



# The Lion's Roar

SPRING 2022: THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LISBON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## 2022 Alumni Banquet

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Lion's Den

6:00 PM

Tickets: \$25 each

Dinner catered by Tin Roof Hideaway

### 2022 Honored Classes 1962, 1972, 1982, 1997, 2022

Building Tours will be offered beginning at 4:00 PM on 05/28/2022 to highlight the completed renovations and new auditorium! Meet in the Lobby by the Lion's Den. Tours will leave every 30 minutes with last tour at 5:30 PM.

Please watch our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LisbonIowaAlumniAssociation/> for updates.

Dinner is by reservation only. Reservations are due no later than May 18th. You may pick up your reserved tickets at the door, but no tickets will be sold that evening.

Tickets may be purchased several ways:

- In-person at Lisbon Insurance Agency
- Email your request to [laa.lionsroar@gmail.com](mailto:laa.lionsroar@gmail.com)
- Contact Dean Mallie at (319) 551-2394 or Jeff Bohr at (319) 350-5849
- Mail your ticket order to Lisbon Alumni Association, PO Box 747, Lisbon, IA 52253

## Lisbon History Center

The Lisbon Alumni Association spends a lot of time working with the history of the Lisbon Community School. This has a direct connection with the history of the town of Lisbon and the surrounding area. Our family came across a 1922 contract for my grandmother for teaching in one of the local country schools. It was listed only as school number 11 located in Linn Township of Linn County. No one seemed to know where this was located. I stopped in at the Lisbon History Center. They had several binders covering the country schools. It listed the school's name, district school number, maps showing where it was located, what school district it merged with, and what became of the building. There were articles listing some of the students that had attended and some of the teachers. That was not the only thing I discovered at the History Center. There are LHS year books, binders on many individual family's genealogy, history, and pictures of listed by addresses, historical articles and artifacts, and history books and pamphlets of the town of Lisbon. Don't overlook one of the best resources located there. That would be the people that work there. If they don't know the answer to your question, they are willing to research to help get an answer.



Dean Mallie '75

Some of the information is incomplete. If you have access to anything you think The Lisbon History Center might find interesting, please drop off a copy of it or email a copy to: [info@lisbonhistorycenter.com](mailto:info@lisbonhistorycenter.com). Consider stopping in and looking around. It is located on main street across from the Lisbon Library. They are open 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Or call for information at 319-455-2714.

## 2022 Officers

### President:

Dean Mallie, '75

### Vice President:

Jeff Bohr, '79

### Secretary:

Maxanne Wood, '90

### Treasurer:

Sandra Lighthall, '69

### Support Committee

Tammy Bohr, '81

Troy Caspers, '80

Dawn Gannon, '83





Guess which retired staff members are pictured here in 2015. For the answers, attend the banquet! 😊

### 2022 Election of Officers:

Officer positions up for election in 2022 are Vice President & Treasurer for 2-yr. terms. If you would like to be on the ballot, please contact Dean Mallie at (319) 551-2394.

### In Memoriam

- LaVerne Cook, '43
- Mary Lou Sproston Danly '45
- Maxine Achey Blinks Hatcher '48
- Catherine Dahn Larson '48
- Rose Marie Light Schwichtenberg '48
- Robert (Bob) Kaliban '51
- Carol Spangler Brokel '51
- Verla Dee Orr Mayse '63
- MaryAlice Yocum Caraway '66
- David Ferguson '66
- Gregory Waite '71
- Robert (Bob) Bennett '72
- Julie Shelton Grimm, '76
- Randy J Williams '76
- Tom Netolicky '79
- Bailey Arwine, '18
- Phyllis Ciha

### Do You Know?

(Answers on bottom of page 4.)

- 1) What year was the first LHS Year Book printed?
- 2) What did Mary Martin do in a '74 - '75 lunchroom?
- 3) What year did the Lisbon School decide to run their own buses rather than contract that service?
- 4) What was the base pay for teachers in 1972?

### David Prasil '71

*(David served for 36 years on the Lisbon School Board)*

Over the years there have been many changes within the Lisbon Community School District not only with the facilities but also with curriculum and technology.

