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From your editor

Happy New Year to all of you and your families. Another year has passed and I hope it has been a good one overall. What was your high for this past year, and what are you looking forward to in 2017? How is that bucket list coming? As the saying goes, don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

We are looking into a date for our 2017 Fall Reunion. If you are interested in being involved please contact Carol Nenne (cnenne@comcast.net). We will let you know the date in the April Newsletter.

Sadly, we lost a former colleague this past year as Barb Marcus passed away in June from cancer. We celebrate memories of her with those that knew her well. See the article on page 3.

Keep those picture submissions and any other news, ideas, etc. coming.

It takes a village . 😊



CONGRATULATIONS TO RETIREE JOHN JONES



John Jones

Joliet Area Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2016

John Jones was a true believer in the David and Goliath Bible story. In fact, he lived it as a teacher, coach and athletic director for 35 years at Lemont High School, the smallest public high school in Cook County at the time. During that run, his basketball and golf teams captured no fewer than 600 victories, including 409 on the wood court, not to mention another 200-plus wins in an additional 11-season stint as an assistant basketball coach at both Joliet Junior College and Palm Beach (Fla.) Community College. Jones' top basketball team – the 1974-75 squad – slayed No. 1 Chicago Christian in the sectional final to advance to the school's only Sweet 16 appearance en route to a school-record 26 wins and recognition as the Joliet Area Team of the Year. Lemont also gained both three district

and regional crowns under Jones' watch. Twenty years later, he assisted on Joliet Junior College's run to its national title in 1995.

Jones also co-founded the Lemont Christmas Classic, a unique David-vs.-Goliath format pitting small schools against large schools on the tournament's final day, that ran for better than 30 years. Among his many honors, Jones was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as an individual in 1982 and with the JJC championship team in 2011. He also was named the Illinois Athletic Directors Association Athletic Director of the Year in 1985 and earned Lemont High School's Extra Mile and Pride In Excellence awards in 1984 and 1998, respectively, to go along with his LHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction in 2004.

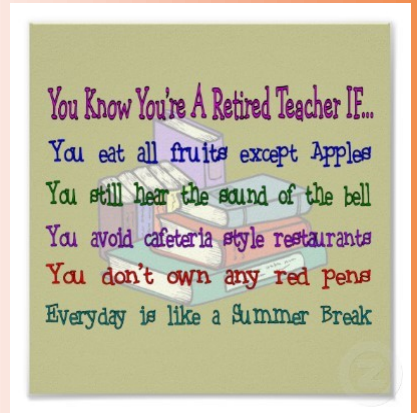
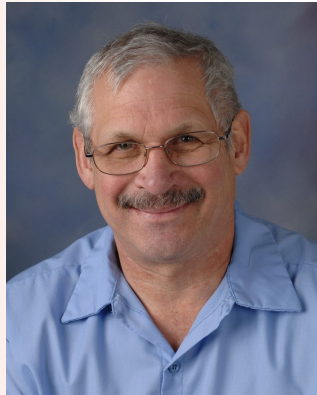
(Article written by LHS grad David Laketa, Director of Athletics at College of St. Francis, Joliet)

- ◆ The LHS Winter play is "A Night of One Acts" and will run nightly at 7 p.m. from January 26-28.

Congratulations to **John Roth** on his January retirement.

John served on the custodial staff at LHS for 18 years.

Wishing you many happy days John! Good Luck !



Cele and Al Albrecht
"Chilling" in
Heidelberg, Germany



Hey, there's Bill Bozue exploring a piece of the Moon at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida



Pam Duerkoop Mueller and husband Reggie's new home in Nevada with visiting friends Bobbe Fash and Sandy Doeber. Breathtaking view, isn't it !



Sharon Jacobs checking out a Hobbit House.
Good Fit !



Tom Madden at The Parthenon of Ancient Greece in Athens engaging his philosophical side.



Going back in time Linda Berck and Phyllis Kovalik in Tombstone, Arizona

Remembering Barb Marcus



Barb Marcus was a champion for struggling students, a stickler for accuracy with high standards, didn't play favorites, was adored by students, gave her time freely for students before and after the school day, welcomed sharing with her colleagues whether it was materials, ideas, or time, was a good friend, attended all school events, enjoyed socializing with the Lemont community, loved to read, collected mice paraphernalia, and loved to cook and do needlepoint. In a nutshell, Barb had a lot of heart and soul.

Barb never threw anything away - sound familiar?! She accumulated files and more files of lesson plans, activities, and reading passages. For students who found reading and writing difficult she would go the extra mile for "her babies," as she referred to them. Former students remember her as holding them to very high standards with no favorites, even those whose families she sat down with for a meal. Teachers did that during Barb's era in a small village like Lemont.

Barb mentored young teachers just because, helping them to prepare for what the books didn't. She was always interested in her fellow co-workers no matter what subject they taught. Barb taught in Flanagan, IL. for a short time and finished out her career at Lemont H.S. She directed LHS plays and was an avid fan of whatever events were going on at the high school.

She was a collector of mice in many forms such as earrings, pins, and collectibles. She loved to cook, and needle point was a passion. On institute days Barb would listen to the presentations, and use her multi-tasking hands to crochet an item she had been working on while providing an opinion when needed. She always had a smile on her face, a ponytail, and a cigarette available. Perfect... no; fun...yes; caring...absolutely; a professional...definitely! As we remember our colleague and friend we hope that her time in retirement was a good one. Rest in Peace, Barb.

Thank you to Judy Grossman, Sharon Jacobs, and Jerry Vanderschoot in providing us with additional insight into Barb's time at LHS and her persona.

Save the Date

Honoring LHS Retirees:

Joan Browning, Patte Doornbos, Kelly Ercoli ,Tim Leffler , and Doreen Rick

Celebrate the journey of our beloved colleagues

(Note: Patte, Kelly and Tim attended LHS together as students and will next be celebrating retirement together!)

Location: Crystal Grand Banquets 12416 South Archer Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439

Friday April 7 6:00 pm-11:30pm

Contact pmelei@lhs210.net if you are interested in attending

VOLUNTERISM

IN OUR RANKS



Carol Nenne

Food Pantry



Lions Club

Al Albrecht



Kudos !
Too Many to List

Grandparents /Family Love



Pam Murray

Arboretum



Local Theatre production

Sandy Doebert



Hospital Volunteer

Sharon Jacobs



Emergency
Counselor

Janis Casolari

Thank You to those who provided pictures to share. We are excited to have several pictures to work with and will share more of them as time goes on. Haven't shared yet or have more? Please send them as life happens — it's a great way to stay connected. If you have news on someone please contact us so we can share with all of you.

Have a Great 2017 !

Those staying in the Midwest — bundle up; snowbirds — enjoy the warmth! We'll re-connect in April.