



# The Lion's Roar

SPRING 2021 : THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LISBON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## 2021 Alumni Banquet

**May 29, 2021**  
**Lions Den**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Tickets: \$20 each**  
**Dinner catered by Gwen's**

2020 Honored Classes  
**1970, 1980, 1995, 2010, 2020**

2021 Honored Classes  
**1971, 1981, 1996, 2011, 2021**

Building Tours will be offered beginning at 3:00 PM on 05/29/2021 to showcase the completed Renovations from the recent bond. Meet in the district Lobby.

We continue to monitor COVID19 restrictions. Please watch our Facebook page for updates.

Dinner is by reservation only. Reservations should be made no later than May 20. You may pick up your tickets at the door, but no tickets will be sold that evening.

Tickets may be purchased several ways:

- Stop by Lisbon Insurance Company
- Email request to laa.lionsroar@gmail.com
- Contact Dean Mallie (319) 551-2394 or Jeff Bohr (319)350-5849
- Mail your order to Lisbon Alumni Association, PO Box 747, Lisbon, IA 52253

### 2021 Officers

#### President:

Dean Mallie, '75

#### Vice President:

Jeff Bohr '79

#### Secretary:

Maxanne Wood, '90

#### Treasurer:

Sandy Lighthall, '69

### L.A.A. Supporters

Lisbon Insurance Agency  
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Gwen's

*2020 Officers remained in their positions for 2021. For 2021, all positions will be up for election. Contact Dean Mallie to be put on the ballot.*

### A Letter from the President

Welcome to the 2021 edition of the Lion's Roar newsletter. When I was in school at Lisbon, I had some classmates who claimed they were cousins. Others declared their Mom was teaching there. Everyone knew the cooks, and some called them mom or aunt. And at parent-teacher conferences everybody knew your folks. Don't dare try to get something past one of the janitors. Your dad would know about it before you got home. How did this happen? I talked to some of the Lisbon staff about working in the same school they attended.



Dean Mallie, '75

Erika Miller has fond memories of teaching some of her classmate's children. The building that she had spent much of her early years at Lisbon had been torn down before her teaching years. The old gym provided most of the reminders of yesteryears. Barb Dolan, like many of the young teachers, started teaching at other schools. After marrying, she and Roger started a family. Since it was taboo to teach while showing, she took time off to have her children. She started at Lisbon as a substitute teacher and full-time followed. Teaching her children, friends, neighbors, relatives, and multi generations was just like increasing her family. The biggest change for her was hearing her own children refer to her as Mrs. Dolan when they were at school. Meegan (Morningstar) Englund moved back to Lisbon because she wanted her children to grow up in the Lisbon School system as she had. As soon as an opening for staff in the LECCEC was available, she applied for it.

This school has a family environment. Emily (Krall) Wiesler describes teaching alongside her mentors as comfortable. She loves it when former teachers are alongside her as substitute teachers. Betty Stoneking worked over 23 years in the lunchroom. Betty said that "Meals have really changed. We used to cook everything from scratch. Now there isn't any cooking. It is all premade". It was "the best of times". Jean Ann Whitman stated that teaching now is totally different from when she started. As a cheerleader while in school, they were not allowed to do flips, handstands and many of the other things done now. She has met so many great people. What's it like to teach your grandchildren? "Wonderful. But it does mean I'm getting older." One thing she never let change. As written in a retirement card to her, "Hats off to you, Mrs. Whitman". Isn't it great to be part of such a truly wonderful community school system!

# Before the Lisbon Hall of Fame

Last year was the introduction of the new Lisbon Alumni Hall of Fame. Six people were inducted under five different categories. These included Marion Louis Pike, Bob Bunting, David Prasil, John Feldman, Paige (Stamp) Telecky, and Dan DeYoung. There were several honors given to Alumni during some of the prior years. There was an athletic Hall of Fame several years ago. Their pictures and individual honors are hanging on the wall near The Lion's Den gym. We want to include them as part of the Hall of Fame but will not be listed on the new plaques as they are already posted. They include: Al Baxter, Brad Smith, Mike Williams, Dale Light, Doug Englert, Marc Whitman, Scott Morningstar, Candi Carlson, and Kristin Fairly.

In 2014, the Alumni Association gave four people The Distinguished Alumni Award. They received this award for exhibiting outstanding citizenship during or after their years at LHS. Receiving this award were: Lenore Jones ('48), Joyce Hotz ('54), Betty Stoneking ('56) and Terry Pasker (1990).

Please help us honor more of the deserving people by nominating your favorite LHS candidate for one of the five categories. The nomination form can be obtained on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LisbonLowAlumniAssociation/>, send us an email requesting a form to [laa.lionsroar@gmail.com](mailto:laa.lionsroar@gmail.com) or by calling Dean Mallie at 319-551-2394.

# Learning Through the Pandemic

## A student's perspective by Johnny Mallie '22

COVID has not been a very good time for anyone, and I don't think anybody is trying to dispute that point. At first, I thought it was a little inconvenience that would go away in a couple months. But then the word "masks" started to be used a lot more frequently. When I found out it would be mandatory to wear masks at school, I was less than happy. How on earth could I go days at a time with a mask on my face? Well as it turns out you get used to it a lot quicker than you would think. Aside from not seeing people's faces as much and sitting super far apart from people in choir, life seemed to be much more normal than I'd expected it could be. That is until I had sat next to someone who got diagnosed with COVID.