Starting with facilities, we were one of the first schools to use a pitched roof over the Lion's Den gym rather than repairing the flat roof which was leaking profusely. Shortly after we realized we needed to expand; the Andreas Student Center was built totally with donations. This addition included band and chorus rooms, middle school and high school libraries and computer lab, along with some additional office space and classrooms. We followed this with additions to the elementary wing, which was then followed with the LECCEC wing. Most recently we have seen the addition of the auditorium and track. Included with this was the remodeling of the 1965 addition to include science labs and classrooms.

Concurrently with these additions we were expanding technology and curriculum. Technology was not only computer labs but eventually led to the one-on-one initiative which led to putting I-pads or laptops into the hands of every student. We also had the ability to use on-line learning if the need arose during the pandemic.

We also expanded our curriculum to include Lisbon, Inc, and an Alternative High School off site. Last year we added CTE Career Education classes. CTE is similar but should not be confused with the former shop classes.

Enrollment increased over the years, which led to all the expansions. Our LECC has had a waiting list since first opening.

When sharing dollars became available, Lisbon again was one of the first schools to take advantage of the program. We currently share, nutritional director, and grounds and transportation director which has benefited Lisbon Schools financially.

It has been very rewarding to be a part of such a forward-thinking district.

### History Notes:

A country schoolteacher's contract in 1922 required them to: See that the Flag of Our Country floats over the schoolhouse at all times when the school is in session and when weather is suitable therefore. The teacher was paid \$90.00 per month.

### Hall of Fame Selection Committee

A committee has been formed, independent of the Board of Directors, to make the selection of the 2022 Hall of Fame honorees. We need five volunteers to fill the committee. This would involve one meeting and the presentation event at the Homecoming football game. Contact Dean Mallie at 319-551-2394 to volunteer.

## LISBON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

Below are the five (5) categories for the newly resurrected LAA Hall of Fame. 2022 Nominations will be open from April 15<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. You can find the Nomination Form on our LAA FB page, on the LAA link on the Lisbon Schools website, or send an email request to [laa.lionsroar@gmail.com](mailto:laa.lionsroar@gmail.com) and we will email the form to you.

- 1) **LHS SERVICE AWARD** – Given to alumni for specific and meritorious service to any not-for-profit organization or military service. Service must be for a non-compensated capacity for non-profit organization nominees or a full-time past or present member of the U.S. Military.
- 2) **LHS FINE ARTS AWARD**– Given to alumni with exceptional accomplishments in the fine arts while attending LHS. Conference honors, Superior ratings, All-State recognition(s), major roles in theater productions, concerts, etc.
- 3) **LHS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**– Given to alumni or faculty who have earned recognition for their achievements and contributions in their professional life. Demonstrates a high level of achievement in their field and makes significant contributions in that field.
- 4) **LHS COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD**– Given to alumni who should be recognized for their service contributions to the Lisbon community in any capacity and service for any reason.
- 5) **LHS ATHLETICS AWARD**– Given to alumni with exceptional accomplishments in athletics while attending LHS. Statistical records and awards, All-Conference award(s), All-State award(s), and/or State Championships earned.

### 2021 LAA Hall of Fame Inductees



The 2021 honoree induction to the Lisbon Alumni Association took place on the new track at Walmer Field prior to the Homecoming Varsity Football game on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The 2021 Inductees were as follows:

- 1) LHS Service Award – COL Matt Clark, PhD, PMP, LHS Class of 1991. Matt Clark currently serves as the Director, COVID International Response Operations, White House COVID Response Team.
- 2) LHS Fine Arts Award – Katie Curran Hallman, LHS Class of 2004. Katie Curran Hallman currently serves as the Executive Director of Theatre Cedar Rapids.
- 3) LHS Achievement Award – Mike Conklin, LHS Class of 1962. Mike Conklin is currently retired following a very distinguished and award-winning 45-year media career.
- 4) LHS Community Impact Award – Darla Dee Simpson, LHS Class of 1979. Darla Simpson has served Lisbon Schools for over the years as a Jr. High Softball Coach; a volleyball official; and as a volunteer for score keeping for volleyball and basketball games, as well as the long-time announcer for Prom's Grand March, among many other activities.
- 5) LHS Athletics Award –
  - A) Jamie Siegel, LHS Class of 1988. Jamie Siegel has currently worked for Collins Aerospace (formerly known as Rockwell Collins) for 20+ years. Jamie participated in basketball, volleyball and softball all years in high school. Among her many awards was being the 1<sup>st</sup> LHS female athlete selected to the All-State Softball Tournament Team in 1988 at 3<sup>rd</sup> base!
  - B) Dean Happel, LHS Class of 1984. Dean Happel won 3 State Individual Wrestling titles, placing all four years. He also holds the LHS pole vault record and qualified for the State Track Meet in 1983. Dean has continued his involvement at LHS having coached either Wrestling or Track since 1991.

