

LION ALUMNI NEWS



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6th Annual Golf Tournament at La Canada Country Club



P. Jim Schoenrock, Rev. Fred Masted and Larry Ohrt 16 under par

June 1, 2009, sixty four golfers and 8 volunteers arrived at La Canada Country Club for a day of golf, challenges and food all to support the athletic programs here at LAL.

These golfers and many generous donors raised \$12,000 for new sports equipment for our student athletes. The first place gross winners of tournament (shown above) are Rev. Fred Masted, Rev. Jim Schoenrock, and Larry Ohrt. This team has won many

times. This year our Alumni team winners also won the first place net competition with 15 under par. They were the big winners with the Alumni Team win also.

(below)

2010 Tournament will be at **Angeles National Golf Course** in Lake View Terrace. This course was designed by Jack Nicklaus and is an 18 hole par 72 course. We will be playing on **Wednesday, May 26 at 1:00pm** scramble start. This should be a great day of golf, fun, food and fundraising for our school. Please be sure to contact LALHSevents@yahoo.com to make sure your invitation is in the mail.



Andy Snyder '04, Kyle Kornbacher '03, Joe Sullivan '99, Alex Azpeitia '01 team

[Check out the website at http://angelesnational.com](http://angelesnational.com)

See all the photos from the 2009 tournament at LALutheran.org



Troy Norton '84, Chris Miller and Dave Serpa '84



Steven Dempsey '88 wrote this comment on **facebook** at the *Alumni of LA Lutheran, Sylmar, CA* group page

I started LHS in 8th grade . . . It was the 1st year that the Junior High was added to the school. I think it made it both harder and easier to transition from elementary, having to walk the halls with upper classmen and trying to stay out of the way :) Going into the High School was easier, because I already knew a lot of people entering as a freshman, and I was looking forward to playing on all the sports teams. At every class break there was a gathering where break dancing and popping took precedent . . . I never could do it, but I thought it was cool to see the seasoned pros make it look easy. There were multiple boom boxes filling the air with Heavy Metal, New Wave, and that of

the boogaloo . . . I remember Bobby Cummings bringing a 6 foot beast of a boom box, he had 3-4 guys carrying it through the halls. Freshman initiation was fun to see, kidnapping freshmen right out of their beds, still in pj's and going to the airport to sell squares of toilet paper, elephant trains in the quad, singing the alma mater, etc. All the sport teams were the tops in the league, Basketball competing at the Sports Arena (early MMA gladiators off the court :) Everyone knew everyone, everyone knew what was happening with everyone . . . The school made people family and many precious memories. As the years fill in the time, it still doesn't feel like that long ago.

Please join us on facebook.com at LALHSevents@yahoo.com or the group page *Alumni of LA Lutheran, Sylmar, CA*. Many of our LAL family visit here often.

Lines About Lions...

Class of 1960—Robert W. Schmidt would like to touch base with fellow classmates. Contact him at 636-532-2808

Maryann (Blaauw '62) married Clarence E. Frazer in 2004. Maryann celebrated 32 years at Rockwell Collins on July 5, 2009.

Karen Lett '85 married William Tyler in 2006. They are now the proud parents of son Jayden and daughter Laila. Karen is celebrating her 20th anniversary with Boeing as a Production Control Expediter.



Darren Brown '91 married Jamie in Hawaii on June 27, 2009

Jimmy, Kevin, Jamie, Darren '91 & Jason Brown

Justin Birchfiel '93 is celebrating 10 years of employment with Rural/Metro Ambulance as an EMT and field training officer. He resides in Knoxville, TN with his wife and two daughters. Justin would love to hear from classmates at rmEMTman@yahoo.com or on MySpace.com

Chris Vandrey '93 & wife Karen are the proud parents of two boys, Owen 2 and Warren 11 months.

Keri Silva '98 is enrolled in Dental School this fall.



Luke Snyder '98 & Ryan Rothlisberger '98 climbed Mt Whitney in 9 hrs and 45 min., 11 miles up at an elevation of 14,498 feet.

Lynette (Feay '00) and Scott Thompson welcomed a baby boy Owen Everett on March 2nd, 2009, 7lbs 7oz and 19". We are very blessed and thankful for this precious gift from God.

Kori (Sitter '00) and husband **Erick Bonilla '02** have 2 sons, Michael 5 and Ryan 2. Kori has a BA in Child & Adolescent Development. Erick works for Mazda.

Emelie Heltsley '03 graduated from St. Olaf College in 2007. She accepted a teaching job with Teach for America. This is a program that trains recent college graduates to become teachers, and places them in high-need regions of the U.S.. Emelie is teaching 7th grade reading at Ruleville Middle School in Ruleville, MS, which is in the heart of the Mississippi Delta. Emelie plans to continue teaching in the Delta after her contract is fulfilled. During the summer she will be working toward her Masters in Fine Arts (MFA) in Writing at Sewanee University's School of Letters.

Alex Rizkowski '04 graduated from the Air Force Academy in May with a major in Economics and was commissioned with his rank of 2nd Lieutenant. His first duty station is the AFB in Boston, MA.



SGT Christopher Thompson '04 has returned from Afghanistan and would like to hear from classmates at arcbro@hotmail.com

Alumni Basketball 3 on 3 Tournament

November 28, 2009

St. Paul's First Lutheran Church
5244 Tujunga Ave, North Hollywood

Time 11:00 am

\$10 per player

Come join the fun! Teams and individuals welcome to register. Please register at LALutheran.org before November 3, 2009

All proceeds will go toward the construction of OUR gym. We will have more information About our plans at the tournament.

