

# LHS RETIREE NEWSLETTER

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## From your editor

Hi everyone!

I Hope your summer was pleasant and enjoyable. Running a bit late this issue. September unfortunately came upon me very quickly.

Once again I can say it's been a good summer. The pups and I continue to spend some of the summer at local campgrounds and enjoy the outdoors, cooking over a fire, and some fishing. Still working on Jake with the fishing. I continue to golf twice a week, work with our church youth on their yearly mission trip, and volunteer in several venues.

Thanks to all who shared your summer fun. Anything you can send my way makes the newsletter work, and its fun to see where you have been and what you have been doing. Looking for stories, odd or interesting moments that surprised you while traveling around. If you have any please share with us.

*Congratulations to Jim Poss who has joined our retired ranks. We wish him all the best as he figures out how not to work so hard and just enjoy the new found time to fill with his choices of good times. Congratulations Jim!*



**Yes there is a Fish there, barely but it's a teaching moment** 😊



**After a long day of lessons J and J nap near the fire...not spoiled...Ha!**





## NEWS and NOTES



### The LHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction 2019

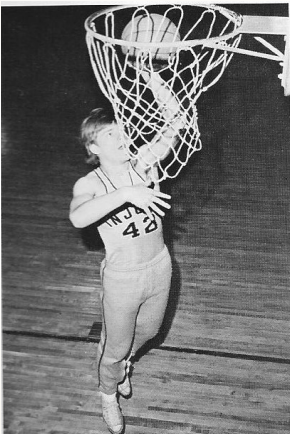
The Induction was held on Sunday, Sept. 15 at Cog Hill Golf Course in Lemont.



**Melanie Waszak  
2010**

#### **Melanie Waszak Class of 2010**

Melanie was recognized by the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame for her success as a 4 year Swimmer and Diver at LHS. Her success as a swimmer led her to a scholarship to swim at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Melanie was a 3 time IHSA Swimming State Qualifier in 2006, 2008, and 2009. She was a 4 time team MVP and holds the school record holder in the 100 Fly, 100 backstroke, and 200 individual medley. She also has record parts of the team events. She became the first female in school history to qualify for the IHSA Swimming State Finals as a freshman in 2006. She came back and qualified again in 2008, and 2009. She placed 8th in the 100 fly at the 2009 IHSA State Final which was the best state final finish ever for a Lemont Swimmer. At UIC Melanie was a team captain her Junior and Senior year. She held 8 UIC team records as an individual or part of a relay squad. She set a school and Horizon League record in the 200 Butterfly at UIC.



**Rick Jakusz 1974**

#### **Rick Jakusz Class of 1974**

Rick was recognized by the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame for his success Basketball, Football, Baseball and Track and Field. He earned 10 combined Varsity letters during his participation. He served as a quarterback and kicker in Football while leading the Joliet area in passing and scoring as a junior in 1972. He was a two time All-Conference player his Jr. and Sr. year. Rick received three varsity letters in basketball and All-Conference honors his Jr. and Sr. year. Rick lettered twice in Baseball his Sophomore and Senior year as he batted near .400 during both seasons. He earned two letters in Track and Field and was honored as a All-Conference player. Rick served as a youth baseball, basketball, and soccer coach in Lemont.



**Jason Taylor 1997**

#### **Jason Taylor Class of 1997**

Jason was recognized by the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame for his success in Baseball, and Basketball. Jason was a 4 year varsity baseball player who played shortstop and was a strong pitcher. He was the Team and Conference MVP as a senior in 1997. He received many all-area and all-conference recognition throughout his baseball career. As a basketball player Jason again took high honors as an MVP and Suburban Prairie Conference Player of the Year his senior year. He competed in the 3 pt. Shootout at the IHSA State Finals and received several All-Area honors throughout his career. Jason additionally played golf, ran cross country, and was the starting quarterback in 94-95. Jason earned a baseball scholarship to Rockhurst University finishing his career fifth on the school's all-time innings pitched list, and posted a career batting average of .358. He was a part of the 1999 NCAA Division II College World Series squad and played in three regional championship games.

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**Kyle Spoo**

**2010**

## **Kyle Spoo Class of 2010**

Kyle was recognized by the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame for his success in Boys Soccer. Kyle was a Four-time letter winner totaling 163 points on 64 goals and 35 assists over four seasons. He earned All-Conference Honors for 4 years and was recognized by the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association All-State Team in 2009. He had a career high of 20 goals, 15 assists, and 55 points for which he was named the SSC Blue Player of the Year his senior year. He played an important role in guiding the team to 4 IHSA Regional crowns, 3 conference titles, 3 IHSA Sectional titles, one IHSA Super-Sectional victory, and the School's first-ever appearance in the IHSA Elite 8. He received honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, and All-Midwest honors as a senior in 2009-10. Kyle was a member of both the Chicago Fire and Chicago Magic U.S. Soccer Development Academy squads. He earned a scholarship to play men's soccer at Loyola University Chicago and served as the Rambler's team captain as a junior and senior. He was named to the 2012 Horizon League All-Tournament Team.



**Eugene Goldsmith**

**1977**

## **Eugene "Goldie" Goldsmith 1977**

Goldie served as President of the Blue & Gold Backers from 2002-2012. During his tenure as President he raised approximately \$250,000 to benefit the school's athletic department and other school organizations. He helped design the concession stands at the LHS Sports Complex and the school's football stadium. He earned the "Extra Mile" Award in 2009, was the recipient of the ESPN Radio 1000 "Local Hero" award in 2010. He served as a member of the Lemont Jaycees for 32 years holding various offices through his tenure. He was selected as the state's Jaycees "Most Outstanding Local Director" and held the role as the Jaycees Northeast Illinois Region State Director. He served as the Jaycees Special Olympics Chairman, chaired the Keepataw Days Parade six times, and also co-chaired the Keepataw Days Festival. He began a tenure on the LHS school's Building and Grounds team in 2012. Goldie continues to be a valuable source of energy and experience for which Lemont and Lemont H.S. has had the privilege to receive.

**Congratulations to the Newest Members of the Athletic Hall of Fame**

# Summertime Fun

Sharon Jacobs continues to travel the world and fill up her bucket list! Can you guess where Sharon is at in these two pictures?



With all of her travel she found Ernie Banks in Chicago!





**Sandy and Chris are working on their bucket list.**



**The Greek Islands and Dubrovnik, Croatia**

**Venice, Italy**

**The Gondola's give this one away! What Fun!**

**Diane Endebak is on a Mission with her Family and her bucket list!**



**The Smokey  
Mountains!**

**Beauty found every  
where "Above and  
Below Ground"**





**That's All We Have Folks !**

**We welcome any form of interest,  
achievement, travel, experiences...**

**Send it our way!**

**Wishing you a  
Wonderful Fall and all  
that entails!**



**Back in 2020**