Gaylord and Nola Owens  
Spring 2022  
"Oldest Living Married LHS Alumni Couple"

**As told by Gaylord '41**

I was born in Fountain, Minnesota on Dec 18, 1922. It was -21 degrees, and our big old farmhouse was heated by an old pot-bellied stove in the living room. My mother, Myra, passed away when I was six months old. I weighed less at six months old than when I was born. My dad's oldest sister took me to the doctor who put me on a special diet, 2/3 cream, 1/3 milk. I still love cream and milk. This last December I turned 99 years old: not bad for someone who was to be buried with his mother at six months old.

I graduated from LHS in May of 1941. I married my sweetheart, Nola J. Robertson on March 26, 1945 on my way overseas, where I spent 14 months as part of the Army of Occupation. Most of the time was spent in Heidelberg, Germany. I believe we are the oldest married Lisbon Alumni still living.

Nola and I had and raised 8 children; six boys and two girls, all of whom graduated from LHS. Two of our sons, Robert James and Francis Ray have already gone home to Heaven to be with the Lord, Jesus.

My two favorite teachers were Ruth Ditch, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and Miss Whinery, my senior class English instructor. She knew I hated English but she did all she could to help poor old me pass English so I could graduate with my class. Now I am retired from 50 years of being a Linotype operator.

**As told by Nola Owens '43**

I moved to Lisbon in 1935. One of my favorite teachers was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. J. Harvey Smyth lived just 2 houses from us across the street from what is now the school's north parking lot. He started me on cornet in Jr. High Band. In High School I switched to French horn, and even played in the town band on Wednesday night concerts in front of the bank. A special memory is when the band played with the Vaudeville acts on Sauerkraut Days.

As a sophomore in 1941, I think I was the first office girl. Supt Lloyd Rahn had to do study hall duty for about 5 students in the upstairs NE room for one period. The phone was in the then new building in one of the three rooms used by the Supt, secretary, and School Board. Mr. Rahn asked me to answer the phone for him. As a Junior, I was the co-star in the Jr class play, Me and My Shadow, only because I was the only girl out of five that had black hair. Graduation was on 5-7-43.

At least six of my eight children brought their math books home to complete their assignments because they knew Mom liked math. All but one of them went on to some sort of further education. All six of the boys wrestled and both girls were in the Glee Club.

I worked as a secretary at St Luke's Hospital for over 40 years until retiring. I still volunteer there frequently.

**New course added to curriculum in 1958.**

-An Economical Development Class was organized in 1958 for boys by Mrs. Madge Young. The boys learned about food, cooking, fundamentals of the sewing machine, made aprons and shirts, darned socks, sewed on buttons, and made buttonholes. The boys also studied a unit on manners and selecting and buying clothing. The boys have done exceptionally well in all projects.

**Answers to "Do You Know" questions on page 2.**

- 1 The first LHS year book was printed in 1949.
- 2 In the school year 1974 – 1975 Mary Martin punched the meal tickets for lunch.
- 3 Lisbon School decided to own and operate their own school buses in 1980. This service was contracted prior to this time.
- 4 Base pay for teachers in 1972 was \$7000.00 per year.

## LaVonne Bova '45

### As interviewed by Sandra Lighthall '69

LaVonne Bova is a vibrant, kind and wonderful 94-year-old lady who has done so much for others and our community. She has sold Avon for 37 years and still does. I will attest to that after seeing her Avon Awards of beautiful cups with saucers and her Miss Albi's collection.

LaVonne is the mother of 4 children, who all surround her in Lisbon. She attended Lisbon School and graduated in 1945. In 1948, she married Chum Bova who died too soon at the age of 59. As she will tell you "Family is everything".

