



Newsletter

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Annual Meeting Scheduled for June 23rd at Lexington City Hall

The Lexington High School Alumni, Inc. Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, **June 23rd at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Community Meeting Room** of the **Lexington City Hall** (old Ruffner School). Park in the rear of the building off Washington Street and the meeting room is through the left rear door.

A slate of officers for the 2007-2008 year will be presented and nominations will be taken from

the floor. The slate is as follows:

- President: David Coffey**
- Vice President: Open**
- Secretary: Julia Garrett**
- Treasurer: Joe Zollman**

Light refreshments will be served.

Call your alumni friends to be sure they know about the meeting.

For more information, call Alice Buchanan at 540-463-5504 (home) or 540-460-2542 (cell).



2008 to Mark 20th Anniversary

In 2008, the LHS Alumni, Inc. will celebrate 20 years in operation. We would like to have a reunion but need your help. A volunteer is needed to head the committee to coordinate

the reunion celebration. We also need your ideas on what you would like to do at the reunion and where you want to have it. Please send information to us at P. O. Box 1027, Lexington, VA

24450 or call Alice Buchanan '63 at 540-463-5504 (home) or 540-460-2542 (cell) by July 15th. You may also e-mail Alice at cwbuch@earthlink.net **Let's make this a celebration to remember.**

Charles Spencer Hosts New Alumni Web Site

Charles Spencer is now hosting a new LHS Alumni Web Site at www.lhsva.org.

Charles originally created his web site in memory of his brother, **John Luck Spencer '63**. It is now dedicated to the memory of his brother, John (1945-2002); former sister-in-law, **Judith McKendree Spencer Lewis** (1945-2005); nephew, **Jeffrey Sohn Spencer** (1970-2002), and cousin, **Linda Sue Spencer '65** (1946-1995).

On this site, www.lhsva.org, you'll find the following:

Class Pages

Photo Albums

Stories

1960's Timeline

Links to:

Lexington and Rockbridge County Maps

Classmates' Web Sites

And Much More!



A special "thank you" to Charles for his gracious offer to host the official LHS Alumni Web Site.

It is a work in progress. Check back often for new updates. Newsletters, reunion announcements and information from classmates.

Harris Publishing Starts on New LHS Alumni Directory

Harris Publishing Company will again be organizing our third LHS Alumni Directory. It will begin sending out postcards next month to ask for address confirmation or changes.

Be sure you will be listed in the directory. Respond to the postcard from Harris Publishing.

During the next phase, Harris will be calling alumni to verify address and family listing information. Be sure Harris has your children and spouse listed.

We also want to update your phone numbers and e-mail address in the database that we receive when Harris publishes our directory.

Don't forget to purchase your copy of the directory so you can keep in touch with your friends from LHS.

Find Us Now on Yahoo



We now have a Yahoo Group **LexingtonHighSchoolAlumni@yahooogroups.com**. We plan to use this group to send notices and information to members so that you don't have to wait until a newsletter comes out to learn what's going on. To join, go to the new site www.lhsva.org

and click on the **Join** button after typing in your e-mail address. You may also join by sending a blank e-mail to **Lexington-HighSchoolAlumni@yahooogroups.com**

Once you're a member, you can post messages to the group by

sending e-mail to **Lexington-HighSchoolAlumni@yahooogroups.com**. The message will then go to all the members of the group. Let's keep the information flowing. Advertise your reunion and let us know about address changes, new additions, marriages and other information.

Rockbridge Area Community Foundation to Manage LHS Alumni Scholarship Funds

We have invested \$17,000 in the Rockbridge Area Community Foundation to establish the Lexington-High School Alumni Scholarship Fund in order to provide at least one scholarship each year in the name of Lexington High School.

We will concentrate our fundraising efforts toward increasing these foundation funds so that we may guarantee ongoing LHS Alumni Scholarships.

The Rockbridge Area Community Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity that enables people in our community to establish charitable funds. It is overseen by a volunteer

board of leading citizens and run by professionals who invest and manage the assets.

We are very fortunate to be able to work with the foundation to invest and grow these funds while making scholarships available in the future and keeping the name of Lexington High School alive.



Gifts to these scholarship funds can be made on the enclosed form.

If you would like more information on how the Rockbridge Area Community Foundation might help you or your group, contact Woody Sadler, Jr., Chair, Rockbridge Area Community

Foundation, P.O. Box 1435, Lexington, VA 24450

LHS Alumni Dues Reinstated

The \$10 per year dues are being reinstated in hopes of taking in enough money to pay for at least one newsletter per year, carrying on the association yearly activities and increasing our investment funds for scholarships.

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Dues will be payable each year by the date of the Annual Meeting in June. You will need to have paid your dues in order to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Paying dues, however, is not a requirement for mem-

bership in this organization. You are automatically a member if you ever attended Lexington High School and are eligible to attend any LHS Alumni sponsored event.

We appreciate the support of so many of our members over the years and look forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion.

Meet Your Directors

Our Board of Directors for this year includes the following:

Alice Harper Buchanan '63, Chairman

David Coffey '63

Jerry Entsminger '57

Julia Moore Garrett '61

Mary Jane Emore Mutispaugh '75

Brocky Nicely '64

Nellie Clark Reynolds '59

Caren Telling Roundy '76

Joe Zollman '68



Class of 1977 30th Reunion

The class of 1977 will hold its 30th reunion on July 21, 2007 with a picnic at Brewbaker Field from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and a dance from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Lexington Moose Lodge with George Dudley '76 as DJ. Contact Robin Hartless at 540-463-5146 for more information.



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To:

OLD LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ENDANGERED

The Lexington School Board and City Council are currently considering a plan to demolish the building which served as Lexington High School from 1927 to 1960

(and is now Waddell School) and replacing it with a new building, either on the current site or across the street in Woods Creek Park (where the W&L pre-fabs used to be). Local preservationists are trying to convince the city's leaders that the old building is historic and should be renovated for continued use as an elementary school rather than hauled off to the dump. (The city's architectural firm admits that such a total renovation, which could include gutting the building and rebuilding within the existing walls, is feasible.) Those of you over 60 who would like to see your old high school maintained might consider contacting one or more members of City Council and expressing your opinion:

John Knapp (mayor) jknapp@rockbridge.net

Tim Golden goldentp@vmi.edu

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Mimi Elrod melrod@wlu.edu

Jim Gianniny jgianniny@lexedu.org

Jack Page pagejh@vmi.edu

Ron Smith rsmith@kalex.kendall.org

To convey your opinions to the School Board, you could contact Dr. Dan Lyons, City School Superintendent (delyons@lexedu.org) or its chairman, Ms. Marilyn Alexander (mea99@juno.com).

Lexington area alums should also plan to attend a program on the history of old Lexington High School on Monday evening, June 4th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall of the Wilson Hall annex to W&L's Lenfest Center (down where the train station used to be before it was recently moved). David Kronenfeld, a W&L student, has spent the semester researching the history of the building and the school and has prepared a talk illustrated with many old photos. This program is sponsored by the Rockbridge Historical Society and is open to everyone without charge.



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