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ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013 ~ LEXINGTON HOUSE

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - Wednesday, August 7, 2013 ~ Gleneagles C.C.



From the President

Fellow Alumni,

I am truly proud to announce that this past December I was elected to be the President of our

great Alumni Assn. This is truly an honor and one that will not be taken lightly. I am fortunate to follow in the footsteps of some great leadership and will be leaning heavily on them for advice. For the past two years John Gardner '75 did a remarkable job in some very trying situations. If I do half as well as he did, I will be quite pleased. Hats off to John and all those that preceded him, as the job is enjoyable, but at times quite involved.

I thought it might be interesting to see how the years have treated us and attached my senior year photo along with a current one. Although there is a big change physically, I still have the same spirit as that awkward 18 year old from 1975. It was a great time in my life and one that truly formed who I am today, a proud "Leo Man".

We are now heavily involved in planning what is arguably the best Annual Banquet of all Alumni Associations in the area. This year it will once again be held at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Each year we strive to surpass the prior years attendance and thanks to the efforts of some of the younger classes, this has been made even more attainable. Advance ticket sales help us greatly and also allow you to make plans to reserve a table for your fellow classmates. As always, we will present our annual awards to very deserving individuals. Please make the effort to attend and I'm sure you'll not be disappointed.

The school continues to do well and has made great strides not only in increasing attendance, but with increasing diversity as well. If you haven't been at the school recently, give them a call and I'm sure the fine staff headed by Dan McGrath would be happy to show you around and to introduce you to a great group of young men and future leaders.

Finally, I would like to thank this year's officers, John Gardner '75, Larry Lynch '75, Bob Cheval '74, Tom Lynch '73, Dan Earner '82 and David Hannah '85. Working along with these fine men makes our task enjoyable and keeps it the

among the very best of Alumni Associations known!

Please feel free to contact me at dnno215@sbcglobal.net or to take a look at our website, leoalumni.org, to find out additional information about the organization and more importantly to update any information for our database. Also, there is still time to send in your donation for our decal drive or to purchase an ad for our annual banquet ad book.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the banquet,
Dan Stecich '75

Alumni Banquet

On April 26, 2013 we will be celebrating our 58th Annual Leo Alumni Association banquet.

Our Association was formed and continues for charitable and educational purposes to promote the best interests of Leo High School as well as foster a spirit of loyalty and fraternity among Leo Alumni.

The banquet is our largest social event and brings together hundreds of alumni from all class years. The Golden and Silver Jubilee classes are honored and our prestigious "Man of the Year," "Dr. Driscoll," and "Community Service" awards are presented. New Hall of Fame inductees are also made at this time. The banquet is symbolic of the sense of loyalty and dedication to Leo High School and to our fellow alumni which pervades and inspires this Association.

Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. with a brief program. The bar reopens for several hours after dinner. Members of the Jubilee Classes **must** purchase their tickets directly from class captains. Contacts for the class of '63 are: Chuck Evans easy53@comcast.net, Jack Farnan jackfarnan@att.net, Jack Hannigan thequietmanj@aol.com, Paul Rak pauljrak2002@yahoo.com and Hank Ruban h.ruban@sbcglobal.net. For the class of '88 please contact Kevin Giggars at kevgiggers@yahoo.com.

As you all know, this banquet is traditionally an all male banquet. We do have an exception. If you are an award recipient named above, you may have guests attend including females. However no small children are allowed.

The exceptional attendance we experience each year makes this event the largest and best of its kind in Chicagoland. Call your classmates and make arrangements. The ticket price is \$60 in advance and \$70 at the door. We would really like to have as many advance tickets as possible.

Please note that we make every effort to seat you with

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your class. If you purchase your tickets at the door this is not always possible. So please purchase your tickets in advance. The ticket application appears below. Please detach and send it along with a self addressed envelope.

Lawrence J. Lynch '75

Banquet Chairman

Daniel K Stecich '75

President

Man of the Year



Mr. Mark Lee '85

Mark Lee was born on December 15th, 1967 to Bob and Anna Lee. He was the 2nd born of 4 children. Eric was the oldest, Michelle came after Mark, and Steven (Class of '95) was the baby. He attended St. Carthage Elementary on 73rd and Yale, before following in the footsteps of his cousin Sylvester Butler (Class of '77) and his brother Eric (Class of '81) and attended Leo

High School.

