wish you all of the “Best” as you explore new opportunities and horizons!

In 2006 Joanna came to LHS with the DHH program. She has been in the field of communications since 1982 and transitioned into a leadership role as department head for much of her career. Joanna has been at Lemont for 12 years, now finishing her tenure at LHS.

Joanna’s favorite memories at LHS were the people she worked with, the welcoming staff members, and the sense of humor surrounding her. She was thankful for the way Lemont treated the DHH program as “their” own. Some of her other memories will be “Fat Tuesday” treats, great breakfasts on institute days, and the end of the year picnics.

Upon retirement Joanna’s goals are to return to her hobbies such as using her love of sewing in creating renaissance costumes for a local high school, crafts, and biking. She always wanted to learn to work a potter’s wheel, a definite bucket list item along with the flexibility to travel, and plan activities on a “whim”. Subbing at a local elementary school will always be an option as well. Good Luck Joanna in your various quests. We wish you the “Best” as you move into retirement!

Class is Dismissed! **Save the Date** for a
RETIREMENT PARTY Honoring Meg and Joanna.

Thursday, May 10 4 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

CRYSTAL GRAND BANQUETS, Lemont, IL.

RSVP with Brenda Schiro BSCHIRO@SWCCCASE.ORG

Please Contact Brenda prior to April 30th.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



On Saturday, March 3, Lemont High School welcomed its fourth class of Alumni Hall of Fame inductees. The Hall of Fame honorees were **Kenneth Novak '69**, **George Rimbo '87** and **Dr. Donald Weber '59**.

KENNETH NOVAK '69 Described as unassuming and kind, Kenneth Novak has dedicated nearly 50 years to the community he loves and does whatever he can to make Lemont a place people are proud to call home. Kenneth served for more than 30 years at the Lemont Park District, retiring as the Superintendent of Parks and Risk Manager. He was named the South Suburban Park & Recreation Professional Association "Park Professional of the Year" in 1992. His service to the Lions Club may be unparalleled in the Lemont community. Named the Lemont "Lion of the Year" multiple times, he served as President of the Lemont Lions Club, District Governor of Lions District 1-B, and President of the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Kenneth has found additional ways to impact the community, including a 10-year stint on the District 113A Board of Education and as a Lemont Area Historical Society board member. It's no surprise that Kenneth was cited as Lemont's 1994 "Citizen of the Year."

GEORGE RIMBO '87 George Rimbo has been a pillar of the Lemont community for decades, serving his community with enthusiasm and integrity. A three-sport high school athlete, George was captain of the football team and earned the Sons of the American Revolution Award as a senior. After beginning as a part-time fireman in 1988, George steadily climbed the ranks in the Lemont Fire Protection District before being selected to serve as fire chief in 2013. A member of the Illinois Association of Fire Chiefs, George served as a member of the District 113A Board of Education from 1993-99, and as a member of the Lemont High School District 210 Board of Education from 2009-13. He has been active in several service organizations, holding roles as a Cub master for Cub Scout Pack #249, as a football coach with the Lemont Hornets, and as a travel baseball coach with the Lemont Indians. George has lived a life centered around his family, his community, and fire service.

DR. DONALD WEBER '59 Few people have had as dynamic of a relationship with Lemont High School as Dr. Donald Weber. Just 20 years after graduation, he returned to his alma mater as its superintendent, holding that position from 1979-85. He served in the same capacity at Lockport High School District 205 (1985-92) and Naperville Community Unit School District 203 (1992-2003). From there, Dr. Weber moved on to PMA Financial Network, leading the effort to introduce a newly created financial planning program to Illinois school districts; one district that took advantage of this service was Lemont High School District 210. Dr. Weber currently serves as PMA's Senior Vice President for Corporate Relations. A member of many statewide organizations during his time as an educator, he received the Award of Excellence in School Administration from the Illinois State Board of Education. He also was a founding member of the Lemont High School Educational Foundation. (Information provided by Director of School & Community Relations 210 Tony Hamilton)