I was working on a project with a couple people after school, and I guess one of them had the virus. I got called into the principal's office and got told that I'd have to quarantine for 2 weeks. Since my grandma was going through chemotherapy at the time, my whole family took this very seriously. So as a result, I had to sleep, eat and go to school in my shop. It was a very interesting experience to say the least. I had heat out there and by using a hotspot on my phone I was able to have all the internet I wanted. So, on one hand I had one big room all to myself to blast music and watch movies in. But on the other hand, I couldn't speak to anyone unless over the phone or from someone who was delivering my dinner. In fact, not even an hour after they told me that I was directly exposed, they sent an email saying that school would be online for the next 2 weeks. In a way I got pretty lucky in that aspect because everyone else has to go through zooms and video calls just like me. But they were in their houses, and I was in a tool shop.

Anyways, that takes us to where we are now. I am very ready for COVID to end. I hope that we don't have to use masks next year and I hope that we can resume all speech and band events as they were before. I haven't been able to go to jazz band championships for 2 years now and I really love it. I'm hoping by next year there won't be a need for masks and **that everyone** can just go back to normal life, because COVID sucks.

## In Memoriam

Janice Huey Hunter, '39  
Maxine Leigh Schott, '42  
Marion Louise Slater Pike, '49  
Tom Ferguson, '51  
Don Kamerling, Jr., '64  
John E. Webb, '53  
Sondra ("Sandy") Mounce, '70  
Dennis Hansen, '54  
Dr. Vickey Jones Slater, '74  
Keith Morningstar, '54

Neil Stine, '60  
Don Hulick, '76  
Sandra Lee Reynolds Moreland, '54  
Richard ("Rick") Bailey, '78  
Gary Carstens, '55  
Jimmy Ortmann, '88  
Patricia ("Pat") Kamerling Sealy, '56  
Roger Teeling, Elem./M.S. Principal, '05-'20'  
Ronald Hertzler, '59  
Mary Beth Hunt, H.S. Teacher & Speech Coach, '98-'07

# Lisbon Community School Foundation Dollars for Scholars

The Lisbon Community School District Foundation was incorporated in 1987 with a mission to invest donations into school projects and scholarships for Lisbon students.

## ***Changing Mission to Focus on Scholarships and our Affiliation with Dollars for Scholars***

The Foundation changed its mission to solely on awarding scholarships to Lisbon seniors and became affiliated with Dollars for Scholars in 2004. Dollars for Scholars is a national organization that promotes scholarships for college bound students and works closely with colleges all over the United States to improve financial aid packages. The Foundation awards its own scholarships, and also works with families and businesses to facilitate pass-through scholarships funded by donors. Our affiliation with Dollars for Scholars allows the Foundation to maximize scholarship opportunities for Lisbon students.

## ***Making a Donation to the Foundation to Support Scholarships for Lisbon Students***

The Lisbon Community School District Foundation Dollars for Scholars is an IRS qualified 501(c)(3) organization, qualifying your contribution as a tax deductible gift. Donations can be made by check or on-line. Donors should also check with their employer to inquire if their gift qualifies for a matching contribution. Gifts to our general fund directly support Foundation scholarships or you may designate your gift to a named scholarship. For more information about making a donation, contact any of our board members or visit our website at <http://lisboniowa.dollarsforscholars.org>.

## ***History of Scholarship Awards***

The Foundation presents scholarships each May at the Lisbon Community School District Senior Awards Night. The first three Foundation scholarships were awarded in 1989. Through the graduating class of 2020, the Foundation has awarded 418 scholarships totaling \$245,850 and 324 pass-through scholarships in the amount of \$154,245 for a total of 742 scholarships for \$400,095.

## ***Lisbon Community School District Foundation Board of Directors – Volunteer Pride***

The willingness of volunteers to invest their time and efforts to support our school district, community and high school graduates remains the back-bone of our success as a foundation. Throughout the years, Foundation board members have enjoyed seeing community members, friends, children, and grandchildren receive Foundation scholarships. We look forward to maintaining the Foundation's legacy for many years to come and are always actively seeking new members to ensure the Foundation's future growth.

### **Founding Board Members - 1987**

Tom Apel, Sharon Barnhart, Ken Cave, Lois Davis, Pete Greiner, Bill Kruse, Larry McAtee,  
Doris McElmeel, Ann Opatz, Doug Whitney

### **Honorary Foundation Board Members - To-Date**

Marion Louise Pike, Howard Ciha, Pete Greiner, Ann Opatz, Linda Noll, Julann Clark, Tammy Bohr,  
Connie Hasek, Jim Jensen, Mike Jones

### **Current Foundation Board Members - 2021**

Ed Dougherty - President, Sean Miller – Vice-President, arah Clough - Secretary, Bob Brus - Treasurer,  
Troy Caspers, Andrea Hasselbusch, oe Kilburg, Patricia Kohl , Vonni Robinson, Marc Whitman, Lisbon  
Community School District Representative

# Lisbon Alumni Association Hall of Fame

Below are the five (5) categories for the newly resurrected LAA Hall of Fame. 2021 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**LHS ATHLETICS AWARD**– Given to alumni with exceptional accomplishments in athletics while attending LHS.



## FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

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>.





# ACTIVE MEMBERS 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!

“Trusting that there has been some advancement made during the past year, we hope with the aid of the parents to make greater advancement during this coming year.”

*LHS Principal A. M. Mecklem 1879.*

## Did you Know?

Lisbon High School had a school paper in 1905 called “The Dart”.

The total enrollment at Lisbon Schools in 1947 was 277 with 81 of those in High School.

There was no graduation class in 1905 as one year was added making 5 years in High School. This was dropped in 1910.

## Membership & Dues Information

### REGULAR MEMBERS

Includes all graduates and former students of Lisbon School.

### SUPPORTING MEMBERS

Includes members who pay dues (\$35/year). Supporting members receive a single 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 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 purchasing: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20/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 guests attending & year graduated if from Lisbon High School: \_\_\_\_\_

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