Mark tried his hand at baseball in his freshman year, but after trying to field baseballs bouncing off the gym floor, he decided to focus on his academics. He was a member of the National Honor Society and graduated in 1985 with an academic scholarship to attend the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Mark graduated with a degree in the teaching of English. He married a wonderful young lady named Isslee Harris, who is now stuck with the name Isslee Lee, in 1991, and also began his teaching career with CPS. He has worked at Farragut, Corkery, Gladstone, and is currently at Richards Career Academy in the Back of the Yards neighborhood.

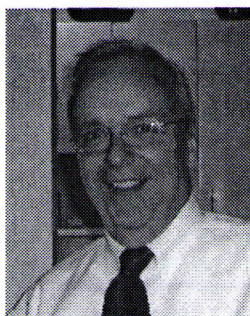
In addition to teaching, Mark was the basketball coach at Corkery and began mentoring young men on the Westside in 1994. Mark and his brother Eric often talked about formalizing this mentoring program with a goal of getting some of their classmates from Leo to help them keep kids on the right path, and possibly even sponsor them at Leo.

In 2001, two things happened that would change Mark's life forever. Isslee gave birth to the most wonderful little girl he could ask for Isslee Jene Lee. Later that same year, Eric Lee was shot and killed in the line of duty as a Chicago Police Officer. One event devastated him and made him question everything, the other gave him the reason to endure and continue on his mission to try and help young people in Chicago.

The day before Eric's death, Mark was speaking to a young man that he was mentoring, and telling him that he was going to call his big brother, so they could set a date to get Leo Alumni from their classes together, to talk about ways to raise money for Leo, and help young men. He never got to make that call, but there was no stopping him from making what they had talked about happen; now he had the perfect name, **The Eric D. Lee Memorial Scholarship Fund**. With the help of family and friends, the fund has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Leo HS, sponsored students at Leo and supported students' educational goals.

Tragedy once again struck the Lee family, when the unthinkable happened in 2010, Steven Lee was caught in the crossfire and killed as he walked home from his birthday party. Now named **The Eric and Steven Lee Memorial Scholarship Fund**, and inspired by the strength of Bob and Anna, they still remain standing, and committed to supporting Leo and our young people, and living up to Leo's Motto of Facta Non Verba.

Doctor Thomas P. Driscoll Award



Mr. Richard L. Furlong '59

Rich came to Leo from St. Helena of the Cross-where he was the only member of his class to attend Leo. He was a member of the honor roll his junior and senior years, and sang in the glee club his first two years. When he graduated he went on to the University of Illinois.

Rich retired after nearly 40 years in the insurance industry, leaving as Assistant Vice- President of The Specialty Operations Claim Dept at Continental Casualty Company.

He was a very active member of his community. In his "spare time" Rich spent 31 years as an IHSA basketball and football referee. He coached for 15 years at all levels for the Tinley Park Baseball Association and served as that organization's commissioner for the last 12 years. He also coached 8th. Grade boy's basketball at St. George School for 6 years and capped off his service there by serving as the school's athletic director for 4 more years.

It was 18 years ago that Rich began directing his effort back to Leo. In that time Rich has served as his class captain for his classes, 40th and 50th reunions, both of which produced very large numbers of attendees.

As if that were not enough Rich has served as our association's treasurer for 12 years, then moved into the presidency serving two, two year terms.

After moving out of the presidency Rich and his recently deceased wife Nanette have run the golf outing for the last two years and Rich will continue on in that capacity.

Rich has three children, Kelly, Brian and Doug and 8 grandchildren.

Community Service Award



Mr. Michael Anderson '91

Michael J. Anderson, Class of '91, spent his four years at Leo playing in the band, playing baseball, briefly wrestling, playing football, acting as Class President of the Class of '91 and graduating as Salutatorian of his class. He is a Purdue Graduate, and a family man. With the support of the love of his life Maia, he is able

to manage a full time job, five children, four girls and one boy, and endless hours at Leo coaching or off recruiting for Leo. Mike was invited to coach baseball in Canaryville by Leo alum, Brian Fogarty. This collaboration, along with earlier effort has lead to the "re-integration" of Leo H.S., without incident.