In the 60's, LaVonne was very active as a Committee Woman for the Democratic Party. During the years, she was involved in campaigning for Democratic candidates and was honored to hold house parties for candidates running for offices such as president, senator, and representative. They included John Culver, Mike Blouin, Dick Clark, and John Patrick, and had the privilege of meeting Ted Kennedy.

In 1981, she was on the City Council with Beryl O'Conner, Gary Port and a few others, who were responsible for revitalizing Sauerkraut Days.

Shortly after, she was appointed to explore the history of Lisbon. And explore she did! The History Center was born, and its first location was on Main Street next to Lisbon Insurance. As people donated all sorts of memorabilia to her, the collection out grew the building. The Center's next home was in the little white house behind SE Linn, which once was a schoolhouse. Those that were involved with the History Center started to have benefits to support the Center.

Well...The History Center continued to grow from the wonderful donations and soon grew out of the white house. The city next purchased what was a grocery store which is the present-day location. Presentations are often seen at the Center with free-will donations. Bridal dresses were one of the biggest displays and have aged to the 1800's.

You will still see LaVonne working at the impressive History Center 2 days a week. This is one reason why LaVonne was presented the Governor's Award from Chet Culver for her Community Service. Over the years, she has been awarded many Volunteer Awards.

During all of her busy life, it is important that you know, LaVonne has had cancer three times, the third is in its 7<sup>th</sup> year, but I don't think it has slowed her down a bit. Maybe it's because "family is everything"!

Donations can be sent to the History Center at: Lisbon History Center, P.O. Box 544, Lisbon, Ia. 52253.

### History Notes:

- From 1972. The grading, sodding, and seeding of the new football field was contracted for \$8,650.
- There have been many foreign exchange students attend Lisbon schools. In 1987, Kerry Sizer was the first exchange student from Lisbon. She spent the year in Australia.
- In 1989 LHS was presented with the "Fine Award" by Gov. Terry Brandstad. Lisbon was the first school in Iowa to receive the award.

## Membership & Dues Information

### REGULAR MEMBERS

Includes all graduates and former students of Lisbon School.

### SUPPORTING MEMBERS

Includes members who pay dues (\$40/year). Supporting members, Receive one (1) ticket to the Alumni Banquet

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Includes all present and former school district employees, school board members the spouse or widowed spouse of former Students and benefactors of Lisbon Community School. Honorary Members do not pay annual dues.



This form may be used to pay LAA membership dues and/or to purchase LAA Alumni Banquet tickets. It may also be used if you will not be attending the banquet but wish to donate to the LAA general fund for ongoing expenses. You may complete and send this form to Lisbon Alumni Association, PO Box 747, Lisbon, IA 52253-0747.

- Mark this box if Membership dues are included. Single ticket will be held at the Alumni Banquet in your name.
- Alumni Banquet ticket purchases. Number of tickets purchasing: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25/each.
- Please mark this box if donation only.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated from Lisbon High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
(email address, address and/or phone number, necessary to confirm reservation)

Additional guest(s) attending & year graduated from Lisbon High School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT or DONATION ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Active Members & Volunteers Wanted!

We are always looking for additional LHS Alumni to be active with our ongoing group that meets regularly throughout the year. While we have a small group of dedicated, active members, we welcome others. As a result of the pandemic, we have started making our regular meetings available via Zoom. Each specific meeting link can be requested by sending a request through our LAA Facebook page. Notice of upcoming meetings is also sent through the Lisbon Daily Pride a few days in advance. During our meetings, we discuss ongoing LAA needs, including ways to improve reaching more alumni through social media and email. Due to the significant expense to print and mail the Newsletter, we will be distributing via our FB page and be email only going forward. If you are interested in being involved in our meetings, or if you want to continue to receive a printed copy of the Newsletter, please contact us. Thank you!

We ask that you go to our new, updated official LAA Facebook page and "Like", "Follow" and share our page with your FB friends and former classmates at <https://www.facebook.com/LisbonIowaAlumniAssociation>. We want your updated contact information. We've added an easy to use "Contact Form" link that can be found on our Facebook page or directly at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMS6-rnthSqhoDZZF2iucJZe-E45CeDZzqqOWT46pos26czw/viewform>.