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LHS Alum David Booth Donates \$100,000 for LLAA Scholarships



David Booth

Lawrence Lions Alumni Association recently received a generous \$100,000 check from Booth Heritage Foundation, Inc. to be used to provide scholarships for LHS seniors who are continuing their education in college or vocational schools. Booth, a 1964 LHS graduate, is founder, president, CEO, CIO of Dimensional Fund Advisors, a company based in California that manages assets of \$50 billion and has offices worldwide

Booth was inducted into the LLAA Hall of Honor last fall and, in his acceptance speech, credited his

former LHS math teacher, Margaret McReynolds, for setting him on the path to success. His only stipulation in donating the money was that one of the scholarships honor McReynolds and be given to a deserving math student.

McReynolds, now living in Oklahoma, was located and notified of Booth's gift of a scholarship in her name. Understandably thrilled, she and her student were reunited in a long telephone conversation the night of the scholarship presentation.



Members of the LLAA Board of Directors attending the LLAA golf tournament pose with an enlarged \$100,000 check from Booth Heritage Foundation, Inc. Members pictured are Shirley Hadl, Debbie Roth Ziegler, Ron Dietz, David Stoffer, Patty Kuhn Kennedy, Martha Saunders Skeet and Sue Hagen Lewis

LLAA Hall of Honor Inductions scheduled for September

One LMHS graduate and three LHS graduates are scheduled for induction into the LLAA Hall of Honor at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, September 21 at Lawrence High School. A reception follows.

Rex Johnson (LMHS 1950) served as Douglas County Sheriff across four decades, from mid-'60s to the '90s. Johnson was lauded for working cooperatively with other law enforcement agencies. He was originally hired as a deputy. After his retirement as sheriff, he served as bus manager for USD 497 and as security manager for Hamm's.

John McGrew (LHS 1956), a realtor and developer in Douglas County for 47 years, was, with Bob Billings, a founding stockholder of Alvamar. He helped to develop Alvamar, Deerfield, Orchards, Wakarusa View Estates, Sunflower Park and Shadow Ridge in Eudora. He contributed land for The Viola & Conrad McGrew Nature Area, the Pat Dawson Billings Nature Area and the Kanza Southwind

Nature Preserve. His past and recent leadership activities include serving as Director of Douglas County Bank, Past President of Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, Lawrence Board of Realtors, Lawrence Insurance Board, Lawrence Humane Society. Among his many awards are distinguished service awards from Kansas Parks and Recreation and Lawrence Board of Realtors.

Chuck Mead (LHS 1979), founder and lead singer of BR549, has recorded 7 albums, received 3 Grammy nominations, won a Nammy and American Music Award. An artist who writes almost all his own songs and plays most instruments, he and BR549 have had multiple appearances on Good Morning America, Letterman, Conan O'Brien, Prime Time Country, Entertainment Tonight, MTV, VH1, BBC and many others. BR549 was named Best New Country Group by Rolling Stone, Nashville's Hippest Band by Playboy and voted the International Best Touring Band

in Britain. BR549 has played concerts and festivals in Norway, England, Japan and Australia. In his solo career, he co-produced a record tribute to Johnny Cash and wrote musical soundtrack for two movies and a play.

Michael Miner, M.D. (LHS 1961), a neurosurgeon, received his MD and PhD from Kansas University. He served as professor and Chair of Neurosurgery Departments at Universities of Texas and Ohio State, professor of neurosurgery at Texas Southwestern Medical School, Chief of Neurosurgery, North Texas VA Medical Center. He was President of Ohio Neurosurgical Society in 1998 and an examiner for American Board of Neurological Surgery. He has published 123 articles and book chapters, three books and three newspaper editorials. He developed novel brain tumor treatment regimens, developed and led surgical teams in South America treating brain tumors and cranial facial deformities in children and has received numerous awards for his work.



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Another successful golf tournament . . .

As Shirley Hadl put it, "Once again the sun smiled on the LHS Lions!" After a week of rain, Saturday morning couldn't have been more perfect for the 9th Annual LLAA Scholarship Golf Tournament with cool temperatures and a slight breeze.

Marty Kennedy commandeered the PA at the clubhouse and began announcing participants as they started arriving in the parking lot around 7:00. Sue (Hagen) Lewis checked in golfers while Linda (Bolton) Lawrence, Carladyne (Knox) and Shirley Hadl encouraged the purchase of mulligan and raffle tickets. They were successful as this year's sale of mulligan and raffle tickets topped last year's.

Once registered and equipped with their "goody bags" of golf balls, restaurant gift certificates, candy and crackers, 104 golfers teed off promptly at 8:00 AM. This year Leonard Clark did not have to break any speed limits on his way from Wichita; he set his alarm for 3:00 AM and didn't oversleep.

Along with Leonard Clark (HoH 2006), two other LLAA Hall of Honor inductees played in the tournament; Erv Hodges (HoH 2004) and Ron Hurst (HoH 2004). The team of Kent Beisner, Kyle Beisner, Ron Shaver and John Shafer (South Bend, IN) once again won the A flight. Larry Dillon, Kyle Stevens, George Schuler, and Ed Lanning played together for the 9th year in a row. Ron Staden from Las Vegas traveled the farthest to join his brother Don Staden from Oklahoma and Leonard Vann from Raytown. Their usual fourth, Otis Vann from Charlotte N.C. was unable to attend at the last minute.

Special thanks to this year's Tournament sponsors, Patty and Marty Kennedy, and to three Black Level Sponsors: Kring's Interiors, Jawhawk Chapter of Quail Unlimited and Mahaney Roofing - Mike Boyd Class of 1967. Thanks also to the 57 hole sponsors and 13 special donors.

Following the golf, players and their guests plus the Alvamar staff were treated to burgers, brats, beans, salad, cookies, lemonade and tea compliments of the Lunch sponsor (for the 8th year) HY-VEE on Clinton Parkway.

Prior to announcing the tournament winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd in 3 flights), Patty (Kuhn) Kennedy spoke about the \$100,000 donation from David Booth and what it meant to the Association. Then she presented a large replica of the check that had been displayed throughout the tournament which received a huge round of applause. She noted that the golf tournament would continue to be held each year but that with this great endowment she wouldn't be so nervous about a rainout.

Then the prizes for each of the 18 hole contests were awarded along with 25 raffle/mulligan drawing prizes. The event wound down about 1:30. It was truly a great day to be a Lion.



This year LLAA awarded eleven \$500 scholarships, including the Margaret McReynolds scholarship, to LHS graduating seniors and partnered with Jayhawk Chapter of Quail Unlimited and Bernie's Snap-On Tools on two more scholarships.

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We have a few contacts that have email addresses for their entire class. We have been using them to forward information for us. We would like to continue and expand on this. If you know of class contacts, or individuals with email lists of LHS and/or Liberty Memorial graduates please contact David Stoffer, LLAA treasurer, at davidstoffer@sunflower.com.

Please also visit our website at lawrencelionsalumniassociation.com. It's a long address so you may want to bookmark it.

Thanks for your help



We need your support! Thanks to those who have made contributions to LLAA.

Each year your alumni association gives thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduating LHS seniors. Much of the money is raised through the golf tournament, but we still need your support. Tax-deductible contributions may be mailed to LLAA's treasurer (address on form to right). We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

A contribution ensures that you receive the quarterly LLAA newsletter.

Mail to: Dave Stoffer, Treasurer, LLAA , P.O. Box 3463, Lawrence, KS 66046.

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(Ladies, please include maiden name in parentheses. Thanks!)

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