Mike has developed and is striving to implement the L(eo).A. (umni)M(entoring)P(rogram). It is a program to help youth become prepared for life though mentoring, job awareness, professional etiquette, job shadowing, job internship and job placement. Alumni are encouraged to participate.

Mike's post graduate activities include revitalizing the "younger alumni group". Spearheading, with alums Corey Walden 87', Kevin Giggers 88', Seron Smith 89', Travis Gil-

lam 89', Deshawn Mills 91' and others, the Leo Alumni Picnic and actively seeking younger alumni participation in the gala Alumni Banquet, meetings and Golf Outing...

Mike's passion and dedication to help keep Leo viable in the 21st century, makes it difficult to "take him anywhere". A simple introduction to a friend or stranger who has a brother, son, nephew, grandson, cousin or friend approaching 8th grade, leads to a full blown recruitment visit beginning with, "Have you thought about Leo?"

Mike was the second Anderson to attend Leo. His brother Bill is a 87' grad. His nephew A.J. attends Leo now. He credits his family and Leo for encouraging his faith in God, his commitment to always striving to succeed and giving back.

Hall of Fame Inductees

Dr. James Stankiewicz '66

Jim Stankiewicz grew up in St. Sabina and played on the CYO City Championship grammar school basketball team in 1962. He graduated from Leo in 1966. He played basketball, baseball, and football (freshman) at Leo and was co-captain of the 1966 Catholic League Champion Lightweight basketball team under Coach Tom O'Malley. He won the Athletic and Academic Award at graduation. Stanks then attended college at the University of Chicago (U of C) graduating in 1970 with a BA. He played baseball and football at the U of C and was All Conference (baseball) in 1970. He received his MD from the Pritzker School of Medicine at the U of C in 1974 and then completed a residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (Ear, Nose, Throat) in 1978. He was a U.S. Marine, PFC, and a Navy physician, Lt. Cmdr, finishing his tour of duty in 1980. He remained in the Navy reserves and was activated for Desert Storm in 1992 as a Commander. In 1980, he joined the faculty at Loyola Medical School and Hospital as an assistant professor. He is at present Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Loyola. He has written over 200 paper, chapters, and books and given over 500 presentations at medical meetings and courses. He is a surgeon and internationally known for his work in the diagnosis and treatment of nasal and sinus disorders. He has been awarded Best Doctor designation for clinical excellence in Chicago and the US for 20 years in a row. He is on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. He is past president of the Chicago Laryngological and Otological Society (CL&O) and the American Rhinological Society (ARS). He was on the Leo Alumni Board in the past and continues to be very supportive of Leo High School.

Dr. Lawrence J. McCaffery '43

After graduating from Leo in 1943, I enlisted in the Coast Guard and served on a Patrol Frigate in the Atlantic. Following the World War II, I earned a BA from St. Ambrose University, an M.A. from Indiana University and a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. I have written and edited a number of books on Irish and Irish-American history, published articles on the same subjects and Irish and Irish-American literature. In 1960, I cofounded the American Conference for Irish Studies and have served terms as its president and president of the American Catholic Historical Association. I was a consultant

to and appeared in the 1997 documentary *The Irish in America: Long Journey Home* and technical advisor to the 2002 film *The Road to Perdition*. In 1982, St Ambrose University awarded me with an Honorary Doctor of Humanities; five years later the National University of Ireland designated me Honorary Doctor of Letters. In 1992, I retired from Loyola University of Chicago as Professor of History Emeritus. I live with my wife Joan in Evanston. We have three children, seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren

Lawrence J. McCaffrey

Ms. Natasha Adams

Ms. Natasha Adams grew up on the south side of Chicago where she attended Ralph J. Bunche Elementary School. Upon graduating from Bunche she went on to Richards Vocational High School and received her diploma. She then went on and attended Tyler School of Secretarial Sciences where she graduated and received her degree. In 1996 she started working at Leo High School where she has been for the last 17 years serving as Administrative Assistant. Ms. Adams also has served on the Advisory Board for Leo High School.

Leo High School is proud to name Ms. Natasha Adams, mother of Tim and Timaya, to the Class of 2013 Leo High School Hall of Fame. Ms. Adams has served the students, families, alumni, faculty and staff with many years of patient professionalism and heart-felt loyalty to the school's mission and motto of *Fact Non Verba*.