Please go to LALutheran.org to make your reservation and give us your T-shirt size or call 818-362-5861

Prayer Requests



John Hellmuth '58 had open heart surgery this year. Prayers of thanksgiving to God the surgery was successful and continued prayers for good health.

Rev. John Sauer had another knee replacement on June 2, 2009. Praise be to God for the success of the recent surgery and Rev. Sauer's healing.

Class Reunions

Class of 1959 is invited to gather at the home of Dick & Sandy Wendt, on Saturday, October 17, 2009 in Oakhurst CA. We will reacquaint ourselves during socializing and dinner. Invitations with complete details about special lodging at Bass Lake, airport locations, directions and RSVP date were mailed on April 24. If you have not received your copy, or know someone else who hasn't please contact Marlena (Marty) Vega, P.O. Box 6995, Eureka, CA 95502-6995 or a faster way is MJV523@reninet.com. Oakhurst is between Yosemite and Bass Lake

Class of 1999 reunion will be on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at Acapulco, Burbank at 7:00pm. For more info contact Jamie (Snyder) Patrick at jpatrick@cclc.com

Classes 1961, 62 & 63 were invited to the home and cherry/peach farm of classmate Ed Basner on June 20. While there everyone harvested fresh organic cherries and learned a bit about cherry farming. They had lunch and lots of sharing of life stories. In attendance were:
Sue (Asnon) & Pat Allen, Christl (Moser) & Tom Baker, Bill Basner, Al Bliss, Dee & Chip Denning, Mike Fehner, Jeannette Gerk, Barry & Rosalind Hage, John Hamilton, Linda (Armstrong) Hansen, Al & Della Hindman, Bobby (Velasco) & Ed Keener, John & Linda Kruse, Edward & Linnea Laufer, Gretchen (Elsasser) & Stan Luden, Chris Mohr, Cheryl (Browning) Saunders, Pat (Mueller) Seltzer, Jim Tone, Bob Warden & Carol Young
See photos at LALutheran.org



Do you have any newspaper articles, pictures, yearbooks, banners, clothing from your years at LAL and want to pass them on to our growing history library? Please contact LALHSevents@yahoo.com about donating them to us. Thank you Brommers for the wonderful items you have saved and donated to our library.

Heavenly Reunions

Michael (Mike) McCracken '60 joined our Lord on July 1, 2008.

Mark Your Calendars...

September 19, 2009 5:30 pm

Glow Ball Golf Tournament, Vista Valencia Golf Club

October 3, 2009 11:00am

Alumni Volleyball Tournament, on Campus

October 17, 2009 1:00pm

Homecoming , at 1st Lutheran, Glenoaks Blvd.

November 9 through 20, 2009

Phon-A-Thon

November 28, 2009 11:00am

3 on 3 Tournament, at St. Paul's First

For more details visit www.lalutheran.org (Alumni)

LA Lutheran is on the internet!
We have a brand new school website located at: <http://LALutheran.org>
When you sign on please click Alumni and then click Register in the Directory. This is our way of helping you keep in touch with each other.

PLEASE VISIT US !

Lines about Lions Alumni News and Updates: Tell us about your accomplishments, proudest moments, etc. We welcome your news items and photos and will include them as space permits. Change of address and other information that helps to keep our data base current is appreciated. Please mail this form to LINES ABOUT LIONS, LALHS, 13570 Eldridge Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342, E-mail: lalhsevents@yahoo.com or fax (818) 367-0043.

[] **Change of Address** 

Name _____ Year of Graduation _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

News: _____

**Nomination Form
2009/10 Alumni of the Year
Christian Servant & Distinguished Alumnus**

Nominee's Name:
(include maiden name if applicable)

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Submitted by:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

On a separate page please tell us in as much detail as possible, why your nominee is worthy of an Alumnus of the Year Award. If available, please include supporting materials, such as newspaper clippings, resumes, letters, etc.

Please mail, fax or email nominations by July 1, 2009. Feel free to nominate as many alumni as you would like. (All nominations are held for consideration in future years.)

Mail: Alumni of the Year
Los Angeles Lutheran High School
13570 Eldridge Avenue
Sylmar, CA 91342

Fax: (818) 367-0043

Email: LALHSevents@yahoo.com

Facebook.com

LA Lutheran is on **facebook!!** We have a 322 friends so far out of the 4672 alumni from LAL. You can find us at LALHSevents@yahoo.com or we have a group site at Alumni of LA Lutheran.

PLEASE JOIN US !

R.S.V.P. before 9/15 **Glow Ball Golf** *Chairman Michelle Earle '85*

Saturday, September 19, 2009

Vista Valencia Golf Course

24700 Trevino Dr., Valencia, CA 91355-2642

5:30pm for dinner and 6:30 tee off

\$35.00 for 9 holes

This is where you play golf in the dark under the stars.

Last year 25 people had a great time!

R.S.V.P. or LALHSevents@yahoo.com

or call 818 362-5861

2nd Annual LALHS Alumni Volleyball Game

At LALHS

13570 Eldridge Avenue
Sylmar, CA 91342

October 3, 2009

Practice at 11:00am

Game at 12:00 noon

The game will be Alumni vs 2009 team
Encourage all your teammates to attend so we have
the option of substituting players.

RSVP to LALHSevents@yahoo.com for
updates and changes

I have not heard from YOU!

Hello, I am Sherri Snyder the Events Coordinator/
Alumni contact here at LAL
I want to get to know you. I love to hear about each
and everyone of you. If you know who I am because
you were in school with my children please contact
me and let me know what you are up to. Please use
the enclosed envelope to send me your current infor-
mation OR we can get to know each other
electronically. Please write me at LALHSev-
ents@yahoo.com or go to our web site at
lalutheran.org and click Alumni then Alumni
Directory and fill in the boxes.



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