Mr. William R. Murphy '58

Bill entered Leo High School in 1954 after graduating from Annunciata Parish School.

While at Leo, Bill was a member of the lightweight football team for one year and heavyweight team for three years. He was a starting halfback on the 1956 Catholic League/City Championship team and 1957 Catholic League South Section Co-Championship team.

Bill graduated in 1958 and was awarded a four-year football scholarship to Indiana State University. He was a starting fullback on the Sycamores' varsity football team. He then joined the Army and was a cryptographer in the Army Security Agency with a top-secret clearance.

After his military service, Bill started with Archer Daniels Midland at the Board of Trade and later began his career in the transportation industry as a Traffic Manager with Hi-Life Packing Company and Rival Pet Foods. He joined Roadway Express as a Sales Representative and was promoted to Sales Manager and then to District Sales Manager. He was the recipient of multiple awards during his career.

Although Bill and his family have lived in several places in the Midwest, he was active in each community. Among his various activities: Parish Council member at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (Bettendorf, IA), Seton Catholic School Boys Baseball and Girls Softball coach (Moline, IL), Moline Little League Manager, Girls Softball coach (Sherrard, IL), Alleman High School Booster Club football coach (Rock Island, IL), and St. Michael Parish (Orland Park, IL) Religious Education Teacher.

Bill is an active participant in Leo alumni activities. These include Campaign Leo, 50th Year Reunion Committee, spring banquets, golf outings, and decal/patron fund-raising.

Bill enjoys golf, travel, college/high school football and all

sports. However, he most enjoys spending time with his family and friends. Bill and his wife, Pat, have three children and three grandchildren.

Mr. William Figel '72

Bill Figel, '72, transferred into Leo High School months after he was told at Quigley South that he "lacked the calling" and should find another school.

At the graduation party of cousin Bob Standing '70, Figel was introduced to Irish Christian Brother Bart Patitucci, whose invitation to Leo and a chance to try out for the Lightweight basketball team struck the right chord. Figel played basketball and baseball for "Tuch" for two years, which created an opportunity to play at Saint Mary's University in Winona, MN. The lifelong friendships made on that Lightweight team with teammates Ed Phelan, Bill Dorrington, Jim Guimond, Jim Fitzgerald, Tim Coleman, Ed Kearny, Matt Morrissey and others still hold strength today.

Figel has been involved in media for more than 30 years, following teaching and coaching tenures at Saint Felicitas and Brother Rice in his early 20s. A *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Southtown Economist* reporter from 1980 to 1988, Mr. Figel was also a boxing columnist for *Bill Gleason's Chicago Sports Magazine*. While in Washington D.C., Figel served as a television reporter and radio reporter while earning a Master Degree in Journalism from Northwestern Medill.

Figel has provided publicity, consulting work and media relations training over the years for real estate firms, corporate groups, small businesses, politicians, executives, unions and sports teams.

In a volunteer capacity, Figel has served as: President of the Beverly Arts Center Chicago, board member for the Epilepsy Foundation, Morgan Park School Board member, on-air talent and writer for CRIS (Chicagoland Radio Information Service), as well as for Highsight, a scholarship fundraiser for inner-city students. Recently, he and Mike Nix have been donating their time presenting life skills programs such as job interviewing, etiquette and sportsmanship to students at Leo High School.

Bill and his wife, Kathy, a teacher, reside in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood with their three teen-age children, Lily Jinyi, Frannie and Will.

Mr. Harold Blackmon '96

Harold Blackmon was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago. He attended Leo High School from 1992-1996. During his freshman year, Harold played basketball, football and ran track. Harold was a three year starter for the football team and also ran the anchor leg on both the 4x100 and 4x200 state qualifying relays in his Jr. year. In his Jr. and Sr. season Harold also helped the Track team win the Chicago Catholic League Championship. After High School Harold Attended Northwestern University on a Football scholarship where he majored in Psychological Services. While at NU Harold was a 4 year starter and was named team captain in his Sr. year. Also during his time at Northwestern Harold was part of two Big Ten Championship teams and currently holds the record for most passes defended and is 6th on NU's all time list for most interceptions. After his career at Northwestern Harold was drafted by the Seattle Seahawks and played two seasons at Defensive Back before return-

ing back home to Chicago. During the 2009 and 2010 Football season, Harold served as an assistant football coach under Mike Holmes. Today, Harold is the Head Coach of the St. Laurence Vikings Varsity football team. He currently resides in South Shore with his 11 year old son Jai'el and wife Rachelle.

"It is wise to keep in mind that neither failure nor success is ever final."-Roger Babson

Mr. Mike Nix '76

The same skills that Mike Nix brought down 79th Street into Leo High School are the same skills that lifted him to the top of his profession in a myriad of business and turnaround challenges.

"Leo was the ultimate finishing school for someone like me who was aggressive and eager to get things done," said Nix. "Leo, its faculty and its students have a way of setting your compass for all the challenges life brings you, so you never get lost."

With a GPA of 3.6 and a degree in street smarts, Nix attended and graduated from Saint Mary's University in Winona, MN. A Political Science major Nix embraced the world of hospitality, honing his skills and expanding his horizons beyond Chicago's South Side.

In 2003, a professional recruiting consultant realized Nix was exactly the talent needed to guide the Beverly Arts Center Chicago. At the time, Nix was managing the Drury Lane Martini in Evergreen Park but agreed to tackle a Beverly Arts Center in need of fiscal leadership and management.

Nix retired \$5 million in debt over a nine-year period while juggling a multi-million dollar budget that created jobs, launched careers and turned the BAC into one of the City's finest destination for the arts.

Returning recently to Leo, Nix has introduced a "Life Skills" programs to the students that features etiquette classes, job interview skills and personal finance programs.

Nix was a two-sport athlete at Leo – football and swimming. Nix grew up in Little Flower parish and later Christ the King, where his parents still reside. Mike is the third of four children born to Colleen and Jim Nix.

When Nix finally retired his suitcase, he and his lovely wife Roxanna located in Evergreen Park where they raised their three sons Ryan, Sean and Seamus.

"You take Leo with you where ever you go in Chicago because it says volumes about who you are – and you are who you grew up with as a young man. I will forever be proud of my Leo heritage."

Mr. Daniel M. Earner '82

Daniel M. Earner, Class of 1982, came to Leo from Most Holy Redeemer School. He and five of his brothers carried on an Earner family tradition of attending Leo, following in their father Gene's (1950) footsteps. While at Leo, Dan participated in Student Council and was a member of the National Honor Society. He excelled academically, finishing # 2 in his graduating class. Dan went on to the University of Notre Dame where he majored in History, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1986.

After college, Dan started his working life at the Chicago

Board Options Exchange. Over the years, he has worked in various areas of the Exchange, most recently in the Regulatory Services Division. Dan recently celebrated 25 years with CBOE.

Dan returned to his studies in recent years, pursuing an MBA from St. Xavier University specializing in Financial Fraud Examination. He is due to receive this degree in May 2013.

Dan is involved in his parish church, Most Holy Redeemer, where he currently serves as an usher.

Dan began to get more involved in Leo Alumni when he served as his class captain for his Silver Jubilee in 2007. Since that time, he has deepened his commitment to the organization, first being named to the Board of Directors and later becoming an Officer. He is currently serving as Alumni Recording Secretary. Dan is quick to volunteer his time and talents to the Alumni Assoc wherever needed, whether at the Banquet, the Golf Outing or serving as the Decal Chairman. His dedication and love for Leo and the Alumni are evident. "I am forever grateful to my parents and teachers for my Leo education. I am proud to be part of this vibrant Alumni Assoc. and want to see it continue for years to come. I am honored and humbled to be welcomed into the Leo Hall of Fame."

Arguably The Greatest Football Game Ever Played, Almost Wasn't Because Of A Leo Man

Many of the so called experts claim that the greatest football game ever played was the 1946 Yankee Stadium game between Army and Notre Dame. Notre Dame had won the national championship in 1943 and Army had secured it in 1944 and 1945. Both teams were loaded with returning veterans from the war.

The 1946 game featured 4 Heisman Trophy winners, 2 Outland Trophy winners, 16 All Americans and 6 players who were later enshrined in the Hall of Fame. The game ended in a 0-0 tie and it almost never got played. Notre Dame was awarded the 1946 National Championship at the end of the season.

Bob Kelly was an All-State halfback out of Leo High School. Bob had led Leo to the 1941 and 1942 City Championships of the City of Chicago and in 1943 was highly coveted by both Army and N.D. Although Kelly liked Notre Dame, he decided to accept the West Point appointment.

After a visit to West Point Kelly officially accepted their offer. However, on the way home he realized his heart really was with Notre Dame. Kelly's father a very influential United States Congressman, wired both schools of the change of heart.

Upon their arrival in South Bend they received a cool reception, even being told "why don't you try Army for a year or two and if it doesn't work out then we can look at coming to Notre Dame." Finally Father Cavanaugh, the

President of Notre Dame, told them that he had received a threatening call from Red Blaik, the legendary coach and athletic director at Army, threatening that if Notre Dame took Kelly that there would never be another Army, Notre Dame game ever.

Mr. Kelly, the influential Congressman called Blaik at West Point and using whatever persuasion a Congressman might use convinced Army that Kelly would look great in Notre Dame Blue and Gold and there were to be NO repercussions. Army saw the error of their ways and thus the greatest game ever stayed on the schedule.

Facts gathered from the book Leahy's Lads written by Jack Connor.

Rich Furlong '59

Alumni Basketball Night February 8, 2013

Once again we had another great turnout for the annual Alumni Basketball outing at Leo High School. The weather cooperated and we had about 40 on the Bus (a luxury coach thanks to Tom Lynch) and another 60 or so at the game. As usual Noah Cannon and the fine young men on the team welcomed us warmly and shook as many hands as time would allow. A rousing singing of the "Fight" song was led at half-time by Mark Lee and Dave Hannah. After all of these years, it is heartwarming to see this group of alumni still singing as enthusiastically as they did many years ago as students. At least 50 of us went to Perez and enjoyed good conversation, good spirits and good food. A lot of fun was had by all! Thanks to all who made it happen especially Larry Lynch and Gene Earner for organizing and coordinating the event.

The Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Charity Golf Event

Like many other people, we had not heard of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) until our grandson, Ryan, was diagnosed at the age of 26 months. Our family was devastated because SMA is a genetic neuromuscular disease with no treatment or cure. Together with the help of family and many friends, as well as the Lemont, IL community, we are committed to fighting this disease, in honor of Ryan. We believe that no family should have to go through the painful diagnosis of SMA.

In 2011, we organized our first outing; now it's time for Round 3 at Gleneagles C. C. in Lemont. Again this year, the outing will benefit Families of SMA, the leading non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the necessary research to fight this disease. Researchers now know exactly what causes SMA. Through generous nationwide support, including many Leo alums, research and clinical trials are directly targeting the cause. Two local research grants were awarded in 2012 to Lurie Children's Hosp. at Northwestern University.

We sincerely hope you can attend on Saturday, May 18, 2013 or are able to contribute to our event in some way. For SMA info: www.curesma.org More event info, including registering on line: www.fsma.org/GolfForRyan2013. Sincerely, Ken (Leo '63) and Jeanne Emerson, Lemont, Illinois

Class of 1963

We need to locate the following classmates for the 50th reunion. Contact the following with any information:

Chuck Evans: easy53@comcast.net

Jack Farnan: jackfarnan@att.net

Jack Hannigan: thequietmanj@aol.com

Martin Brennan
Thomas R. Burke
Darrell Richard Davis
Daniel Devine
Ronald Flynn
William Flynn
William Kiefer
Charles Konrath
Michael Krumplewski
Peter Maciukas
James McIntosh

Martin Michael Martin
Paul Martin
Joseph Miller
John Naughton
Thomas O'Connell
James O'Malley
Francis Parker
Donald Sapienza
Gerald Shields
William Smith
Mark Thompson

Bourke/Mahoney Golf Outing

This shotgun and a half event will be held on Wednesday August 7, at Gleneagles Country Club. This has become a very successful and satisfying good time for all of us.

Don't forget for all of you non-golfers, you may come out for dinner only.

We will be notifying last years golf captains of complete details shortly after the first of May. If you golfed in a foursome and your captain will not be golfing but you and others in your foursome would like to golf contact me. Also we have room for more golfers. If you had a foursome last year try for two foursomes this year. If you have not golfed in the past but would like to contact me at my e-mail address it is rc5463@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 815/436-6345.

In the past years we have been fortunate enough to have sponsors for golf hats, golf balls and towels we include in the bags we hand out at the outing. If you or a corporate sponsor you know would be interested in helping out please let me know. It saves us considerable money and means more for our Alma Mater.

Rich Furlong '59

The Eric and Steven Lee Memorial Scholarship Foundation

Greetings Leo Men,

My name is Mark Lee from the Class of '85, and I am President of the Eric and Steven Lee Memorial Scholarship Foundation. As you may or may not know, for the last 12 years, I have been part of an effort to raise money to provide educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth here in Chicago. We have sponsored students in the past, at both Leo and Maria High, donated money to the scholarship funds at both schools, bought books for and provided emergency assistance to students at Leo, and contributed money to the Dream Scholarship at the CPS school where I currently teach, Richards Career Academy. With Maria's announcement that it will become a charter school soon, the money we now raise will almost solely be going to benefit the young men at Leo High School.

Our fundraising event will be taking place at the Meadows Golf Course in Blue Island on Saturday, July 27th 6pm to 12am.

Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. There will be no golfing involved, but plenty of food, music, dance, raffles, a cash bar and most importantly, good people. People who are there to celebrate the lives of my brothers, two great Leo men, Eric Lee (Class of '81) and Steven Lee (Class of '95), and support the school we all love, Leo High School. Come on out if you can and always remember our motto, FACTA NON VERBA. Let's keep our school not just alive, but strong!

Sincerely, Mark Lee '85

Contact me for tickets or donations at 773 485-1504, markdl2000@yahoo.com or better yet, find me on Facebook or at the annual banquet in April.

Leo Alumni Annual Picnic

Greetings Leo Men:

I hope everyone is well, and ready to participate in as many events as you can that we have planned to raise money for the school we all love, Leo High School. I'm here to let you know about one such event that's several months away, but we want to give people plenty of notice, so you can make your plans to attend. The event is The Leo Alumni Annual Picnic. You didn't know such a thing existed? Well, we are hoping to remedy that situation right now! For the last 4 years, we have held a gathering at the Dan Ryan Woods in the grove near 84th and Western, where Leo Men and their families, can come together and strengthen, renew and make new friendships. There will be plenty of food, music, one of those jump houses for the children, and all sorts of shenanigans taking place! The picnic is BYOB so you know there will plenty of beverages flowing freely from tent to tent. **The date is Sunday, August 4th, from about 10am until sundown. ALL MONEY RAISED AFTER EXPENSES ARE PAID WILL BE DONATED TO LEO HIGH SCHOOL.**

We know times are tough for many of us, and know that times are just as tough financially for many Catholic high schools, including our own Leo. What separates us from many other schools, is the strength and support of our alumni. If you are able, please come out to the picnic to enjoy yourself and make sure Leo stays alive and strong!

As always, remember, FACTA NON VERBA!

You can contact Keith Martin Sr. '93, Shaka Rawls '93, Patrick Brown '92, Mark Lee '85 or David Hannah '85 for ticket information.

Sincerely, Mark Lee '85

School Update

More than 30 percent of the Leo student body were saluted as Honor Students at the first semester Honors Assembly held in early February. The Student Council was told which students were to be recognized based on their first-semester grades, and Council members then planned and carried out the assembly on their own, including the choice of speakers.

Seniors James Fagan and Jonathan Johnson and freshmen Leroy Henry, Antoine Dunning and Sir Laurence King were recognized for achieving perfect 4.0 GPA's.

Leo was the test market for a Breaking the Code of Silence symposium the Chicago Police Department is conducting in high schools citywide. Jim Venckus '63, a former CPD officer and current CPD civilian employee, designed the program to

promote better understanding and cooperation between police and young people of high school age at the behest of Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy. Before bringing the crime-fighting initiative to the city's public schools, Vencus sought permission for a test run at Leo, where it was generally well-received by the students, with a few tweaks suggested.

Leo's two-time defending state champion track team was one of five state champions honored at the annual South Side Irish Parade on Sunday, March 10.

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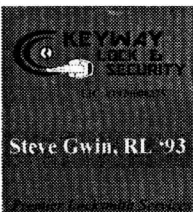


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